

LEHIGH ACRES LODGE NO. 344 F&AM

TRESTLE BOARD — APRIL 2021

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Greetings from the East



My Brothers,

As I mentioned a couple of meetings ago, our Lodge is facing some very difficult times indeed. We are at the point that, come next year, we will not be able to operate. This has forced us to consider merging with Tropical No. 56, so that we can continue our Masonic journey.

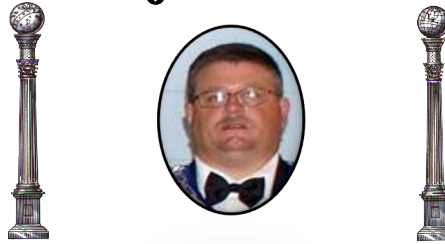
You will all receive notice and summons in the mail this month of April from our Brother Secretary with some details. Please read this over carefully, and plan to attend our second stated communication in May so we may discuss and vote on this matter.

May the Great Architect of the Universe watch over all of us in this difficult time.

Fraternally,
W.: Luis Tulier
Worshipful Master



Greetings from the West



April's charity is the Humane Society. Animals need care too! Adopt a new family member today!

Our closest local chapter is the Gulf Coast Humane Society in Fort Myers.



Visit:
www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org/
online for more information and to make a contribution to this worthy cause.

Fraternally,
R.:W.: Dan Akard, PDDGM
Senior Warden



Greetings from the South



Brothers, as we enter April I hope all is well with you and your families.

I would like to share something I read in GL Book # 3 of Masonic Education:

1. Man is immortal
2. Character determines destiny
3. Love of man is, next to love of God, man's first duty.
4. Prayer, communion of man with God is helpful

Fraternally,
Bro. William Wheeler
Junior Warden



IMPORTANT DATES

April 5
Officer Meeting 6:30pm



April 12
Stated Communication
Dinner 6:30pm/Meeting 7:30pm

April 19
Ritual Practice 7:00pm

April 26
Stated Communication
Dinner 6:30pm / Meeting 7:30pm

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



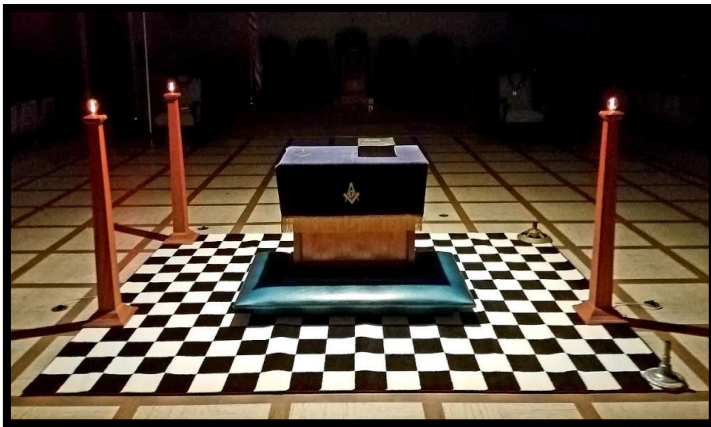
Greetings!

Just a reminder that the 192nd Annual Grand Communication is coming up soon on Monday, May 31st thru Wednesday, June 2nd.

As usual, it is being held at the Rosen Plaza Hotel on 9700 International Drive in Orlando. Call the hotel at 407-996-9700 and let them know you are with the Grand Lodge of Florida to make a room reservation or [click this link to book online.](#)

As mentioned in the Worshipful Master's message, our Lodge is going through a challenging time that is forcing us to make some difficult decisions. A notice and summons will be going out to all members sometime early April to attend the Stated Communication on May 24th to discuss and vote on this important measure.

Fraternally,
W.: Kevin Gourley, PM
Secretary



APRIL BIRTHDAYS



- ♦ RICHARD CURETON—1ST
- ♦ PAUL CONROD—4TH
- ♦ TED BLOCK —8TH
- ♦ BOJAN STRICEVIC —8TH
- ♦ LINN BALLIET 14TH

ANNIVERSARIES IN FREEMASONRY



- ♦ Billy Harvey, 46 Years

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Freemasonry has promoted fellowship, it has nurtured brotherhood, it has practiced charity. It has education, it has been founded on truth and the cardinal virtues. But what is Masonry's greatest mission in life today? What should be the thrust of modern Masonry? Those are the answers we are presently seeking, and on our success in finding the answer depends the future of our Fraternity.”

— L. L. Williams



CELESTIAL LODGE

We lost Bro. Michael Stanforth to the Celestial Lodge on March 13th this past month. He became a Master Mason over 25 years ago on March 26, 1994 and was a perpetual member of Lehigh Acres Lodge No. 344 F&AM.

A Masonic funeral service was held for him on March 13th at the Christ Central Church in LaBelle. Please keep his wife, Teresa, and the rest of the family in your prayers.



Master Mason Association of Southwest Florida

- ◆ President: R.:H.: Bobby Lippek
- ◆ Vice President: R.:W.: Daniel Akard
- ◆ Treasurer: R.:W.: Joe Smedley
- ◆ Secretary: R.:W.: Jeff Nowak
- ◆ Social Media Director: W.: Alexander Guilday

Business Meeting is held every fourth Wednesday each month.

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 is held the second Tuesday each month at 1:00PM.



National Sojourners

President: Mike Crouchelli
Phone: (239) 368-2047
Email: unclemike73@msn.com

Meetings are held on the second Thursday each month at the North Fort Myers Elks Lodge.

Secretary: Jeff Nowak
Phone: (239) 571-0935
Email: jmnowak1@aol.com

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
Scribe: William P. Bond
(941) 475-4854 billandtinabond@yahoo.com

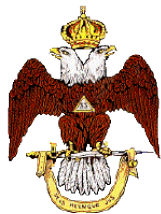
Regular Meetings are held the second Sunday of each month at Punta Gorda Lodge at 2:30 P.M.



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 is held on the 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
WWW.SCOTTISHRITEFORTMYERS.COM

**10868 Metro Pkwy
Fort Myers, FL 33966**

Regular Meetings are held the third Wednesday each month.
6:30pm Dinner, 7:30pm Consistory



Lehigh Acres Shrine Club

President: John Geronimo
239-940-9498
JGEROW81@yahoo.com
Secretary: Russ Holck
239-813-8939
lizziesec@yahoo.com

Double Eagle Restaurant in the Majestic Country Club
(Located on the Second Floor)

Fourth Thursday each month
Social at 5:00 pm with dinner and meeting to follow

**District 24
Grand Lodge Officers**

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
R.:W.: SCOTT PEACOCK
(617) 271-4331

DISTRICT INSTRUCTOR
R.:W.: GENE SIMS
(239) 707-3030



2021 OFFICERS



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Luis Tulier
(270) 319-7558



Senior Warden
Daniel Akard, PDDGM
(239) 707-4457



Junior Warden
William Wheeler
(239) 689-9120



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Rob Antkiewicz, PM
(239) 220-7569



Secretary
Kevin Gourley, PM
(239) 849-1534



Senior Deacon
Robert Sweet, PM
(239) 303-9989



Junior Deacon
Timothy Fjelsted
(239) 247-0254



Tyler
Michael Crouchelli, PM
(239) 368-2047

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
KEVIN GOURLEY	2020

*Indicates Deceased