



LaBelle No. 379 F&AM

Trestle Board — February 2025

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Greetings from the East



I would like to thank all those involved with helping with Smoke Under the Oaks in selling drinks, this could not have been such a successful event without a team effort.

The fourth annual joint communication of LaBelle Lodge, Sugarland Lodge and Ft. Myers Beach Lodge was held on January 30th it was a great time of fellow-

ship and a fun time with Masonic trivia. I would like to thank Worshipful RL Marsh and Brothers John Smith & George Benjamin with their assistance in preparing the evening meal.

Please remember that we have a workday scheduled for February 15th. Also, we have a Fellow Craft Degree scheduled for February 25th.

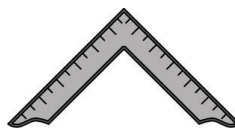
When we receive a new candidate, and they complete their Entered Apprentice Degree, there is always much celebration and congratulations. The Brothers in attendance are always appreciated and are quick to participate. Turn out for all degrees is essential to our new Brothers, they need to see and feel the kind of brotherhood they are entering into. 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 during my initiation. 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. I ask that all Brothers attend when we are conferring degrees, as this shows our Brothers the strong bond we have as Masons.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

W. Isidro "Izzy" Lopez, PM

Worshipful Master

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Quote of the Month

"To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy of the benevolent design of a Masonic institution; and it is most fervently to be wished, that the conduct of every member of the fraternity, as well as those publications, that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race."

— Brother George Washington



STATED COMMUNICATIONS

SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS



February 11

6:30pm Dinner / 7:30pm Meeting

February 25

6:30pm Dinner / 7:30pm Meeting



Happy Valentine's Day!



George Washington Masonic National Memorial

Pic courtesy of Kevin Gourley, PM.



The **Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Myers** is still looking for candidates for the 2025 Spring Reunion class on March 15th & 16th. Email W.: Bob Sweet at bob79sweet@duck.com or W.: Kevin Gourley at KLGourley1971@gmail.com if you would like to be considered for the upcoming class.

There is an **online petition** on the Valley of Fort Myers website. Here you can learn about and become active in the 4th thru 32nd degrees of Freemasonry. If you enjoy ritual or the meaning behind it, the Scottish Rite may be for you.

Freemasonry



Resides in the hearts
of good men.....

McKim 3000

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



It was Lodge meeting night and still two hours before the gavel fell, but a lot of Masonic activity is under way. This scenario isn't unusual for many Lodges, especially ours. On this particular night the Worshipful Master and secretary are going over Grand Lodge stuff and other

Lodge business in the secretary's office; the Junior Warden and Senior Warden are in the kitchen working on the evening's meal; a class is in progress on the Northside of the Lodge room; and, as always, a couple other brothers have arrived early to relax and chat in a corner of the Brotherhood Hall..

As dinner time grows closer more members and visitors arrive. Soon the activity has spread throughout the Lodge. Occasionally a first time visitor must undergo examination and once cleared begins to mingle with his new-found brothers, perhaps establishing new friendships through the sharing of Masonic lore. Later, the Worshipful Master will formally welcome him and may even invite him to address the Lodge.

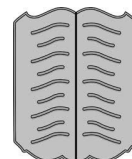
No two Lodge nights are ever alike in every detail and by the time we hear the words, "don't forget the charity box", the ground work for the next stated or called meeting is already underway. There is a lot to like and enjoy in our Fraternity, A lot you'll want to be a part of.

Bro. Phil Keyes

Chaplain

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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	2023-2024

* Indicates Deceased



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