

SUGARLAND LODGE NO.281 F&AM

TRESTLE BOARD—DECEMBER 2023

STATED COMMUNICATION

FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY

Dinner at 6:30 PM

Communication at 7:30 PM

DECEMBER 7
DECEMBER 21

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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



First things First, please join me in welcoming our newest Master Mason, Brother Mark Branaman!!! Congrats Brother Mark!!!! He was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason Friday, November 17th during the Okeechobee Lodge No. 237 Outdoor Degree. A huge "thank you" to them for the courtesy work and a grand evening of fellowship.

Our EA Brother Michael Castillo is continuing to work hard on his catechism. I'm sure we will be passing him to Fellow Craft real soon. Thanks to Brother Roy for working with him.

As I compose this, my last Trestle Board article as Master of Sugarland Lodge, I think back of the things we've accomplished over the last couple years: starting the Adopt-A-Teacher program, continued contributions to the Masonic Home, the toy giveaway with H.E. Hill Foundation and WAFC Pure Country Radio, hosting educational programs for our Brothers to assist them in their journeys in Masonry. I am also very proud of our ritual work, as we have been complimented on it several times by some of our visitors over the past couple years. We had our Family Picnic this past Spring; everyone in attendance enjoyed it and our Year End Gala. These events were started in order to involve our families - we do so much as Brothers, leaving our spouses and kids behind. I hope we can continue these events in the future.

As we come into December, please make time to attend these upcoming events.

- ♦ 2023 Year End Gala, **Dec 9th**, 6-10pm at Clewiston Country Club / \$45.00 per person
- ♦ Toy Give away with Santa & the Grinch, **Dec 16th**, 8am to noon at The John Boy Auditorium.
- ♦ Our 2024 Officer Installation will be **Jan 4th**, Dinner at 630pm, Install 730pm at the Lodge.

I want to thank each and everyone of you for your hard work and contributions for making our Lodge a success and continued support for W.: Tony Weems, our incoming Worshipful Master in making us even stronger.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Master of Sugarland No. 281 F&AM.

W.: RL Marsh, PM

Worshipful Master



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Just a reminder, I have mailed out the 2024 dues cards to perpetual members and notices to all members. If you have not received a notice for 2024 dues, please let me know as soon as possible. Currently, approximately half of the members of this Lodge have paid their dues.

A reminder that the Election for 2024 Lodge Officers is at the next Stated Communication. If any Brother is interested in becoming a Lodge Officer in 2025, the time to start working on getting your requirements completed is now!

I would also like to remind my Brothers that I have tickets for the Sugarland Lodge No. 281 Year End Gala on December 9th at the Clewiston Country Club. It's from 6:00 to 9:00 pm; the cost is \$45 per person, which includes Dinner, Fellowship & Music!

Fraternally & Respectfully,
W.: Richard Clemmons, PM
Secretary



NOTES FROM A CHAPLAIN

By Brother Phil Keyes, LaBelle No. 379 F&M

How does a Brother Mason approach a serious discussion about love with his wife, daughter or other female member of his family? The answer may be "very carefully", and for good reason. However, if such a conversation is eminent, none other than Mother Teresa comes to your rescue.

ABOUT LOVE



"Do not think that love, in order to be genuine, has to be extraordinary. What we need is to love without getting tired."

"How does a lamp burn? Through the continuous input of small drops of oil. If the drops of oil run out, the light of the lamp will cease, and the bridegroom will say, 'I do not know you'. (Matt. 25:12)"

"My daughters, what are these drops of oil in our lamps? They are the small things of daily life: faithfulness, punctuality, small words of kindness, a thought for others, our way of being silent, of looking, of speaking, and of acting. These are the drops of love."

"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies."

—Mother Theresa

PAST MASTERS



C.M. Pickle	1948 & 1949	Oswell L. Sutton	1973	Kevin M. Moore	1997
W.W. Perry	1950	Troy T. Cotton	1974	Ronald Evans	1998
Ezra E. Kelly	1951	Thomas Adams	1975	Wayne Wilkins	1999
James C. Jackman	1952	James Sorrells	1976	Glen R. Mickey	2000
W.J. Robinson	1953	T.W. Jack Wynn	1977	Alvin Akridge	2001
John R. Barton	1954	Bob Goedhart	1978	David J. Veale	2002
Floyd Andrews	1955	Melvin Keen	1979	Melvin Keen	2003
C.M. Giddens	1956	David Veale	1980	Teodoro "Ted" Reyes	2004
Lawrence E. Lee	1957	E. Edwards	1981	Richard Clemmons	2005
John Doty	1958	William Griffin Perry	1982	Melvin Keen	2006 & 2007
Robert E. Goedhart	1959	William "Bill" Thomas	1983	Teodoro "Ted" Reyes	2008 & 2009
John W. Wynn	1960	Wayne Wilkins	1984	John Cote	2010
Lewis W. Wethington	1961	John David Thomas	1985	Kevin M. Moore	2011
Thadis W. Wynn	1962	John Stanberry	1986	Kevin Nelson	2012 & 2013
John M. Drake	1963	James Armstrong	1987	Cecil O. Akin	2014 & 2015
Donald M. Galassini	1964	Wayne Wilkins	1988	Teodoro "Ted" Reyes	2016
Melvin C. Keen	1965	T.W. Jack Wynn	1989	William T. Maddox	2017
Abner H. Vann	1966	Price Wileman	1990	R.L. Marsh	2018 & 2019
Bobby Giddens	1967	John Drake	1991	John Cote	2020
Robert I. Pearce	1968	David J. Veale	1992	Kevin M. Moore	2021
W. Perry	1969	Wayne Wilkins	1993	R.L. Marsh	2022 & 2023
Robert Stacey	1970	Jim Griffin	1994		
Carl E. Wilson	1971	Glenn R. Mickey	1995		
Perl Corrington Spires	1972	Alvin Akridge	1996		

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