



LaBelle No. 379 F&AM

Trestle Board — August 2025

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Greetings from the East

Brothers,

I just want to say “thank you” to everyone that came out to support our newly-raised Master Masons on July 12th. We had a very good turnout!

We were happy to have Worshipful Master Timothy Eckert and a number of brethren from Fort Myers Beach No. 362 join us and raise one of their own at our Lodge.

Also, thank you to Brother Fred Wright who came all the way down from West Tennessee to be the Secretary for the 2nd section of the Master Mason Degree.

I hope everyone is having a good summer. I look forward to seeing you all in Lodge very soon.

Fraternally yours,

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Worshipful Master

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STATED COMMUNICATIONS SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS



August 12
6:30pm Dinner
7:30pm Meeting

August 26
6:30pm Dinner
7:30pm Meeting



W.: Kevin Gourley (left) & W.: John Herman (middle) with Brother Fred Wright (right) who came all the way down from West Tennessee to join us for our Master Mason Degree on July 12th.



Congratulations to our newest Master Masons: Brother Mitch Sandlowski from Fort Myers Beach and Brothers Jacob Cuelar, Mike Nguyen and Matt Rentz from Labelle! Pictured with Worshipful Master Tim Eckart (left) from Fort Myers Beach No. 362 and Worshipful Master Isidro Lopez (right) of LaBelle No. 379.

Famous Freemason

Norman Vincent Peale

May 31, 1898 — December 24, 1993



Norman Vincent Peale was an American minister and author, best known for his book "The Power of Positive Thinking." He was a prominent figure in the development of the self-help movement and was known for his optimistic and motivational writings.

He belonged to Midwood Lodge No. 1062 in Brooklyn, New York. He was not only a member but also held significant positions within the Masonic community. Some of his notable roles include:

- **Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of New York:** He served in this position from 1948-1951, showcasing his commitment to the Masonic values and community.
- **33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason:** He was recognized for his outstanding service to humanity and received the 33rd degree in Scottish Rite Freemasonry in 1959.
- **Imperial Chaplain of Shriners International:** Peale held this position, further highlighting his involvement in various Masonic organizations.
- **Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U.S.A.:** This role demonstrates his dedication to the Masonic principles and his community.

"FREEMASONRY has no dogma or theology. It offers no sacraments. It teaches that it is important for every man to have a religion of his own choice and to be faithful to it in thought and action. As a result, men of different religions meet in fellowship and brotherhood under the fatherhood of God. I think that a good Mason is made even more faithful to the tenets of his faith by his membership in the Lodge." — Bro & Reverend Dr. Norman Vincent Peale

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



The caring and helpful nature of the members of our great fraternity has always interested and amazed me because it shows just how large and solid an organization Freemasonry truly is. Consider how Lodges throughout

Florida have responded when a disaster has struck, be it weather related, wildfire or other calamity.

As Hurricane Helene was taking aim on our Peninsula, and even before its exact path was being forecast or determined, a Masonic brother in Ripley, Ohio, called to tell me his Lodge was ready to collect and send us needed relief supplies for our neighbors. Fortunately, Southwest Florida was not adversely impacted but I learned later the Ohio Lodge sent collected supplies to North Carolina.

A few years ago our local Lodges responded to help unload food for backpacks for elementary school kids, one Lodge has opened its facilities to a neighboring Lodge whose building was destroyed, Masons have stepped up to help support our schools, Masons provide scholarships, and do so much more. Why? Because it is the Christian thing to do, and it is also the Masonic thing to do.

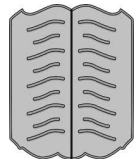
Fraternally,

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Home of Florida

PAST MASTERS



JAMES PENDRY*	1977-1978	J.S. HARRIS	1994		
CHARLES MACDOWELL*	1979	MIKE GUTHRIE	1995		
EDWIN RENOLDS*	1980	J. THOMAS PAXON*	1996	BRUCE ARMSTRONG	2010
THOMAS K. WOOSLEY*	1981	JAMES JENNINGS*	1997	JOHN W. NELSON	2011
KENNETH PICKLES	1982	JIM MARSHALL*	1998	M. MATT HECKERT	2012
ROBERT P. MIDDLETON*	1983	CARL W. SWANSON*	1999	RAY NAVOR*	2013
JOSEPH H. FUTCH*	1984	JIM CIANFRANI	2000	NICHOLAS FIDANZA*	2014
WILLARD BRYANT*	1985	JERRY HUBBART*	2001	GREG GUNTER	2015
ROBERT P. MIDDLETON*	1986	STEVE POLHEMUS	2002	L.E. RICHARDSON, JR.	2016
GLENN R. MICKEY*	1987	GLENN R. MICKEY*	2003	THOMAS BOARDMAN	2017
EASTON BURCHARD*	1988-1989	RUSS BUCCINI*	2004	TONY WEEMS	2018
LEWIS WHIDDEN*	1990	JACK ROSE*	2005	ADRIAN SANCHEZ	2019
MICHAEL BOYLE	1991	KEVIN NELSON	2006-2007	ED LANHAM	2020
L.E. RICHARDSON, SR.*	1992	HERBERT HOLLENBECK*	2008	BILL MADDOX	2021-
DOUG SCRATCHLEY, SR.*	1993	CURTIS DODD	2009	ISIDRO LOPEZ	2023-

Trestle Board Editor & Publisher: W.: Kevin Gourley, PM (2018-Present)

* Indicates Deceased



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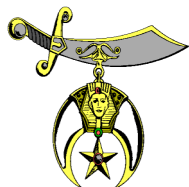
Local Appendant Bodies in Freemasonry



Scottish Rite



York Rite



Shriners



Eastern Star



Grotto



Sojourners

