

# LaBelle No. 379 Free & Accepted Masons



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## TRESTLE BOARD

### OCTOBER 2024

[LaBelleLodge379.org](http://LaBelleLodge379.org)



## Greetings from the East



Brethren, I would like to encourage all of our members to come out and enjoy fellowship with your Brothers at our next meeting. We will have one of our Entered Apprentice's give back his catechism. Please come out and support this brother.

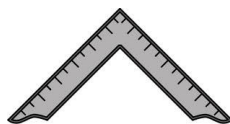
Also, we will be discussing our next fundraising for the end of the year.

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Worshipful Master

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*"Brotherly love is not a tangible commodity. We cannot touch it or weigh it, smell it of taste it. Yet it is a reality; it can be creative, it can be fostered, it can be made a dynamic power. The Master who has it in his Lodge and his brethren will find that Lodge and brethren give it back to him. The Master too worried over the cares of his office to express friendliness need never wonder why his Lodge seems too cold to his effort" - Carl H. Claudy*



**Albert Pike, 33°**

*"We must pass  
through the darkness  
to reach the light."*

— Albert Pike,

## STATED COMMUNICATIONS

**SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS**

**October 8**

**6:30pm Dinner**

**7:30pm Meeting**

**October 22**

**6:30pm Dinner**

**7:30pm Meeting**



## From the Desk of the Secretary



Unchanging Freemasonry: My Brothers, in our time we've seen the development of all sorts of modern gadgets - things like digital TV, laptop computers, e-mail, the Internet, GPS, and a thousand other so-called modern

"necessities" that were not so much as dreamed of in the days of our fathers. Also, many things have been invented, served a useful purpose for a time, and then all but disappeared from memory. Remember eight-track tapes?

Freemasonry, however, was around long before these inventions and it will continue, regardless of where our ingenuity takes us. No invention has made any noticeable effect upon it. It has remained essentially the same while everything around it has changed. Freemasonry's rituals teach the same high moral tenants that were taught by the rituals of 1717 and before. Even the manner of teaching is the same. We need more things in life as fundamental and unchangeable as the eternal Truths which have been preserved in Freemasonry through the ages.

Hope to see you at Lodge. God Bless.

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

Secretary

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# Be on Guard

By Wilbur D. Nesbit

Round the ancient Lodges  
Men were set on guard  
North and South and east and west,  
Keeping watch and ward.  
Silent, steady, sleepless,  
Keen of ear and eye –  
On the pathway were they stood  
No one might creep by.

As the covenanters  
In each hidden glen  
Kept a watch and ward without,  
Posted earnest men –  
Not as shields of evil,  
Be it understood;  
But they knew to keep the faith  
They must guard the good.

Near the ancient Lodges  
None might come to see;  
None might come to listen there  
Save a sign gave he,  
For the ancient Lodges,  
As those of today,  
Kept the outer, creeping folk  
Very far away.

But today each Mason  
Has a duty high;  
He must stand, a sentinel  
To all that come nigh;  
He must guard Freemasonry,  
Must protect its name  
As he would its gate or door  
Or a woman's name

How then shall we do this?  
Word and deed must bear  
Evidence of what is in  
Compass, plumb and square!  
So that they who watch us  
In the daily crowd  
Shall proclaim that Masonry  
Is high, clean, and proud.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Beginning at birth we were able to communicate our basic wants and needs with cries and screams. Then, at about age two, we begin including words with our screams so our needs and wants were more easily understood and perhaps fulfilled. Our ability to communicate continued to improve through the years and once we became able to combine writing with speaking, and sometimes screams, it has flourished. From then throughout the remainder of our life we are able to inform, entertain, educate, inspire and direct others in ways that are most beneficial to us and to them.

Each letter of the alphabet, each vowel and consonant we use to create words, sentences and paragraphs enter every communication we have from friendly chit-chats to impassioned speeches, and from post-it notes to detailed documents. Our reputation, our well-being, perhaps even financial standing can depend on how skillfully we communicate. The way in which we reach others has greatly expanded with electronic mediums, and the pressure is on each of us to learn how to effectively and efficiently utilize each of these devices. Almost instantly we reach others in many locations nearby and far away. So it becomes necessary not only to master the use of the electronics, but to further hone our skills of word usage so what we communicate is clearly understood by one or all.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLISHER



Brothers, the Holiday Season is upon us. I want to let you know about a district-wide Trunk-or-Treat event that will be held at the SWFL Masonic Cetner (aka Tropical Lodge) on October 27, Noon to 3:30 p.m. We are in still looking for Brothers and their families that would like to setup and participate by dressing up and/or giving out candy to the kids.

Members from multiple lodges throughout the district will be participating to make this a fun and festive event. We need candy, candy, and more candy. If you are able to donate any candy or would like to setup and give out candy to the kids on that day, please [email me](#) at the address below.

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*P.S. See the [attached flyer](#) at the end of this newsletter about the 7th Annual Trunk-or-Treat event. **HAPPY HALLOWEEN!***





# 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



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Get ready for some FREE Halloween fun!

# TRUNK-OR-TREAT



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27**  
**NOON-3:30PM**

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA MASONIC CENTER**  
AKA TROPICAL LODGE NO. 56 F&AM

**10868 Metro Parkway, Fort Myers**

*Enjoy treats, food, games & prizes!*

Bring the whole family and dress in your favorite costumes! Check out the spooky attractions set up by our volunteers and vendors!

**Presented by Free & Accepted Masons of Southwest Florida**