

SARASOTA LODGE NUMBER 147, F.&A.M.



Sarasota Lodge No. 147 was chartered January 19, 1905 to meet at Sarasota in Manatee County.

The three Line Officers at chartering were:

Edmund R. Marsh — Worshipful Master
Isaac A. Redd — Senior Warden
Samuel H. Highsmith — Junior Warden

The chartering Grand Lodge Officers were:

Thomas Marvin Puleston — Grand Master
Charles W. Johnson — Deputy Grand Master
Elmer E. Haskell — Senior Grand Warden
Louis C. Massey — Junior Grand Warden
Wilber P. Webster — Grand Secretary

Two lodges have been numbered 147. This number was first assigned to "Francisco V. Aguilera" Lodge No. 147, which met in Tampa and was chartered January 22, 1896. It was a Spanish speaking lodge and surrendered its charter in December, 1898. Sarasota Lodge No. 147 is still an active lodge.

Sarasota became part of Sarasota County when that county was established May 14, 1921, as the sixtieth county in Florida.

Sarasota Lodge is named for the City of Sarasota.

Sarasota Lodge No. 147 had (13) charter members who brought their memberships from Bronson Lodge No. 7, Manatee No. 31, Dade City No. 48, Plant City No. 79, Wauchula No. 99 (defunct), Braidentown No. 99 and Newman No. 128, all Florida Lodges; Milford No. 181 and Cairo No. 299 of GA. and Magnolia No. 120, Miss. The W.M. and S.W. were from Braidentown No. 99 and the J.W. was from Bronson No. 7. The other ten were, Thomas J. Dancy (181), W. R. Singletary (299), E. W. Morrill (120), Wm. F. Knight (79), Wm. D. Webb, Wauchula (99), C. V. S. Wilson (31), Augustus M. Wilson (31), Giles W. Beardin (48), T. M. Williams (128) and J. Hamilton Gillespie, Braidentown (99).

Most Worshipful Cary Brown Fish, our Grand Master in 1926, was a member of Sarasota Lodge No. 147 when he served as our Grand Master.