

VENICE LODGE NUMBER 301, F.&A.M.



Venice Lodge No. 301 was chartered April 18, 1951 to meet at Venice in Sarasota County.

The three Line Officers at chartering were:

Wendell Forrest Chapman — Worshipful Master
C. Allen Pattison — Senior Warden
Elihu Baker Roberts — Junior Warden

The chartering Grand Lodge Officers were:

Guthrie Joseph Dekle — Grand Master
Cleveland R. Horne — Deputy Grand Master
Perry R. Marsh — Senior Grand Warden
James L. Mixson — Junior Grand Warden
George W. Huff — Grand Secretary

Venice Lodge No. 301 was chartered with nineteen charter members who brought their memberships from four Florida Lodges and Lodges in Ohio, Mich., Minn., Ala., Ga., Mo. and Ky. These lodges were, Sarasota No. 147, Fellsmere No. 232, Braidentown No. 99 and Palmetto No. 110, Florida Lodges; Akron No. 88, Ellsworth No. 505 and Belle Center No. 347 of Ohio, Loyalty No. 488 of Mich., Ashlar No. 62 of Minn., Greening No. 53 of Ala., Greenville No. 321 of Ga. and Sunset No. 915 of Ky.

The charter W.M. and J.W. came from Sarasota Lodge No. 147 and the S.W. from Akron No. 83. The other sixteen charter members were:

Marvin David Babb (505)	Forney Melvin Harp (147)
Stanley Gilbert Bean (488)	Jobe Milton Huddleston (99)
Walter Henry Bear (62)	Samuel Eliher Kaplan (321)
Lonnie Clemmons (147)	Joseph Riley Kester, Jr. (566)
James Frank Dempsey (147)	Julian Bryant Roberts (147)
Allen Ernest Edge (53)	Lord Blackburn Roberts (915)
Louis Walter Everett (347)	Ervin Alzara Springstead (110)
Thomas Kirk Hankins (232)	George Alexander Williams (147)