

# LaBelle No. 379 Free & Accepted Masons



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## TRESTLE BOARD SEPTEMBER 2024

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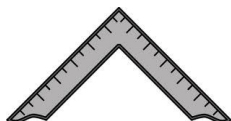


### Greetings from the East



I would like to encourage all of our members to come out and enjoy fellowship with your Brothers at our next meeting. We will have one of our Entered Apprentices giving back his catechism. Please come out and support this brother. Also, we will be discussing our next fund-raising for the end of the year.

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*"Brotherly love is not a tangible commodity. We cannot touch it or weigh it, smell it or taste it. Yet it is a reality; it can be creative, it can be fostered, it can be made a dynamic power. The Master who has it in his Lodge and his brethren will find that Lodge and brethren give it back to him. The Master too worried over the cares of his office to express friendliness need never wonder why his Lodge seems too cold to his effort." — Carl H. Claudy*



Ed Lanham, Fred Wright, and Kenny Vince

### STATED COMMUNICATIONS SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS

**September 10**

6:30pm Dinner  
7:30pm Meeting

**September 24**

6:30pm Dinner  
7:30pm Meeting



### From the Desk of the Secretary



To all Freemasons new and old:

I can't recommend strongly enough that you avail yourselves of the privilege of visiting other Lodges and maybe even helping them out with their degree work. You're missing out on one of the best aspects of Freemasonry if you don't. You will meet new brothers who anxious want to meet you. If you are a Master Mason, take your dues card with you to show that you are a bona fide Master Mason. If you are not yet a Master Mason, you will need to go with another member of our Lodge who is a Master Mason and can vouch for you. You won't regret it!

**R.:W.: Ed Lanham, PDDGM**

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*Scottish Rite Foundation Trustee Brother Kenny Vince presents Illustrious Fred Wright a Scottish Rite of Florida Sabal Palm Certificate from Illustrious Ed Lanham. Ed purchased this certificate to honor Fred for his dedication, friendship, and brotherly love over many years.*

## CELESTIAL LODGE



It is with a heavy heart that we must inform everyone that our Senior Warden, Worshipful John "Cowboy" Cote, laid down his working tools and has moved on to the Celestial Lodge above.



A Masonic funeral service is scheduled for 11am on September 21st at First Christian Church of LaBelle. Viewing is 9am-11am.



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



It isn't an easy thing for a man to resist the pull of the many worldly things crowding around us and being constantly touted as something that will make us look younger, be more lovable, grow hair or lose weight. Think about the stuff shown on TV, in movies, in magazines and written in books and notice that many are contrary to our Masonic Code of morality. So often these things are cleverly twisted in a way that makes them sound harmless or of little consequence but such may not be the case, my Brothers. You are well advised to investigate carefully and react wisely.

An axiom from Advertising 101 teaches to "sell the sizzle, not the steak". It means, of course, make the product, or whatever is being advertised, sound better than good. The problem with this is that after a while the sizzle wanes and something new must be added to make it sparkle again. The truth may suffer in the rewrite.

We are blessed with the God-given gift of free choice allowing us to decide between good and bad, right and wrong and that's an awesome responsibility. So what is our best action when faced with making a decision? Try praying and then make your decision.

**Bro. Phil Keyes**

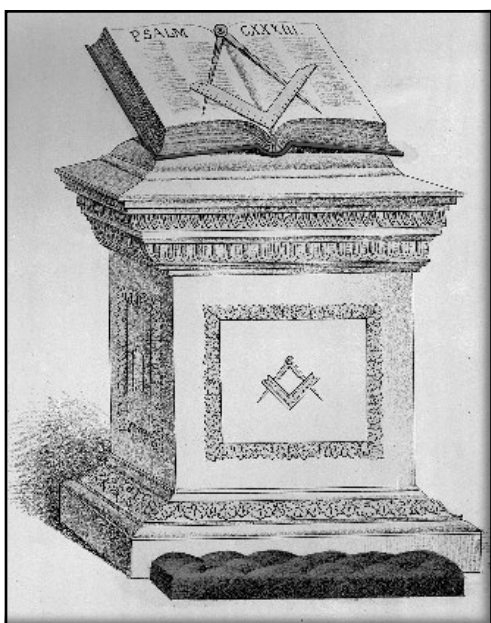
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## Quote of the Month



"Freemasonry has no dogma or theology. It offers no sacraments. It teaches that it is important for every man to have a religion of his own choice and to be faithful to it in tongue and action. As a result, men of different religions meet in fellowship and brotherhood under the fatherhood of God. I think that a good Mason is made even more faithful to the tenets of his faith by membership in the Lodge."

— The Rev. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, 33°



**FAITH, HOPE, & CHARITY**



Members of LaBelle No. 379 F&AM presented the LaBelle High Athletics with a sponsorship on August 23, 2024.

