

Lodge Officers are elected and appointed to their positions annually. Typically, an officer appointed as Chaplain or Marshal will progress upward through the appointed officer ranks (Stewards and Deacons). If then elected Junior Warden, he will progress through Senior Warden to Worshipful Master. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer are not part of any progression, but are elected based on the interest and skill of the member. The same is often true for the appointed offices of Organist and Tyler.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER-The jewel of his office is the Square, an emblem of morality and virtue. The Worshipful Master manages the affairs of the Lodge to ensure programs are carried out according to plans and schedules. He oversees the work of the other officers and the Lodge members. He conducts the meetings according to the Lodge bylaws, and schedules regular officer's meetings. He presides over all formal Lodge meetings, and represents his Lodge at Grand Lodge, district events, and at other Lodges.

SENIOR WARDEN-The jewel of his office is the level, an emblem of equality. The Senior Warden assists the Worshipful Master in the management of the Lodge. He acts for the Master in his absence, while planning and developing programs for his own year as Worshipful Master. He must memorize Lodge opening and closing ritual and Degree work. Some Lodges require the Senior Warden to preside over one of the Degrees.

JUNIOR WARDEN-The jewel of his office is the plumb, an emblem of uprightness. The Junior Warden must memorize the Lodge opening and closing ritual, as well as the Degree ritual for his office. He may be asked to preside over one of the Degrees. He plans and superintends meals and refreshments of the Lodge, presiding at the Refreshment Table. He manages the activities of the Stewards during refreshment.

TREASURER-The jewel of his office is the crossed keys. The Treasurer is in charge of all financial properties of the Lodge. He receives all Lodge money and keeps accurate financial records. He pays all Lodge bills as ordered by the Worshipful Master and approved by the Lodge.

SECRETARY-The jewel of his office is the crossed goose quills. The Secretary records all proceedings of the Lodge and submits official reports to the Grand Lodge Office. He receives all money due the Lodge and turns it over to the Treasurer. He receives and disburses all Lodge correspondence and mail, while maintaining all official records of the Lodge.

SENIOR DEACON-The jewel of his offices is the Sun within the Square and Compasses. The Senior Deacon conducts candidates during Degrees and is required to memorize the Senior Deacon ritual work. He introduces and accommodates visitors to the Lodge and carries orders from the Worshipful Master to the Senior Warden, and elsewhere about the Lodge as directed. Lodge custom generally dictates what other ritual memorization is required.

JUNIOR DEACON-The jewel of his office is the Quarter Moon within the Square and Compasses. The Junior Deacon guards the inner door of the Lodge. He carries orders from the Senior Warden to the Junior Warden and elsewhere about the Lodge as directed. Lodge custom generally dictates what ritual memorization is expected.

SENIOR STEWARD-The jewel of his office is the Cornucopia, or the Horn of Plenty. The Senior Steward is in charge of the service at the Refreshment Table and recruits other Masons to assist with serving at the Refreshment Table. Lodge custom dictates what ritual memorization is expected. He prepares the candidates for the Degrees and properly clothes the candidates for each Degree.

JUNIOR STEWARD-The jewel of his office is the Cornucopia, or the Horn of Plenty. The Junior Steward meets the candidates. He also serves the Refreshment Table. He recruits additional help as needed if the Senior Steward is involved in Degree work. He assists the Junior Warden in food preparation for Lodge social events. Lodge custom generally dictates what ritual memorization is expected.

CHAPLAIN-The jewel of his office is the open volume of the Sacred Law. The Chaplain is the spiritual guide of the Lodge. He says prayers for opening and closing of Lodge and at special functions (including funerals) He may also give an appropriate prayer for special events (members who are ill, or memorials), Lodge custom generally dictates what ritual memorization is expected.

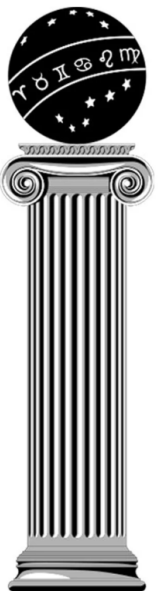
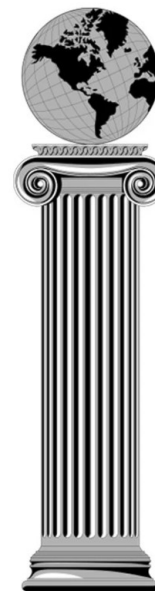
MARSHAL-The jewel of his office is the Crossed Batons, the baton being a symbol of authority. The Marshal leads all processions of the Lodge (public or private). He assists in installation of Officers. Lodge custom generally dictates what ritual memorization is expected.

TYLER-The jewel of his office is the unsheathed sword. The Tyler sets up the Lodge paraphernalia for meetings and maintains all Lodge equipment. He is in charge of the sign in book and guards the outer door.

These are the tenets and philosophies of Masonry: Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth; Tolerance, Universal Benevolence, Self Improvement, and Civic Responsibility.

TROPICAL LODGE NO. 56

FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS



PRESENTS OUR

133rd ANNUAL

INSTALLATION

OF OFFICERS

1893-2026

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2025

10868 METRO PKWY
FORT MYERS, FL 33966

Tropical Lodge No. 56

F.&A.M.

2026 Officers

Worshipful Master	W.: Aaron A. Averhart
Senior Warden	Shawn Hubbard
Junior Warden	Andrew Silvia
Treasurer	Bruce Prescott
Secretary	R.:W.: Robert Lippek
Chaplain	W.: Joseph Setaro
Senior Deacon	Christopher Saxby
Junior Deacon	Nicholas Gadbois
Senior Steward	Jerry Hamm, Jr.
Junior Steward	Robert Bennett
Marshal	W.: Thomas Knafel
Tyler	W.: John Gavin

Program

Dinner: 6:00 in the Dining Hall

Installation: 7:00 in the Lodge Room

Welcome & Introduction of Installing Team

W.:M.: Thomas Knafel

Installing Officer

R.:W.: Gene Sims

Installing Marshal

W.: Bernard Flynn, Jr.

Installing Chaplain

W.: Joseph Setaro

Musician

W.: David Wolffe

Prayer

Installation of Officers

Benediction

Introduction of Guests and Families

Remarks and Recognitions