



April 2026 Trestleboard

Noah Lodge No.357

Chartered April 28, 1966
Free and Accepted Masons of Florida
41 Willis Road
North Fort Myers, FL 33917

Noahlodge357.com

Stated Communication 2nd and 4th Mondays
at 7:30 PM

Elected Officers

Worshipful Master, W.: Edward D. Ciofani, PM
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Junior Warden W.: Dana McGrath, PM

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Secretary, R.:W.: Samuel J. J. Scardina, PDDGM
pm36797@gmail.com
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Appointed Officers

Chaplain, Brother Stephen Pfaff

Marshal, W.: Shawn Morton, PM

Senior Deacon, Brother Lawrence Shorter

Junior Deacon, Brother Charles Christman, Jr.

Senior Steward, Brother Timothy Martin

Junior Steward, Brother

Tyler, W.: Raymond Brownlee, PM

2026 Committee Chairmen

10.02 Finance- W.: Jeffery Tumbarello, PM

10.03 Vigilance- W.: Dana McGrath, PM

10.04 Petitions – R.:W.: Sam Scardina, PDDGM

10.05 Education- W.: Ray Brownlee, PM

10.06 Relief- W.: Edward Ciofani, WM

10.07 Investigation- As needed

10.08 Charity- W.: Jeffery Tumbarello, PM

10.09 Lodge Property- W.: Jeff Tumbarello, PM

10.10 Neglect of Committee- W.: Ed Ciofani, WM

10.12(a) Budget- W.: Jeffery Tumbarello, PM

1012(b) Lodge Instructor- R.:W.: Sam Scardina,
PDDGM

10.12(c) Website- Bro.: Larry Shorter

10.12(d) Trestleboard - Bro.: Larry Shorter

10.12(e) Harry Chapin- W.: Ray Brownlee, PM

10.12 (f) Public Relations- W.: Derek Vaneske, PM

10.12(g) Funerals- R.:W.: Michael Gardner, PDDGM

IMPORTANT **DATES TO REMEMBER**

April

9th Lodge Officers Practice 7:30 PM
13th Stated Communication 7:30 PM*
16th Lodge Officers Practice 7:30 PM
23rd Lodge Officers Practice 7:30 PM
27th Stated Communications 7:30 PM*

May

4th Lodge Officers Practice 7:30 PM
11th Stated Communication 7:30 PM*
21st Lodge Officers Practice 7:30 PM
25th Dark
25th - 27th Grand Lodge Orlando

**dinner at 6:35 PM*

***ALL MASONS are invited and encouraged to attend. If you know a man who you would recommend to become a Freemason you are encouraged to invite him to dinner and fellowship with the Brothers of the Lodge.**

L.Y.P.M.G.C.

Set your goal at 100%...only Two Pennies a Day!!

This time you are asked to put in your 2¢



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Lodges within the 24th District

Tropical Lodge No. 56

Stated Communications on the
1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:30 PM
10868 Metro Parkway
Fort Myer, FL 33966
R.:W.: Robert Lippek, Secretary
239-600-9084

Cypress No. 295

Stated Communications on the
2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:00 PM
5850 N. Tamiami Trail
Naples, FL 34108
W.: Dennis Cowley, Secretary
Phone 239-222-4181

Noah No. 357

Stated Communications on the
2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30 PM
41 Willis Road
North Fort Myers, FL 33917
R.:W.: Samuel Scardina, Secretary
Phone 239-478-9822

Fort Myers Beach No. 362

Stated Communications on the
1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7:30 PM
17671 Pine Ridge Road
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
W.: George Baliotis, Secretary
Phone 239-560-4873

Cape Coral No. 367

Stated Communications on the
2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:30 PM
10868 Metro Parkway
Fort Myer, FL 33966
W.: Mark Vardakis, Secretary
Phone 313-310-8527

LaBelle No. 379

Stated Communications on the
2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 PM
180 Jaycee / Lions Drive
LaBelle, FL 33935
R.:W.: Edgar Lanham, Secretary
Phone 239-872-9211

R.:W.: Bruce Rivera

District Deputy Grand Master
239-297-9400

R.:W.: Scott Peacock
District Instructor
617-271-4331

**Drop off any non perishable food item in
the box at the Lodge.**



**People go hungry all year, not just the
holidays.**

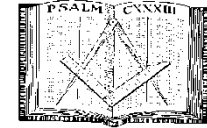
Maybe this will help.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=nkxZSbuFmY8

Some Masons like to read and some
Masons like to listen!

