



# LaBelle No. 379 F&AM

## Trestle Board — May 2025

[LaBelleLodge379.org](http://LaBelleLodge379.org)



### Greetings from the East



Brethren,

I would first like to thank all of you who have kept me in your thoughts and prayers after my back surgery on April 9<sup>th</sup>. I am progressing very well in my recovery. I would also like to thank W. Bill Maddox for stepping up and covering for me in the East.

Congratulations to Brother Jacob Cuellar and Matt Rentz as they returned their Fellow Craft catechism. We will be having a Called Communication on **July 12, 2025** for a Master Mason Degree—mark your calendars and come out and support the Brothers being raised to the Master Masons.

I am looking very forward to seeing everyone at our next stated communication.

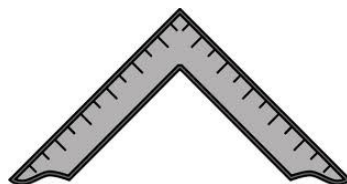
Fraternally yours,

**W.: Isidro "Izzy" Lopez, PM**

Worshipful Master

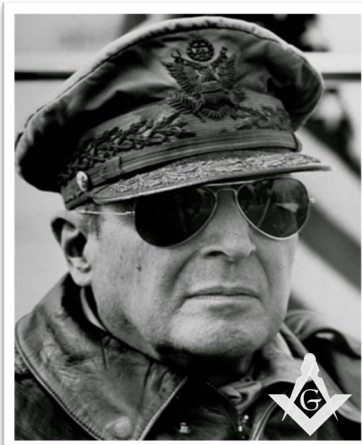
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### Quote of the Month

"A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the equality of his actions and the integrity of his intent." — Douglas MacArthur



### STATED COMMUNICATIONS

**SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS**



**May 13**

**6:30pm Dinner**

**7:30pm Meeting**

**Fourth Tuesday this Month is Grand Lodge in Orlando.**



### Elected Officers Word Search

**The five (5) elected officers are in this puzzle.**

**Can you find them?**

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**Worshipful Master   Senior Warden  
Junior Warden   Treasurer   Secretary**

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## FAMOUS FREEMASON: WILLIAM MCKINLEY



William McKinley was an American politician and 25th President of the United States.

McKinley was born in Niles, Ohio on January 29th, 1843. He attended one year of college at Allegheny College in Pennsylvania, leaving the school in 1860. He was unable to continue due to financial issues within his family. In 1861, McKinley enlisted in the army as a private. He was assigned to the 23rd Ohio infantry. In the

unit delays in issuance of uniforms and weapons brought Rutherford B. Hayes, the 19th President of the United States and then a Major, and McKinley together. So impressed with Hayes was McKinley, it began a life long association between the two men, ending with Hayes death in 1893.

In 1865 after the war, McKinley began studying law and attended the Albany Law School in New York. He was admitted to the Bar in 1867. Also 1867, McKinley's Army friend, Rutherford B. Hayes, announced his candidacy for Governor. McKinley gave a speech in Stark County where he resided on behalf of Hayes. The speech became McKinley's first step into politics.

In 1869, McKinley ran for County prosecutor in Stark County, a position typically held by a Democrat. Despite running as a Republican, McKinley was elected and served for a single two year term. By 1877, McKinley had run for and gotten a seat in Congress. He served in Congress until 1890 with a brief break in from 1882 to 1884. So concerned with McKinley, Democrats repeatedly gerrymandered McKinley's district until they were finally able to vote him out of Congress in 1890.

In 1891, McKinley got elected Governor of Ohio, he served until 1895. Although the Governor of Ohio had little power at the time, Ohio was a swing state in national elections and McKinley took full advantage of his position.

In 1896, McKinley received the Republican nomination for President and later the same year was elected. Even from his days in Congress, McKinley was pro-business and this continued during his Presidency. During McKinley's first term, in 1898, the Spanish-American war broke out.

