

LaBelle No. 379 Free & Accepted Masons



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TRESTLE BOARD

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Greetings from the East



Please join us December 10th for a Fellow Craft degree. We will be dark for our December 24th meeting.

Our officer installation will be January 14th and will be open to the public, dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and installation will be at 7:30 p.m.

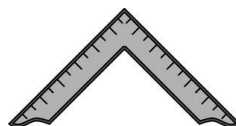
Fraternally yours,

W.: Isidro "Izzy" Lopez, PM

Worshipful Master

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STATED COMMUNICATIONS

SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS

Fellow Craft Degree

December 10

6:30pm Dinner

7:30pm Meeting

December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

LODGE IS DARK / NO MEETING



From the Desk of the Secretary



Brothers, the dues notices for 2025 have gone out and several of you have already responded. For those of you who did, I appreciate that very much. As for the rest of you, it's not too late to earn my undying gratitude.

Seriously though, please look carefully at the notices as there is a small change. There is room for an additional *voluntary* amount for the building fund. Please consider adding a little more to your dues payment as there are always unexpected expenses involved in maintaining the property which can pop up at any time.

Thank you and have a happy holiday season!

R.W.: Ed Lanham, PDDGM

Secretary

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Quote of the Month

Masonry aims at the promotion of morality and higher living by the cultivation of the social side of man, the rousing in him of the instincts of charity and love of his kind. It rests surely on the foundation of the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God.

- William Howard Taft

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



I cannot say that I've never fallen asleep during a sermon. In fact, once upon a time I even dozed, briefly, during a Lodge meeting when a brother went on and on about some topic only he found interesting. In making this confession I am also telling myself that doing so is good for my soul. Yet, after all, who among us can truthfully say his eyes have never grown heavy or his attention zeroed out?

It isn't that a sermon is less inspiring or that the information the brother was providing wasn't important, it is just our nature to sometimes zonk out. Maybe it is because of a heavy meal, or a sleepless night, or a tough day on the job. Whatever the reason for falling asleep, we need to keep in mind that whether in church, in Lodge or somewhere else, it is not polite. It is also bad when you wake up and wonder how long you were out and you begin to worry if anyone else noticed you were asleep.

Be concerned if you are frequently falling asleep in the most inconvenient place or time. The experts say one in four people suffer from some type of sleep disorder. In some cases a sleep disorder can be the symptom of another medical or mental health condition. Talk to your doctor and he or she can evaluate why you're falling asleep and what you need to do to correct it. Sleep Apnea is a term we hear most often. It is characterized by pauses in breathing during sleep and is a serious medical condition causing the body to take in less oxygen.

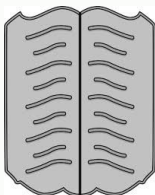
The important thing is, talk to a professional and get some help to stay awake. Everyone needs a good sermon.

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2025 Lodge Officer Nominations



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Senior Warden

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George Benjamin



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Robert Coleman



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St. John the Evangelist



The Feast of St. John the Evangelist is celebrated annually on December 27th and marks the mid-winter.

He lived from approximately 15 A.D. to 100 A.D.

The Feast of St. John the Evangelist was utilized by many of the early Grand Lodges in England and Scotland, as well as individual lodges. To this day, Masons all around the world continue to recognize him as one of the patron saints of Freemasonry.





Burl Ives

Burl Ives was an American musician and folk artist.
(Born June 14, 1909 - Died April 14, 1995)

Ives was born near Hunt City in Jasper County, Illinois June 14th, 1909. As a young man Ives was active with both the Boy Scouts of America and the Order of DeMolay. In 1924, Ives was a Lone Scout which shortly after joined with the Boy Scouts of America. On September 5th, 1927, Ives joined the Order of DeMolay. Ives attended Eastern Illinois State Teachers College from 1927 to 1929. He never graduated. During his junior year he was in an English class and realized he was wasting his time. After an exchange with the teacher as he was walking out the door, Ives slammed the door and never looked back.

