

## GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH



For the month of March I thought I would leave you with a little history lesson on how Freemasonry has had an impact on St. Patrick's Day.

Midnight Freemason Contributor Steven L. Harrison, 33° states in his article titled *St. Patrick's Day and Freemasonry*, that "during the French-Indian War, a young Masonic Colonel recognized the morale among his troops was low and decided they needed what today we would call some "down time." It was March, at the end of a long, brutal winter and many of the troops were Irish. It didn't take the Colonel long to figure out the best day to declare a general holiday would be St. Patrick's Day. Several years later, that same Freemason, now a general in the American Revolution, faced a very similar problem. Billeted at Morristown, New Jersey, his troops were discouraged after a long winter of devastating fighting and losses. On top of that, the preceding winter of 1779-80 was brutally cold. That General, George Washington, again had many Irish troops under his command and once again he saw the opportunity of celebrating St. Patrick's Day to boost morale. With that, Washington issued the order giving his troops their first day off in over two years, "The General directs that all fatigue and working parties cease for to-morrow the SEVENTEENTH instant, a day held in particular regard by the people of [Ireland]."

For the full Web article visit <http://www.midnightfreemasons.org/2014/03/st-patricks-day-and-freemasonry.html>

Clint Larkins  
Junior Warden



Freemasonry teaches not merely temperance, fortitude, prudence, justice, brotherly love, relief, and truth, but liberty, equality, and fraternity, and it denounces ignorance, superstition, bigotry, lust, tyranny and despotism

—Brother Theodore Roosevelt

## GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



Greetings Brethren! The charity for the month of March is "Hope for the Warriors". Their mission is They believe those touched by military service can succeed at home by restoring their sense of self, family, and hope. Nationally, Hope For The Warriors provides comprehensive support programs for service members, veterans, and military families that are focused on transition, health and wellness, peer engagement, and connections to community resources. You can read more at [HopefortheWarriors.org](http://HopefortheWarriors.org).

As always, if you know of a Brother who needs assistance to come to Lodge, please reach out for help.

Sincerely & Fraternally,  
W.: Fred Natoli, PM  
Senior Warden



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Lewis Fish—8th  
James Bolla, Jr.—16th  
Benjamin Lopez—18th  
Luis Tulier—31st



## ANNIVERSARIES IN FREEMASONRY

John Carter, 43 Years  
Mike Crouchelli, 41 Years  
Danny Moss 33 Years  
Paul Conrod, 31 Years  
Michael Salas, Sr., 26 Years  
Michael Stanforth, 26 Years  
James Wright, 26 Years  
Paul Benstine, 24 Years  
Benjamin Lopez, 15 Years  
Ronald Carter, 11 Years  
Terry Steele II, 6 Years





## Master Mason Association of Southwest Florida

- ◆ President: R.:W.: Dan Akard
- ◆ Vice President: R.:H.: 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](mailto:unclemike73@msn.com)

Secretary: Jeff Nowak  
 Phone: (239) 571-0935  
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**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](mailto:shrinerjim@hotmail.com)  
 Scribe: William P. Bond  
 (941) 475-4854 [billandtinabond@yahoo.com](mailto: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: 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)  
 Secretary: Russ Holck  
 239-813-8939  
[liizziesec@yahoo.com](mailto:liizziesec@yahoo.com)

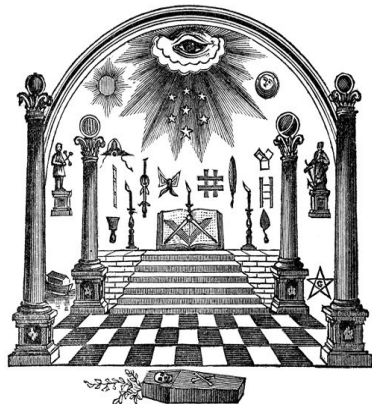
**El Tarasco Mexican Restaurant**  
**Lehigh Acres- 3rd Thursday**  
**Dinner 6PM, Meeting 7PM**



## District 24 Grand Lodge Officers

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER  
*R.:W.: GENE SIMS*  
(239) 707-3080

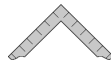
DISTRICT INSTRUCTOR  
*R.:W.: JEFF NOWAK*  
(239) 571-0935



## 2020 OFFICERS

### Worshipful Master

Kevin Gourley, PM  
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### Senior Warden

Fred Natoli, PM  
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### Junior Warden

Clint Larkins  
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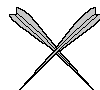
### Treasurer

Rob Antkiewicz, PM  
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(239) 728-3811



### Senior Steward

Marty Thompkins  
(941) 232-5280



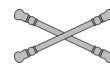
### Chaplain

Timothy Fjelsted  
(239) 247-0254



### Marshall

Robert Sweet, PM  
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### Senior Deacon

Luis Tulier-Fabregas  
(270) 319-7558



### Junior Deacon

William Wheeler  
(239) 791-9551



### Tyler

Michael Crouchelli, PM  
(239) 368-2047



### Junior Steward

Scott Machado  
(239) 229-9582



## 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

\*Indicates Deceased