

# LEHIGH ACRES LODGE NO. 344 F&AM

## TRESTLE BOARD — JULY 2021

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### Greetings from the East



Here we are in July already...the months fly by! As I announced at our last Stated Communication, the first meeting

in July we will go dark. The last meeting in July, however, is a very important date, as it will be our final official vote to merge with Tropical No. 56 F&AM.

Worshipful Jeff Zimmerman from Tropical has informed me that their first vote went well, so we are on track. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

Let's keep our First Responders and Armed Forces in our prayers as we head towards this 4th of July. May the Great Architect of the Universe bless us all.

W.: Luis Tulier  
Worshipful Master



### IMPORTANT DATES

**HAPPY 4TH OF JULY**

**LODGE IS DARK JULY 12**

**July 26**

Stated Communication  
Dinner 6:30pm / Meeting 7:30pm

**July 31**

Grand Master's Visit to District 24  
@ Tropical Lodge No. 56  
Registration 5:00pm / Dinner 6:00pm

### Greetings from the West

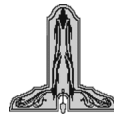


Our charity for July is the:



Visit: [masonichomefl.com](http://masonichomefl.com) online for more information and to make a contribution to this worthy cause.

Fraternally,  
R.:W.: Dan Akard, PDDGM  
Senior Warden



### From the Secretary's Desk



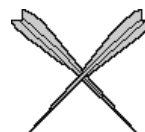
Greetings!

We still have seven Brothers who have not yet paid their 2021 dues this year. Delinquency notices were sent out

July 1st to those members who have not yet paid.

With our pending merger with Tropical No. 56 in September, it is a good idea to make sure your dues are up-to-date so you are in good standing. This way there will be no underlying discrepancies at the end of the year.

Fraternally,  
W.: Kevin Gourley, PM  
Secretary



### Greetings from the South



My Brothers, I would like to take a moment to talk about Freemasonry and the 4th of July.

Freemasons and the 4th of July are interconnected by the events that took place on that date, which would not have been possible (or would have taken place very differently) if it weren't for the Freemasons.

The Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776, with a good majority of which were Freemasons. At least five Freemasons help draft the resolution. In fact, the Declaration of Independence marks a Fraternal achievement and one can notice various ideas of Freemasonry in the Declaration itself.

Fraternally,  
Bro. William Wheeler  
Junior Warden



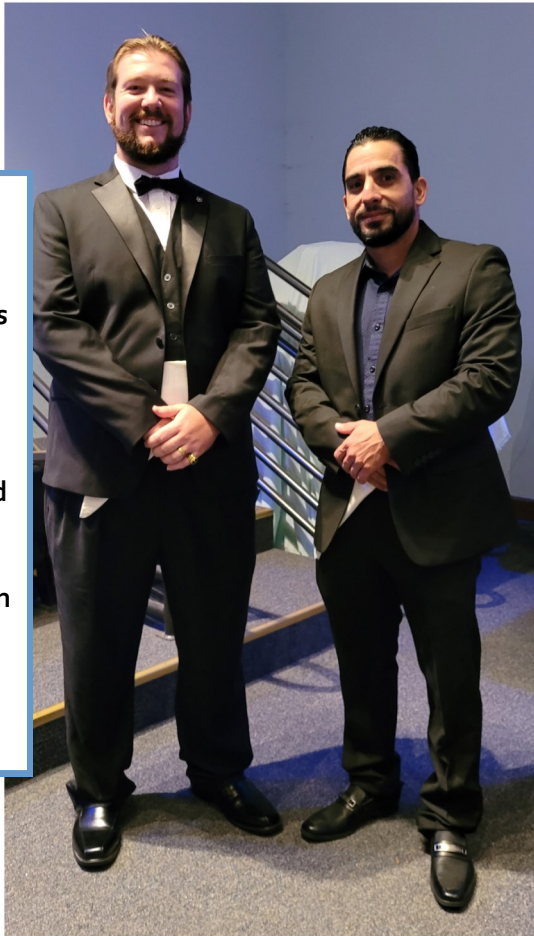
### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"From its origin to the present hour, in all its vicissitudes, Masonry has been the steady unwearing friend of man."*



*—Theodore Roosevelt*

Congratulations to Brother Denver Smith and Brother Denny Hidalgo on being passed to Fellow Craft at Tropical Lodge No. 56 on June 29th!



## JULY BIRTHDAYS



- Robert Sweet—5th
- Norman Castor—11th
- William Wheeler—27th
- Tim Fjelsted—28th

## ANNIVERSARIES IN FREEMASONRY



- ♦ Jerry Michael Frisby, 6 years
- ♦ Bill Jeffries, 72 Years
- ♦ James Pletcher, 54 Years
- ♦ William Teal, III, 27 Years



W.: Kevin Gourley (Secretary), W.: Luis Tulier (Worshipful Master), and Bro. William Wheeler (Junior Warden) representing Lehigh Acres No. 344 F&AM at Grand Lodge in Orlando



## Master Mason Association of Southwest Florida

- ♦ President: R.:W.: Bobby Lippek
- ♦ Vice President: R.:W.: Daniel Akard
- ♦ Treasurer: R.:W.: Joe Smedley
- ♦ Secretary: R.:W.: Jeff Nowak
- ♦ Social Media Director: W.: Alexander Guilday

**Business Meeting is held every fourth Wednesday each month.**

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 is held the second Tuesday each month at 1:00PM.**



## National Sojourners

President: Mike Crouchelli  
Phone: (239) 368-2047  
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Secretary: Jeff Nowak  
Phone: (239) 571-0935  
Email: [jmnowak1@aol.com](mailto:jmnowak1@aol.com)

**Meetings are held on the second Thursday each month at the North 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](mailto:shrinerjim@hotmail.com)

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

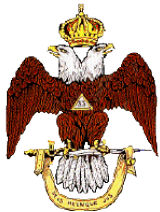


## Order of the Eastern Star

Lehigh Acres Chapter 291

Worthy Matron: Dorothy "Dotti" Foisy  
Worthy Patron: Jeff Nowak  
Secretary: Gerald Pokorny (239) 303-2374

**Regular Meeting is held on the Second Friday each month at 7:30 P.M.**



## Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Myers

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

**[WWW.SCOTTISHRITEFORTMYERS.COM](http://WWW.SCOTTISHRITEFORTMYERS.COM)**

**10868 Metro Pkwy  
Fort Myers, FL 33966**

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



## Lehigh Acres Shrine Club

President: John Geronimo  
239-940-9498

[JGEROW81@yahoo.com](mailto:JGEROW81@yahoo.com)

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239-813-8939

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**Double Eagle Restaurant in the  
Majestic Country Club**  
(Located on the Second Floor)

Fourth Thursday each month  
Social at 5:00 pm with dinner and meeting to follow

## District 24 Grand Lodge Officers

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER  
R.W.: ROBERT LIPPEK  
(239) 600-9084

DISTRICT INSTRUCTOR  
R.W.: SCOTT PEACOCK  
(617) 271-4331



## 2021 OFFICERS

  
**Worshipful Master**  
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**Junior Warden**  
William Wheeler  
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Kevin Gourley, PM  
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Robert Sweet, PM  
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**Junior Deacon**  
Timothy Fjelsted  
(239) 247-0254

  
**Tyler**  
Michael Crouchelli, PM  
(239) 368-2047

## 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
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
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
KEVIN GOURLEY	2017
JAMES BOLLA, SR.	2018
FRED NATOLI	2019
KEVIN GOURLEY	2020

\*Indicates Deceased