

LaBelle No. 379 Free & Accepted Masons



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Greetings from the East



Brethren,

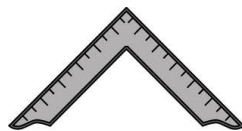
I would like to start by congratulating Brother George Benjamin on being Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on August 24th

at Sugarland Lodge No. 281 F&AM. We will be travelling back to Sugarland Lodge on September 21, 2023 to initiate Mr. Jacob Cuellar and Mr. Kyle Mayne. Please plan on traveling and join us for this important event for these gentlemen.

Please continue to keep all those that are ill in your prayers.

Also, this is a reminder that we will be having a lodge clean up day on September 9th at 8am.

Fraternally yours,
Isidro "Izzy" Lopez, PM
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STATED COMMUNICATIONS SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS

September 12

6:30pm Dinner

7:30pm Meeting

September 26

6:30pm Dinner

7:30pm Meeting



Brothers Phillip H. Keyes of LaBelle Lodge No. 379 and Brother Dennie C. Keyes of Sardinia (Ohio) Lodge No. 254, represent 120 years of service to the fraternity. Brother Dennie received his 60 year certificate earlier this year from the Grand Lodge of Ohio and Brother Phillip will mark 60 years this next spring from the Grand Lodge of Florida. Within the Keyes family five of the brothers have been raised to the sublime degree, along with their father and grandfather and several uncles. Brother Phillip has served the LaBelle Lodge as its Chaplain for the past several years.

WHAT MAKES A MAN A MASON?

By George M. Free

What makes a man a Mason, O brother of mine?

It isn't the due guard, nor is it the sign,
It isn't the jewel which hangs on your breast
It isn't the apron in which you are dressed

It isn't the step, nor the token, nor the grip,
Nor lectures that fluently flow from the lip,
Nor yet the possession of that mystic word
On five points of fellowship duly conferred.

Though these are essential, desirable, fine,
They don't make a Mason, O brother of mine.
That you to your sworn obligation are true
'Tis that, brother mine, makes a Mason of you.

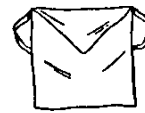
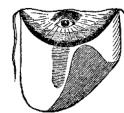
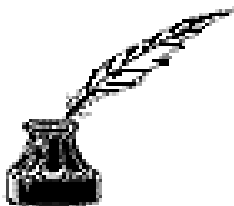
Secure in your heart you must safeguard and trust,
With lodge and with brother be honest and just,
Assist the deserving who cry in their need,
Be chaste in your thought, in your word and your deed.

Support he who falters, with hope banish fear,
And whisper advice in an erring one's ear.
Then will the Great Lights on your path brightly shine,
And you'll be a Mason, O brother of mine.

Your use of life's hours by the gauge you must try,
The gavel of vices with courage apply;
Your walk must be upright, as shown by the plumb,
On the level, to bourn whence no travelers come,

The Book of your faith be the rule and the guide,
The compass your passions shut safely inside;
The stone which the Architect placed in your care
Must pass the strict test of His unerring square.

And then you will meet
with approval divine,
And you'll be a Mason,
O brother of mine.



Quote of the Month

"We Masons are among the fortunate ones who are taught to meet together with others' opposing convictions or competitive ideas and yet respect each other as Brothers."

—Albert Pike



CHAPLAIN'S NOTES



by the Grand Lodge of Florida.

The laying of a cornerstone by our Masonic Fraternity is a most memorable event engaged in by Grand Lodges throughout the United States. Here in LaBelle there are at least two Masonic cornerstones – the LaBelle City Hall and our own Lodge building. There may be others here that I don't know about. There are undoubtedly many interesting cornerstone laying events carried out

One interesting cornerstone laying story I've heard occurred in 1881 by the Grand Lodge of Maryland. They loaned the community of East Cambridge money to build its first house of worship then returned, via steamboat, on St. John's Day – June 24, 1881 – to lay the cornerstone in proper Masonic form. They also generously erased the mortgage obligation.

Most Worshipful Grand Master John S. Tyson commented that, "laying this cornerstone affords a favorable opportunity for the illustration of the principle of toleration and liberality of opinion which is one of the most attractive features of our institution." Participating were Masons of different denominations, races and religions.

The Grand Lodge of Maryland returned twice more upon invitation to East Cambridge to lay cornerstones for new, and larger buildings that replaced the original wooden structure. In 1912 a stone building became the home of St. Paul's, and in 1981 a stone, brick and masonry structure was completed. On both these occasions, the Masonic community declared St Paul's Church to be "well formed, true and trusty."

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FAMOUS FREEMASON



Peter Sellers



Born September 8, 1925 - Died July 24, 1980

Peter Sellers was a British film actor, comedian and singer.

Sellers began his career when he was only two weeks. He traveled with his parents in their variety act. His first work was as a drummer for the show.

Sellers also developed his skills in mimicry which would serve him well in film career. Before breaking into film, he was part of BBC Radio where most notably he starred in "The Goon Show" a comedy radio show. It was during his time on "The Goon Show" that Sellers started getting movie roles.

Many of Sellers' movies were comedies, although he did get to show his artistic range with several different characters, often in the same movie. Most people remember Sellers as the bumbling Inspector Clouseau in the Pink Panther series and Dr. Strangelove.

Sellers was a member of Chelsea Lodge No 3098 — A lodge dedicated to members of the performing arts.



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PAST MASTERS

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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