

Sugarland No. 281 F&AM

Trestle Board—March 2026

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Greetings from the East



Brothers a few short messages from the East:

I hope everyone is well and doing good in the new year. We are having a 50/50 drawing to help us support our Scholarship fund and our Adopt A Teacher program. I will be getting a fundraiser going in the near future and would like your help and support. More info to follow.

We have a couple Brothers that are having some medical work done in the near future, so please keep these Brothers in our prayers.

Hope to see you all at an upcoming meeting. Remember we meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday each month.

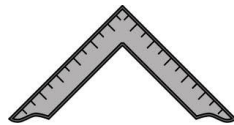
Good luck and May God Bless.

W.: Roy Gattone, PM

Worshipful Master

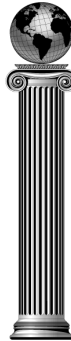
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FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY



MARCH 5

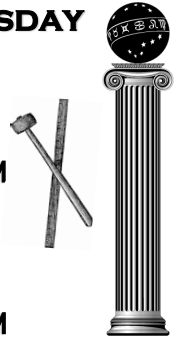
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Communication at 7:30 PM

MARCH 19

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From the Secretary's Desk



As you may know, we have started selling tickets for Education & Scholarships. This will fund our Adopt-A-Teacher Program, as well as our Scholarships. Please see me & pick up a book of tickets or two!

Once again, I strongly urge the newer members of our Lodge to begin working diligently on your ritual work, so that you can play a part in the future of Sugarland Lodge. The Lodge can only survive by Brothers who will take on that challenge and come the Officers needed to lead the Lodge as we continue doing the things that benefit our community, increase awareness of who Masons are, and what we do.

I want to continue to remind all my Lodge Brothers to keep steadfast in working on your qualifications: Master Mason I, II, & III, as well as your MLT training. These qualifications must be recorded in your Masonic Service Record, before you can be nominated for an elected office and are required if you wish to move through the three principle chairs. No Brother is exempt from these requirements, even those who have been through the chairs before. This training is very beneficial and will be an enormous help to you on your journey through the Chairs. Please see me so we can go about setting up the training.

Fraternally & Respectfully,

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Secretary

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"Freemasonry is founded on the immutable laws of Truth and Justice and its grand object is to promote the happiness of the human race." -- George Washington

DID YOU KNOW?



On March 3, 1753, George Washington was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft at Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4.

Happy
St. Patrick's
Day!



March 17, 2026

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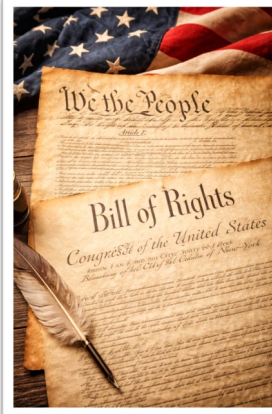
Musings From A Chaplain

By Brother Phil Keyes, LaBelle No. 379 F&M

Having the freedom to express our personal opinion, along with exercising our belief in God, are values we Freemasons cherish, teach and practice. Of course we have also learned during our Masonic walk to be ever conscious and careful with our words so as not to encroach on the feelings, beliefs and opinions of others, especially those of our Brother Masons.

The Bill of Rights to the U.S. Constitution are additions made by Congress. Early on there was a concern that if the original Constitution was left as written, ten basic rights that were omitted could lead to undesirable abuses. So, in 1791 both the House and the Senate added the Bill of Rights written by James Madison.

The ten additional items provide the basic rights of all citizens. 1st, Freedom of speech, religion, the press, assembly, and petition; 2nd, Right to bear arms; 3rd,



No quartering of soldiers in private homes; 4th, Protection from unreasonable search and seizure; 5th, Rights in criminal cases, like grand jury, no double jeopardy, no self-incrimination, and due process; 6th,

Right to fair and speedy trial by jury, with counsel and witnesses; 7th, Right to jury trial in civil cases; 8th, Protection against excessive bail, fines, and cruel/unusual punishment; 9th, Rights existing beyond those listed in the Constitution; and 10th, Powers not given to the Federal Government are reserved for the States.

Over the past 225 years the Congress has added 17 more Amendments Two of which, the eighteenth which prohibited the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages, and the twenty-first which repealed the eighteenth. Debate is ongoing over another amendment, which, if enacted will be the 28th amendment. Another six Amendments have been proposed but not ratified.



PAST MASTERS



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| C.M. Pickle | 1948-1949 | Oswell L. Sutton | 1973 | Kevin M. Moore | 1997 |
| W.W. Perry | 1950 | Troy T. Cotton | 1974 | Ronald Evans | 1998 |
| Ezra E. Kelly | 1951 | Thomas Adams | 1975 | Wayne Wilkins | 1999 |
| James C. Jackman | 1952 | James Sorrells | 1976 | Glen R. Mickey | 2000 |
| W.J. Robinson | 1953 | T.W. Jack Wynn | 1977 | Alvin Akridge | 2001 |
| John R. Barton | 1954 | Bob Goedhart | 1978 | David J. Veale | 2002 |
| Floyd Andrews | 1955 | Melvin Keen | 1979 | Melvin Keen | 2003 |
| C.M. Giddens | 1956 | David Veale | 1980 | Teodoro "Ted" Reyes | 2004 |
| Lawrence E. Lee | 1957 | E. Edwards | 1981 | Richard Clemmons | 2005 |
| John Doty | 1958 | William Griffin Perry | 1982 | Melvin Keen | 2006-2007 |
| Robert E. Goedhart | 1959 | William "Bill" Thomas | 1983 | Teodoro "Ted" Reyes | 2008-2009 |
| John W. Wynn | 1960 | Wayne Wilkins | 1984 | John Cote | 2010 |
| Lewis W. Wethington | 1961 | John David Thomas | 1985 | Kevin M. Moore | 2011 |
| Thadis W. Wynn | 1962 | John Stanberry | 1986 | Kevin Nelson | 2012-2013 |
| John M. Drake | 1963 | James Armstrong | 1987 | Cecil O. Akin | 2014-2015 |
| Donald M. Galassini | 1964 | Wayne Wilkins | 1988 | Teodoro "Ted" Reyes | 2016 |
| Melvin C. Keen | 1965 | T.W. Jack Wynn | 1989 | William T. Maddox | 2017 |
| Abner H. Vann | 1966 | Price Wileman | 1990 | R.L. Marsh | 2018-2019 |
| Bobby Giddens | 1967 | John Drake | 1991 | John Cote | 2020 |
| Robert I. Pearce | 1968 | David J. Veale | 1992 | Kevin M. Moore | 2021 |
| W. Perry | 1969 | Wayne Wilkins | 1993 | R.L. Marsh | 2022-2023 |
| Robert Stacey | 1970 | Jim Griffin | 1994 | Antonio Weems | 2024 |
| Carl E. Wilson | 1971 | Glenn R. Mickey | 1995 | Roy Gattone | 2025 |
| Perl Corrington Spires | 1972 | Alvin Akridge | 1996 | | |

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