

LaBelle No. 379 Free & Accepted Masons



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Greetings from the East



First, I would like to congratulate Brother Mark Nguyen on being initiated on July 9th. Thank you to W.: Tony Weems & Brothers John Smith, Jacob Cuellar and Logan Stockwell for coming out Saturday July 27th and assisting with the Lodge workday. There are many EAs that are currently making great progress on their catechism. I'm looking forward to passing them to Fellow Craft in the near future. I look forward to seeing everyone at our next stated communication on August 13.

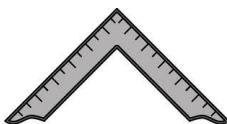
It is not what we eat, but what we digest ... that makes us strong.
It is not what we earn, but what we save ... that makes us rich.
It is not what we read, but what we remember ... that makes us learned.
It is not what we profess, but what we practice ... that makes us Masons!

W.: Isidro "Izzy" Lopez, PM

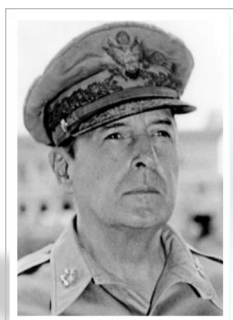
Worshipful Master

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Welcome to our new Entered Apprentice Masons:
Brothers Mike Nguyen of LaBelle No. 379 and Timothy Martin of Noah No. 357 F&AM.



Quote of the Month

"Freemasonry embraces the highest moral laws and will bear the test of any system of ethics or philosophy ever promulgated for the uplift of man."

—Douglas MacArthur

STATED COMMUNICATIONS

SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS



August 13

6:30pm Dinner

7:30pm Meeting



August 27

6:30pm Dinner

7:30pm Meeting

Committeemen for 2024-2025

24th Masonic District

- W.: Richard Pennewaert
Endowment Procurement
- W.: John Reilly
Masonic Education
- W.: Mark Vardakis
Public Education & Citizenship
- R.: W.: Scott Peacock
Masonic Youth Activities & Child ID
- R.: W.: Gene Sims
Grand Master's Charity
- W.: Carlos Valverde
Perpetual Membership
- W.: Lou Kenyon
Public Relations & Publicity
- Bro. Robert Zimmerman
Membership Development
- Bro. Corbin Kidd
Masonic Leadership Training (MLT)
- W.: Kristopher Weber
Fraternal Admin. Endowment
- W.: James Paschall
Grand Master Coins

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



Wisdom tells us that if our feet are in wet concrete don't stand there too long. I'm not sure who said this but it could have been a reference to our tendency toward stubbornness or being unfeeling toward the opinions and thoughts of others. Who among us has never experienced an occasion when one of our ideas or opinions have been over ruled?

Stubbornness would tell us to stand our ground and fight for our brain child, refusing to give in to the wishes of others. Unfeelingness would have us telling our adversary how wrong he is for suggesting an alternative plan.

It has been the rare occasion at one of our Lodge meetings that a brother's suggestion has not been considered politely even when it has created some lively discussion. As an idea has been birdied back and forth, pros and cons expressed by the brothers, the original idea and thought has morphed into a workable plan. Note also that the brother who first voiced the idea has come to agree with the changes. There were no hard feelings, no angry words exchanged and the Lodge benefits from brothers working together.

I would suggest that this is a strength enjoyed by few other organizations. I don't know of a specific Masonic lesson that deals directly with discussion decorum, but some way it has developed and members of the Masonic Fraternity go above and beyond to aid one another. As a man matures in Masonry he finds he is better able to step quickly out of the wet concrete.

Bro. Phil Keyes

Chaplain

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FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Brethren: While spending time on the Grand Lodge website I noticed a new section on the Master Mason Exams page. You can now take and submit your exams right on the website. So, any Brother interested in expanding their knowledge of the Ancient Tenets, Rules and Regulations or interested in becoming a Lodge officer should sign up for an account. Keep in mind when you are signing up for it you will need your member number from your dues card for verification. The direct web address for a Grand Lodge member account is: <https://members.gflmason.org/>.

Any Brother that needs some assistance with this feel free to reach out to me by phone or email and I will happily help.

Bro. George Benjamin Jr.

Junior Deacon

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| JIM CIANFRANI | 2000 |

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| BILL MADDOX | 2021-2022 |
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