

LaBelle No. 379 Free & Accepted Masons



180 Jaycee Lions Dr.

TRESTLE BOARD

JUNE 2024

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Greetings from the East



It was an honor to represent LaBelle Lodge at the 195th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Florida. There was great fellowship with Brothers from all over the state of Florida.

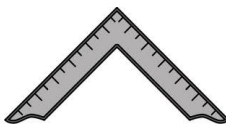
We will be conferring an Entered Apprentice degree on **June 11th**. I hope to see the lodge room filled with Brothers to welcome our candidates into our fraternity.

We will have our official visit from District Deputy Grand Master R.:W.: Acey Edgemon on June 25th.

With Brother Fred Wright moving out of state we have officially nominated and elected W.: Bill Maddox as our Junior Warden.

Let those looking from the outside see how the Brethren of LaBelle No. 379 F&AM (and Freemasons in general) are helpful, charitable, and show care towards one another.

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(Above & Right)
Our own Brother Secretary, R.:W.: Ed Lanham, had the privilege of attending the Lee-Collier Honor Flight at the end of April to visit our Nation's Capital.



STATED COMMUNICATIONS

SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS

June 11 ★

6:30pm Dinner

7:30pm Entered Apprentice Degree

June 25

6:30pm Dinner

7:30pm Meeting



From the Desk of the Secretary



Greetings Brothers,

I just want to inform all of you that we will be conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree on three of our new petitioners, and possibly one

from Noah Lodge as well: **Tuesday, June 11th.**

Our petitioners are: Mssrs. Richard Notaro, Matt Rentz, and Adam Trocki. Please come and help us welcome these gentlemen into our fraternity. As usual, we will be dining at 6:30 pm and the meeting will start at 7:30pm. I hope to see many of you there.

R.:W.: Ed Lanham, PDDGM

Secretary

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Quote of the Month

"Life's tragedy is that we get old too soon and wise too late."

—Benjamin Franklin

Ten Master Masons

By Unknown

Ten Master Masons, happy, doing fine;
One listened to a rumor, then there were nine

Nine Master Masons, faithful, never late;
One didn't like the "Master," then there were eight

Eight Master Masons, on their way to heaven;
One joined too many clubs, then there were seven

Seven Master Masons, life dealt some hard licks;
One grew discouraged, then there were six

Six Master Masons, all very much alive;
One lost his interest, then there were five

Five Master Masons, wishing there were more;
Got into a great dispute, then there were four

Four Master Masons, busy as could be;
One didn't like the programs, then there were three.

Three Master Masons, was one of them you?
One grew tired of all the work, then there were two.

Two Master Masons with so much to be done;
One said "What's the use," then there was one

One Master Mason, found a brother -- true!
Brought him to the Lodge, then there were two

Two Master Masons didn't find work a bore;
Each brought another, then there were four.

Four Master Masons saved their Lodge's fate;
By showing others kindness, then there were eight.

Eight Master Masons, loving their Lodges bright sheen;
Talked so much about it, they soon counted sixteen

Sixteen Master Masons, to their obligations true;
Were pleased when their number went to thirty-two

So we can't put our troubles at the Lodge's door;
It's our fault for harming the Lodge we adore

Don't fuss about the programs or the "Master" in the East;
Keep your obligation by serving even the very least.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Biblical scholars estimate that Abraham lived approximately 2,000 years before Moses climbed up Mount Sinai where he met with God and came down with the Ten



Commandments in hand. This simple bit of Biblical history has created considerable conversation among the scholars as to whether or not Abraham knew about and observed the Sabbath or Lord's Day.

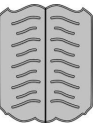
Remember the Sabbath and keep it Holy is the fourth commandment. Did Abraham observe the Seventh Day? The answer is yes, he did! That's confirmed when we read Genesis 26:5: "Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws."

Perhaps our next consideration should be are we Gentiles living in this modern age also bound by laws that are nearly 5,000 years old?" Do all 10 of those Commandments still apply to us? There are some who observe the Sabbath religiously each Sunday, along with the other nine commandments. Others abide by the intent as opposed to the letter of the Law. The New Testament clearly gives us the right to choose, and our choice is something each of us must work out one-on-one with God.

Bro. Phil Keyes

Chaplain

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JOSEPH H. FUTCH*	1984
WILLARD BRYANT*	1985
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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

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STEVE POLHEMUS	2002
GLENN R. MICKEY*	2003
RUSS BUCCINI*	2004
JACK ROSE*	2005
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RAY NAVOR*	2013
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L.E. RICHARDSON, JR.	2016
THOMAS BOARDMAN	2017
TONY WEEMS	2018
ADRIAN SANCHEZ	2019
ED LANHAM	2020
BILL MADDOX	2021-2022
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