



July 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
eciofani@me.com
239-656-0117

Senior Warden, W.: Jeffrey A. Tumbarello, PM
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239-671-8248

Junior Warden W.: Dana McGrath, PM

Treasurer, R.:W.: Michael O. Gardner, PDDGM
ddgmgardner24@gmail.com
239-707-8302

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,

Please take your dues card out of your wallet and check the date. In the top right hand corner you will find **CARD EXPIRES DECEMBER 27**. Below that, is the year. If your card does not have the year 2026 printed, then you are in arrears for your dues. The 2026 dues were due December 27, 2025 for your 2026 Dues.

According to the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida, page 65, Article X, Section 20 of the Constitution. "Every member of a Lodge who is six months or more in arrears for dues shall be notified thereof by the Secretary, and in case of failure or refusal to come forward and pay his dues, or give satisfactory excuse, within three months after such notification, may be suspended at the discretion of the Lodge."

I mailed out Notice of Delinquent Dues.

Twenty seven percent (27%) have not paid!

Twenty seven percent that your Lodge had to pay to Grand Lodge for your per capita. If you 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.

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

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

W:: William Maddox, Jr., Worshipful Master
Phone 863-673-2192

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

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

There was a Lodge that was holding their Communications at a local hotel while the lodge was undergoing repairs.

One night a traveling salesman asked the desk clerk what was going on. The desk clerk replied "oh, those are the local Masons."

The salesman replied, oh, I have always wanted to join a lodge and be a Mason. Do you think they would let me in?

Probably no,t replied the clerk. They are really exclusive. The clerk continued, you see that guy standing at the door with a sword? He has been knocking for six months and they still won't let him in.
~unknown

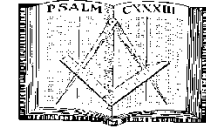
**Have you checked out the
NEW Noah Lodge Website?**

www.noahlodge357.com

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

If you find mistakes in this publication, please consider that they are there for a purpose. We try to publish something for everyone, and some are always looking for the misstakes.

For the Good of the Order



Petitions Committee:

Mr. Brian Keith Gregory

Investigating Committee:

For Ballot:

Mr. Gregory Lloyd Hill, II

Petitions for the Degrees of Freemasonry

Petition for Affiliation

Petion for Dual Membership

Waiting for Entered Apprentice Degree 133rd Psalm

Mr. Chauncy Solinger
Mr. Amaury Gomez
Mr. Gary Scicluna

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

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

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

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.



FROM THE SOUTH



Brethren All,

First up: Date correction. The EA Degree planned for July 13th will now be conferred on Monday, July 27th (our 2nd Stated Communication).

Paperwork delays - Ugh! Gather at 6:30, have a bite to eat, catch up with your Brothers, watch and help some good Men start their Masonic journey.

The lazy, hazy days of Summer are upon us, but the work continues at Noah Lodge. WM Ciofani and Br. Christman removed and dried in the roof over our former Radio Shack and storage area - hot, hard work and much appreciated. Help and \$\$ are always welcomed.

In case you hadn't heard, Noah may go "dark" in August. Flooring is on the schedule and requires lots of money, lots of "cure time" after several steps and plenty of labor. It'll be unique and worth the wait!

See you in Lodge, Brothers.

Fraternally yours,

W.: Dana McGrath, PM
Junior Warden

BY THE PLUMB.



FROM THE WEST



Brethren,

Summer is in full swing, and Noah Lodge continues to move forward with steady progress.

We were honored to welcome our District Deputy Grand Master for his official visit. His encouraging words and fellowship were appreciated by all in attendance, and it was another reminder of the strength of our fraternity when we come together in harmony.

While Hurricane Ian left lasting challenges, our lodge continues to recover one step at a time. Progress may not always be fast, but each improvement brings us closer to restoring our home and ensuring it serves future generations of Masons. Thank you to every Brother who has donated time, labor, and support throughout this ongoing effort.

Our first Masonic Day on the Water was a tremendous success. It was a great opportunity for Brothers, families, and friends to enjoy fellowship outside the lodge room while taking advantage of the beautiful Southwest Florida waters. Based on the positive response, we are excited to announce that our next Masonic Day on the Water is planned for Saturday, September 19. We hope to see even more Brothers and their families join us for another day of fun and fellowship.

As we move through the summer months, let us continue supporting one another, attending our stated communications, and looking for opportunities to improve ourselves, our lodge, and our community. The work of Masonry is never finished, and it is encouraging to see Noah Lodge continuing to build momentum.

