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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
eciofani@me.com
239-656-0117

Senior Warden, W.: Jeffrey A. Tumbarello, PM
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Junior Warden W.: Dana McGrath, PM

Treasurer, R.:W.: Michael O. Gardner, PDDGM
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Secretary, R.:W.: Samuel J. J. Scardina, PDDGM
pm36797@gmail.com
239-738-6278

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 TBA

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.: Raymond 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.: Edward Ciofani, WM

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

10.12(b) Lodge Instructor- R.:W.: Lawrence Tomlinson, 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

From the Desk of Your Lodge Secretary

Greetings my Brothers,

With a heavy heart, I mailed out FINAL Dues Notices to sixteen Brothers. If you do the math that's about 22% of our membership. If you are one that received this notice and need help, you must reach out and ask or explain. I am not a mind reader. I am a phone call, text or email away.

If you are a concerned Brother please reach out.

One last bit of information and to help keep you updated with Grand Lodge, I will make the link [MONTHLY MAIL - The Grand Lodge of Florida - Freemasonry and Masonic Orders within the Jurisdiction of Florida](#) along with other links part of this Trestleboard. We keep expanding and growing!

I can show you pictures of Your Lodge since Ian and now, but to see it in person is 1000 times more impressive. Many Brothers have stepped up and are giving the majority of their day to make it happen. Most want to remain amomums. Brothers, if you have any spare time that you would like to devote to YOUR LODGE, PLEASE reach out. YOUR HELP WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Sincerely and fraternally,

R.:W.: Samuel J. J. Scardina, P.D.D.G.M.
Secretary

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:: Scott Johnson, Secretary
Phone 239-352-1064

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

R::W:: Bruce Rivera, Secretary, Pro-Tem
Phone 239-297-9400

LaBelle No. 379

Stated Communications on the
2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 PM
180 Jaycee / Lions Drive
LaBelle, FL 33935

W:: Isidor Lopez, Secretary
Phone 239-462-2101

R::W:: Jeffery A. Zimmerman
District Deputy Grand Master
239-895-5390

R::H:: Richard K. Pennewaert
District Instructor
254-258-4271

The ballot is both secret and inviolable. When it is taken the act is fateful for the Candidate and momentous for the Lodge. It is Etiquette for the Lodge Room to be in complete silence, the Officers should remain at their stations and places in silence and dignity. The Grand Lodge Constitutions make discussion of the ballot, on conviction thereof, a Masonic offense. Except the Holy Bible, the ballot is the most sacred thing in the Lodge. Every Mason owes to his Lodge the duty of protecting it against poor material and every Mason owes to every petitioner a fair ballot – the only protection a petitioner has against unfair discrimination and unreasonable prejudice. The upright man and Mason, true to the tradition of the Craft, will never allow personal spite or prejudice to influence his behavior at the ballot box.

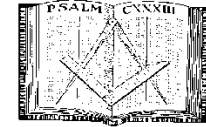
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**Have you checked out the
NEW Noah Lodge Website?**

www.noahlodge357.com

**Now you can stay informed about all that
is happening at
YOUR Lodge!**

For the Good of the Order



Petitions Committee:

Mr. Brian Keith Gregory

Investigating Committee:

Mr. Michael Vincent Castori

For Ballot:

Petitions for the Degrees of Freemasonry

Petition for Affiliation

Petion for Dual Membership

Waiting for Entered Apprentice Degree 133rd Psalm

Mr. Amaury Gomez
Mr. Gary Scicluna

Working on Entered Apprentice Catechism

Brother Chauncy Solinger
Brother Gregory Lloyd Hill, II

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

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., PDDGM
 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, Jr.
 1994 Dr. Mark C. Means
 1995 Floyd D. Waddell*
 1996 Dr. Rick A. Means
 1997 Larry G. Hayes
 1998 John A. Dean

