

Sugarland No. 281 Free & Accepted Masons

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Trestle Board—January 2024



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Greetings from the East



I would like to congratulate all of the newly-elected and appointed officers. The 2024 Officer Installation will be open to the public and held on January 4th. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the ceremony begins at 7:30 p.m. I look forward to serving Sugarland No. 281 as the Worshipful Master.

December was a busy month. Our second year-end Gala was a fun event. The food was excellent and it created a nice atmosphere for us to join together as brothers with our wives in celebration of a year well spent. To say the toy giveaway was a success is understating the endeavor. Brothers came together with the help of The Grinch and Santa Clause to pass out toys to families in Clewiston. WAFC Pure Country, H.E. Hill Foundation, along with Worry Free Plumbing made it possible for us to serve 189 cars and pass out over 400 toys. It was said that 2023 was the most successful year ever for this event.

The success of the year comes as no surprise. Worshipful R.L. Marsh has made an impact in his 4 years as the leader of Sugarland Lodge. I have no doubt that his presence will continue to inspire us as a Brotherhood in the pursuits of this most ancient and honorable fraternity. I look at 2024 with excitement and also the realization of the shoes I now fill. From myself and all the Brothers at Sugarland Lodge No. 281, we thank Worshipful R.L. Marsh for his dedication to the Craft, the honor he brings to our Lodge, and the friendship he so freely gives.

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STATED COMMUNICATION
FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY
Dinner at 6:30 PM
Communication at 7:30 PM
JANUARY 4
JANUARY 18



From the Secretary's Desk



Greetings Brothers & Happy New Year!

As we begin a new year, I would like to remind everyone that now is the time to start working on your requirements to become eligible to be elected as a lodge officer. The required courses are Master

Mason I, II, & III; along with Masonic Leadership Training (MLT). Trainings can be scheduled for MLT. Also, I have the booklets and blank answer sheets for Master Mason I, II, & III. Please see me to begin this training, our Lodge's future depends on it!

As we move into a new year, it will take all of us working together, to keep our Lodge strong and moving forward. I salute W.: RL Marsh for his efforts and accomplishments during his tenure as Worshipful Master. I know W.: Tony Weems will be a fine Worshipful Master for us as we head into 2024, the 75th Anniversary of Sugarland No.281!

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2024 Officers

Worshipful Master

Tony Weems, PM

Senior Warden

Roy Gattone

Junior Warden

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Jon Basquin

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Richard Clemmons, PM

Chaplain

Jim Rusty Griffin, PM

Marshal

Joel Case, PDDGM

Senior Deacon

Khristian Moore

Junior Deacon

Jessie Gutierrez

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Junior Steward

Mark Branaman

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Notes From A Chaplain

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

Where do the things that create a sense of wonder come from? I've thought about this and probably so have you. Wonder occurs when something unexpected occurs, like a rainbow, or an especially impressive sunset, or a bright planet in the nighttime sky.

There have been innumerable times through the years when I've had an experience that caused me to stop and think, even say, "WOW! That's wonderful." Joy is different. Joy is the result of a wonderful event, but most often joy comes from inside us and ideally back to another person. A particularly compelling book, a painting, or a song can bring us joy,

Love is another wonder reserved for another person. We may really "like" apple pie and ice cream but we love our wife and kids, parents and others. Love is a human emotion for humans and "like" is for material objects and events. Except, sometimes we like a movie, but loved the book.

Quote of the Month



"I ask of each Mason, of each member, of each brother, that he shall remember ever that there is upon him a peculiar obligation to show himself in every respect a good citizen; for after all, the way he can best do his duty by the ancient order to which he belongs is by reflecting credit upon that order by way in which he performs his duty as a citizen of the United States." —Brother Theodore Roosevelt

PAST MASTERS



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
James C. Jackman	1952	James Sorrells	1976	Glen R. Mickey	2000
W.J. Robinson	1953	T.W. Jack Wynn	1977	Alvin Akridge	2001
John R. Barton	1954	Bob Goedhart	1978	David J. Veale	2002
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
John Doty	1958	William Griffin Perry	1982	Melvin Keen	2006 & 2007
Robert E. Goedhart	1959	William "Bill" Thomas	1983	Teodoro "Ted" Reyes	2008 & 2009
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
John M. Drake	1963	James Armstrong	1987	Cecil O. Akin	2014 & 2015
Donald M. Galassini	1964	Wayne Wilkins	1988	Teodoro "Ted" Reyes	2016
Melvin C. Keen	1965	T.W. Jack Wynn	1989	William T. Maddox	2017
Abner H. Vann	1966	Price Wileman	1990	R.L. Marsh	2018 & 2019
Bobby Giddens	1967	John Drake	1991	John Cote	2020
Robert I. Pearce	1968	David J. Veale	1992	Kevin M. Moore	2021
W. Perry	1969	Wayne Wilkins	1993	R.L. Marsh	2022-2023
Robert Stacey	1970	Jim Griffin	1994		
Carl E. Wilson	1971	Glenn R. Mickey	1995		
Perl Corrington Spires	1972	Alvin Akridge	1996		

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