## Upcoming Masonic Leadership Training (MLT) Courses Hosted online via Zoom

**Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. EST:**

(7) Petitions and Investigating Committee, (8) Communications, (9) Budgeting and Finance  
*Register in advance for this meeting:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZ0ldO6prD0qGNGJiECFQI8DpfKJCGHbhKzK>

**Thursday, September 12, 2024, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. EST:**

(10) Membership, (11) Lodge Renewal, (12) Ritual  
*Register in advance for this meeting:*

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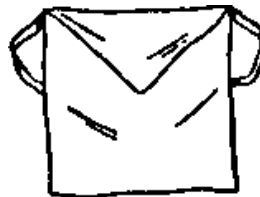
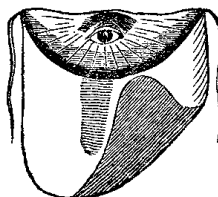
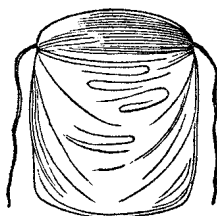
**Tuesday, September 24, 2024, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. EST:**

(13) Service, (14) Event Organization, (15) Public Speaking  
*Register in advance for this meeting:*

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### IMPORTANT:

*Participants must provide your Grand Lodge Membership Number from your dues card to register.*



# GREETINGS FROM WEST TENNESSEE

Brother Freddie Louis Wright spent the day at Shiloh National Cemetery in neighboring Hardin County. It was extremely interesting. While there I asked the Ranger about the coins on the headstones. They are to symbolized as such: A visitor places a penny that they have paid their respect, a nickel that the visitor served in boot camp with the deceased, a dime that the visitor served in the military with the deceased and a quarter that the visitor was present when the soldier passed. Here is the kicker: the squirrels will brush off the coins and lay on top of the headstone — that is what the Ranger said.



Springs, TN. They are still in the original building. The only time the Lodge did not meet was during the years of the Civil War: 1861-1864.

1857: B.R. Harris  
1858: W. D. McKinney  
1859: Arch Houston  
1860: Arch Houston  
1861: Didn't Meet: At War  
1862: "  
1863: "  
1864: "  
1865: R.V. P. Pool  
1866: J.S. McWhirter  
1867: J.S. McWhirter

I received my certificate of honorary membership in Breathitt Lodge No. 649 in Jackson, TN.

I also recently visited another Lodge, Purdy Lodge No.132, chartered in 1842 Bethel



The services for our brother John Troia were well attended by brothers from several different lodges: John Conner, George Baliotis, John Herman, Freddie Wright, Ryan Wanzer, Ben Flynn, Mikes Maillakakis, Dave Riser, Jim Kershaw, Mark Vardakis, Chuck Machel, Clay Taylor, Kenny Vince and Brian Wright. Ken Jordan was there in spirit. We love you Brother John. Please a watchful eye for us.

The 53<sup>rd</sup> Cave Degree was held in Kingston, TN at Eblen's Cave was attended by Past Master Kit Weber and yours truly. The Master Mason Degree was conferred by Florida Masons of District 13 -- splendid degree work. This always occurs on the third Saturday of August. Next year will be the Rising Star Ranger Lodge; a Texas Master Mason Degree will be conferred on August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

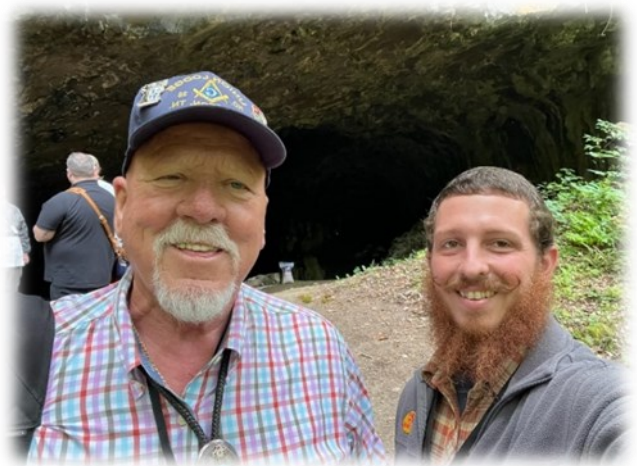
The local lodge, Union No. 38, has excellent food. The afternoon before the attendance was witnessed by 18 states, 173 lodges and 1 country with 289 masons, Past Master Izzy Lopez and I attended in 2010, the cave is 56 degrees, so wear long britches. It is 4 hours from a place you can rest and refresh yourself in my humble home.

Rest easy my brothers. As you may know, I moved up here to help my brother with his family in April. His son passed in July from a form of dementia Lewy Body. Now his wife has the dreaded disease. Life is short, so try to eat desert first, Love you all.

God Bless you all; see you next time. Happy Trails!

*Brother Fred L. Wright*

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# 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	2023-2024

\* Indicates Deceased



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*George Benjamin*

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**Junior Steward**  
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**Tyler**  
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