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LaBelle No. 379 F&AM

Trestle Board — August 2026

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Greetings from the East



I would like to thank Worshipful Izzy Lopez for stepping up and covering the Secretary's position for the remainder of the year. The lodge members and I really appreciate your service and dedication to LaBelle No. 379 F&AM. Also, our heart goes out to W. Izzy and his family regarding the recent loss of his brother.



At our Stated Communication on July 28th our District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Jeff Zimmerman, made his official visit to our Lodge with his "Men of the North". Buddy Taylor did an extremely good job on the meal!



The night also included "The Custard Cup" — the search for the best banana pudding in District 24; the winner was: Ken Jordan! Brother Ken was presented the "Top Banana" medallion and a specially made cutting board commemorating the 2026 Custard Cup event.

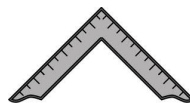
The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Florida will have his official visit to our District 24 on **September 11th** at **Tropical Lodge** beginning at **5:30 p.m.** If you have not done so yet, reserve your free tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gmov-district-24-tickets-1992732808473?>

We are planning and preparing for an outdoor Master Mason degree on the first Saturday in November (**11/7/2026**). The address is: **24300 Loblolly Bay Road SW, LaBelle**. The exact time of the degree and meal will be decided at a later date in the near future.

A final date has not yet been determined for Illustrious Ed Lanham's Celebration of Life here in Southwest Florida. There are still many logistical arrangements to be made by the family. With love and respect for Ed and his family, we pray for God's peace and comfort as they make these plans.

Now, may God hold you in the hollow of His hand, keep you close to His breast, and breathe His peace upon you, my Brothers all.

W.: Bill Maddox, PM / Worshipful Master
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STATED COMMUNICATIONS SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS

AUGUST 11

6:30pm Dinner / 7:30pm Meeting

AUGUST 25

6:30pm Dinner / 7:30pm Meeting

Chaplain's Corner



I'm easily tempted. And not with just things that'd make a saint blush, but material things, too. Recently I was tempted to buy a new truck but eventually shrugged it off and have continued adding miles to the little red truck I drove off the showroom floor back in 1998. In those days I was much friskier and sometimes tempted to tell a person that aggravated me to go to — well, you know, where the climate is less agreeable. But I've learned to hold my temper, subdue my passions. It's a good thing that I have learned this lesson because after a couple days later, I'd learn the issue was my fault and not his.

Admitting one's flaws and misdeeds is not easy. Yet we all know that confession is often the easiest and smartest way to resolve a sticky issue and preserve friendship. We have all learned from experience that placing the blame on someone else for something we're responsible for seldom works. If the culpability for a wrong is our fault, if we screwed up, stand up and admit it and shoulder the consequences like a man.

Our lives are filled with temptations of every size and description because there is no escape from all the worldly influences before us and by those whose sole purpose is to turn a profit. Perhaps the Apostle Paul gives us with the best, simplest and most practical advice in his letter to the Corinthian church: "flee from idolatry". A temptation is anything we put ahead of worshipping and serving God. An idol can include a truck too.

Phil Keyes / Chaplain

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DID YOU KNOW?

An obscure piece of Masonic history involves a unique splinter group called the **August Order of Light**, which was founded in 1882 by a British Freemason named Maurice Portman. Unlike regular lodges, this rare and separate group blended traditional Masonic ideas with Eastern mysticism and Indian mythology. Interestingly, the word "August" in their title does not refer to the month, but rather uses the older definition of the word, which means grand, noble, or deeply respected. It is not part of mainstream Freemasonry, but the order still exists today as a society that only Master Masons are allowed to join.

Quote from a Famous Mason



"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

—Brother Winston Churchill

Winston Churchill was initiated into Studholme Lodge No. 1591 in London on May 24, 1901. Over the years, the lodge underwent several amalgamations and is known today as Studholme Alliance Lodge No. 1591. He completed his Second Degree in July 1901 and became a Master Mason in March 1902. While he remained a member of the fraternity, his demanding political and wartime leadership responsibilities meant he never held a specific office within the lodge.

2026 Officers

Worshipful Master
Bill Maddox, PM

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George Benjamin

Junior Warden
Ernest Hollingsworth

Treasurer
Bob Coleman

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Isidro Lopez, PM

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Past Masters

JAMES PENDRY*	1977-1978	J.S. HARRIS	1994	BRUCE ARMSTRONG	2010
CHARLES MACDOWELL*	1979	MIKE GUTHRIE	1995	JOHN W. NELSON	2011
EDWIN RENOLDS*	1980	J. THOMAS PAXON*	1996	M. MATT HECKERT	2012
THOMAS K. WOOSLEY*	1981	JAMES JENNINGS*	1997	RAY NAVOR*	2013
KENNETH PICKLES	1982	JIM MARSHALL*	1998	NICHOLAS FIDANZA*	2014
ROBERT P. MIDDLETON*	1983	CARL W. SWANSON*	1999	GREG GUNTER	2015
JOSEPH H. FUTCH*	1984	JIM CIANFRANI*	2000	L.E. RICHARDSON, JR.	2016
WILLARD BRYANT*	1985	JERRY HUBBART*	2001	THOMAS BOARDMAN	2017
ROBERT P. MIDDLETON*	1986	STEVE POLHEMUS	2002	TONY WEEMS	2018
GLENN R. MICKEY*	1987	GLENN R. MICKEY*	2003	ADRIAN SANCHEZ	2019
EASTON BURCHARD*	1988-1989	RUSS BUCCINI*	2004	ED LANHAM*	2020
LEWIS WHIDDEN*	1990	JACK ROSE*	2005	BILL MADDOX	2021-2022
MICHAEL BOYLE	1991	KEVIN NELSON	2006-2007	ISIDRO LOPEZ	2023-2025
L.E. RICHARDSON, SR.*	1992	HERBERT HOLLENBECK*	2008	BILL MADDOX	2026
DOUG SCRATCHLEY, SR.*	1993	CURTIS DODD	2009		

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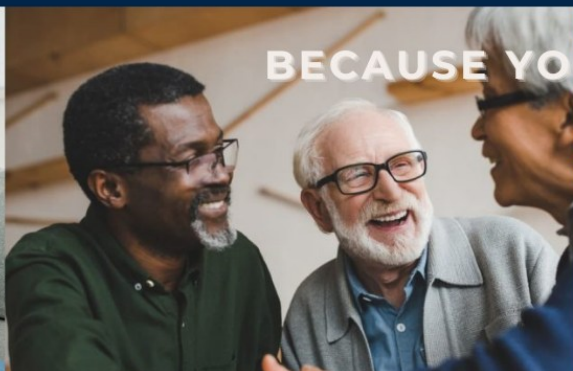
**FREE
ADMISSION**

MORE INFORMATION

- Date: August 15, 2026
- Time: 9:00 AM - 10:30 PM
- Location: Tropical Lodge No. 56
10868 Metro Pkwy
Fort Myers, FL 33966



Please RSVP at:
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