

# LaBelle No. 379 Free & Accepted Masons

## TRESTLE BOARD

### APRIL 2023

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## Greetings from the East



How is a Mason made? Is it the conferring of the Degrees or the Obligations? Are we true Masons when we reach the Third Degree? Could wearing the hat of the Worshipful Master make us a Mason?

Recently, I read an article by Dewey Wollstein, Past Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of Georgia. In the article he points out that there is a "danger line" in every mason's life. There is a point where we cease to be the Candidate and become the audience of Masonry. Instead of maintaining an active role in the lodge we become complacent. We lose the viewpoint of a Candidate and no longer seek light.

As Masons, it is necessary for us to participate in each degree as if we were the Candidate. By such actions we may hear a word or phrase that may open a new door for us in Masonry. We may be inspired to ask questions and seek answers to the newfound Masonic lessons behind these doors. In finding answers to our questions we may then share this with our brothers. Increased participation by all will bring great fellowship to the lodge. Ask yourselves "What is it that you most desire?"

Fraternally and respectfully yours,  
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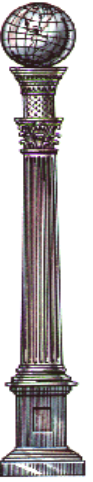
## STATED COMMUNICATIONS SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS

**April 11**

6:30pm Dinner  
7:30pm Meeting

**April 25**

6:30pm Dinner  
7:30pm Meeting



Worshipful Izzy Lopez presenting a donation  
to the Hendry County Explorer Post #642



# HOW GOOD AND HOW PLEASANT

*By Giles Fonda Yates*

Behold, how pleasant  
and how good  
For brothers such as we  
In this united Brotherhood



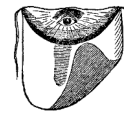
To dwell in unity Is like the oil on  
Aaron's head  
Which to his feet distills  
Like Hermon's dew so richly shed  
On Zion's sacred hills.



For there the Lord of light and love  
A blessing sent with power,  
O, may we all this blessing prove,  
Even life for evermore.



On friendship's altar, rising here,  
Our hands now plighted be,  
To live in love, with hearts sincere,  
In peace and unity.



## Quote of the Month

"Many writers and thinkers have tried to define Freemasonry but it really defeats definition. It is too complex, too profound in conception, to easily expressed in words. Perhaps the simplest and best definition of all is the phrase 'the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God.' Our Masonic forefathers had an understanding of human needs and human aspirations. They may never have dreamed of the mindless computer which governs our lives, or the fission of matter which threatens our lives, but they understood human nature and what motivates the spirit of man. Thus from a simple process of using stone and mortar for building they progressed to the most important of life's functions, the building of character."

-- Louis L. Williams



## CHAPLAIN'S NOTES



As each of us read, interpret and study the Holy Scriptures, it becomes more and more amazing how personal those verses, chapters and books become. They fit us to a tee. This is because through the Word of God spelled out on the pages, He speaks to each of us individually, through our heart telling us what we need to know, what we need to do, and what we need to be listening to.

It is also amazing that although each of us may read the same verse of Scripture, each one of us is affected differently. I'm still searching for the why of this conundrum and may never find the answer. Yet, I'm not giving up. I plan to continue reading inspired writings, studying the Scriptures, and discussing it's mysteries with those who are more knowledgeable than I and are also studying the Good Book. Together we may find a solution, or it may not come until we reach the here-after.

Phil Keyes

Chaplain

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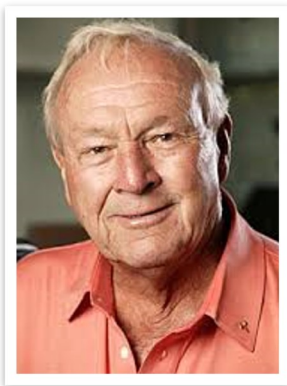
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# FAMOUS FREEMASON



## Arnold Palmer



Arnold Palmer is a professional golfer. He is widely regarded as one of the greatest players of all time.

Palmer has won numerous awards on the PGA Tour and Champions Tour.

Nicknamed "The King", he was also a trailblazer in the sport of golf. The first superstar in the sport when golf was starting to be televised back in the 1950s.

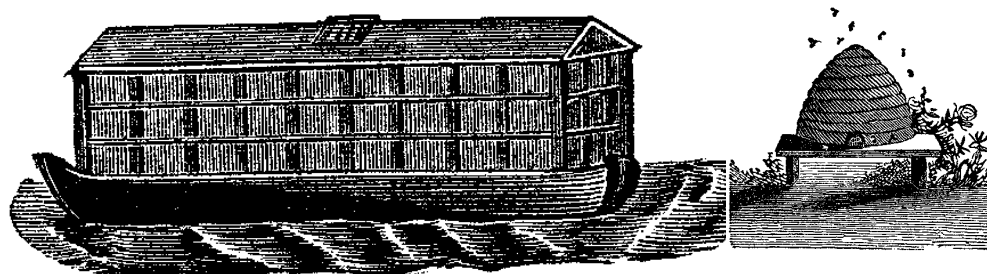
He had a profound influence on changing the image of golf from an elite, upper-class sport to something middle and working class people could enjoy.

Due to Palmer's plain spoken demeanor and humble background he had an unrivaled effect on the social impact in the game of golf.

In 1998 Palmer received the PGA Tour Lifetime Achievement award, in 1974 he was inducted to World Golf Hall of Fame and in 2004 he was the first golfer to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In 2009 he received the Congressional Gold Medal, he was the second golfer to receive that award.

Palmer is a member of Loyalhanna Lodge No. 275, Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

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# PAST MASTERS

JAMES PENDRY*	1977-78
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*	1988-89
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
ADRIAN SANCHEZ	2019
ED LANHAM	2020
BILL MADDOX	2021-2022

\* Indicates Deceased



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*Fred Wright*

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**Secretary**  
*Nicholas Fidanza, PM*

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*Phillip Keyes*

**Marshall**  
*Ed Lanham, PDDGM*

**Senior Deacon**  
*Earnie Hollingsworth*

**Junior Deacon**  
*Denver Smith*

**Senior Steward**  
*John Smith*

**Junior Steward**  
*Gregory Jones*

**Tyler**  
*John Troia*



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