Past Masters

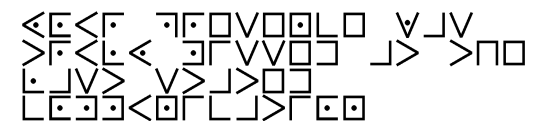


1999 Dana P. McGrath
 2000 Thomas E. Reedy*
 2001 Lawrence A. Tomlinson, PDDGM
 2002 Brian D. Harkins
 2003 Robert M. (Mike) Morrow*
 2004 Jerry W. Timberlake*PDDGM
 2005 Robert L. Gilliland*
 2006 David C. Dellinger, II
 2007 Christopher D. Kelly
 2008 Lawrence A. Tomlinson, PDDGM
 2009 Thomas E. Reedy*
 2010 Dr. Rick A. Means, PM
 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, PM
 2024 Edward D. Ciofani, PM
 2025 Edward D. Ciofani, PM
 2026 Edward D. Ciofani, PM

Deceased*



Which admonishes us to have Faith in God, Hope in immortality, and Charity toward all mankind. The greatest of these is Charity; for our Faith may be lost in sight, Hope ends in fruition, but Charity extends beyond the grave, through the boundless realms of eternity.



Check out the **NEW** Mentor's Manual

[Grand Lodge of Florida Digital Library](#)

Grand Lodge of Florida Website

[The Grand Lodge of Florida - Freemasonry and Masonic Orders within the Jurisdiction of Florida](#)

Monthly Mail from Grand Lodge of Florida

[MONTHLY MAIL - The Grand Lodge of Florida - Freemasonry and Masonic Orders within the Jurisdiction of Florida](#)

New Petitions for the Degrees

[GL-601-PETITION-FOR-THE-DEGREES-OF-FREEMASONRY-1.pdf](#)

Education

[Education - The Grand Lodge of Florida - Freemasonry and Masonic Orders within the Jurisdiction of Florida](#)

These are a few.
Please take some time and visit!

RITUAL

Mirth has no place whatever in the exemplification of any one of the Three Degrees of Masonry, more particularly in the Third. The Letter "G" in the East, the Altar, the Holy Bible C where such as these play so prominent a part, surely there is no place for laughter! Nor for applause! To break into applause because a Ritualist has performed some part well destroys the illusion and reduces the Ritual to the level of a play; nor should applause be given when a Candidate has been Raised. A Brother does not take a part in his own name or perform it in his own proper person; his individuality should be sunk out of sight, both to himself and to his Lodge, lest he intrude himself between the Candidate and the Ritual. The Brother Raised has done nothing to merit applause. Offering himself as a Candidate to Masonry is done of his own free will and accord. Why applaud? If we wish to express our pleasure at seeing him one of us, congratulate him quietly by a hand-clasp when the Lodge is called to refreshment. The Ritual is designed to be effective in the inner life of the Candidate, a genuine moral and spiritual experience by which he enters a new kind of life wherein he will stand obligated to perform duties and make self sacrifices; the obligations he will take will be morally and Masonically binding on him and his vows must be genuine or he will be led into harmful hypocrisy. On any other interpretation of it, the Ritual degenerates into play, into an empty ceremony, self-falsified and without meaning, and the whole structure of Freemasonry is shattered. A Lodge that holds fast to this truth will no more permit levity to ruin the effect of its work than it

would permit its Treasurer to falsify a check. The Third Degree, especially, is of the highest possible seriousness, not a drama, not a play, but a genuine spiritual experience. It is for this reason that Grand Lodge forbids any substitution of its parts by a costumed play. Theatricality strikes a false note. And if Degree Teams insist on wearing costumes they should be in good taste, correct and accurately historical and not obviously for stage effect. It is improper to discuss the Ritual in public, or to advertise it, or to publish pictures of it, in any way by which the secrets of Masonry may be unlawfully revealed to the profane world, a principle expressed in the Book of Constitutions. Only the written FORMS and CEREMONIES authorized by Article XV of the Constitution may be referred to, used or taught by the Committee on Work, District Instructors, or Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction.

