

LABELLE LODGE No. 379 F&AM

TRESTLE BOARD - AUGUST 2019



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STATED COMMUNICATIONS ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS

DINNER AT 6:30 PM—COMMUNICATION AT 7:30 PM

August 13th

August 27th

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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

How is everyone doing? Slowly time is approaching where our events around the corner come to take place.

Let us work more to make ourselves better men and the world around us a better place. Let us study more because, through knowledge we will overcome all difficulties and establish happiness. Let us be more charitable towards others. As I sit in this tractor and look at the fields before and it dawned on me about the Jamboree game coming up on Saturday the 17th August 2019. We kindly excepted the offer to volunteer ourselves to be the cooks at this event. We need to start getting a count and sizes of shirts any Brother would be interested in buying. I don't know the full details yet but I will very soon. And very soon, very quickly need to start setting things in motion for this event. We'll talk more about it on our next meeting on Tuesday the 13th 2019.

Brethren,

No man becomes a Mason because they want to be charitable, for there are many charitable organizations which they could join. No man becomes a Mason because they have a love of history, for there are many historical societies they can join. No man becomes a Mason because they love their community, for there are many community-driven organizations. It is not only the character of a Mason which encourages a man to seek admission into our Craft, but also the drive to excel, strive, and grow even after he has become a Brother. A man specifically joins Freemasonry because they see something in the character of a Mason that they admire and aspire to attain in themselves.

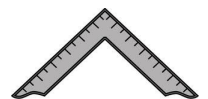
So, I started to ask myself, how many of us pay our dues because it's expected, show up when it's convenient, and only really consider our lessons when we are reminded of them? How many of us are just getting the minimum out of the work we do? I realized that in my early stages as a Mason, that had been me; going through the motions either because it was what had been expected of me or because I said I would. I encourage all of the Brethren who are receiving this Trestle Board to come to Lodge. Come to Lodge and show your support.

Freemasonry prides itself on making good men better, as we're so commonly found saying. I think it's more accurate to say that we give good men the tools to improve themselves – at the end of the day it is still on the man himself to use those tools for their own benefit. Whether it's the community service we promote, the personal development we seek, or the camaraderie and leadership we teach, I believe that each Mason has to ask themselves what their priorities are, and what they expect to get out of their membership. Every day is an opportunity to invest in yourself, to take our lessons and teachings to heart, and to truly show the world that on becoming a Mason you have committed to becoming a better man. I know sometimes in Lodge these things don't come out as we sometimes have much to discuss and sometimes we just want to get out because let's face it; it's been a long day. So therefore I take my time; sometimes to send a message for those that would rather stay home. We still meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. 6:30pm is still our usual time for dinner and Gavel down at 7:30pm.

To those Brothers who have come before and those who yet continue, thank you for your achievements, for your examples, your guidance, and for your inspiration. You make me a better Mason

Thank you for allowing and entrusting me to be Worshipful Master this year!

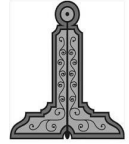
Adrian Sanchez
Worshipful Master



GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

Have a great August, Brothers!

Yours in Christ,
Bill Maddox, PM
Senior Warden



GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

Unchanging Freemasonry

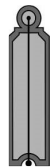
My Brothers, in our generation we have seen the development of all sorts of modern gadgets for home and office -- such things as digital TV, laptop computers, fax machines, e-mail, the Internet, GPS, and a thousand other so-called modern "necessities" that were not so much as dreamed of in the days of our fathers. Also, over the years many things have been invented, served a useful purpose for a time, and then all but disappeared from memory. (Remember eight-track tapes?)

Freemasonry, however, was around long before these inventions and it will continue, regardless of where our ingenuity takes us. No invention, ancient or modern, has wrought any noticeable effect upon it. It has remained essentially unchangeable while everything around it has changed. Life has been streamlined; but Freemasonry's rituals teach the same things that were taught by the rituals of 1717 and earlier. Even the manner of teaching Freemasonry's lessons has hardly changed except as greater understanding has given us the opportunity to make more modern application, or has given us new interpretations of unchanging Symbols.

We need more things in life as fundamental and unchangeable as the Eternal Truths which have attended and preserved Freemasonry through the ages.

Hope to see you at the Lodge. God Bless.

