

# Lehigh Acres Lodge #344 Free & Accepted Masons

1110 Ashlar Avenue  
Lehigh Acres, FL

Trestle Board—April 2017



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## Important Dates:

### 04/03 Officer Meeting

7:00 PM

### 04/08 Relay for Life Event

4:00 PM until ???

(Veterans Park Academy for the Arts)

### 04/10 Stated Communication

6:30 PM Dinner

7:30 PM Meeting

### 04/17 Ritual Practice

7:00 PM

### 04/24 Stated Communication

6:30 PM Dinner

7:30 PM Meeting



## Greetings from the West

Brethren,

Harmony can be defined as an agreement or accord. It is thus, a consistent, orderly, or pleasing arrangement of parts resulting in congruity. Harmony is the binding ingredient within all societies and this is especially true with the Masonic Society.

Ritually speaking, no truer words were ever spoken, but because we hear it so often, it becomes rote and loses meaning. To understand it better, we need to take a look at what Masonry professes to do...that is, "To take good men and make them better".

It all starts when a petition takes its usual course and results in a favorable report from the Investigating Committee that the petitioner would be a "good fit" for membership.

That "good fit" requirement is the first step, prior to balloting, to insure harmony within the lodge... as the black cube rejects.

Besides a belief in a Supreme Being, Masonry seeks out the kind of mature, sincere, upstanding, well-regarded man who will bind himself to its high ideals and thus insure peace and harmony within the lodge.

Masonry, being the oldest and largest fraternal society in the world, bears witness to the fact that harmony is the main support of all societies, including ours.

W.: Jim Bolla, Sr.  
Senior Warden



## Greetings from the East

April is upon us and so is the anticipated American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event on April 8th at Veterans Park Academy for the Arts (49 Homestead Rd S). The Relay for Life event starts at 4:00 PM and generally goes all night long until 7:00 AM the next morning. I know most people will not be able to make it that long, but I am going to try.

Every Mason and his family are invited to come out and support this just cause. Hopefully we will have a good showing of Brothers that will be able to help out at our tent. We plan to provide ice tea, pickles, and maybe a few other items in exchange for donations. Our team has raised \$855 so far, but we are still short of our \$1000 goal.

If you have never participated in a Relay for Life event, I highly encourage you to come out.

On another note, this marks the first full month that the Hermanos En Christo (Brothers in Christ) church has been leasing from us. The interactions I have had with

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## Charity of the Month

American Legion Charities

<https://www.legion.org/donate>

the pastor and deacons has been positive and brotherly. I think this will be a good thing for both the Lodge and the church.

The church pastor owns his own lawn care business and has offered to maintain the Lodge grounds for us at no cost. In addition to maintaining the lawn, the deacons and a couple of church members are keeping the floors clean by sweeping and mopping—not only are they maintaining Lyons Hall, but the entry way, hallway, and bathrooms are all being taken care of as well.

Although change can be difficult and it sometimes feels that we are making sacrifices, we must always remember to embrace the bigger picture and to look for the greater good. What benefits the Craft benefits us all.

Safe Travels and Godspeed,  
W.: Kevin Gourley  
Worshipful Master



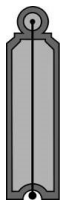
## Greetings from the South

As the Winter season winds down, we once again have to say goodbye to all of our Brothers from the North and abroad and wish them all a great summer.

Now that the Lodge has three Entered Apprentices, it is going to be a fun summertime with all the degree work forthcoming. Speaking of fun, the Relay for Life in April 8th at Veterans Academy for the Arts. I hope to see some familiar faces having a great time and support a great cause and our Lodge Team.

By the Plumb, Fork & Knife,  
Bro. Fred Natoli  
Junior Warden

A lil Hurmor,  
*Did you hear about the Dairy Farmer who became a Mason?*  
*He kept giving everyone the secret milkshake.*



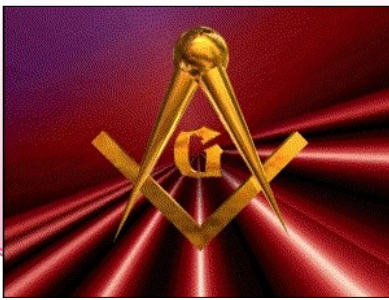
## Quote of the Month



"I ask of each Mason, of each member, of each brother, that he shall remember ever that there is upon him a peculiar obligation to show himself in every respect a good citizen; for after all, the way he can best do his duty by the ancient order to which he belongs is by reflecting credit upon that order by way in which he performs his duty as a citizen of the United States."

—Brother Theodore Roosevelt

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## Birthdays for April

*Happy Birthday  
to the following Brothers:*

Dale Kollai—2nd  
Ted Moreland—9th  
Paul Benstine—17th  
Jody Rogers—25th

## April Anniversaries in Freemasonry

Billy Harvey, 42 Years

## American Cancer Society & Relay for Life



Lehigh Acres Lodge #344 is participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life this year. If you would like to make a donation you can address a check to the "American Cancer Society" and send it to Lehigh Acres Lodge #344, P.O. Box 394, Lehigh Acres, FL 33974.

