

# Noah Lodge No. 357

## Trestle Board

### **MARCH 2026**



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

[Noahlodge357.com](http://Noahlodge357.com)

Stated Communication 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays  
at 7:30 PM

### Elected Officers

Worshipful Master, W.: Edward D. Ciofani, PM  
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239-671-8248  
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Treasurer, R.:W.: Michael O. Gardner, PDDGM  
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239-707-8302  
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239-738-6278

### 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
- 10.12(b) Lodge Instructor- R.:W.: Sam Scardina, PDDGM
- 10.12(c) Website– W.: Walter Lukitsch
- 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

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

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This time you are asked to put in your 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Appointed Officers

Chaplain, Brother Stephen Pfaff  
Marshal, W.: Shawn Morton, PM  
Senior Deacon, Brother Lawrence Shorter  
Junior Deacon,  
Senior Steward, Brother Charles Christman  
Junior Steward, Brother Timothy Martin  
Tyler, W.: Raymond Brownlee, PM

### **IMPORTANT**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **March**

**9<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication 7:30 PM\***  
**26<sup>th</sup> Lodge Officers Practice 7:30 PM**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication 7:30 PM\***  
**30<sup>th</sup> Lodge Officers Practice 7:30 PM**

#### **April**

**6<sup>th</sup> Lodge Officers Practice 7:30 PM**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication 7:30 PM\***  
**26<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication 7:30 PM\***  
**27<sup>th</sup> Lodge Officers Practice 7:30 PM**

*\*dinner at 6:45 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**



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**Tropical Lodge No. 56**

Stated Communications on the  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 7:30 PM  
17671 Pine Ridge Road  
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931  
W.: George Baliotis, Secretary  
Phone 239-560-4873

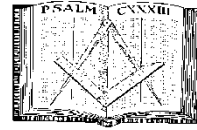
**Cape Coral No. 367**

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

**For the Good of the Order**



**Petitions Committee:**

Mr. Brian Keith Gregory

**Investigating Committee:**

Mr. Gary Scicuna

**For Ballot:**

Mr. Amaury Gomez

**Petitions for the Degrees of Freemasonry**

**Petition for Affiliation**

**Waiting for Entered Apprentice Degree**

Mr. Chauncy Solinger

**Working on Entered Apprentice Catechism**

**Waiting for Fellowcraft Degree**

**Working on Fellowcraft Catechism**

**Waiting for Master Mason Degree**

**Working on Master Mason Catechism**

R.:W.: Bruce Rivera

District Deputy Grand Master

239-297-9400

R.:W.: Scott Peacock

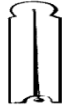
District Instructor

617-271-4331

**The Word of God remains forever**



## FROM THE SOUTH



Brethren,  
Welcome to another new year at Noah Lodge #357!  
If you've missed the news, YOUR Lodge is BACK  
and looking better than ever where the "rebuild" is  
complete. WM Ciofani et al have done an amazing  
and creative job rebuilding after Hurricane Ian.

What's next? Kitchen revamp, Dining Hall rebirth,  
finishing touches on the Lodge Room and ancillary  
offices. Money - always a hurdle. If you can help, you  
know how much it means to us AND our future Noah  
Brethren.

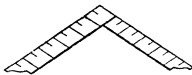
I'm happy to report we had 20 Master Masons at our  
recent meeting. If you weren't one of those, PLEASE  
be at the next one! We miss you, Brother.

News Flash: The "Officer's" Chairs are full this year -  
even the Marshal's Chair. It's been a while, eh? We  
have two Stewards, too - Br. Chuck Christman as Sen-  
ior Steward and Br. Tim Martin as Jr. Steward. We'll  
eat well again this year. These guys are DRIVEN.

By the way - THANKS for putting me back in the  
South. Maybe this time around, I'll get it right. If  
you're one of those "mature" Noah Masons, I miss  
your "helpful hints" from the sidelines. It's how a Ma-  
son grows, you know.

Fraternally,  
Dana P. McGrath, PM

## FROM THE EAST



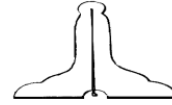
My Brethren,

What a past few months this has been. From remodeling the lodge to the new members it's been extremely exciting to be a brother of Noah, let alone having the honor of serving as Worshipful Master. This is the first time in as many years, I can remember that we have brothers in all the chairs. With Several brothers joining our lodge from others, the Masonic knowledge, brotherly love and integrity is unbelievable. The saddest news I have to report is the passing of our Brother Paul Rossi. Alas, My brother as he who is the creator of all lifts you up to the heavens not built with hands, and may he forever hold you in the highest as we know he will. You will be missed.

