

LaBelle No. 379 F&AM

Trestle Board — November 2026

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Greetings from the East



Well, my time in the East is quickly coming to an end. Brother Bob Coleman is more than likely relieved that I didn't get too deep into the treasury with any large undertakings this year. We have had several new brothers join our ranks this year, and we look forward to great things from them. We have had a number of brothers lay down their working tools this year; they are and will be sorely missed—Alas, my Brothers.

I hope you all have been informed that the out-door degree, that was planned for November, was cancelled by the Masters and Wardens. Maybe next year we will have one.

I am writing this on October 27th, before our last stated communication for the month. This leaves us with two more meetings until the end of the year. We will be meeting on **November 10th** and **December 8th**; we will be dark on November 24th and December 22nd in observance of the holidays.

MARINE CORPS RESERVE
TOYS FOR TOTS

Our current charitable focus is Toys for Tots. Once again, we are proud to support this incredible organization in bringing the joy of Christmas to children who might otherwise go without. Please join us at our next Stated Communication on **November 10th**, when we will be taking up a special collection for this cause. To make your impact go even further, a couple of our brothers have generously offered to match every dollar donated up to $2,000. Let's come together to help make this another resounding success!

"Soon to be Worshipful" George Benjamin informed me that the installation of the Officers for 2027 will be held on **January 12th** at our regularly schedule stated communication; it will be an open meeting.

May the Good Lord bless you all,

W∴ Bill Maddox, PM / Worshipful Master
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New Entered Apprentices



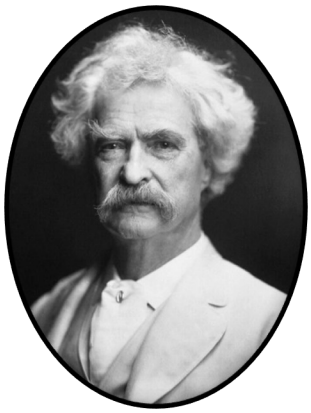
OCTOBER 17: Congratulations to our newly initiated Entered Apprentices Brothers David Santana and Gordon Nguyen,

STATED COMMUNICATIONS
SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS

NOVEMBER 10
6:30pm Dinner
7:30pm Meeting

NOVEMBER 24
Dark / No Meeting

Quote from a Famous Mason



"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore."

—Brother Mark Twain
(Polar Star Lodge No. 79)

32nd Degree Scottish Rite Freemasonry



Congratulations to our very own Brother Mike Nguyen for becoming a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason!

Secretary's Desk



If you need to get in touch with me, please send an email message to offcrplaca@icloud.com or call my phone number listed below.

W∴ Isidro Lopez / Secretary
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Chaplain's Corner

The diversity among the brothers within the Masonic Fraternity constantly amazes me and, in my opinion, is one of its most appealing features. A scroll through those who live by the Square and Compass covers everything from artists to musicians, carpenters, store clerks, engineers, public officials, theologians and more. Educational levels range from PHDs to GEDs. Nationalities include every country on earth and yet each of us can look anyone of these people straight in the eye and legitimately call him "Brother".

Early in the history of our Craft in America most of the members were farmers. Out of necessity they had to till the soil to feed themselves and family. Then some of them evolved into other lines of work as preachers, lawyers, educators, and merchants. Growing prosperity made these careers possible and some even reached a point where they hired other people to do the farming. This change continued to our present generation.

Throughout all these advancements, Freemasonry has served as the anchor to keep us grounded in the faith and beliefs that our ancestors brought across the ocean and into the wilderness. As keepers of the anchor, we need to make sure it remains well seated and hold on to our belief in God, our moral values, and our brotherly love for one another, our family, our neighbors and our nation.

Today our Nation has become increasingly hungry for these old-fashioned values. Loyalty, fairness, trustworthiness and dependability have diminished. Fortunately, America's small towns, bigger towns and metro-size cities still have Masonic Lodges that adhere to and advocate these important attributes. Indeed, Masonry may well be the link needed to remold the reformation our country needs. —**Phil Keyes / Chaplain:** Phone: (863) 675-3813 / email:philkeys@embarqmail.com.

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		

Local Appendant Bodies in Freemasonry

Scottish Rite | York Rite | Shriners | Eastern Star | Grotto | Sojourners

2026 Officers

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George Benjamin

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Bob Coleman

Secretary
Isidro Lopez, PM

Chaplain
Phil Keyes

Marshall
Antonio Weems, PM

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James McVay

Junior Deacon
Matt Rentz

Senior Steward
Jacob Cuellar

Junior Steward
Mike Nguyen

Tyler
Kevin Gourley, PM

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