



LaBelle No. 379 F&AM

Trestle Board — October 2025

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Greetings from the East

Brethren,

Thank you to all the Brothers that continue to support the lodge.



I had the pleasure of attending Placid Lodge for the 1 of 99 event on September 16. This was a great event with 132 Master Masons present. It was there that I accepted a Masonic Lifetime Achievement Award on behalf of Worshipful Bill Maddox and presented it to him at our September 23rd meeting.

I also had the pleasure of presenting Julie Roy of LaBelle Middle School with a \$500 donation from the lodge to help with the FFA club at the school. We were also able to present a check for \$500 to LaBelle Middle School.

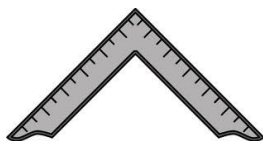
Fraternally yours,

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Worshipful Master

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Brother, I, too, own a television set, but that does not keep me at home on lodge night. I have never yet had one of the characters on television come off the screen and shake my hand. They have never offered me the warm friendship that my lodge brothers do. They have never handed me a cup of coffee or a doughnut. No! Never!

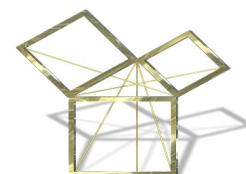


STATED COMMUNICATIONS SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS



October 14
6:30pm Dinner
7:30pm Meeting

October 28
6:30pm Dinner
7:30pm Meeting



Freemasonry

With compass, square, and level true,
We build our lives, with virtue anew.
In brotherhood, we stand as one,
Guided by wisdom, till the day is done.

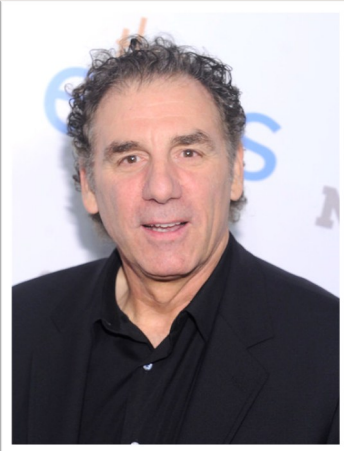
The apron's symbol of our noble quest,
To live with honor, and do what's best.
The Master's word, we strive to know,
And in our hearts, the lessons grow.

With every step, we climb the stair,
Toward knowledge, wisdom, and brotherly care.
In Freemasonry's ancient, noble way,
We seek the light, to guide us through each day.

— Author Unknown

Famous Freemason

Michael Anthony Richards



Michael Anthony Richards is an American actor. He graduated from Thousand Oaks High School in Thousand Oaks, California. He was drafted into the United States Army in 1970 and trained as a medic while stationed in West Germany. After leaving the Army he used his GI Bill bene-

fits to enroll in the California Institute of the Arts. He transferred to Evergreen State College where he graduated in 1975 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Drama.

Richards first television break came in 1979 when he appeared in Billy Crystal's first cable TV special. The following year he appeared on the show Fridays, an attempt by ABC to recreate the success of Saturday Night Live. It was on the show Fridays that he met Larry David.

In 1989, Richards appeared in the "Weird Al" Yankovic film UHF. That same year he was cast on the series Seinfeld, written and created by Jerry Seinfeld and Larry David. Richards played the part of Cosmo Kramer, Seinfeld's eccentric neighbor. Although the show started slow, by the end of it's nine year run Seinfeld ended at Number 1 on the Nielsen ratings. It also saw Richards winning the most Emmys of his fellow cast mates, winning the award for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series in 1993, 1994 and 1997.

Richards is a member of Riviera Masonic Lodge No. 780 in Pacific Palisades, California. He is also a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Masonic Jurisdiction where he was invested in the Knights Commander of the Court of Honor (KCCH).



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Years ago in a psychology class the professor illustrated our human nature by saying that despite being able to walk, we choose to ride. Long ago man learned to ride horses but even then we wanted something better and eventually invented the motorized vehicle.

Why aren't people satisfied with what we have, the prof asked? After all we have strong legs, comfortable shoes and good feet. We've built walking paths and highways and even put up signs so we know where we're going and how it takes to get there. He lecture continued for the entire hour. We all gave up on taking notes despite expecting his comments could appear on our final exam. He concluded with "we are not satisfied with what we have because we are human."

As Masons we have learned that we entered this life with nothing and we can take no material thing out with us when we go. We affirm that it is God in whom we must put our trust and advised to practice lifting our adoration, praise and requests on a frequent basis.

So why are we often negligent in our prayer life? Like the professor said, because we are human. We need to remember that all prayers are heard and answered. And it never hurts to say, "thank you, Lord, for everything and help me get over my humanness."

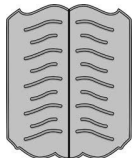
Fraternally,

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Halloween Word Search

Can you find the seven (7) words in this puzzle?



Candle Coffin Ghost Pumpkin
Rope Skull Sword

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

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* Indicates Deceased

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Happy Halloween!

Local Appendant Bodies in Freemasonry



Scottish Rite



York Rite



Shriners



Eastern Star



Grotto



Sojourners



UNITED WAY
Lee, Hendry, and Glades



Saturday, October 18, 2025

Brothers of the

Tremendous 24th Masonic District
will be volunteering our services to the United Way from 9am to 3pm, by working on The Oasis House, a youth run away shelter. Lunch will be provided. This is a great opportunity to give back to our community and show people what Masons are about, and we hope you will join us.

Master Mason Association of Southwest Florida President W. Rick Pennewaert is keeping a headcount of those planning to attend, so those looking to participate, please contact him at:

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