

Lehigh Acres Lodge #344 Free & Accepted Masons

Trestle Board—October 2017

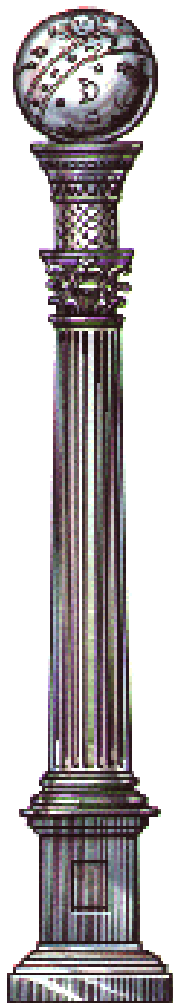
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Important Dates:

- 10/02 Officer Meeting
7:00 PM
- 10/09 Stated Communication
6:30 PM Dinner
7:30 PM Meeting
- 10/13 Grand Master's 24th District Visit
(NOAH LODGE)
5:30 PM Registration
6:30 PM Dinner
7:30 PM Meeting
- 10/16 Called Communication
Fellow Craft Degree
6:00 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Degree
- 10/23 Stated Communication
6:30 PM Dinner
7:30 PM Meeting
- 10/28 Make a Difference Day
12:00 PM—VETERANS PARK
- 10/30 Ritual Practice
7:00 PM



Celestial Lodge Above

Our Brother, George James Briede, has finished his earthly labors and passed on to the Celestial Lodge. Brother Briede was an active member for 64 years, 4 months and 15 days. He was born July 10th, 1917 and passed away on August 2nd, 2017.

His son stated that the only 2 things he had left on his list to do was live to be 100 and have his family around him. These last 2 tasks were completed.



Greetings from the East



I hope everyone is well. The town of Lehigh Acres took a direct hit by Hurricane Irma last month causing many people to suffer significant property damage and some to go without power for almost two weeks. In addition, communication with one another was spotty at best because of damaged or downed communication towers.

Before and after this event I saw both the good and bad come out in people. Fortunately, there was way more good than bad. People did what they could to help and protect their own families, but also reached out to neighbors and strangers in need.

The Lodge building received some minimal damage—mainly our lighted sign. It was blown over and the securing braces were bent by the high winds. It is nothing, however, that cannot be fixed.

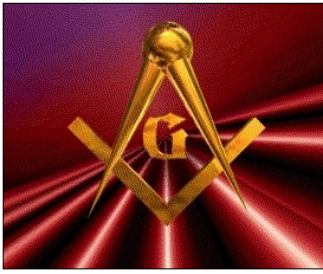


October promises to be a busy month for the Lodge as we come back from being dark. On October 13th, the Grand Master is making his official visit to the 24th district; his visit will be hosted by Noah Lodge in North Fort Myers. The afternoon of October 28 in Veterans Park is Lehigh Acres' Annual Make a Difference Day; W.: Jim Bolla, Sr. was able to acquire some safety coloring books from the Shriners that we will be giving out to the children that day.. In addition to the above, we also need to squeeze in a Fellow Craft Degree—the one we planned last month had to be cancelled because of the hurricane.

I am looking very forward to seeing everybody in Lodge again.

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





Birthdays for October

*Happy Birthday
to the following Brothers:*

Paul Meloy — 5th
Henry Forschino — 6th
Jason Hollinger — 10th
Al Samuelson — 14th
Robert Kruger — 16th
Kevin Gourley — 19th

October Anniversaries in Freemasonry

Paul Goehle, 35 Years
Doug Wright, 27 Years
Cliff Ayers, 25 Years
Jason Hollinger, 11 Years
James Bolla, Jr., 4 Years

Quote of the Month

"The secret of life isn't what happens to you, but what you do with what happens to you."

- Brother Norman Vincent Peale



Greetings from the West

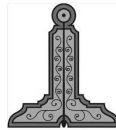


The summer and Hurricane IRMA are behind us. Aside from the damage, flooding and loss of power period, it appears that we survived.

The storm brought out the best in us. The National Sojourners made every effort to check in on their members to see that they were OK. Our Worshipful Master, Kevin Gourley did Likewise. The Lodge was opened so that those needing shelter or a place to cool off had a place to go to. Brothers from other Lodges also checked in on their members to determine their status. It was good to see the care and concern everyone had for each other. The hurricane dubbed, "The Hurricane of the Century" disrupted everyone and everything including our planned Fellow Craft Degree.

But now we have turned the corner...the summer is over and the lodge is no longer "Dark". October will be a busy month and a happier time with the resumption of our scheduled meetings. Masonry is a lifestyle we all share and I'm sure there will be many stories to tell. We will also need to talk about the Lodge Building itself and the repairs that need attention. With that in mind, it would be important to have a high turnout at the October meetings.

Fraternally,
W.: Jim Bolla, Sr.
Senior Warden



Greetings from the South

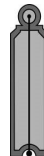


As we still All recover from Irma, I pray that all are safe and healthy.

I am trying to stay positive and look to the future. We have some events that I am looking forward to....A Fellow Craft Degree and a Master Mason degree soon to follow it.

This year is rapidly coming to a close. I am anxious to get the Lodge busy again and seeing all the Brethren.

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



From the Secretary's Desk



Florida has been through a lot and even though we have strength, compassion and faith that we can turn this around sometimes the load overwhelms us. "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

Fraternally,
Bro. Mike Frisby
Secretary



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

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 Second Tuesday each month immediately after Rebekah meeting.

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Lodge Catechism Instructor: Bro. Fred Natoli

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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.

- ♦ Noble Bill R. Jones (President)
(239) 368-6474
wri509@aol.com
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Master Mason Association of Southwest Florida

- ♦ President: W.: Dan Akard
- ♦ Vice President: Bro. Michael Gardner
- ♦ Treasurer: R.:W.: Joe Smedley
- ♦ Secretary: R.:W.: Jeff Nowak
- ♦ Social Media Director: W.: Robert Lippek

Business Meeting Every Fourth Wednesday

Dinner: 6:30 PM

Meeting: 7:30 PM



Charity of the Month

Wounded Warrior Project

<https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org>



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 24 Grand Lodge Officers

District Deputy Grand Master
R.:W.: Mike Gardner

District Instructor
R.:W.: Jeff Nowak