Fraternally,

W.: Jeff Tumbarello, PM
Senior Warden

ON THE LEVEL



From the East



My Brothers,

Noah Lodge continues to move forward with steady progress. Most recently, we welcomed the newest DDGM R.: W.: Jeff Zimmerman and his rather large group of committeemen referring to

themselves "affectionately" as the "zimmermaniacs". We never did get the how the naming came to be. The evening was great, was the largest contingency of committeemen I've ever seen. He reflected the message of our GM and the inspiration he's received from him. We also raised the flag of our country in honor of all it represents. We had RW Jeff Zimmerman do the honors of hoisting it with military veterans handling the flag and most importantly, the position of honor the lower right corner of the flag attachment was given to W.: Dana McGrath. We have closed in the entire building, added stalls in the men's room, cleaned out the room formerly known as the ham radio room, replaced the roof, and are preparing it to be the infamous cigar room of Noah.

Noah, in conjunction with W.: Tumbo and Brother Martin, held our first "Masonic Day on the Water" I was unable to attend but by all accounts it was an extremely successful day with a fairly big turnout. I know they have planned another on Saturday, September 19 and I know we can make this next event even bigger. In the words of W. Tumbo "It was a great opportunity for Brothers, families, and friends to enjoy fellowship outside the lodge room while taking advantage of the beautiful Southwest Florida waters."

I look forward to the coming months and the continued success of Noah Lodge! If you haven't been in a while, please try to join in. If transportation is an issue, let us know, we can surely find you a ride.

Fraternally,

W.: Edward Ciofani, PM
Worshipful Master

PART UPON THE SQUARE

M U R O T C N A S A R T I F I C E R L I
N Y D B M O T A C E H O V E R S E E R N S
I V P S J O P E R A T I V E F J T Q H S
H A I C A C A M M O N I T I S H U L T T I
C W E L B A C O V E R R I G I K D H O I
A P Y T H A G O R A S A R C H I T E C T
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C E S C L D T E D E T S E V I D I C E T
B L E S S E D H E R R E T I S O P M O C

ACACIA
ANCIENT
ARTIFICER
BLESSED
CHAPITER
COMPOSITE
DUTY
GOD
INSTITUTE
LEGEND
NAKED
PECTORAL
PYTHAGORAS
SHIBBOLETH
SUPERFICES

ALLEGIANCE
ARCHITECT
BARBAROUS
BOAZ
CLANDESTINE
DELINEATE
HECATOMB
IRREVOCABLE
LIBERTINE
OPERATIVE
PILASTER
SANCTORUM
SUCCOTH
TABERNACLE
TESSELATED

AMMONITISH
BEGONE
CEMENT
CLOTHED
DIVESTED
ERR
HELE
JACHIN
MOSAIC
OVERSEER
POMEGRANATE
SCYTHE
SPECULATIVE
TENETS

FLORIDA MASONIC MONITOR



Words can be found in the GL214

Suggestions for Pronouncing Words
Sometimes Mispronounced



Below are all copied from the Lodge System of Education, GL 208 Masonic Etiquette

ADDRESSING THE CHAIR

The rules of order in Freemasonry do not permit side discussion's, during a Communication, among members. The member who has anything to say to the Lodge, whether it be to enter discussion or to make or second a motion, must rise to his feet, wait to be recognized by and then address the Worshipful Master.

Dress

Shall a Lodge require of its Officers that they wear formal dress? The wisdom of so doing depends entirely upon circumstances and is a point which it is the prerogative of each constituent Lodge to decide, though much may be said in favor of formal dress C "cutaway coat," tuxedo, or full evening dress, since it is a mark of respect to the Fraternity. In any event, one thing is certain: if any of the Officers are required to wear formal attire all the Officers should wear it without exception; and if he and his colleagues wear it, the Worshipful Master should use a hat to correspond not a soft hat, straw hat, or a cap. The Master should use a hat to correspond

not a soft hat, straw hat, or a cap. The members will dress according to private taste and it is proper that they enter the Lodge Room with apron properly arranged beforehand, and any other regalia, jewels, etc., in due order. The custom prevails in some Lodges of having the Worshipful Master wear one type of dress (clothing) while the other Officers wear different styles of dress. The harmony of good taste will be better served if all dress alike. There is a philosophy in dress as in so many other things, and the dress proper to Masonic occasion is no exception. Its principle is good taste; its practice is to wear such attire as shows respect to the Brotherhood and expresses the dignity of Masonry.