In the 1930's, Ives traveled around the country working odd jobs and playing his banjo. In Utah he was arrested for vagrancy and for singing "Foggy Dew" an English-Irish folk song that local authorities considered a "bawdy song". He also attended Julliard in New York during this time.

In the 1940's, Ives started his own radio show called the *The Wayfaring Stranger*, named after one of his songs. He also became a member of the Almanac Singers which at various points in time had other well known members including Woody Guthrie. The Almanacs were active with the American Peace Mobilization (APM). The APM was a peace movement trying to convince the United States to not get involved with World War II with various folk songs. When the Germans invaded the Soviet Union the Almanacs changed their tune, literally. They began writing folk songs encouraging American participation in the war.

In 1942, Ives was drafted and ended up being part of Irving Berlin's *This is the Army*. A traveling show to military bases to help to rally and support the troops. He was honorably discharged in 1943.

In the 1950's, like many performers, Ives was blacklisted for allegedly having communist ties during the Red Scare. Ives appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. This got him off the blacklist and started a long time feud with fellow folk singer Pete Seeger. Seeger accused Ives of naming names.

Ives appeared in several films. He was in the film *Big Country* for which he won an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor.

In 1964, Ives lent his voice to the CBS presentation of *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*. The stop animation featured Ives as the banjo playing host of the show Sam the Snowman. Two of the songs Ives performed in the show, "Silver and Gold" and "A Holly Jolly Christmas", were instant classics. The following year Ives recorded them for an album. He released them the next Christmas taking advantage of their previous success.

Through the 70's and into the 80's, Ives performed in various ways. He lent his recognizable voice and face to a Luzianne tea as their commercial spokesperson. He also worked with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management on their campaign "This is your land - Let's keep it clean".

In 1994, Ives, a smoker of pipes and cigars, was diagnosed with oral cancer. After undergoing several surgeries that were unsuccessful in removing the disease, Ives decided to stop any future surgeries. On April 14th, 1995, Ives fell into a coma and passed away.

Ives was a member of Magnolia (now Magnolia-La Cumbre) Lodge No. 242 in Santa Barbara, California being raised in 1977. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite, Southern Masonic Jurisdiction in the Valley of Santa Barbara in 1985. Ives was coronated a 33° Scottish Rite Mason in 1987. He was elected a Grand Cross, an honorarium added to the 33° in 1993.

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Famous Freemason 





PAST MASTERS

JAMES PENDRY*	1977-1978	JERRY HUBBART*	2001
CHARLES MACDOWELL*	1979	STEVE POLHEMUS	2002
EDWIN RENOLDS*	1980	GLENN R. MICKEY*	2003
THOMAS K. WOOSLEY*	1981	RUSS BUCCINI*	2004
KENNETH PICKLES	1982	JACK ROSE*	2005
ROBERT P. MIDDLETON*	1983	KEVIN NELSON	2006-2007
JOSEPH H. FUTCH*	1984	HERBERT HOLLENBECK*	2008
WILLARD BRYANT*	1985	CURTIS DODD	2009
ROBERT P. MIDDLETON*	1986	BRUCE ARMSTRONG	2010
GLENN R. MICKEY*	1987	JOHN W. NELSON	2011
EASTON BURCHARD*	1988-1989	M. MATT HECKERT	2012
LEWIS WHIDDEN*	1990	RAY NAVOR*	2013
MICHAEL BOYLE	1991	NICHOLAS FIDANZA*	2014
L.E. RICHARDSON, SR.*	1992	GREG GUNTER	2015
DOUG SCRATCHLEY, SR.*	1993	L.E. RICHARDSON, JR.	2016
J.S. HARRIS	1994	THOMAS BOARDMAN	2017
MIKE GUTHRIE	1995	TONY WEEMS	2018
J. THOMAS PAXON*	1996	ADRIAN SANCHEZ	2019
JAMES JENNINGS*	1997	ED LANHAM	2020
JIM MARSHALL*	1998	BILL MADDOX	2021-2022
CARL W. SWANSON*	1999	ISIDRO LOPEZ	2023-2024
JIM CIANFRANI	2000		

