# Lehigh Acres Lodge no. 344 F&AM

Trestle Board — March 2020

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### **GREETINGS FROM THE EAST**



Another month is behind us! We had a great showing of Brothers at both of our communications in February. Great fellowship! Although there were a couple of Brothers missing in action, hopefully we will see you again soon.

There are just under three more months until the Grand Lodge Communication in Orlando. If you haven't booked your room at the Rosen Plaza Hotel yet, now is the time to do so.

Phase One of our storage room cleanup is complete and we made significant progress. A very big thank you to W. Fred Natoli, W. Rob Antkiewicz, Bro. Luis Tulier, and Bro. William Wheeler for their incredible hard work to improve our Lodge. Although the cleanup was successful, there is still plenty more to do. We will be planning another Lodge cleanup day at some point in the not-so-distant future.

At our stated communication on February 10th the Lodge voted and approved to participate in FDOT's Adopt-A-Highway Program. It will take a couple of months for the paperwork with FDOT to be finalized, but once it is complete we will be responsible for the section of State Road 82 between Griffin Rd. and the Daniels/Gunnery Road intersection. I'm pleased to say this does not cost the Lodge anything, except a little time and effort picking up litter a few times a year; fortunately we have some dedicated and able-bodied Brothers to assist. The FDOT will eventually be posting signs with our Lodge name/number at these locations, which I hope will give us a little bit of positive exposure in the community. Information about this program is available at https://www.fdot.gov/maintenance/aahinfo.shtm.

By working together and keeping a positive attitude we continue to move the Lodge in a forward direction. In doing so we strengthen the ties of friendship & brotherhood between each and everyone of us, while also allowing us to practice the tenets of Freemasonry—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

Safe Travels and Godspeed, W∴ Kevin Gourley, PM Worshipful Master





# **Important Dates**

### March 2nd

Officer Meeting 6:30pm Ritual Practice 7:00pm

### March 9th

Stated Communication Dinner 6:30pm Meet 7:30pm

### March 16th

Ritual Practice 7:00pm

### March 23rd

Stated Communication Dinner 6:30pm Meet 7:30pm

### March 30th

Ritual Practice 7:00pm

### March Charity





### **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 <a href="http://www.midnightfreemasons.org/2014/03/st-patricks-day-and-freemasonry.html">http://www.midnightfreemasons.org/2014/03/st-patricks-day-and-freemasonry.html</a>

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 <a href="Hope-forthe-Warriors.org">Hope-forthe-Warriors.org</a>.

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



# Appendant Bodies in Freemasonry



### 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

Secretary: Jeff Nowak Phone: (239) 571-0935 Email: jmnowak1@aol.com 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 <a href="mailto:shrinerjim@hotmail.com">shrinerjim@hotmail.com</a>

Scribe: William P. Bond

(941) 475-4854 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

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

Secretary: Russ Holck

239-813-8939

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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 (239) 849-1534



### Chaplain

Timothy Fjelsted (239) 247-0254



### Marshall

Robert Sweet, PM (239) 303-9989



### **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

# Senior Warden

Fred Natoli, PM (239) 895-6488



Clint Larkins (239) 204-1941

### Treasurer

Rob Antkiewicz, PM (239) 220-7569

### Secretary

Mike Frisby (239) 728-3811



### Marty Thompkins (941) 232-5280

# PAST MASTERS



1962
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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
DANIEL AKARD ROBERT LIPPEK KEVIN GOURLEY JAMES BOLLA, SR.	2015 2016 2017 2018

\*Indicates Deceased