



# LaBelle No. 379 F&AM

## Trestle Board — May 2026

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## Greetings from the East



What a great evening we had at our Annual Joint Communication with Sugarland No. 281 and Fort Myers Beach No. 362. We had a great showing of about 75-80 Master Masons in attendance.

In addition to the brothers from Sugarland and Fort Myers Beach, we had sixteen brothers from Cape Coral No. 367 "horn in on" our called communication and return the traveling bull skull to our Lodge. We were more than happy to have them join us.



Congratulations to our Junior Deacon, Brother Matt Rentz, for successful completion of his Master Mason catechism and receiving his official Bible and Apron. Well done!

Thank you to R.:W.: Ed Lanham, R.:W.: Bobby Kickliter and R.:W.: John Hampton for their informative esoteric presentations. Also, thank you to each and every one of you that came out and made it a most pleasant evening for all.

Yours in Christ,

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

**May 12**  
6:30pm Dinner  
7:30pm Meeting

**May 26**  
6:30pm Dinner  
7:30pm Meeting



Brother Hugh Forrester (FMB362) discovers a wall mural of himself at LaBelle Lodge.

## Chaplain's Corner

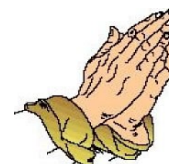
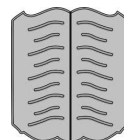


Here is a truism: things we have learned from our past experiences in life can inspire our future knowledge. This truism can be expanded to include studying to help our mental growth as well as our physical growth. Just as we read and study to enhance our mind we must at the same time exercise our body. To become more proficient intelligently and physically we must maintain a good all-around health regime.

Our ancestors relied heavily on Bible study to guide them through difficult and challenging times facing them. Early settlers left home and lifestyle in Europe to resettle across the ocean, and the Bible was among the things they deemed necessary to be self-sufficient while alone in the wilderness. Once here they'd often gather to read and study the Word. Brother, and later General and President, George Washington, was known for his regular Scripture study. People through the years have relied on the comfort and direction the Scriptures provide during wars, droughts, floods, blizzards, earthquakes, epidemics, the Great depression, 9-11 and more.

Some people today would have us believe the Scriptures are no longer relevant because our modern times are so unique, that circumstances we are confronted with weren't even nightmares 50 or 100 years ago. That, in part may be true, yet, the resilience of our ancestors stemmed from their deeply rooted faith when faced with circumstances that had been unheard of previously.

Another truism is that regardless of whether you're facing a new or reoccurring issue you will have a better chance of success when you act through faith. So how best do we prepare ourselves, children and grandchildren for upcoming challenges? Look to the lessons taught in the Scriptures.



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Our good brother, Illustrious Fred Wright, 33°, had the opportunity to visit the Corinth Valley Scottish Rite in the Orient of Mississippi recently during their reunion.



The Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Myers is looking to enroll candidates for the 2026 Fall Reunion class on October 3rd and 4th. There is an [online petition](#) on the Valley of Fort Myers website. Here you can learn about and become active in the 4th thru 32nd degrees of Freemasonry. If you enjoy ritual or the meaning behind it, the Scottish Rite may be for you. To be considered for the upcoming class email [edgarlanham@gmail.com](mailto:edgarlanham@gmail.com).

## 2026 Officers

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## DISTRICT 24

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				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	2021-2022
DOUG SCRATCHLEY, SR.*	1993	CURTIS DODD	2009	ISIDRO LOPEZ	2023-2025

## Local Appendant Bodies in Freemasonry



Scottish Rite



York Rite



Shriners



Eastern Star



Grotto



Sojourners

April 30, 2026



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Will the real Worshipful Master please stand up!

- ◆ W.: Kit Weber (Fort Myers Beach No. 362)
- ◆ W.:M.: Bill Maddox (LaBelle No. 379)
- ◆ W.: R.L. Marsh (Sugarland No. 281)



Who will be the next Junior Grand Warden?

- ◆ R.:W.: John Dragneff
- ◆ R.:W.: Bobby Kickliter
- ◆ R.:W.: John Hampton

