

# LaBelle No. 379 Free & Accepted Masons



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## TRESTLE BOARD

### NOVEMBER 2024

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## Greetings from the East



We will be having a Fellow Degree on November 12th. I encourage all Brothers to attend and support Brother Jacob Cuellar and Matt Rentz.

We will be having a Lodge workday on December 7th. If you are able to come out and assist it would be greatly appreciated. Many hands make small work of all tasks.

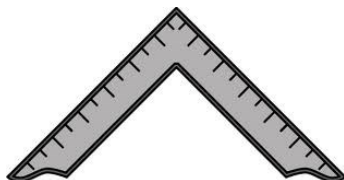
All nominations for next year must be turned in by the drop of the gavel of the November 12th meeting. The installation of officers will be held on January 14, 2025, our first stated meeting of the year. It will be an open meeting so please invite family and friends to come.

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Worshipful Master

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**Freemasonry is founded in the immutable laws of Truth and Justice and its grand object is to promote happiness of the human race.**

**— George Washington**

## STATED COMMUNICATIONS

### SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS

**November 12**

**6:30pm Dinner**

**7:30pm Meeting**

**November 26**

**6:30pm Dinner**

**7:30pm Meeting**



# HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

# A Thanksgiving Prayer

By Arthur R. Herrmann

Oh, Lord, now this we're thankful for:  
The good things life has held in store;  
The love of those within our home,  
And friends to greet wherever we roam;  
The health and strength wherewith to toil,  
The bounteous food from freedom's soil;  
We thank Thee for the right to pray  
And worship Thee in our own way;  
To live within a land that's free;  
For this, dear Lord, our thanks to Thee;  
And through these blessings, one by one,  
May Thy will, Lord, on earth be done!



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



The wisdom of King Solomon is well known within Freemasonry and the Christian community. Members are urged to learn the moral quality of handling difficult situations with the wisdom of King Solomon. A favorite story about his wisdom was to settle a dispute between two women who

claimed an infant belonged to her. King Solomon said the child would be cut in half and each woman given a part. When one woman withdrew her claim rather than see the child killed, King Solomon then knew which woman was the real mother and gave the child to her. You can read about this in 1 Kings 3:16.

You and I will probably never be faced with such a difficult situation, but anytime we are in a leadership role we will find it necessary to make a wise decision. By calling on our experience, knowledge and good judgment's our decision will be in the best interest of all parties involved. This wisdom, of course, comes from our careful and through study of every aspect of the situation and, I also suggest that taking time to pray for divine guidance..

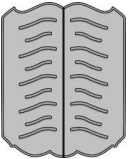
Praying does not offer itself as an explanation of things but as a means of making things become more God-like. The outcome is shifted from human ability to the wisdom of one who knows all things.

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## Quote of the Month

*"The things a man has to have are hope and confidence in himself against odds, and sometimes he needs somebody, his pal or his mother or his wife or God, to give him that confidence. He's got to have some inner standards worth fighting for or there won't be any way to bring him into conflict. And he must be ready to choose death before dishonor without making too much song and dance about it. That's all there is to it."— Brother Clark Gable*



# 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



Trestle Board Editor & Publisher: W.: Kevin Gourley, PM (2018-Present)

## 2024 Officers

**Worshipful Master**  
*Isidro "Izzy" Lopez, PM*

**Senior Warden**  
*John "Cowboy" Cote, PM*

**Junior Warden**  
*Bill Maddox, PM*

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*Bob Coleman*

**Secretary**  
*Ed Lanham, PDDGM*

**Chaplain**  
*Phillip Keyes*

**Marshall**  
*David Lyons*

**Senior Deacon**  
*Earnie Hollingsworth*

**Junior Deacon**  
*George Benjamin*

**Senior Steward**  
*James McVay*

**Junior Steward**  
*John Smith*

**Tyler**  
*Cecil Raulerson*



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## Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1789

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor—and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me “to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”



Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be—That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks—for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation—for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war—for the great degree of tranquillity, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed—for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted—for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

*George Washington*