



LaBelle No. 379 F&AM

Trestle Board — March 2025

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Greetings from the East



I would like to congratulate Brothers Jacob Cuellar and Mike Nguyen on being passes to the degree of Fellow Craft. It was a great night of fellowship. I would also like to thank the officer for a great work on the degree.

Please remember that we have our official visit from Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master Acey Edgemon at our March 11 stated communication.

I encourage all our members to come for a lodge meeting and get active in the lodge. If you find that you are only able to attend one meeting, this would be a great opportunity to reconnect with your Brethren and enjoy Masonic fellowship. I encourage any and all Brethren to join us at LaBelle Lodge No. 379. F&AM.

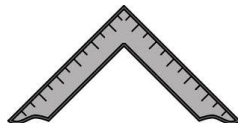
Sincerely and fraternally yours,

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Worshipful Master

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STATED COMMUNICATIONS

SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS



March 11

6:30pm Dinner
7:30pm Meeting

March 25

6:30pm Dinner
7:30pm Meeting



St. Patrick's Day Word Search



- ♦ Clover
- ♦ Gold
- ♦ Green
- ♦ Irish
- ♦ Luck
- ♦ Rainbow
- ♦ Leprechaun

There are seven (7) St. Patrick's Day words in this puzzle.

Can you find them?



District Lodge Development
All Lodge Officers
Encouraged to attend !

Training Seminar

This seminar promises to be a transformative experience for all Lodge Officers. Geared to the Secretary and Treasurers

Saturday March 22, 2025

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Location

Fort Myers Beach Lodge No. 362
17671 Pine Ridge Rd. Fort Myers Beach

Presented by

The Grand Secretary and other Knowledgeable Brothers



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The Level and the Square

By Rob Morris

We meet upon the Level and we part upon the Square.
What words of precious meaning, those words Masonic are!
Come, let us contemplate them! They are worthy of a thought;
In the very walls of Masonry the sentiment is wrought.

We meet upon the Level, though from every station come,
The rich man from his palace and the poor man from his home;
For the rich must leave his wealth and state outside the Mason's door,
And the poor man finds his best respect upon the Checkered Floor.

We act upon the Plumb - 'tis the orders of our Guide.
We walk upright in virtue's way and lean to neither side;
The All-Seeing Eye that reads our hearts doth bear us witness true
That we still try to honor God and give each man his due.

We part upon the Square, for the world must have its due;
We mingle with the multitude, a faithful band and true.
But the influence of our gatherings in memory is green,
And we long upon the Level to renew the happy scene.

There's a world where all are equal - we are hurrying toward it fast,
We shall meet upon the Level there when the gates of Death are past;
We shall stand before the Orient, and our Master will be there
To try the blocks we offer with His own unerring Square.

We shall meet upon the Level there, but never thence depart.
There's a Mansion - 'tis all ready for each trusting, faithful heart.
There's a Mansion, and a welcome, and a multitude is there
Who have met upon the Level and been tried upon the Square.

Let us meet upon the Level, then while laboring patient here;
Let us meet and let us labor, though the labor be severe;
Already in the Western sky the signs bid us prepare
To gather up our Working Tools and part upon the Square.

Hands round, ye faithful Brotherhood, the bright fraternal Chain.
We part upon the Square below to meet in Heaven again!
What words of precious meaning, those words Masonic are --
We meet upon the Level and we part upon the square



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Many of our Masonic brothers have had the honor of being asked to prepare an essay for publication or to present as Masonic Education at an upcoming event or meeting. Such an invitation is good reason for congratulations and hopefully that brother will experi-

ence a heady feeling of recognition and acceptance making his hours of research and study worthwhile to fulfill the request.

Once the essay is completed and delivered, he can bask in the notoriety and honor that accompany a well written and presented essay. Perhaps the WM will have him escorted to the East, or lead a standing applause followed, later, by hearty handshakes from approving Brethren.

Composition is not an easy task. Properly placing punctuation marks, searching for grammar and word usages taught in high school, and spelling checks all add to the labor. What's more, one must be aware that Masonry itself has an established style of word usage: Freemasonry, not Free Masonry; By-Laws, not by-laws; Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason are among them and capitalized.

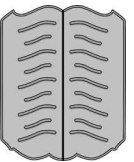
Essay writing indicates learned advancement so one must steel himself for rigid editing before releasing the final draft. Even then, expect and accept additional editing by the publisher. Also keep in mind, the article is not for self-satisfaction. Your audience is the multitude of brothers who reap the benefit of your knowledge.

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Quote of the Month

"We are committed to excellence in our lives and we are not willing to compromise ourselves for the sake of popularity. One time, the great German mathematician, Karl Gustav Jacobi, was asked why he decided to spend his life at work in such an obscure field. He replied, 'For the honor of the human spirit.' That is the reason why we, as Masons, give our lives affirming our beliefs in moral conduct, brotherhood and compassion. We do it for the honor of the human spirit."

— Stanley F. Maxwell

Last Month



Congratulations to Brothers Jacob Cuellar and Mike Nguyen on being passed to Fellow Craft!



BREAKING NEWS!

W.: Bill Maddox wears a tie!



The February 24th Fellow Craft Degree Team and Visiting Brethren



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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