MASTER'S HAT

The wearing of a hat while presiding in the East is not optional, including during open installation of Lodge Officers. Our Regulations state that the Worshipful Master is required to remove his hat only for the Grand Master in person, during prayer and at certain times during ceremonies. The hat is a distinguishing mark by which the importance of the Master's Office

is signaled, a visible and conspicuous sign of his position as presiding Officer and titular head of the Lodge. In Grand Lodge Communications, of course, only the Grand Master remains covered. The hat should always be removed during prayer as a sign of respect to the Great Architect of the Universe. It should be removed when giving the obligations, as a token to their authority. If a funeral is held in church, or in a chapel, it should be removed as a sign of reverence. The proper hat for funerals is a black hat according to the Florida Monitor. At graveside funerals it should be removed when prayer is first offered and not worn during the remainder of the service. The Worshipful Master and Brethren may wear headpieces at the funeral of a deceased Brother whose religion requires such. The kind of hat a Master should wear is determined wholly by good taste. A cap or stiff straw hat is always inappropriate. The only governing principle is good taste, and in deference to that, a Master will never wish to wear any style of hat that will attract attention out of oddity or will derogate from the dignity of his office.

Flag Toast from memory by
Brother Jay Champion



Right Worshipful Jeff Zimmerman, D.D.G.M.
and Worshipful Ed Ciofani, Worshipful Master



Almost ready
To Wave the Red, White and Blue



Hooking it up



Almost ready!



After the D.D.G.M. raised the Flag, Brother
Christman made sure it was tied securely



JULY	2026		SUBJECT	TO	CHANGE	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Happy Independence Day
	6 Lodge Ritual Practice 7:30 PM 	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Stated Communication 7:30 PM* 	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Lodge Ritual Practice 7:30 PM 	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Called EA Degree 7:30 PM* 	28	29	30	31	

**The Charity for the month of July for Noah Lodge No. 357 is
Lighthouse of SWFL**

**Dinner is at 6:30 PM*

***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.

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**

AUGUST	2026	SUBJECT	TO	CHANGE		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Lodge Ritual Practice 7:30 PM 	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Stated Communication 7:30 PM* 	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Lodge Ritual Practice 7:30 PM 	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Stated Communication 7:30 PM* 	25	26	27	28	29
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LaBelle Lodge No. 379 has thrown down the gauntlet
and challenged the District
to a Banana Pudding Competition.

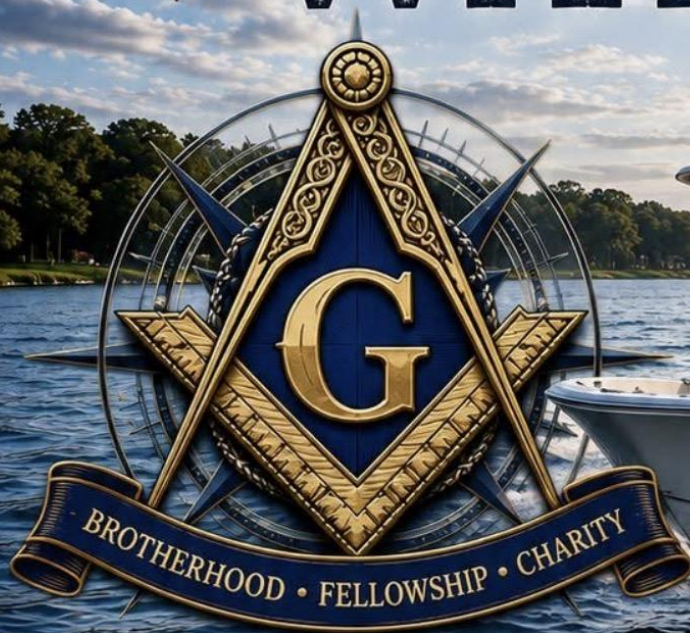
The rules are simple,
make a banana pudding and bring it to LaBelle Lodge on the 28th of July,
which is also the evening of the Official Visit of
R.:W.: Jeffery A. Zimmerman, District Deputy Gand Master.



MASONIC DAY

ON THE

WATER



NEW DATE!

SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2026



STARTS AT 1100



BROTHERS • FAMILY • FRIENDS • BOATS WELCOME

Join us for a day of fellowship, fun, and relaxation
as we enjoy the water and the bonds of Brotherhood.



ON THE WATER
FELLOWSHIP



BUILDING STRONGER
CONNECTIONS



FOOD, DRINKS &
GOOD TIMES



MAKING MEMORIES
THAT LAST

TOGETHER ON THE WATER, UNITED AS ONE.