

LaBelle No. 379 Free & Accepted Masons

Trestle Board — March 2023



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Greetings from the East

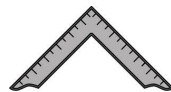


Brethren: When a new candidate is received and upon their initiation in the Entered Apprentice Degree, there is always much celebration and congratulations. The Brothers

in attendance are always appreciated and are quick to participate and assist when needed.

Turn out for all degrees is essential to our newly-initiated Brothers, they need to see and feel the kind of Brotherhood they are entering. The energy they receive from such a gathering fosters their Masonic journey. I can tell you from experience that even in darkness I could feel a large presence in the room. A candidate knows that a packed lodge room has convened for one purpose—the support of his journey. This is an exceptional and unique feeling and should be experienced by all Brothers. It is my hope that this year we are able to help and support many new Brothers on their Masonic journeys.

Fraternally and respectfully yours,
Brother Isidro "Izzy" Lopez
Worshipful Master



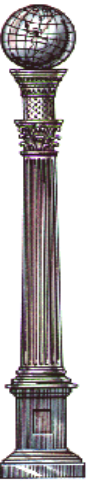
STATED COMMUNICATIONS SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS

March 14

6:30pm Dinner
7:30pm Meeting

March 28

6:30pm Dinner
7:30pm Meeting



How True

by Bro. Anse Cates

*Oh, yes, we are all Craftsmen and
very proud to be;*

*We wear our pins and rings for
everyone to see.*



*But let us pose the question,
even though the thought may sting—*

*Would you know me for a Mason,
if you did not see the ring?*



*True we show Tenets of our ancient
hallowed Creed.*

*Not just on coat and finger, but by
words and deeds.*



*There's one thing to remember,
if I've learned my lesson well.*

*My deeds do more convincing than
my finger or lapel.*



Quote of the Month

"Masonry aims at the promotion of morality and higher living by the cultivation of the social side of man, the rousing in him of the instincts of charity and love of his kind. It rests surely on the foundation of the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God."

- Bro. and President William Howard Taft

CHAPLAIN'S NOTES



Who among us wants to suffer from an illness? Don't we all strive for a healthy existence for ourselves and loved ones? After all, Scripture teaches us that our bodies are temples dedicated to God, so we take our vitamins, eat balanced meals, get proper rest, and do any number of things to stay in good shape.

Evidence gathered by the World Health Organization shows that many of our daily practices move us in the direction of care and treatment by the medical community. Many of the illnesses that lead to an early death are due to our own bad decisions and habits. Worldwide each year eight million smokers, or recently quit ones, die of illnesses related to the use of tobacco. These include cancer, heart disease, pulmonary ailments, and more. Also, another three million people worldwide die early from alcohol and other substance abuses.

As adults we have the right to choose if we want to light up or toss down a few stiff ones. The freedom to choose was given us by our Creator. The problem comes when our end draws nears, or arrives, and our loved ones are left with the task of dealing with our loss.

Phil Keyes
Chaplain



FAMOUS FREEMASON



William Howard Taft



William Howard Taft was the 27th president of the United States and served as a Supreme Court Justice, the only person to date to hold both offices.

Taft was born on September 15th, 1857 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He graduated second in his class at Yale College. He went on to the Cincinnati Law School, graduating with a Bachelor of Laws in 1880.

Prior to becoming president, Taft served in many roles including, Superior Court Judge, Solicitor General of the United States, Served on the U.S. Court of Appeals and Governor General of the Philippines. In 1904 Theodore Roosevelt appointed Taft to be Secretary of War. It is believed that Roosevelt appointed him to groom him to be his Presidential successor.

In 1908, riding Roosevelt's wave of popularity, he easily was elected to the Presidency. During his one term as President, Taft focused on trust-busting, civil service reform, strengthening the Interstate Commerce Commission, improving the postal service and passage of the Sixteenth Amendment.

Taft was a task-oriented individual and focused on whether something needed to be done and often paid little attention to the political ramifications. This caused a rift between him and his political allies and led to his defeat in a bid for a second term.

Taft passed away March 8th, 1930.

Taft was made a Mason on sight in Kilwinning Lodge No. 356.



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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