



LaBelle No. 379 F&AM

Trestle Board — July 2026

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Greetings from the East



Words alone cannot express the loss we feel with the passing of our beloved Secretary, Right Worshipful Brother Ed Lanham. His dedication, friendship, and service to our Lodge touched the lives of many, and he will be deeply and sincerely missed.

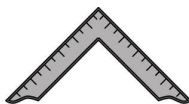
We are planning a Memorial Service in his honor at the end of July or early August. I will make sure everyone knows the exact date and time once it has been finalized. We encourage all who knew and loved Ed to join us as we celebrate his life and service.

Ed's passing has left an enormous void, and his shoes will not be easily filled. In the interim, Worshipful Izzy Lopez has graciously agreed to serve as Secretary Pro Tem and is currently handling the duties of the office.

A special election for the position of Secretary will be held during our meeting on July 14. Worshipful Izzy has been nominated for the office and, if elected by the Lodge, is willing to serve in that capacity. If any other Brother is interested in being nominated for this special election, please call me.

Fraternally and Yours in Christ,

W.: Bill Maddox, PM / Worshipful Master
Phone: (863) 673-2192



Chaplain's Corner



Being a Freemason, tried and true, includes accepting the responsibility that accompanies the honor. We are taught, as you undoubtedly know so I am "preaching to the choir" as the saying goes, when I remind you that it is our duty to improve our environment, our community, the places and things we share with others. The Masonic lessons cover the practice of brotherly love, tolerance, charity, truthfulness, dependability, and high social, moral and spiritual values. We are expected to be compassionate, dedicated to God, and to study His Holy Word with our family, our neighbors and our nation.

How we implement these ideals is not dictated in our Masonic lessons. It allows each of us to determine his own way and develop his own methods once we have received the information. This comes through faith, through believing what we have learned as we've progressed. It is suggested in our lectures and prayers that we seek the guidance of the Great Architect and through our regular communications with Him, along with the study of the Scriptures, that we will choose the right methods.

It is the nature of our beloved fraternity that some of us should lead and teach the rest of us so we are required to submit to direction and obey instructions. Humility among both the leaders and the workers is essential and certainly another one of our duties as Masons. Leaders must be proficient in the rules of propriety and the degrees of Masonry while the rest of us must have dispositions that accept and grow in their tutorage.

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STATED COMMUNICATIONS SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS

JULY 14—Special Election
6:30pm Dinner / 7:30pm Meeting

JULY 28—DDGM Official Visit
6:30pm Dinner / 7:30pm Meeting



Brothers Ernie Hollingsworth, Greg Gunter and John Smith worked tirelessly recently to improve the much needed living conditions of a local Women's Shelter and Refuge.



In Memoriam



For those who may not have heard, it is with deep regret we must inform you that our Brother, Ed Lanham, has been called to the Celestial Lodge above.

His Masonic resume was long and distinguished. Ed was a Past Master, Past DDGM, Secretary of both LaBelle Lodge No. 379 and the local National Sojourners Chapter #503, a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a great lecturer. More than that, he was a good man, friend and patriot.

There is a Memorial Service planned for around the end of July or the beginning of August. An exact date and time is yet to be determined, but we will advise everyone once plans have been finalized.

U.S. FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Melvin W. Byers Chapter #503
National Sojourners



Tropical Lodge No. 56 July 11th / 9:00 a.m.

NOTE: This ceremony will coincide with Open Books.

National Sojourners is an American patriotic and fraternal organization whose membership consists of Master Masons who are serving, or have honorably served, in the United States Uniformed Services. Its primary missions are to cultivate Masonic ideals, promote patriotism, support national defense, and assist military youth.

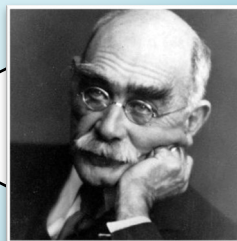
Past Masters

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		

Quote from a Famous Mason

"Take everything you like seriously, except yourselves."

—Bro. Rudyard Kipling / Author



Brother Kipling was a member of Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782 in Lahore, Pakistan (English Constitution in British India). The lodge was notable for its diverse, multicultural membership, which Kipling described as including members from at least four different creeds, including Hindu, Muslim, Englishman, and Indian Jew.



Social Media

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2026 Officers

Worshipful Master
Bill Maddox, PM

Senior Warden
George Benjamin

Junior Warden
Ernest Hollingsworth

Treasurer
Bob Coleman

Secretary—PRO TEM
Izzy Lopez, PM

Chaplain—PRO TEM
Phil Keyes

Marshall
Antonio Weems, PM

Senior Deacon
James McVay

Junior Deacon
Matt Rentz

Senior Steward
Jacob Cuellar

Junior Steward
Mike Nguyen

Tyler
Kevin Gourley, PM



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Scottish Rite



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Shriners



Eastern Star



Grotto



Sojourners