

Sugarland No. 281 F&AM

Trestle Board—April 2026

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Greetings from the East



I hope everyone is safe and well and looking forward to a long hot summer.

Sugarland Lodge is having our 50/50 drawing to support our Scholarship and Education programs. We will also be having a Pulled Pork luncheon on June the 12th to raise funds for the kitchen rebuild project. Please get in touch with any member for tickets.

I hope to see you all at an upcoming meeting. Remember Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the gravel drops at 7:30.p.m. Hope we all have a safe and healthy summer.

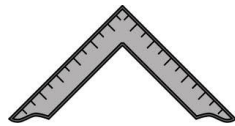
God Bless and God Bless America.

W.: Roy Gattone, PM

Worshipful Master

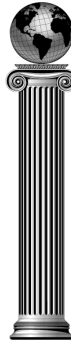
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FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY



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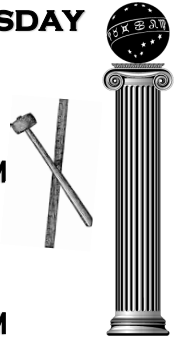
Dinner at 6:30 PM

Communication at 7:30 PM

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From the Secretary's Desk



Greetings My Brothers!

As a reminder, we have started selling 50/50 Raffle tickets for Education & Scholarships. This will fund our Adopt-A-Teacher Program, as well as our Scholarships. Please see me and pick up a book of tickets or two!

I would also like to remind and encourage all the Brothers that our 5th Annual Joint Communication with Fort Myers Beach Lodge No.362, LaBelle Lodge No. 379, & of course, Sugarland Lodge No. 281 is on the **30th of April in LaBelle**. If, any Brother has not attended this event, I strongly encourage you to come out & join us! It's a good meal, great fellowship, and above all F-U-N!! It also affords you an opportunity to see Brothers you may not have seen in a while, and meet some new ones!

Once again, I strongly urge the newer members of our Lodge to begin working diligently on your ritual work, so that you can play a part in the future of Sugarland Lodge. The Lodge can only survive by Brothers who will take on that challenge, & become the Officers needed to lead the Lodge as we continue doing the things that benefit our community, increase awareness of who Masons are, & what we do.

As always, I want to continue to remind all my Lodge Brothers to remain steadfast in working on your qualifications—Master Mason I, II, & III, as well as your MLT training. All of which is required by Grand Lodge before you can be elected to sit in the JW, SW, and WM chairs. No Brother is exempt from these requirements! This training is truly beneficial, & will be of enormous help to you on your journey through the Chairs. Please see me so we can go about setting up the training.

Fraternally & Respectfully,

W.: Richard Clemmons, PM

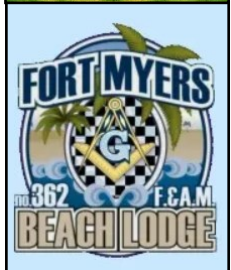
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April 30th at LaBelle Lodge No 379 F&AM



"I violate no secret when I say that one of the greatest values in Masonry is that it affords an opportunity for men of all walks of life to meet on common ground where all men are equal and have one common interest." —Theodore Roosevelt

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Musings From A Chaplain

By Brother Phil Keyes, LaBelle No. 379 F&AM

In his book, *The Meaning of Masonry*, W. L. Wilmshurst encourages those of us who have already received the three degrees of our Fraternity, to reenter and reinitiate ourselves. I submit, he is offering us very sound advice and I think he means we should become more proficient in memorizing the catechisms, openings, closings, prayers and other parts of the degrees. The purpose of his recommendation is to boost our preparedness and keep us in tune with all that our Craft has to offer.



Are you properly prepared? I was in the beginning of my Masonic career but I have slowly slipped through the years. Now to relearn all

that was then imparted would be next to impossible to pull even the key ingredients from the fog of memory. Let's face it, we've come a long way and learned many lessons but we are shy of being faced with even more to learn. Yet, we shouldn't allow our knowledge in Masonry to erode so continuing to exert our mind and body makes sense.

Being properly prepared first requires that we continue to follow the necessary physical requirements such as proper Lodge attire, regular attendance, and extending our helping hands whenever and wherever the need arises. Next we must continue to prepare and condition our minds to receive the great teachings of our beloved fraternity so we will practice them outside the Lodge as we are about in our community and the world.



PAST MASTERS



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| C.M. Pickle | 1948-1949 | Oswell L. Sutton | 1973 | Kevin M. Moore | 1997 |
| W.W. Perry | 1950 | Troy T. Cotton | 1974 | Ronald Evans | 1998 |
| Ezra E. Kelly | 1951 | Thomas Adams | 1975 | Wayne Wilkins | 1999 |
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| Floyd Andrews | 1955 | Melvin Keen | 1979 | Melvin Keen | 2003 |
| C.M. Giddens | 1956 | David Veale | 1980 | Teodoro "Ted" Reyes | 2004 |
| Lawrence E. Lee | 1957 | E. Edwards | 1981 | Richard Clemmons | 2005 |
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| John W. Wynn | 1960 | Wayne Wilkins | 1984 | John Cote | 2010 |
| Lewis W. Wethington | 1961 | John David Thomas | 1985 | Kevin M. Moore | 2011 |
| Thadis W. Wynn | 1962 | John Stanberry | 1986 | Kevin Nelson | 2012-2013 |
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| Abner H. Vann | 1966 | Price Wileman | 1990 | R.L. Marsh | 2018-2019 |
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| Robert I. Pearce | 1968 | David J. Veale | 1992 | Kevin M. Moore | 2021 |
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| Carl E. Wilson | 1971 | Glenn R. Mickey | 1995 | Roy Gattone | 2025 |
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