Ed Lanham, PDDGM
Junior Warden



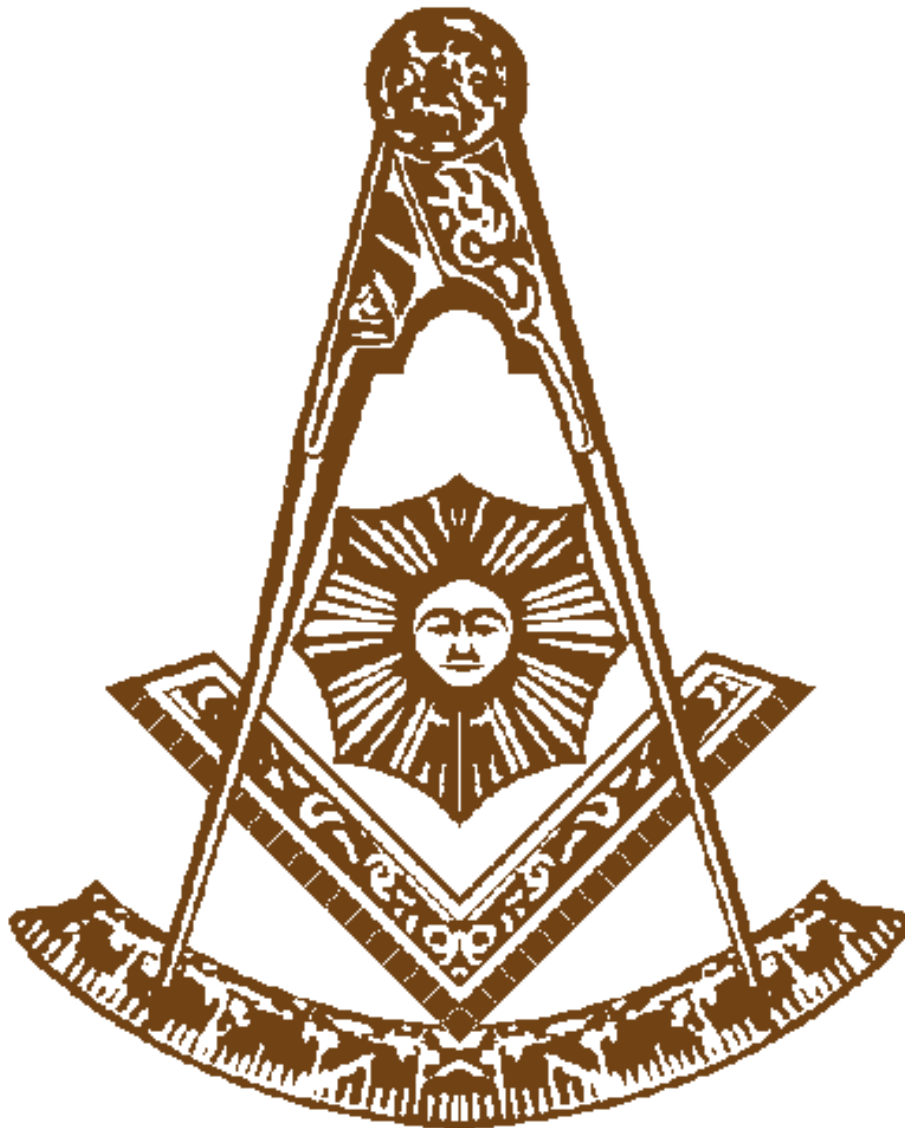
FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY

Summer Greetings my Brothers. For those of us still in Florida it is hot and rains every day, but if you live here you have to expect that.

On Wednesday July 31 our Lodge was vandalized by persons unknown. The front of the Lodge were spray painted as were the Lodge Doors. It is unlikely that we will ever know who did this, however, it is not our worry, the universe will see to their reward. During the day several text messages were sent back and forth among the Brothers and officers. By early evening the graffiti was painted over and all was back to normal. Our Brothers jump to make things right. I am proud to call each of you my Brother.

Fraternally,
Nicholas S. Fianza, PM
Secretary





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KENNETH PICKLES	1982
ROBERT P. MIDDLETON*	1983
JOSEPH H. FUTCH*	1984
WILLARD BRYANT	1985
ROBERT P. MIDDLETON*	1986
GLENN R. MICKEY*	1987
EASTON BURCHARD*	1988-89
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	2006-07
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

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