LaBelle No. 379 Free & Accepted Masons



TRESTLE BOARD

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Greetings from the East



Brethren, It is hard to believe that I am starting my second year as Worshipful Master of LaBelle Lodge No. 379. I am humbled by the opportunity to serve LaBelle Lodge for 2024. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and had a good time ringing the New Year.

I hope to continue to grow our membership and encourage all members to assist with this by inviting friends and family members that you believe are good candidates for membership into our fraternity.

Let us remember that the Lodge will need the assistance of all those Brothers that are able to help with fundraisers and other functions that we may participate in. Every little bit helps; even if you feel that it may not, it is always a good time for fellowship among Brethren.

I am looking forward to a great year this year.

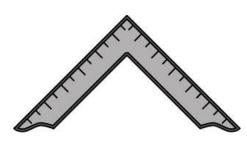
Fraternally yours,

W∴ Isidro "Izzy" Lopez, PM

Worshipful Master

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"Don"t fuss about the programs or the "Master" in the East. Keep your obligation by serving even the least."

— Aluthor Unknown

STATED COMMUNICATIONS SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS



January 9

6:30pm Dinner
7:30pm Officer Installation
(Open to Public)

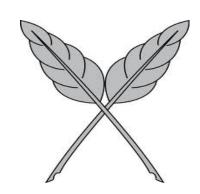
January 23

6:30pm Dinner 7:30pm Meeting

Introducing our 2024 Secretary-Elect:



R∴W∴ Ed Lanham, PDDGM
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TRY THE SQUARE

By David Barker

Is a Brother off the track?
Try the Square;

Try it well on every side.

Nothing draws a craftsman back
Like the Square when well applied.

Try the Square.



Is he crooked, is he frail? Try the Square.

Try it early, try it late; When all other efforts fail, Try the Square to make him straight Try the Square.



Does he still persist in wrong? Try the Square.

Loves he darkness more than light?
Try it thorough, try it long.
Try the Square to make him right
Try the Square.



Fails the Square to bring him in?
Try the Square.

Be not sparing of the pains; While there's any work to do, While a crook or knot remains Try the Square.





CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Where do the things that create a sense of wonder come from? I've thought about this and probably so have you. Wonder occurs when something unexpected occurs, like a rainbow, or an especially impressive sunset, or a bright planet in the nighttime sky.

There have been innumerable times through the years when I've had an experience that caused me to stop and think, even say, "WOW! That's wonderful." Joy is different. Joy is the result of a wonderful event, but most often joy comes from inside us and ideally back to another person. A particularly compelling book, a painting, or a song can bring us joy,

Love is another wonder reserved for another person. We may really "like" apple pie and ice cream but we love our wife and kids, parents and others. Love is a human emotion for humans and "like" is for material objects and events. Except, sometimes we like a movie, but loved the book.

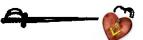
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We had the honor last month of being visited by a Past Grand Master from Germany, Most Worshipful Juan A. Goytia-Diaz (American Canadian Grand Lodge AF & AM).



Quote of the Month

"Ideals are like stars; you will not succeed in touching them with your hands. But like the seafaring man on the desert of waters, you choose them as your guides, and following them you will reach your destiny."

- Bro. Carl Schurz

PAST MASTERS

IN Alkants	
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

* Indicates Deceased



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Tyler Cecil Raulerson



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