



23rd Masonic District MMA



Met at: Phoenix Lodge No. 346

Met on: September 25th, 2025

At the Monthly meeting of the 23rd District Master Mason Association (MMA):

Officers Present:			
W.: Chuck Wolbert III	President	Treasurer	R.:W.: John Wermann
WM.: Hans Heide	Vice President	Secretary	R.:W.: Thomas Haber

- The meeting was opened at 6:35 p.m. with the flag presentation, the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country, and an invocation.

- **The MMA President thanked:**

Phoenix Lodge for hosting the MMA this month and all the Brethren in attendance.

- **Lodge Reports given:**

6 attended from Manatee Lodge No. 31 & announced their upcoming events.

3 attended from Peace River Lodge No. 66 & announced their upcoming events.

2 attended from Punta Gorda Lodge No. 115 & announced their upcoming events.

7 attended from Sarasota Lodge No. 147 & won the broken column award.

8 attended from Venice Lodge No. 301 & announced their upcoming events.

Venice 301 took home the Broken Column.

6 attended from Phoenix Lodge No. 346 & announced their upcoming events.

4 attended from Englewood Lodge No. 360 & announced their upcoming events.

1 attended from WestCoast Lodge No. 409 & announced their upcoming events.

2 attended from Liberty Lodge No. 412 announced their upcoming events **and that they have the travelling gavel.**

- District announcements were made by the OES, Grotto, Scottish Rite, Scottish Rite clubs of Sarasota and Punta Gorda, Shrine, York Rite and DeMolay.



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Treasurer's report:

The treasurer's report was given and accepted. Current account balances were recorded as being \$4,849.10 in the MMA Operating fund, and \$13,023.95 in the MMA Discretionary Relief fund.

Old business:

The new District 23 hats and shirts were discussed during this meeting. An order form will be provided to all Lodges for their future use.

The Revised MMA By-Laws are complete and unanimously approved. The MMA President must sign the new By-Laws before the Secretary can sign them and formally submit them to the Grand Secretary, M:.W:. Jeff Foster.

The annual 23rd Masonic District picnic (now February 28th, 2026) was previously approved, and it will be coordinated by RW Doug Dobbs, RW Barry Hart and WM:. Chris Purdy. The Pot-Luck luncheon was discussed and to be held on November 1st, 2025 was cancelled due to lack of interest.

A previous motion was made by RW Tom Davie and seconded by RW Barry Hart to spend up to \$250 to obtain a District 23 Banner for use during future events is moving forward, with WM:. Chuck Wolbert working on the mock up for approval.

The date was set for the 23rd District's 2026 Table Lodge, which will be June 20th, 2026 to honor of all District 23 past DDGM's and Past District Instructors. More details will follow.



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New business:

The 23rd District MMA Officer Nomination forms submitted prior to the start of the September MMA Meeting included:

President W.: Robert Gaitens, PM (Englewood 360)

Vice-President Br. Elijah Jason (Venice 301)

Vice-President W.: Chuck Knapp, PM (Manatee 31)

Secretary W.: Robert Leonard, PM (Liberty 412)

Treasurer R.:W.: John Wermann, PM (Venice 301)

Board of Directors W.: John (Chris) Purdy, PM (Punta Gorda 115)

Board of Directors W.: Hans Heide, PM (Liberty 412)

Br. Shawn Cooney of Sarasota 147 introduced the Sarasota Rotary Club President, Susan who presented what the Rotary Club does.

R.:W.: Julian McKenzie visited and discussed his candidacy to become the next JGW for FL Masons.

The next MMA meeting will be held at Sarasota Lodge no. 147 on October 23rd, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Our RWDDGM JJ Albritton spoke last to the Craft assembled.

This MMA meeting was closed at 7:45 pm and the District School of Instruction was held.

R.:W.: Thomas Haber
Secretary – 23rd District MMA

W.: Charles Wolbert III
2025 President – 23rd District MMA
