



# LaBelle No. 379 F&AM

## Trestle Board — March 2026

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# Greetings from the East



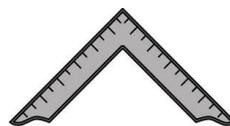
Sincerely and Fraternally, Brothers all! As I pin this note, the DDGM official visit is fresh in my mind. Right Worshipful Bruce Rivera is always gracious and kind. We didn't have our normal turnout, and some of our officers were out sick and unable to attend, but we had a good time and good fellowship!

We have some petitions that need to be read and voted on, if I'm not mistaken. We will take care of them at our next stated communication.

Brother Hollingsworth is feeding us well! I believe he said chicken and dumplings will be at the next meeting. Sounds great!

Keep brother Fred Wright in your prayers, along with his brother and sister-in-law. The old song said, "He ain't heavy, he's my brother.", but the world can indeed be heavy!

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### STATED COMMUNICATIONS SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS

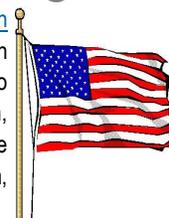
**March 10**  
6:30pm Dinner  
7:30pm Meeting

**March 24**  
6:30pm Dinner  
7:30pm Meeting



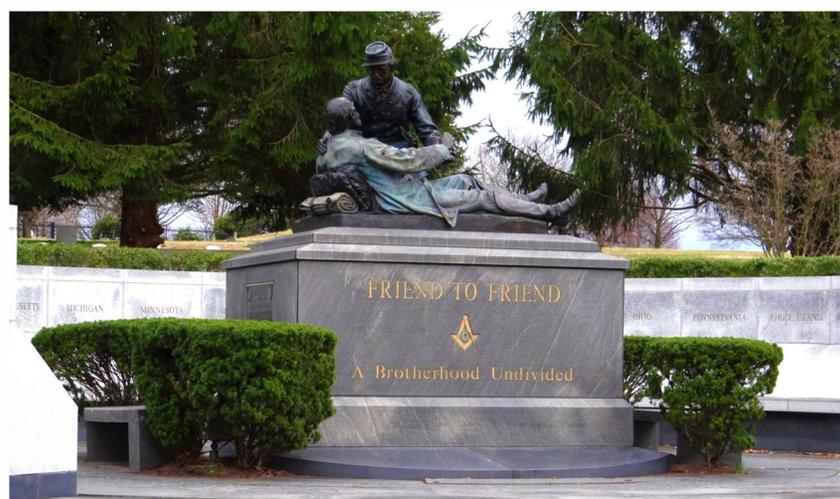
## Masonic 250 Flag Program

Show your pride in Masonic America by purchasing [an American flag](#) flown over the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C. Proceeds from all purchases will go to the Scottish Rite Foundation, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., Inc., to support philanthropic efforts such as the RiteCare Scottish Rite Childhood Language Program, grants, scholarships, and national disaster relief.



## Friend to Friend

At our February 10th communication we were given a superb presentation from Worshipful Johnnie Florance about the "[Friend to Friend](#)" Masonic Memorial in Gettysburg, PA. He passed around a miniature statue of the memorial so everyone could get a good look and provided an oral history regarding the Civil War story behind its inception. While it is the only memorial there specifically dedicated to freemasonry, it is one of hundreds of memorials throughout the area in and around Gettysburg.



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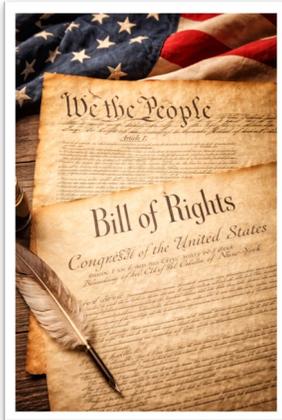
# Chaplain's Corner



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.

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CHARLES MACDOWELL*	1979	MIKE GUTHRIE	1995		
EDWIN RENOLDS*	1980	J. THOMAS PAXON*	1996		
THOMAS K. WOOSLEY*	1981	JAMES JENNINGS*	1997		
KENNETH PICKLES	1982	JIM MARSHALL*	1998		
ROBERT P. MIDDLETON*	1983	CARL W. SWANSON*	1999		
JOSEPH H. FUTCH*	1984	JIM CIANFRANI*	2000		
WILLARD BRYANT*	1985	JERRY HUBBART*	2001		
ROBERT P. MIDDLETON*	1986	STEVE POLHEMUS	2002		
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LEWIS WHIDDEN*	1990	JACK ROSE*	2005	JOHN W. NELSON	2011
MICHAEL BOYLE	1991	KEVIN NELSON	2006-2007	M. MATT HECKERT	2012
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				L.E. RICHARDSON, JR.	2016
				THOMAS BOARDMAN	2017
				TONY WEEMS	2018
				ADRIAN SANCHEZ	2019
				ED LANHAM	2020
				BILL MADDOX	2021-2022
				ISIDRO LOPEZ	2023-2025

# Local Appendant Bodies in Freemasonry



Scottish Rite



York Rite



Shriners



Eastern Star



Grotto



Sojourners

# 2026 Officers

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 Antonio Weems, PM

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 James McVay

**Junior Deacon**  
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**Senior Steward**  
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**Tyler**  
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