* Indicates Deceased



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District 24

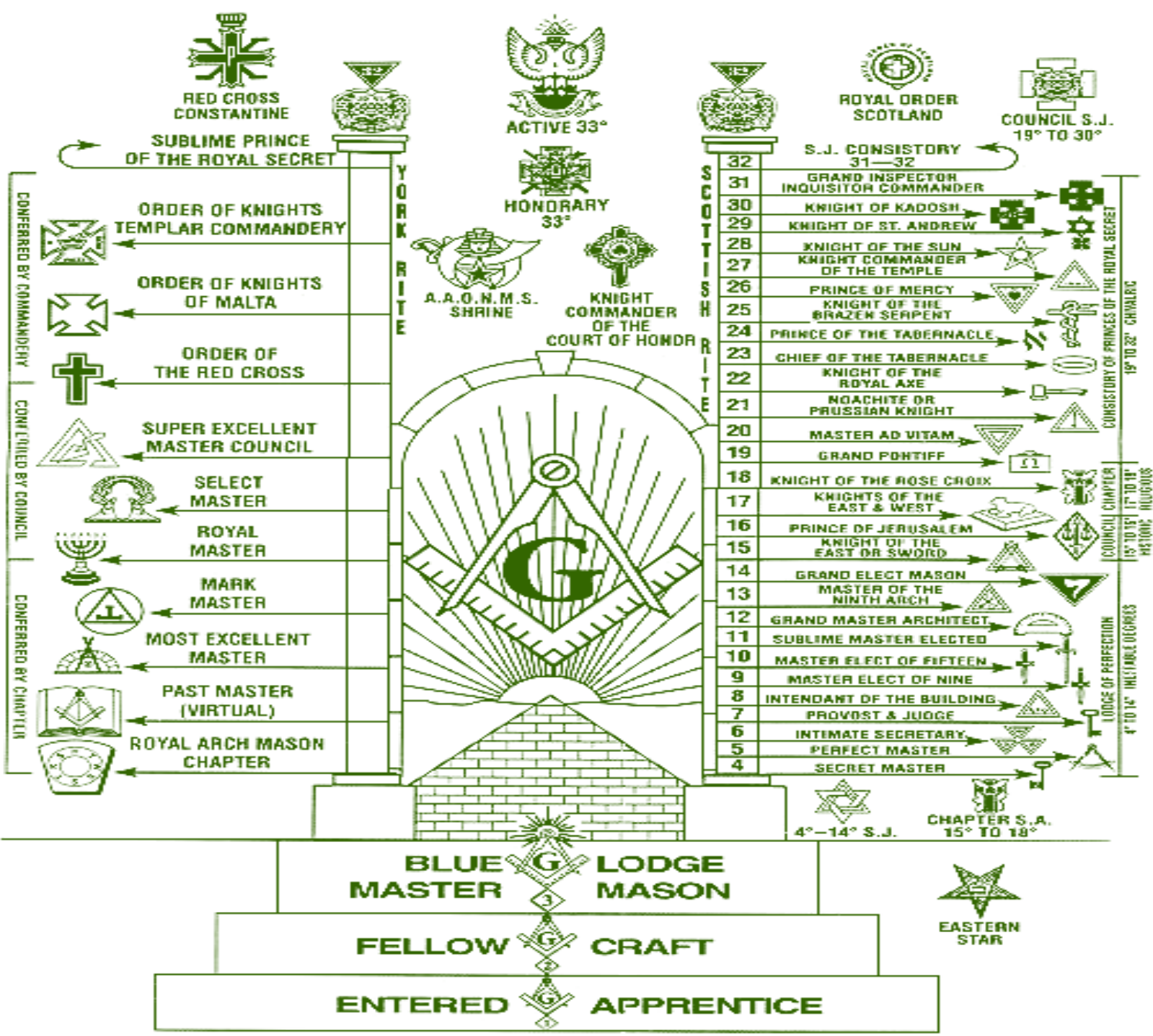
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