In 1901 he got reelected President. Six months into his second term he was assassinated by Leon Czolgosz on September 14th, 1901. McKinley was a member of Hiram Lodge No. 21 in Virginia, joining during the Civil War. He later demitted from the lodge in order to become a founding member of Eagle Lodge No. 431, which was later renamed William McKinley lodge in Ohio.

This article provided by Today in Masonic History at <http://www.masonrytoday.com>.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



In the 60-plus years that I have been a Master Mason I am pushed to recall a Stated or Called Communication that didn't begin with Brethren gathering at a table to share a meal. With this realization I conclude, and accurately I submit, that Masons like food.

In fact, inviting others to our Masonic table is rewarding for members of the Fraternity and can also be a powerful recruiting tool among friends, relatives and neighbors. I suspect there are numerous Master Masons among our ranks, including myself, who accepted an invitation to come to dinner so our application could be given to the secretary.

Masonic Lodges often provide special meals to raise funds for community projects. I recall that years ago when I was being initiated, fried fish dinners were popular. Others also use food to promote special causes. The church I attend does chicken dinners grilled over charcoal, the American Legion Post holds "steak night" events to raise money, Boy Scouts sell hot dogs at high school baseball games, and Girl Scouts sell cookies..

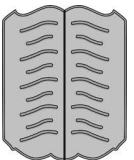
Why this focus on food? It is because food is central to life and our joy in being alive is best expressed through food.

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# Last Month

**April 8:** Worshipful Master Isidro Lopez had the honor of presenting Brother David Lyons with his 50-year pin and certificate.



# Fraternal Greetings from West Tennessee



Fraternal Greetings from your past Tyler, Junior Warden, Secretary and Treasurer, *Illustrious Freddie Louis Wright*.

What an interesting month of April we had up here. As you probably have heard, a severe tornado hit this small town with winds of 155 to 185 mph. I have been accused of natural disasters following me, such as with Hurricane Ian. Esq. Tom Boardman offered up his house for me and God worked it out as 1/3 of this town was destroyed.

I'm not sure why tornados are not named. Five people were killed; much devastation. Selmer Lodge No. 338 was set up as a distribution center where they provided food, water, and clothing. I would go to a commissary where food was prepared and picked up. Several of the volunteers would deliver to people that could not get out. A special thanks to all the Lodges in Southwest Florida that gave for the relief; it kind of brought a tear to this old man's eye.

My double brother (a 54-year Mason), Donald Charlie Wright, passed to his Celestial home. Masonic services were performed in Hillsboro, Ohio and assisted by the Scottish Rite. There was also a twenty-one gun salute by the Honor Guard of Veteran Post Hillsboro. I am still helping my other brother and his family.

On the 26th, Selmer Lodge carried the time capsule to the local court house. It was a beautiful tribute to this town.

Freddie Louis is having guests this month. Brother Matt Boner will be here for a few days before heading to Middle Tennessee to be with his brother. Then, I get the honor and pleasure of a visit from brother Dave Vistica; he is coming to Memphis to visit friends. Heading this way after that is Brother Tom Gallo and Ron Myers from Cypress Lodge; they drove the truck up here from Fort Myers—I am forever grateful to them for what they did.

Well, as Beau Bierce would say, "My plate is pretty well clean." I hope I have not bored you all. It has certainly not been too calm in Freddie's world. God Bless you all; sending much love from up here in West Tennessee.

Bye for now,

*Freddie Louis Wright, 33°*



# PAST MASTERS



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THOMAS K. WOOSLEY*	1981	JAMES JENNINGS*	1997	JOHN W. NELSON	2011
KENNETH PICKLES	1982	JIM MARSHALL*	1998	M. MATT HECKERT	2012
ROBERT P. MIDDLETON*	1983	CARL W. SWANSON*	1999	RAY NAVOR*	2013
JOSEPH H. FUTCH*	1984	JIM CIANFRANI	2000	NICHOLAS FIDANZA*	2014
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