LEHIGH ACRES LODGE NO. 344 F&AM

Trestle Board — January 2020

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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



Happy New Year to Everyone!

I never expected to be back in the East, especially so soon after 2017. It is a distinct privilege and honor to serve the Lodge again as Worshipful Master this 2020 year.

My plan is to continue the positive momentum we have achieved over the past couple of years. We have newly-raised Master Masons taking active roles in the Lodge. We have a couple of Fellow Crafts still in the works; and, hopefully, we will have new Entered Apprentices in the not-so-distant future.

One of my focuses this year is to concentrate on Masonic Education. I'd like to see all our new Master Masons go through the Master Mason I, II, and III courses. We can try working on these together during some of our practice nights. These courses are not lengthy and provide a better understanding of the Fraternity which we belong.

Safe Travels and Godspeed, W∴ Kevin Gourley, PM Worshipful Master



Important Dates

January 6th Ritual Practice 7:00pm

January 13th
Stated Communication
Dinner 6:30pm
Meet 7:30pm

January 20th Ritual Practice 7:00pm

January 27th
Stated Communication
Dinner 6:30pm
Meet 7:30pm

January Charity



GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



Happy new year to All!

Congratulations to W∴ Kevin and all of the 2020 officers. I am anticipating an exciting year, so keep your ears and eyes open.

January's charity will be Shriners Hospitals for Children. Its mission:

"Provide the highest quality care to children with neuromusculoskeletal conditions, burn injuries and other special healthcare needs within a compassionate, family-centered and collaborative care environment. Provide for the education of physicians and other healthcare professionals. Conduct research to discover new knowledge that improves the quality of care and quality of life of children and families."

For more information please refer to their website.

As always, if you know a Brother needing assistance to come to Lodge, please reach out.

Sincerely, W∴ Fred Natoli, PM Senior Warden



GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

My Brothers, thank you for the opportunity to serve Lehigh Acres No. 344 as Junior Warden for the 2020 year.

As we find ourselves in a new year, I would like to remind you of the three main tenets of

Freemasonry which are Brotherhood, Relief and Truth.

Brotherhood is a primary teaching of Masonry, that each person must be judged as an individual, on his own merits, and that such factors as race, national origin, religious creed, social status or wealth are incidental to the person's character.

The next main tenant is Relief. To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but particularly on Freemasons, who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection. To soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries, and to restore peace to their troubled minds. On this basis we form our friendships and establish our connections.

Finally, and more importantly, we have Truth. The real object of Freemasonry, in a philosophical and religious sense, is the search for truth. This truth is, therefore, symbolized by the Word. From the first entrance of the Apprentice into the Lodge, until his reception of the highest degree, this search is continued.

With these tenets in mind, Lehigh Acres No. 344 can and will accomplish great things in the year ahead of us.

Clint Larkins Junior Warden



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

I hope everybody had a great Christmas and New Year's holiday with family and loved ones.

The new year is ushering in Bro. Kevin Gourley as our incoming Worshipful Master and I am looking forward to a great year.

This 2020 year, I once again have the honor of serving Lehigh Acres Lodge No. 344 F&AM as Secretary.

There are Brothers who have not yet sent in their 2020 dues. Make sure you are up-to-date to remain in good standing.

Fraternally, Mike Frisby Secretary



"Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets help-



fulness, and these are the wages of a Mason."

- Benjamin Franklin

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Michael Mitchell—4th
Joseph Kane—6th
Michael Salas, Sr.—8th
James Wright—13th
Daniel Akard—18th
Helmut Reimer—18th
Kenneth Croy II—23rd
Cecil Raulerson—30th

ANNIVERSARIES IN FREEMASONRY

Jarvis Rowland—72 Years Gerald Pokorny—42 Years Helmut Reimer—22 Years Daniel Akard—8 Years





Master Mason Association of Southwest Florida

President: R∴W∴ Dan Akard
 Vice President: R∴W∴ Bobby Lippek

Treasurer: R∴W∴ Joe Smedley
 Secretary: R∴W∴ Jeff Nowak

Social Media Director: W∴ Michael O. Gardner

Business Meeting Every Fourth

Wednesday Dinner: 6:30 PM Meeting: 7:30 PM





Independent Order of Odd Fellows & Rebekah

Noble Grand: Charles Martin (239) 369-6478

Secretary: Ada Thompson

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



National Sojourners

President: Mike Crouchelli Phone: (239) 368-2047 Email: unclemike73@msn.com

Secretary: Jeff Nowak Phone: (239) 571-0935 Email: jmnowak1@aol.com Regular Meetings are held on Second Thursday at N. Fort Myers Elks Lodge. 6PM Dinner / 7PM Meeting



Tall Cedars of Lebanon

Tamiami Forest #205

Grand Tall Cedar: James (Jim) R. Bolla, Sr. (239) 368-8065 shrinerjim@hotmail.com

Scribe: William P. Bond

(941) 475-4854 billandtinabond@yahoo.com

Regular Meetings are held the second Sunday of each month at the Punta Gorda Lodge at 2:30 P.M.



Order of the Eastern Star

Lehigh Acres Chapter 291

Worthy Matron: Dorothy "Dotti" Foisy

Worthy Patron: Jeff Nowak

Secretary: Gerald Pokorny (239) 303-2374

Regular Meeting Second Friday Each Month at 7:30 P.M.



Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Myers

Personal Representative: III. Clay Taylor, 33° Secretary: Bro. Fred Wright, 32° KCCH

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Regular Meetings are held the third Wednesday each month. 6:30pm Dinner, 7:30pm Consistory

District 24 Grand Lodge Officers

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

R:W: GENE SIMS

(239) 707-3080

DISTRICT INSTRUCTOR
R:: W:: JEFF NOWAK
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Fred Natoli, PM

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Clint Larkins

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Marty Thompkins

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Chaplain

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Junior Deacon

William Wheeler (239) 791-9551



Tyler

Michael Crouchelli, PM (239) 368-2047



Junior Steward

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PAST MASTERS



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
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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

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*Indicates Deceased