

LEHIGH ACRES LODGE NO. 344 F&AM

TRESTLE BOARD — FEBRUARY 2020

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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



So far, the 2020 year is off to a good start. Our first stated communication in January went well. We had good attendance from our members, as well as visitors. The attendance at our second stated was a bit scarce, but there was an EA Degree at another lodge that evening which affected our turnout.

In case you didn't know, we do have a Lodge Library. In fact, three nice, wooden bookcases were recently donated to us. All three have been securely anchored to the walls for safety thanks to our Brother Chaplain, Tim Fjelsted. If you want to take something home to read, just let Brother Mike Frisby know—as Secretary, he is our ex-officio Librarian. While we do have some fairly semi-recent publications, many of our books go back multiple decades, with a few actually over 100 years old and filled with a whole lot of Masonic history.

Congratulations to Brother Luis Tulier for completing all the Masonic Leadership Training (MLT) courses last month! Good job! I look forward to presenting his certificate & pin at Lodge in the near future. Before advancing to other chairs it is beneficial to go through this course; prior to being elected as Junior Warden, Senior Warden or Worshipful Master it is essential. I am also very glad to hear that Brother William Wheeler recently began working through the first of the MLT modules. By year's end I hope to present him his MLT certificate & pin as well.

As mentioned at our last Stated Communication, we have a clean up day scheduled for the Lodge on Saturday, February 22nd, starting at 9am. In this first phase of cleanup we will be going through the store rooms, disposing of any trash or small, non-essential items we find and tagging larger items for disposal later. If for whatever reason any Brother has any personal items stored here, now is the time to arrange for pickup so it doesn't get inadvertently thrown away.

Also, we are considering getting a little more community-involved this year by partnering with the FDOT's Adopt a Highway program. Not only would we be doing something good for the community, we would have our Lodge Name/Number proudly displayed on signs to help promote us. Try to come out to our first stated communication in February so we can discuss further and vote whether or not this is a worthwhile endeavor for our Lodge. Information about this program is available at <https://www.fdot.gov/maintenance/aahinfo.shtm>.

Safe Travels and Godspeed,
W.: Kevin Gourley, PM
Worshipful Master



Important Dates

February 3rd
Officer Meeting 6:30pm
Ritual Practice 7:00pm

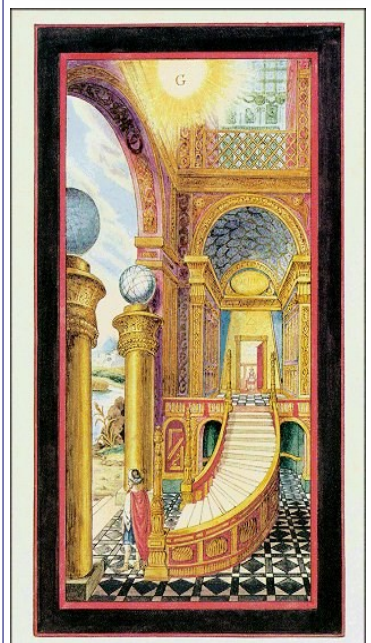
February 10th
Stated Communication
Dinner 6:30pm
Meet 7:30pm

February 17th
Ritual Practice 7:00pm

February 22nd
Lodge Cleanup Day
9:00am

February 24th
Stated Communication
Dinner 6:30pm
Meet 7:30pm

February Charity



GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH



As we move into the second month of this year, I felt as if we should take time to stop and remember the important masonic act of Fellowship. In Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 it states:

"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!"

Remember that without our fellow brothers there is no way that we as individuals or our fraternity as a whole can be successful.

Finally I will leave you with a Quote by Ralph W. Sockman:

"There are parts of a ship which taken by themselves would sink. The engine would sink. The propeller would sink. But when the parts of a ship are built together, they float. So with the events of my life. Some have been tragic. Some have been happy. But when they are built together, they form a craft that floats and is going places. And I am comforted."

Clint Larkins
Junior Warden



2020 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & MEMBERS

- Finance Committee: **W.: Fred Natoli**
Rob Antkiewicz, Clinton Larkins
- Vigilance Committee: **Bro. Clinton Larkins**
Rob Antkiewicz, Mike Crouchelli
- Petitions Committee: **Bro. Mike Frisby**
Mike Crouchelli, Bill Martin, Robert Sweet, Rob Antkiewicz
- Education Committee: **W.: Fred Natoli**
Clinton Larkins, Luis Tulier, Kevin Gourley, Robert Lippek
- Relief Committee: **W.: Kevin Gourley**
Fred Natoli, Clinton Larkins
- Investigative Committee: **W.: Rob Antkiewicz**
Clint Larkins, Luis Tulier, William Wheeler, Robert Sweet
- Charity Committee: **W.: Kevin Gourley**
Fred Natoli, Daniel Akard, Leon Veilluex, Scott Machado
- Property Committee: **W.: Rob Antkiewicz**
Kevin Gourley, Luis Tulier, Timothy Fjelsted, Marty Thompkins



GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



Greetings Brethren, I hope all is well. The charity for February will be the Epilepsy Foundation. The Epilepsy Foundation is a strong advocate and an unwavering ally for people with epilepsy.

They raise awareness about epilepsy and seizures. They support research for new therapies and a cure. They are active in Congress, the states, and the courts. They seek to ensure that people with seizures are able to participate in all life experiences.

As always, if you know of a brother needing assistance to Lodge, please reach out for help.

Sincerely,
W.: Fred Natoli, PM
Senior Warden



"If money is your hope for independence you will never have it. The only real security that a man will have in this world is a reserve of knowledge, experience, and ability."