[Short Talk Bulletin podcast - Free on
The Podcast App](#)

For the Good of the Order



Petitions Committee:

Mr. Brian Keith Gregory

Investigating Committee:

For Ballot:

Petitions for the Degrees of Freemasonry

Petition for Affiliation

Worshipful Nathan Goff

Worshipful Travis Goff

Brother Doug Godme

Waiting for Entered Apprentice Degree

133rd Psalm

Mr. Chauncy Solinger

Mr. Amaury Gomez

Mr. Gary Scicuna

Working on Entered Apprentice Catechism

Waiting for Fellowcraft Degree

Amos 7:7-8

Working on Fellowcraft Catechism

Waiting for Master Mason Degree

Ecclesiastes.12: 1-7

Working on Master Mason Catechism

FROM THE SOUTH



FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

The view from the South at High Twelve is improving by the day, Brothers. If you've somehow managed to miss the view and the excellent fare offered by our Stewards, Brother Charles Christman, Jr and Brother Martin, I feel your pain!

Heal Thyself! Come see YOUR Lodge as it rises from Hurricane Ian - even nicer, stronger and more "creative" than ever.

In March, we mourned the sudden passing of our Brother Paul Rossi. We held a Masonic Funeral in his honor and miss his friendly smile on the daily.

Alas, my brother, indeed.

April! The first real month of Spring. It's a fine time to re-launch Masonic Education, charity and Brotherhood.

All that and more is served up at Noah Lodge. There's some work left to be done and I'd sure enjoy accomplishing it all with you (again, some more, etc.).

Fraternally yours,

Dana McGrath
Junior Warden

BY THE PLUMB.

FROM THE WEST



Brethren,

April marks another step forward for our Lodge, and this past month gave us something tangible to point to.

The ceiling project in the Lodge room is now complete, and it deserves special recognition. Bro. Chuck Christman, our Senior Steward, took it upon himself to see this project through and single-handedly brought it across the finish line. The difference it has made in the Lodge room is significant, and his effort did not go unnoticed. His work is appreciated and sets a strong example of commitment and follow-through.

With that project behind us, attention is now turning to the dining hall. We are currently exploring options for improvements and upgrades to that space. As with any project, the goal is to be thoughtful and practical, making decisions that improve functionality while maintaining the character of the Lodge. More details will follow as we evaluate the best path forward.

The improvements we've made are also having a direct impact on our operating

costs. Our monthly burn rate has come down significantly, with recent electric bills coming in under \$200. That is a meaningful shift and reflects the value of the work being done around the Lodge. As always, thanks to W.: Ed Ciofani and his son Zach for their continued hard work and contributions in making this possible.

We also had the opportunity to support our local community. Thanks to RW Scardina and W.: Brownlee ("Bananas") for delivering a check to the Lighthouse of SWFL and taking the time to meet with their Chief Executive Officer. It is a great local charity doing important work in a quiet, steady manner that closely reflects the values we hold as Masons.

Please keep Brother Paul Rossi, who has laid down his Working Tools, and his family in your prayers. I was not able to attend his Masonic service due to cable tow obligations, but I am proud of this Lodge for stepping up and doing what Masons do in support of a Brother and his family.

We are also continuing to see steady growth. We currently have one candidate approved and three petitions in progress. That is a strong position to be in, and it reinforces the importance of staying engaged and maintaining the standard of work we expect within the Lodge.

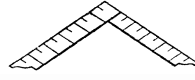
Progress does not come from plans alone. It comes from participation. The recent work and involvement from the Brothers show what can be accomplished when effort is applied. That same level of commitment will be needed as we move into the next phase of improvements and continue bringing in new members.

As we move through April, the focus remains simple: show up, stay involved, and support the work in front of us.

I look forward to seeing you in Lodge.