To those who we haven't seen lately, know we are thinking of you and the hopes of one day seeing you grace the doorway of Noah Lodge 357. We were recently honored with a few very special guest. The Grand Master of Kazakhstan, Ambassador to Grand Lodge of Russia and a candidate for the Grand South.

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

## FROM THE WEST



Brethren,  
The lodge continues to move forward in a very positive  
way, and it is encouraging to see the steady progress being  
made both in our building and in the strength of our fraterni-  
ty.

We recently held a very productive work day at the lodge.  
Many of the brothers and candidates generously gave of  
their time, effort, and even their personal resources to help  
move our projects along. This kind of dedication is what  
truly reflects the spirit of Masonry in action.

The lodge ceiling project is now almost complete, and the  
improvements are really starting to take shape. Brother  
Chuck Christman really took that project by the head and  
deserves mentioning.

Just as important as the physical work in the lodge is the  
continued growth of our membership. I am pleased to report  
that we currently have one candidate approved for initiation,  
and three additional petitions are in progress. It is always  
encouraging to see good men seeking the light and showing  
interest in becoming part of our lodge.

These developments are a testament to the strength of our  
brotherhood and the commitment of the brethren who con-  
tinue to support the lodge in so many ways.

Thank you to all who have contributed their time, labor, and  
treasure. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and they are  
helping ensure that Noah Lodge 357 continues to grow and  
thrive.

Fraternally,  
W Jeff Tumbarello  
Senior Warden  
Noah Lodge No. 357

# NOAH LODGE PAST MASTERS

1966 Earl C. Lewis \*  
1967 Robert Thompson \*  
1968 Gordon Mason \*  
1969 Louis Foss \*  
1970 David Grant \*  
1971 Charles Nelson \*  
1972 Walter Stillwell \*  
1973 John R Lee  
1974 James T Linton  
1975 Bruce Cowart \*  
1976 Horace Welc\*  
1977 Gerald Keeton \*  
1978 Alex Sibbald  
1979 Robert Morrow \*  
1980 Fred Henninger \*  
1981 Upton S Higginbotham  
1982 Charles J Christman  
1983 Milton A Bayliss Jr. \*  
1984 Howard L Ekiss \*  
1985 O. Jay Hilderbrandt \*  
1986 Charles R Lawson \*  
1987 John A Dean  
1988 John R Grabowski \*  
1989 O. Jay Hilderbrandt \*  
1990 Richard Bashaw \*  
1991 Norris W. Clark Jr.  
1992 Stephen G Sibbald  
1993 Alex 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  
2000 Thomas Reedy \*  
2001 Lawrence Tomlinson  
2002 Brian Harkins  
2003 Mike Morrow \*  
2004 Jerry Timberlake \*  
2005 Robert Gilliland \*  
2006 David Dellinger  
2007 Christopher Kelly  
2008 Lawrence Tomlinson  
2009 Thomas Reedy \*  
2010 Dr Rick A Means  
2011 Larry Newton \*  
2012 Lawrence Tomlinson  
2013 James Hamilton  
2014 Rhett Tillman  
2015 Michael W Gardner  
2016 Robert Sabo  
2017 Edward Ciofani  
2018 Jeffery Tumbarello  
2019 Michael O. Gardner  
2020 Joseph Krieger  
2021 Chris Pare'  
2022 Michael O. Gardner  
2023 Edward Ciofani  
2024 Edward Ciofani  
2025 Edward Ciofani

It is with great sadness to inform you of the passing of  
Noble Paul Rossi.

Services will be held  
**Friday, March 13, 2026**  
11am  
Gendron Funeral Home  
2325 E Mall Dr. Ft. Myers

Paul F. Rossi, Jr.



8/7/52 - 2/23/26

Please keep his wife and family in your prayers.

**Alas, my Brother!**

Freemasonry is a fraternal brotherhood built on loyalty and refusing to turn on each other. Brother Paul was this kind of Brother. He had a strong commitment to stand with and not against, no matter how hard things got.