—Brother Henry Ford



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Robert Beans—6th
Frederick Steinbach, Jr.—12th
Carleton Peterson, Sr.—17th
Jarvis Rowland—21st



ANNIVERSARIES IN FREEMASONRY

Joseph Kane, 25 Years
James Marsh, 12 Years
Bojan Stricevic, 11 Years





Master Mason Association of Southwest Florida

- ◆ President: R.:W.: Dan Akard
- ◆ Vice President: R.:H.: Bobby Lippek
- ◆ Treasurer: R.:W.: Joe Smedley
- ◆ Secretary: R.:W.: Jeff Nowak
- ◆ Social Media Director: W.: Michael O. Gardner

Business Meeting Every Fourth Wednesday
Dinner: 6:30 PM
Meeting: 7:30 PM



Independent Order of Odd Fellows & Rebekah

Noble Grand: Charles Martin
 (239) 369-6478
 Secretary: Ada Thompson

Regular Meeting Second Tuesday each month at 1:00PM.



National Sojourners

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Regular Meetings are held on Second Thursday at N. Fort Myers Elks Lodge. 6PM Dinner / 7PM Meeting



Tall Cedars of Lebanon

Tamiami Forest #205
 Grand Tall Cedar: James (Jim) R. Bolla, Sr.
 (239) 368-8065 shrinerjim@hotmail.com
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Regular Meetings are held the second Sunday of each month at the Punta Gorda Lodge at 2:30 P.M.



Order of the Eastern Star

Lehigh Acres Chapter 291
 Worthy Matron: Dorothy "Dotti" Foisy
 Worthy Patron: Jeff Nowak
 Secretary: Gerald Pokorny (239) 303-2374

Regular Meeting Second Friday Each Month at 7:30 P.M.



Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Myers

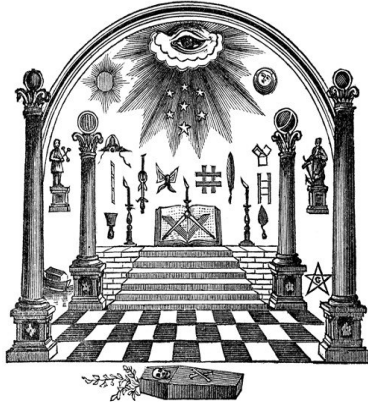
Personal Representative: Ill. Clay Taylor, 33°
 Secretary: Bro. Fred Wright, 32° KCCH
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**10868 Metro Pkwy
 Fort Myers, FL 33966**
**Regular Meetings are held the third Wednesday each month.
 6:30pm Dinner, 7:30pm Consistory**

District 24 Grand Lodge Officers

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
R.:W.: GENE SIMS
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DISTRICT INSTRUCTOR
R.:W.: JEFF NOWAK
(239) 571-0935



2020 OFFICERS

Worshipful Master

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Senior Warden

Fred Natoli, PM
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Junior Warden

Clint Larkins
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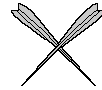
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Secretary

Mike Frisby
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Senior Steward

Marty Thompkins
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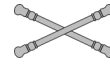
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Timothy Fjelsted
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Marshall

Robert Sweet, PM
(239) 303-9989



Senior Deacon

Luis Tulier-Fabregas
(270) 319-7558



Junior Deacon

William Wheeler
(239) 791-9551



Tyler

Michael Crouchelli, PM
(239) 368-2047



Junior Steward

Scott Machado
(239) 229-9582



PAST MASTERS



ROBERT BERNSTEIN*	1962
WALTER RIDGE*	1963
GRADY RYMER*	1964
THOMAS BOSWELL*	1965
LEON HURTADO*	1966
WILLIAM BEEMAN*	1967
FRANK LYONS*	1968
THOMAS BOSWELL*	1969
CHARLES GOEHLE JR*	1970
THOMAS BOSWELL*	1971
CHARLES GOEHLE JR*	1972
PAUL MELOY	1973-1974
JAMES FOSTER	1975

ROY C. ROBERTS*	1976
WILBER FRENCH*	1977
PAUL WILLIAMSON*	1978
JAMES BURGETT*	1979
RONALD TEMPLIN*	1980
JOHN BEDNAR*	1981
ERNEST SAMUELSON*	1982
HOWARD SPOERKE*	1983
WALTER REESE*	1984
ROBERT CAMPBELL*	1985
PAUL GOEHLE	1986
WALLACE BATEMAN*	1987
LEWIS FISH	1988
TED BLOCK	1989
ROBERT HOEPPNER*	1990
ALBERT SAMUELSON*	1991
ANDREW STANFORTH*	1992
J. DOUGLAS WRIGHT	1993
HOWARD SPOERKE*	1994
HARRY HOPKINS*	1995
CLIFF AYERS	1996
KENNETH LAVINE*	1997

JEROME MASSEE*	1998
WILLIAM HORSELING*	1999
CHARLES MARTIN	2000
KENNETH LAVINE*	2001
HELMUT REIMER	2002
JAMES ROSE*	2003
CARL PETERSON	2004
JONATHAN HAMMETT	2005
RALPH MCDONALD*	2006
MICHAEL CROUCHELLI	2007
GUY WALTMAN*	2008
JOHN CARTER	2009
JASON HOLLINGER	2010
WILLIAM HORACIO JR.*	2011
PAUL GOEHLE	2012-2013
G. RICHARD CURETON	2014
DANIEL AKARD	2015
ROBERT LIPPEK	2016
KEVIN GOURLEY	2017
JAMES BOLLA, SR.	2018
FRED NATOLI	2019

*Indicates Deceased