Fraternally,
W. Jeff Tumbarello
Senior Warden, Zone 6 Property Chair
Noah Lodge No. 357

FROM THE EAST



As the sun rises in the East...

My Brethren,

As we move towards Easter, I'd like to wish everyone a very happy and faithful Easter Sunday. As we all know being a Freemason, faith is the foundation of our belief system. Easter representing in our faith, that Jesus died and rose again to show he cares and was willing to die for our sins to be forgiven thus making Easter forever being one of the most important things to happen to the Christian faith. With the help of Past Grand Master Bishop, we are making great strides with the affirmation or embodiment of putting into place the lines of communication, tying the officers together and finally having in place the necessary parameters to meet the request of Grand Lodge.

God Bless!!

Fraternally,
W.: Edward Ciofani, PM
Worship Master
Noah Lodge No. 357

Upon the Square...
Past Masters



- 1966 Earl C. Lewis*
- 1967 Robert L. Thompson*
- 1968 Gordon B. Mason*
- 1969 Louis A. Foss*
- 1970 David R. Grant*
- 1971 Charles E. Nelson*
- 1972 Walter E. Stillwell*
- 1973 John R. Lee*
- 1974 James T. Linton
- 1975 William B. Cowart*
- 1976 Wiley H. Welch
- 1977 Gerald L. Keeton*
- 1978 Alexander J. Sibbald
- 1979 Robert M. (Mike) Morrow*
- 1980 Fredrick W. Henningger*
- 1981 Upton S. Higginbotham
- 1982 Charles J. Christman, Sr.
- 1983 Milton A. Bayliss, Jr.*
- 1984 Howard L. Ekiss*
- 1985 Olan J. Hilderbrandt*
- 1986 Charles R. Lawson*
- 1987 John A. Dean
- 1988 John R. Grabowski*
- 1989 Olan J. Hilderbrandt*
- 1990 Richard G. Bashaw*
- 1991 Norris W. Clark, Jr.
- 1992 Stephen G. Sibbald
- 1993 Alexander J. Sibbald
- 1994 Dr. Mark C. Means
- 1995 Floyd D. Waddell*
- 1996 Dr. Rick A. Means
- 1997 Larry G. Hayes
- 1998 John A. Dean

1999 Dana P. McGrath
Past Masters



- 2000 Thomas E. Reedy*
- 2001 Lawrence A. Tomlinson, PDDGM
- 2002 Brian D. Harkins
- 2003 Robert M. (Mike) Morrow*
- 2004 Jerry W. Timberlake*PDDGM
- 2005 Robert L. Gilliland*
- 2006 David C. Dellinger, II
- 2007 Christopher D. Kelly
- 2008 Lawrence A. Tomlinson, PDDGM
- 2009 Thomas E. Reedy*
- 2010 Dr. Rick A. Means
- 2011 Larry B. Newton*
- 2012 Lawrence A. Tomlinson, PDDGM
- 2013 James E. Hamilton, Jr.
- 2014 Rhett D. Tillman
- 2015 Michael W. Gardner, PDDGM
- 2016 Robert L. Sabo
- 2017 Edward D. Ciofani
- 2018 Jeffery A. Tumbarello
- 2019 Michael O. Gardner, PDDGM
- 2020 Joseph C. Krieger
- 2021 Christopher A. Pare'
- 2022 Michael O. Gardner, PDDGM
- 2023 Edward D. Ciofani
- 2024 Edward D. Ciofani
- 2025 Edward D. Ciofani

Deceased*

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

"So mote it be" is a ritual phrase used by [Freemasons](#), in [Rosicrucianism](#), and more recently by [Neopagans](#),

meaning "so may it be", "so it is required", or "so must it be", and may be said after the person giving the prayer says 'Amen'. The phrase appears in the [Halliwell or Regius Manuscript](#), the earliest known document relating to a society of Masons in England, dating from the first half of the 15th century.^[1] "Amen! amen! so mot hyt be! Say we so all per charyté".^[2]

Considering the above statement: True or False.

The Chaplain is the only Brother that prays at a Stated or Called Communication?

___ True ___ False

You can email me your answer at pm36797@gmail.com