SIGNS

Signs belong to the inner essence and esoteric life of the Craft; accordingly, they should always be given with careful accuracy and with full decorum. Under no circumstances 13 should the Master, Wardens, or any Brother remain seated while giving a Sign. No Brother should ever leave the Lodge Room without properly saluting. If the Worshipful Master so instructs, it is proper to salute the West upon entering or retiring from the Lodge while at labor.

copied from GL Etiquette



From The South



Brethren all,
 October already? Be thinking "nominations" for next month, Brothers. GET INVOLVED -take a chair, serve on a committee, take on educating a new Brother, paint a wall - your Lodge's very future depends on YOU.

The building is coming along nicely and that light at the end of the tunnel isn't a train after all. It's actually a truly unique and beautiful creation built from near-complete destruction. If you haven't seen it, do it ASAP - you'll be at least as impressed as the Grand Master was when he visited recently (a FIRST in Noah's history IIRC). The "Masonic Day On The Water" in September was a really cool day. There will be others, timing not yet set. If you don't own a boat, not to worry; "I know a guy" (or 6) who'll give you a lift. I didn't even have to swab the poop deck for my H2O Uber. BTW, the sun at high twelve actually was the beauty and the glory of the day... I'll see you in Lodge, Brothers. If you need something, say something - it'll likely happen.

Fraternally,

W.: Dana P. McGrath, PM
 Junior Warden, Noah Lodge No. 357

By the Plumb, bob



FROM THE WEST



Brethren,

Our boat outing was a good time, and I'm glad so many brothers were able to join us. Thank you to everyone who helped make it happen. We'll start planning the next one soon. I'm also working on a business plan to see whether a cell tower on Noah Lodge property is possible and whether it would make financial sense for the Lodge. I don't know yet if the property will qualify, but I'm willing to put in the work to find out. If you have experience with cell tower leases, site selection, or dealing with carriers, please reach out to me. Once I have a clearer picture, we'll discuss it in open Lodge. We're nearing the end of the year, and Lodge elections are coming. If you've been thinking about getting more involved next year, now is the time to speak up. Whether you're interested in serving as an officer, helping with a committee, or lending a hand at events, there is a place for you.

Fraternally,

W.: Jeffrey A. Tumbarello, PM
 Senior Warden, Noah Lodge No. 357
 Zone 6 Property Chairman

On The Level

A GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP

**Friendship is a priceless gift
 that cannot be bought or sold,
 But its value is far greater
 than a mountain made of gold--
 For gold is cold and lifeless,
 it can neither see nor hear,
 And in the time of trouble
 it is powerless to cheer--
 It has no ears to listen,
 no heart to understand.
 It cannot bring you comfort
 or reach out a helping hand.
 So when you ask God for a gift,
 be thankful if he sends
 not diamonds, pearls or riches,
 but the love of real true friends.**

Author Unknown

THE TROWEL

**T is for the tools of the first three
 degrees
 R for every rule as each brother agrees;
 O is for the oath, in making all brothers
 true
 W is for the work each one of us must
 do;
 E is for the effort to answer every call
 L stands for love...the most important
 thing of all;
 These letters spell TROWEL, and as
 every brother knows;
 It spreads love and friendship, wherever
 it goes.**

OCTOBER	2026		SUBJECT	TO	CHANGE	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 	6	7	8	9	10 OPEN BOOKS at Tropical 9am-12pm
11	12 Stated Communication 7:30 PM* 	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 LODGE Ritual Practice 7:30 PM 	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Stated Communication 7:30 PM* 	27	28 Open Books 5pm MMA of SWFL 7pm	29	30	31 Happy Halloween

**The Charity for the month of October for Noah Lodge No. 357 is
Will be voted on at the first Stated Communication**

***ALL MASONS are invited and encouraged to attend. If you know a man who you would recommend becoming a Freemason you are encouraged to invite him to dinner and fellowship with the Brothers of the Lodge.
Refreshment starts at 6:30 PM**

