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## TRESTLE BOARD JANUARY 2025

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### Greetings from the East



Brethren,

Let me start by saying that I am truly humbled by the unwavering support of the brethren, having been elected once again as Worshipful Master of LaBelle Lodge No.379. I will endeavor to fulfill the duties and obligations of the Office to the best of my abilities and serve the lodge and the members throughout the year.

I encourage all members of LaBelle Lodge that if you find yourselves free on the 2nd or 4th Tuesday evening of the month come out and see the great and wonderful improvements that have taken place. I call on all the members to gather your working tools and join us for great fellowship — if within the length of your Cable-Tow.

The Lodge misses your presence. If you find that you are only able to attend one meeting, this would be a great opportunity to reconnect with your Brethren.

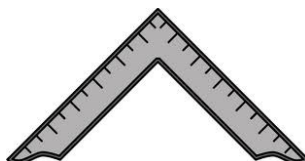
Sincerely and fraternally yours,

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Worshipful Master

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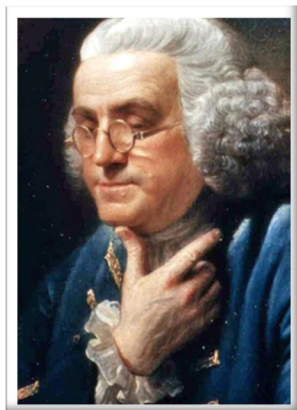
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### Quote of the Month

*"Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man."*

—Benjamin Franklin



### STATED COMMUNICATIONS

**SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS**

#### Officer Installation

**January 14**

**6:30pm Dinner**

**7:30pm Meeting**

**January 28**

**6:30pm Dinner**

**7:30pm Meeting**



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Home of Florida**

### From the Desk of the Secretary



Brothers, the most common definition of Freemasonry is: "a system of moral instruction, anciently taught by types, symbols and allegorical figures." To most of us the definition doesn't seem to matter,

but rather that Mystic Tie which binds us together and our strong belief that we are all children of the same God, people of strong moral character, who work together to help each other to improve ourselves, our families, and the communities in which we live. So mote it be.

**R.W.: Ed Lanham, PDDGM**

Secretary

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# Happenings Last Month



**After battling some health issues, it was good to see our good Brother Ken Jordan at our December Communication.**



***Congratulations to Brother Phil Keyes!***

*At our stated communication in December he was presented his 60-year Certificate & Pin.*



***Congratulations to Brother Matt Rentz!***

*He was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft at our December 10th Communication*

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Writer and Bible teacher Gene Getz suggests we may be guilty of idol worship in our modern, educated and enlightened lives. If so, we would be in direct violation of one of the Commandments God send down the mountain with Moses – “thou shall have no other Gods before me.”

In Getz's book, “Unwavering Tenacity: Insights Into the Life of Elijah”, he points out that “humanistic gods such as sports stars, musicians and leaders; materialistic gods -- ‘You cannot serve both God and money’, (Matthew 6:20); sensual gods such as fornication and covetousness – (Ephesians 5:5); and relational gods including unhealthy relationships (Matthew 10:37) can become idols we put before God.



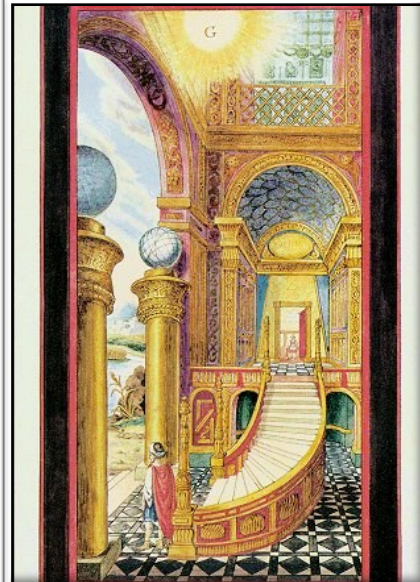
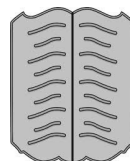
Getz cautions that despite our great advancements in this twenty-first century, something as primitive as idol worshipping can and does happen. Idolatry is nothing more than putting something else – anything else -- in place of and before our one true God.

