

LEHIGH ACRES LODGE NO. 344 F&AM

TRESTLE BOARD — MAY 2021

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Greetings from the East



My Brothers, as you all know, our first vote on this merger is coming up on our second stated communication in May. I just want to emphasize how important it is that everyone make every effort to show up. We will discuss our situation and conduct a vote. Please try to be there!

May the blessings of the GAOTU be with you all.

W.: Luis Tulier
Worshipful Master



Greetings from the West



Our charity for May is the



**American
Red Cross**

Their mission is to *"prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors."*

Visit: redcross.org online for more information and to make a contribution to this worthy cause.

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



Greetings from the South



I would like to share excerpts from the article **"THREE GRAND COLUMNS"** in

SHORT TALK BULLETIN - Vol.VIII June, 1930 No.6

All Masons are taught of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty; the words "For there should be Wisdom to contrive, Strength to support and Beauty to adorn" are older than our Rituals.

Attempting, as we do, to convey an outline of Masonic wisdom in three degrees, conferred in three evenings, our work necessarily devotes but little time to any one of our great teachings.

Surely the first of the three Grand Columns which support our Institution should be taken to heart by every Mason as a symbol of the real need of a brother to become wise with the goodness of Masonry, skilled in the arts of brotherhood, learned in the way to the hearts of his brethren. If he knew not, and asked "how may I gain Masonic Wisdom," let him find the answer not in the ritual, important though it is; not in the form and ceremony, beautiful though they are, and in themselves strong with the strength of repetition and age - let him look to Fellowship, for there is the key to the real wisdom of the brotherhood of man.

Fraternally,
Bro. William Wheeler
Junior Warden



IMPORTANT DATES

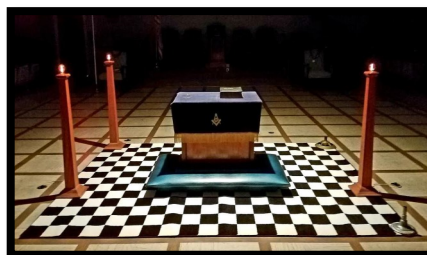
May 3
Officer Meeting 6:30pm



May 10
Stated Communication
Dinner 6:30pm/Meeting 7:30pm

May 24
Stated Communication
Dinner 6:30pm / Meeting 7:30pm

May 31 thru June 2
Grand Lodge Annual Communication
Rosen Plaza Hotel—Orlando



From the Secretary's Desk



Greetings!

The 192nd Annual Grand Communication begins May 31st at the end of the month at the Rosen Plaza Hotel on 9700 International Drive in Orlando. Be advised that the Rosen Plaza Hotel is now sold out on May 30th and 31st. So, if you did not already book your room you will need to use the Overflow Hotel: Rosen Centre Hotel, 9840 International Drive, Orlando FL 32819; Phone: 407-996-9840. The same \$99 rate per night applies under the Group Name: *Grand Lodge of Florida*.

As mentioned in the Worshipful Master's message, our Lodge is going through a challenging time that is forcing us to make some difficult decisions. If able, attend the Stated Communication on May 24th to discuss and vote on this important step of merging.

Fraternally,
W.: Kevin Gourley, PM
Secretary



MAY BIRTHDAYS



- ♦ Cleveland Edwards, 3rd
- ♦ Clint Larkins, 5th
- ♦ Scott Braun, 7th
- ♦ Jonathan Hammett, 8th
- ♦ Paul Goehle, 11th
- ♦ William Lindsay, 23rd
- ♦ James Bolla, Sr., 24th
- ♦ James Marsh, 24th

ANNIVERSARIES IN FREEMASONRY



- ♦ Linn Balliet, 45 Years
- ♦ Robert Kruger, 14 Years

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The secret of Masonry, like the secret of life, can be known only by those who seek it, serve it, live it. It cannot be uttered, it can only be felt and acted on. It is, in fact, an open secret, and each human knows it according to his quest and capacity like all things worth knowing, no one can know it for another and no one can know it alone."

—Bro. William Howard Taft
27th President of the United States



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Master Mason Association of Southwest Florida

- ♦ President: R.:H.: 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

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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.
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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.



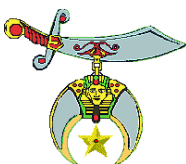
Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Myers

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

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**10868 Metro Pkwy
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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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**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

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R.W.: SCOTT PEACOCK
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DISTRICT INSTRUCTOR
R.W.: GENE SIMS
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Junior Deacon
Timothy Fjelsted
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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