

Sugarland No. 281 Free & Accepted Masons

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Trestle Board—October 2024

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Greetings from the East



Brethren, September was another hard month for Sugarland No. 281. Worshipful John "Cowboy" Cote laid down his working tools and joined the departed in the house not made with hands. W.: Cowboy was a multi-year Past Master of Sugarland Lodge,

an active Brother throughout our district, and the state of Florida. As a committeeman for the district his passion was the Masonic Home. My last conversation with Worshipful Cowboy was him stressing the basics to me of being a good man and Mason. His love for the Craft was a shining example in the Lodge and throughout the community.

We are proud of Brother Mike Castilla, who returned his FC proficiency and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. We are welcoming back Brothers who travel North for the Summer and look forward to the coming months and events. The Lodge BBQ fundraiser is October 18 and the 12th annual golf scramble November 16. There are plenty of opportunities to chip in and enjoy the company with your Fraternal Brothers.

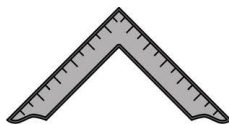
If you haven't been to Lodge un a while we would love to see you again.

W.: Tony Weems, PM

Worshipful Master

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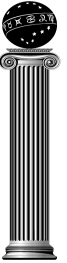
STATED COMMUNICATION

FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY

Dinner at 6:30 PM

Communication at 7:30 PM

**OCTOBER 3
OCTOBER 17**



From the Secretary's Desk



October is upon us! We are now entering the busiest time of the year for this Lodge event-wise, so I would like to remind my Brothers to continue working on your requirements to become eligible to be elected as a Lodge Officer. Just so all my

Brothers are aware, these requirements are now being tracked via the DDGM's Lodge Visitation Checklist. The required courses are Master Mason I, II, & III, along with Masonic Leadership Training (MLT). Please be aware that these must be completed prior to being nominated for Lodge Office. R.:W.: Jim Green of Okeechobee No. 237 has several dates scheduled for MLT. Check with me for the dates & make your plans to attend one of these scheduled trainings. Our Lodge's future depends on it!

I mailed all the Dues Notices out last week, so all of you, should have received yours by this time. This year's statement has a Voluntary Building Fund contribution of \$5.00 Any Brother that has not received a Dues Statement by our next Communication, please see me. I would like to extend my personal, "Congratulations" to our newest Master Mason, Bro Mike Castillo!!

Respectfully and Fraternally,

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Secretary

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Happy Halloween!

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R.:W.: Jeff Zarrella



Albert Pike, 33°

"We must pass through the darkness to reach the light."— Albert Pike, 33°

Musings From A Chaplain

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

Beginning at birth we were able to communicate our basic wants and needs with cries and screams. Then, at about age two, we begin including words with our screams so our needs and wants were more easily understood and perhaps fulfilled. Our ability to communicate continued to improve through the years and once we became able to combine writing with speaking, and sometimes screams, it has flourished. From then throughout the remainder of our life we are able to inform, entertain, educate, inspire and direct others in ways that are most beneficial to us and to them.

Each letter of the alphabet, each vowel and consonant we use to create words, sentences and paragraphs enter every communication we have from friendly chit-chats to impassioned speeches, and from post-it notes to detailed documents. Our reputation, our well-being, perhaps even financial standing can depend on how skillfully we communicate. The way in which we reach others has greatly expanded with electronic mediums, and the pressure is on each of us to learn how to effectively and efficiently utilize each of these devices. Almost instantly we reach others in many locations nearby and far away. So it becomes necessary not only to master the use of the electronics, but to further hone our skills of word usage so what we communicate is clearly understood by one or all.

PAST MASTERS



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		
Perl Corrington Spires	1972	Alvin Akridge	1996		

Trestle Board Editor & Publisher: W.: Kevin Gourley, PM
(2018-Present)

LAST MONTH'S HAPPENINGS



CELESTIAL LODGE

It is with a heavy heart that we must announce that our Past Master, Worshipful John "Cowboy" Cote, laid down his working tools last month and has moved on to the Celestial Lodge above.



A Masonic funeral service was held for him the morning of September 21st at the First Christian Church in LaBelle. Afterwards, he was transported to Fort Denaud Cemetery where he was given Military Honors.



Adopt-A-Teacher Night



On September 19th we presented 4 first-year teachers in the Clewiston area checks to help them get their careers of teaching our youth started. We wish them well in their endeavors.



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