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¢**

**PRINT ME AND HANG ME ON
YOUR COLD STORAGE APPLIANCE
Just Remember to Change Me Every Month**

NOVEMBER	2026	SUBJECT	TO	CHANGE		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Stated Communication 7:30 PM* 	10	11 Veterans Day Thank You for Your Service	12	13	14
15	16 	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Stated Communication 7:30 PM* 	24	25	26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	27	28
29	30					

**Dinner is at 6:30 PM*

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CRYPTIC MASONS

PRIME RIB SOCIAL

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Includes sides, dessert and soft drinks

Open to all Masons, Family and Friends

*A Night of
Fellowship
and Fun*

*50/50 Raffle
and Games
Benefiting
CMMRF*



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026 AT 4 PM

AMERICAN LEGION POST #103

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For tickets contact Eduardo Sanchez



239-878-0341



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Worshipful Ray Brownlee has tickets also. 904-571-9605

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida

HASKELL R. VEST, JR.
GRAND MASTER

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2

To: All Particular Lodges

May 28, 2026

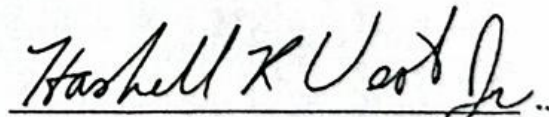
Whereas, it is my desire to implement the program to restore Masonic membership to Brothers who, through the years, have let their dues lapse and have thereby been suspended for Non-Payment of Dues; and

Whereas, it is beneficial to the Particular Lodges and The Grand Lodge of Florida that these Brothers be encouraged to again become an active member of our Masonic Fraternity.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Grand Master, do hereby order and direct, that effective until March 31, 2027, any Particular Lodge in our Grand Jurisdiction that desires to reinstate a suspended Brother without payment of past dues, may do so by adopting the attached Resolution, which adopted Resolution **must be returned to the Grand Secretary's Office over the Seal of the Lodge, in order to be effective.** And, if adopted, I hereby waive the provisions of Regulations 27.09 and Regulation 27.14 concerning the payment of past Per Capita Tax including the Per Capita Tax for 2026 due to the Grand Lodge. These Brothers may be reinstated according to the provisions of Regulation 27.13 of the Digest of Masonic Law and the payment of current year's dues.

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida, this 28th day of May A.L. 6026, A.D. 2026.


Jeffrey S. Foster, P.G.M., Grand Secretary


Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Grand Master

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in the spirit of Masonic Brotherhood, it is the desire of _____
Lodge No. _____ F. & A.M., to reinstate those Brothers who have been suspended for Non-
Payment of Dues; and

WHEREAS, M.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Florida, has issued an
Executive Order, waiving the Grand Lodge per capita tax for the year of suspension and the year
2026 for a Brother who is restored to membership by paying his current year's dues; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Lodge to waive past dues and reinstatement fees for a Brother
who is reinstated under this Executive Order.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that until rescinded by this Lodge or until March 31, 2027,
whichever occurs earlier, a Brother of this Lodge who has been suspended for Non-Payment of
Dues may be restored to membership by applying for reinstatement and being elected according
to the provisions of Regulation 27.13 of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida, and this Lodge
agrees to waive past dues, and any By-Law Provisions in conflict are hereby set aside until the
above mentioned date.

Adopted by action of the Lodge on the _____ day of _____ 20____.

Worshipful Master

Secretary

(Lodge Seal)

Adopted September 14, A.: L.:6026 A. D. 2026

Instead of the old saying

“Brother Bring A Friend”

**LET’S TRY SOMETHING
A LITTLE DIFFERENT**

I SAY

“BROTHER BRING A BROTHER”

**At our Next Stated Communication,
Which will be held on
Monday, October 12th
Eat at 6:30 PM
Meet at 7:30 PM**

**Pick up your phone and call
a Brother to
Come to Lodge**

**Just in case the Address
Of the Lodge is
41 Willis Road
North Fort Myers, FL 33917**

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