

LaBelle No. 379 Free & Accepted Masons



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TRESTLE BOARD

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Greetings from the East



Brethren, I would like to start off by thanking all those involved with the preparation and the completion of a very successful fundraiser that was held on March 22nd.

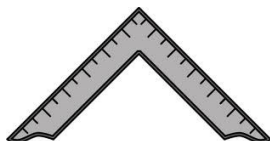
I am excited to know that we have four new petitioners whose petitions will be making their usual course of action soon.

We had the honor of having our second official visit from R.:W.: DDGM Michael O. Gardner at our March 26th stated communication. Mark your calendars for April 9th, as we will have a special program from the Daughters of the American Revolution.

I would like to also thank Fred Wright for his service as the Junior Warden. He will be missed as he is moving to Tennessee.

As always, I appreciate all the Brothers and all the service they give to our lodge. Let those looking from the outside see how the Brethren of LaBelle No. 379 and Freemasons in general are helpful, charitable and show care towards one another.

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Quote of the Month

"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

STATED COMMUNICATIONS SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS

April 9

6:30pm Dinner
7:30pm Meeting

April 23

6:30pm Dinner
7:30pm Meeting



From the Desk of the Secretary



Brothers, kudos to all who participated in our pork BBQ fundraiser last month. It takes a lot of brothers working together to pull off something like that and LaBelle Lodge really did it right! I don't have the final tally but it's certain that we made a good deal of money, and that is money that will go a long way toward helping the various charities to which we contribute. Thanks to all of you who had a hand in that.

Staying on the subject of brothers doing good work, we have already received five petitions so far this year (three last meeting alone) so we'll be conferring an Entered Apprentice Degree pretty soon. Officers, you might want to start reviewing your EA Degree ritual and be ready answer the call when the Worshipful Master puts one out.

This year is off to a roaring start! Let's keep it up! See you in Lodge.

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Greetings from the South



My Brothers, this message from the South comes to you with bitter-sweet emotions. As most of you know by now, I will be departing Southwest Florida for Tennessee on April 7th. This decision was not made lightly; however, my brother and his family are in poor health and I must go where needed and help them the best I can.

Farewell, my dear Brothers. The memories we made together will always hold a special place in my heart. Your kindness, generosity, and friendships have brought much joy and laughter into my life. I will miss our conversations, our adventures, and the good times we shared together.

I wish everyone the best and hope our paths will cross again sometime in the future. Until then, be good and kind to each other and may God bless you all.

Bro. Fred Wright

Junior Warden

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Message from the Trestle Board Editor & Publisher

I just wanted to take the opportunity to say that this Brother, (Illustrious) *Fred L. Wright*, will be immensely missed by my wife and me after his big move to Tennessee (my home state coincidentally, albeit on the opposite side of where I grew up). No doubt that he will be missed by many of you as well.

Brother Freddie was one of the first Brothers outside of Lehigh Acres Lodge No. 344 that I had the pleasure of meeting and getting to know—a good twelve years ago. His positive attitude has always been an inspiration to me. Even when life puts difficult obstacles in his path he always somehow finds a way to remain his chipper, fun-loving self. If you are looking for a beacon of light in Freemasonry, Brother Fred Wright is it.



On that note, I want Brother Freddie to know he is well-loved & wish him a safe trip and warm, heartfelt goodbye.

W.: Kevin L. Gourley, PM

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Last Month



Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master Michael O. Gardner made his second official visit to LaBelle No. 379 on March 26th.

THE BRETHREN

By Edgar A. Guest

*The world is needing you and me,
In places where we ought to be;
Somewhere today it's needing you
To stand for what you know is true.
And needing me somewhere today.
To keep the faith, let come what may.*



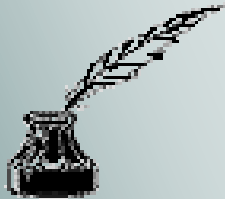
*The world needs honest men today
To lead its youth along the way,
Men who will write in all their deeds
The beauty of their spoken creeds,
And spurn advantage here and gain,
On which deceit must leave its stain.*



*The world needs men who will not brag,
Men who will honor Freedom's Flag,
Men, who although the way is hard,
Against the lure of shame will guard,
The world needs gentle men and true
And calls aloud to me and you.*



*The world needs men of lofty aim,
Not merely men of skill and fame,
Not merely leaders wise and grave,
Or learned men or soldiers brave,
But men whose lives are fair to see,
Such men as you and I can be.*



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Without feedback, patient repetition, and the gentle correcting of peers and mentors within our Lodge, the EAs, FCs and MMs going through the degrees would not be successful and Masonry will not survive as it has for centuries. Our strength comes from basic tenants: belief in the all serving and always caring God, the love we have for one another, and the betterment of all mankind as practiced by coaching our newcomers.

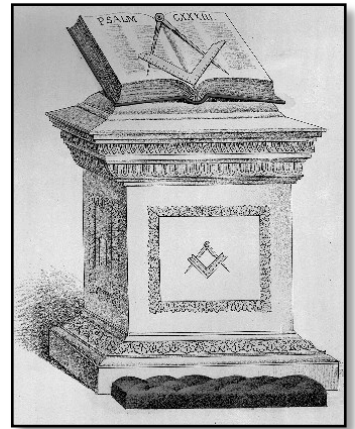
Each of us has formed valued friendships in our Lodges. Associations with men whom we would otherwise never have known, and often these relationships continue for years. It is a bonding one has to experience to understand. I feel honored and blessed to know my Masonic brothers, as well as their spouse and children. Many Masons regularly visit one another socially in their homes. No other fraternity or club can offer this closeness.

Making the three sublime degrees of Masonry available to a man of good character who shares our belief in God and our desire to improve ourselves while better providing for our family, is indeed a momentous occasion. Not a time for frivolity for it is serious business and not only does the future of our fraternity depend on it, but the future of each one of us.

Bro. Phil Keyes

Chaplain

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What's New?

Lodge T-shirts are still available! Check with R.:W.: Ed Lanham, W.: Izzy Lopez or Bro. John Smith to see if your size is available. The cost per shirt for M/L/XL is \$20. For 2X and 3X the cost is \$25 per shirt.



FRONT



BACK





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

* Indicates Deceased



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

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