## Order of the Eastern Star

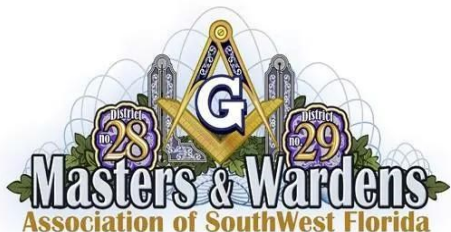
### LEHIGH ACRES CHAPTER 291

- ♦ Worthy Matron: Florence  
Pitt 245-4206
- ♦ Worthy Patron: Jeffrey Nowak  
591-0935
- ♦ Secretary: Gerald Pokorny  
(239) 303-2374



**Regular Meeting Second Friday Each Month at 7:30 PM**

## Masters & Wardens Association of Southwest Florida



- ♦ President: W Dan Akard
- ♦ Vice President: Bro. Mike Gardner
- ♦ Treasurer: RW Joe Smedley
- ♦ Secretary: RW Jeff Nowak
- ♦ Social Media Director: W Bobby Lippek

### Business Meeting Every Fourth Wednesday

Dinner: 6:30 PM

Meeting: 7:30 PM

### 2017 Officers for Lehigh Acres Lodge #344



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## Lehigh Acres Shrine Club

### Meeting Every Fourth Thursday

Location: China Star Restaurant

Dinner: 6:00 PM

Business Meeting: 7:00 PM



All Shriners, Master Masons, and their ladies are welcome to attend for dinner.

Call one of the following for more information:

- ♦ Noble Bill R. Jones (President)  
(239) 368-6474  
[wri509@aol.com](mailto:wri509@aol.com)
- ♦ Noble Jim Bolla, Sr. (Secretary)  
(239) 368-8065  
[shrinerjim@hotmail.com](mailto:shrinerjim@hotmail.com)

## Rebekah Lodge



- ♦ Noble Grand: Charles Martin  
(239) 369-6478
- ♦ Secretary: Ada Thompson

**Regular Meeting Second Tuesday  
each month at 1:00 PM.**

## Independent Order of Odd Fellows

### LEHIGH ACRES LODGE 2009

- ♦ Noble Grand: Charles Martin  
(239) 369-6478
- ♦ Secretary: Ada Thompson



**Regular meeting 2nd Tuesday each month immediately after  
Rebekah meeting.**



ROBERT BERNSTEIN*	1962
WALTER RIDGE*	1963
GRADY RYMER*	1964
THOMAS BOSWELL*	1965
LEON HURTADO*	1966
WILLIAM BEEMAN*	1967
FRANK LYONS*	1968
THOMAS BOSWELL*	1969
CHARLES GOEHLE JR*	1970
THOMAS BOSWELL*	1971
CHARLES GOEHLE JR*	1972
PAUL MELOY	1973—1974
JAMES FOSTER*	1975
ROY C. ROBERTS*	1976
WILBER FRENCH*	1977
PAUL WILLIAMSON*	1978
JAMES BURGETT*	1979
RONALD TEMPLIN*	1980
JOHN BEDNAR*	1981
ERNEST SAMUELSON*	1982
HOWARD SPOERKE*	1983
WALTER REESE*	1984
ROBERT CAMPBELL*	1985
PAUL GOEHLE	1986
WALLACE BATEMAN*	1987
LEWIS FISH	1988
TED BLOCK	1989
ROBERT HOEPPNER*	1990
ALBERT SAMUELSON	1991
ANDREW STANFORTH*	1992
J. DOUGLAS WRIGHT	1993
HOWARD SPOERKE*	1994
HARRY HOPKINS*	1995
CLIFF AYERS	1996
KENNETH LAVINE*	1997
JEROME MASSEE*	1998
WILLIAM HORSELING*	1999

## PAST MASTERS



CHARLES MARTIN	2000
KENNETH LAVINE*	2001
HELMUT REIMER	2002
JAMES ROSE*	2003
CARL PETERSON	2004
JONATHAN HAMMETT	2005
RALPH MCDONALD*	2006
MICHAEL CROUCHELLI	2007
GUY WALTMAN	2008
JOHN CARTER	2009
JASON HOLLINGER	2010
WILLIAM HORACIO JR.*	2011
PAUL GOEHLE	2012-2013
G. RICHARD CURETON	2014
DANIEL AKARD	2015
ROBERT LIPPEK	2016

\* Indicates Deceased



## 2017 Officers

Worshipful Master  
*Kevin Gourley*

Senior Warden  
*James Bolla, Sr.*

Junior Warden  
*Fred Natoli*

Treasurer  
*Daniel Akard*

Secretary  
*J. Michael Frisby*

Senior Deacon  
*Robert Lippek*

Junior Deacon  
*Robert Sweet*

Chaplain  
*Charles "Bill" Martin*

Tyler  
*Michael Crouchelli*



## District 29 Grand Lodge Officers

R.W. Clay Taylor  
*District Deputy Grand Master*

R.W. Jeff Nowak  
*District Instructor*