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## Message from the Editor & Publisher



Greetings, Brothers!

If any Brother from LaBelle Lodge is not receiving the monthly trestle board via email, please send me a message to my email address below and I will add you to the distribution list. Also, I would very much encourage any Brother that would like to submit an article for the "good of the order" to email me their submission. With the approval from the Worshipful Master, I will make sure your content is added to a future trestle board edition.

For Master Masons looking to further their journey in Freemasonry, the [Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Myers](#) is looking for candidates for the 2025 Spring Reunion Class in March. If you would like to be considered for the upcoming class, send me a message. There is an [online petition](#) on the Valley of Fort Myers website. Here you can learn about and become active in the 4th thru 32nd degrees of Freemasonry. If you enjoy ritual or the meaning behind it, the Scottish Rite may be for you.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

**W.: Kevin Gourley, PM**

Zone 6 Membership Development Chairman (2024-2025)

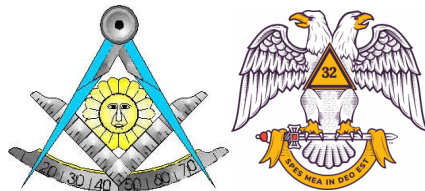
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## Charity

By Edgar Allan Guest



**Let me be a little kinder  
Let me be a little blinder  
To the faults of those about me  
Let me praise a little more.**

**Let me be, when I am weary,  
Just a little bit more cheery  
Let me serve a little better  
Those I am striving for.**

**Let me be a little braver  
When temptation bids me waver  
Let me strive a little harder  
To all I should be.**

**Let me be a little meeker  
With a brother who is weaker  
Let me think more of my neighbor,  
And a little less of me.**



# 2025

# Happy New Year!





# PAST MASTERS

JAMES PENDRY*	1977-1978
CHARLES MACDOWELL*	1979
EDWIN RENOLDS*	1980
THOMAS K. WOOSLEY*	1981
KENNETH PICKLES	1982
ROBERT P. MIDDLETON*	1983
JOSEPH H. FUTCH*	1984
WILLARD BRYANT*	1985
ROBERT P. MIDDLETON*	1986
GLENN R. MICKEY*	1987
EASTON BURCHARD*	1988-1989
LEWIS WHIDDEN*	1990
MICHAEL BOYLE	1991
L.E. RICHARDSON, SR.*	1992
DOUG SCRATCHLEY, SR.*	1993
J.S. HARRIS	1994
MIKE GUTHRIE	1995
J. THOMAS PAXON*	1996
JAMES JENNINGS*	1997
JIM MARSHALL*	1998
CARL W. SWANSON*	1999
JIM CIANFRANI	2000

JERRY HUBBART*	2001
STEVE POLHEMUS	2002
GLENN R. MICKEY*	2003
RUSS BUCCINI*	2004
JACK ROSE*	2005
KEVIN NELSON	2006-2007
HERBERT HOLLENBECK*	2008
CURTIS DODD	2009
BRUCE ARMSTRONG	2010
JOHN W. NELSON	2011
M. MATT HECKERT	2012
RAY NAVOR*	2013
NICHOLAS FIDANZA*	2014
GREG GUNTER	2015
L.E. RICHARDSON, JR.	2016
THOMAS BOARDMAN	2017
TONY WEEMS	2018
ADRIAN SANCHEZ	2019
ED LANHAM	2020
BILL MADDOX	2021-2022
ISIDRO LOPEZ	2023-2024

\* Indicates Deceased



Trestle Board Editor & Publisher: W.: Kevin Gourley, PM (2018-Present)

## 2025 Officers

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*Ed Lanham, PDDGM*

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**Marshall**  
*Tony Weems, PM*

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*Ernest Hollingsworth*

**Junior Deacon**  
*James McVay*

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*Cecil Raulerson*

**Junior Steward**  
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**Tyler**  
*John Smith*



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