

LaBelle No. 379 Free & Accepted Masons

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Greetings from the East



Greetings Brethren,

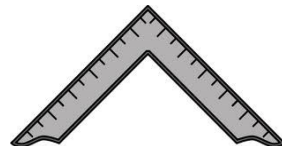
It was an honor to represent LaBelle Lodge at the 194th Annual Communication of The Grand Lodge of Florida. I will have a

complete update on the outcome of the proposed legislation and the Grand Master's rulings. It was a great time of fellowship with brothers from all over the state and world in attendance.

There will be a Communication on June 27, 2023 for the purpose of initiating a new Entered Apprentice. Please join us and show your support for the candidate.

To all the Brethren who have not been to our Lodge in some time, if you find yourselves free on the 2nd or 4th Tuesday evening of the month come out and enjoy dinner and fellowship — that is, if within the length of your Cable-Tow, the Lodge misses your presence. If you find that you are only able to attend one meeting, this would be a great opportunity to reconnect with your Brethren and enjoy Masonic Fellowship. I encourage any and all Brethren to join us at LaBelle Lodge No. 379 F&AM.

Fraternally yours,
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STATED COMMUNICATIONS SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS

June 13

6:30pm Dinner
7:30pm Meeting

June 27

6:30pm Dinner
7:30pm Meeting

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

June 27



LABOUR

By Silas H. Shepherd

He who acts upon the Square
Will always well with all compare.

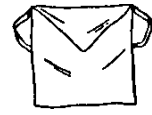
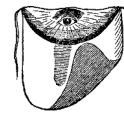
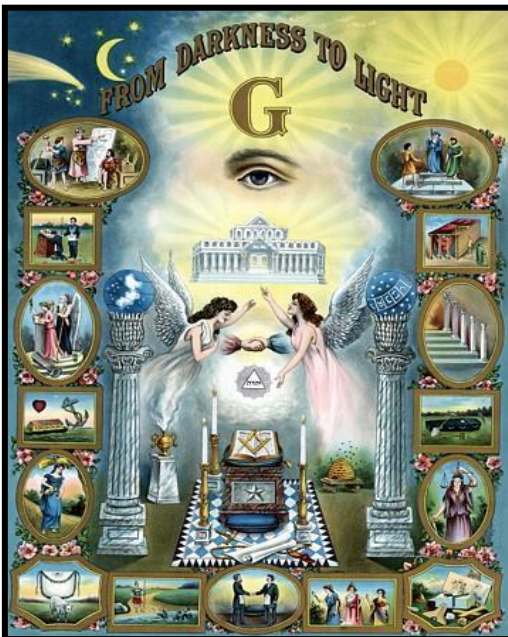
The Mason uses tools of love
To build a Temple planned above.



The Gauge he constantly employs
To measure work and limit joys.
The Plumb imbues his soul & heart
With love Divine and sacred art.



The Level guides his daily act
And makes good fellowship a fact.
If we employ these tools each day
A beautiful Temple will be our pay.



Quote of the Month

“Masonry was not made to divide men, but to unite them, leaving each man free to think his own thoughts and fashion his own system of ultimate truth. All its emphasis rests upon two extremely simple and profound principles, love of God and love of man.”

— J. F. Newton



CHAPLAIN'S NOTES



No matter where or when you enter a Blue Lodge, there are certain items that are always there; the Altar, the Holy Scriptures, a Charter or Warrant, stations for the various Lodge officers, and seating for the brothers along the north and south sides.

The Altar is more than a mere piece of furniture and decoration. It is the heart and core of our beloved fraternity. It is where we find the Book with God's words which enables us to experience the boundless riches that come to us when we live in accord with His commands. Solomon himself practiced reading, studying and praying and I encourage you to follow his lead. You may especially find a blessing in reading the Book of First Kings. I especially enjoy chapter 10.

Phil Keyes

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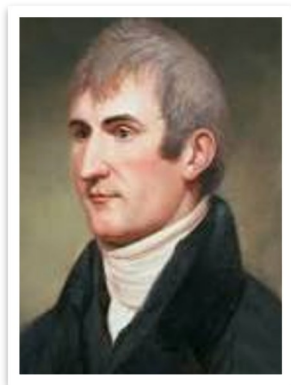
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FAMOUS FREEMASON



Meriwether Lewis



Born August 18, 1774 - Died October 11, 1809

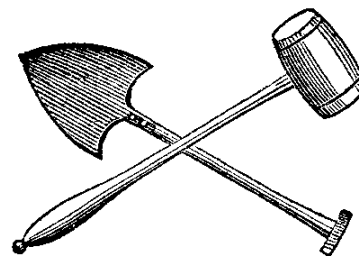
Lewis, part of the exploring duo of Lewis and Clark. He was an explorer, soldier and public administrator.

In 1804 the Lewis and Clark expedition left for the Louisiana territories with a specific mission from then President Thomas Jefferson. The expedition was to establish trade and sovereignty over the natives along the Missouri River. They were also tasked with claiming Pacific Northwest and Oregon Territory before any Europeans could.

On his return from the expedition Lewis was granted the Governorship of Upper Louisiana by President Thomas Jefferson.

Lewis died of a gunshot wound to the head. To this day it is debated whether he committed suicide or was murdered.

Lewis was initiated, passed and raised in the "Door To Virtue Lodge No. 44" in Albemarle, Virginia, between 1796 and 1797. On August 2, 1808, Lewis and several of his acquaintances submitted a petition to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania requesting dispensation to establish a lodge in St. Louis. Lewis was nominated and recommended to serve as the first Master of the proposed Lodge, which was warranted as Lodge No. 111 on September 16, 1808.



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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
ISIDRO LOPEZ	2023

* Indicates Deceased



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Earnie Hollingsworth

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