

Lehigh Acres Lodge #344 Free & Accepted Masons

1110 Ashlar Avenue
Lehigh Acres, FL

Trestle Board—February 2017

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Greetings from the East

I hope everyone had a great beginning to the year. We now move on to the month of February. Don't forget Valentine's Day this month - be sure to remind that special someone how much you care.

Thank you to Bro. Mike Frisby and his wife, Carol, for cleaning up the back room adjacent to the office. It can now be used to better store and organize items. I know this was not the easiest of tasks.

I must also give a shout out to my wife, Betty, and Bro. Fred Natoli's wife, Frances, for doing a pretty thorough job of giving the kitchen area a needed scrub down.

Moving forward, we will continually evaluate and look for areas within the lodge where we may be able to improve or make inexpensive repairs.

We recently received an inquiry from a church that seems interested in leasing Lyons Hall. Nothing has been finalized yet, but it is a hopeful sign. This would be a big help with stabilizing Lodge finances for the future.

On a final note this month, I'd like to parody a famous quote from a famous president: "Ask not what your Lodge can do for you. Ask what you can do for your Lodge."

Safe Travels and Godspeed,
W. Kevin Gourley
Worshipful Master



Charity of the Month
The Ronald McDonald House

www.rmhc.org/

Important Dates:



02/06 Ritual Practice
7:00 PM

02/13 Stated Communication
6:30 PM Dinner
7:15 PM Officer Photo
7:30 PM Meeting

02/20 Officer Meeting
7:00 PM

02/27 Stated Communication
6:30 PM Dinner

Greetings from the West

What are "Master's wages?"

Operative Masons received their Wages in the coin of the realm. But we, as Speculative Masons are paid in intangible wages.

Examples of these are

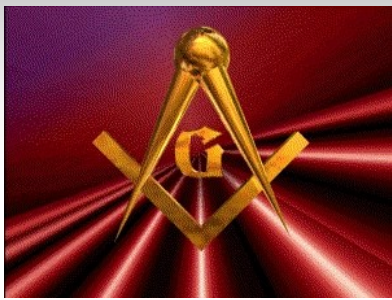
- ♦ The passing of the Tyler's station and the mingling with the brethren when attending Lodge.
- ♦ The right to visit other Lodges, though some restrictions can apply.
- ♦ To see and participate in the beautiful ceremonies of Freemasonry.
- ♦ The knowledge that you are not alone in your travels.
- ♦ That, as a member of a Worldwide Brotherhood, the widow or orphan need ask only once.
- ♦ The right to have a Masonic funeral service if desired.

These are the "Wages of a Master Mason" and more valuable than gold.

Finally, there is the making of many Masonic friends who travel the same path as you and passed through the same degrees as you.

Count as gain for work well done in what wages seems most valuable; the dearest of the intangible wages which come to any Master Mason are those Masonic friendships of which there are no greater "Master's Wages" attainable.

W. Jim Bolla, Sr.
Senior Warden



Birthdays for February

*Happy Birthday
to the following Brothers:*

Robert Beans—6th

Frederick Steinbach, Jr.—12th

Carleton Peterson, Sr.—17th

Jarvis Roland—21st

February Anniversaries in Freemasonry

Albert Samuelson, 44 Years

Joseph Kane, 22 Years

James Marsh, 9 Years

Bojan Stricevic, 8 Years



Lehigh Acres Lodge #344 is participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life this year. If you would like to make a donation you can address a check to the "American Cancer Society" and send it to Lehigh Acres Lodge #344, P.O. Box 394, Lehigh Acres, FL 33974.

Greetings from the South

I hope this new year is starting off great for all.

Id like to Congratulate Bro. Clint Larkins on his E.A. Degree and the beginning of his Masonic Journey . Thank you all who participated.

Valentines Day is sneaking up on us. The celebration of love and affection. So don't forget to be sweet to your sweetie.

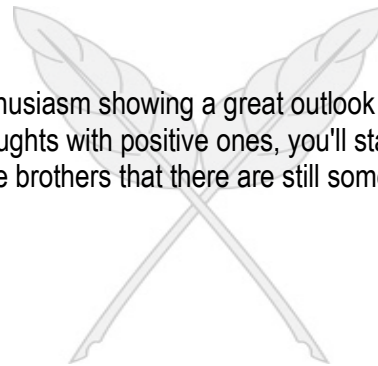
A Lil Humor—What did the Freemason say when he fell off the drawbridge?
So moat it be !

By the Plumb, Fork & Knife,
Bro. Fred Natoli
Junior Warden

From the Secretary's Desk

The year has started with ideas and enthusiasm showing a great outlook for the year to come. When we replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you'll start having positive results. I just want to remind the brothers that there are still some with outstanding dues.

Fraternally,
Bro. Mike Frisby
Secretary



Celestial Lodge Above

Brother Harold Richard Adams, 80, of Lehigh Acres Lodge #344, passed away on December 28th, 2016. The Lodge was asked by his family to conduct a Masonic funeral service on January 14th, which we proudly did to honor our deceased brother.

Brother Adams was Initiated as an Entered Apprentice on 1977-01-17, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on 1977-06-06, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason: 1977-10-31.

Quote of the Month



If you have anything really valuable to contribute to the world, it will come through the expression of your own personality, that single spark of divinity that sets you off and makes you different from every other living creature.

—Bruce Barton

Order of the Eastern Star

LEHIGH ACRES CHAPTER 291

- ♦ Worthy Matron: Janice Martin
- ♦ Worthy Patron: James Bolla, Sr.
- ♦ Secretary: Gerald Pokorny
(239) 303-2374



Regular Meeting Second Friday Each Month at 7:30 PM

Masters & Wardens Association of South-west Florida



President: W Dan Akard
Vice President: Bro. Mike Gardner
Treasurer: RW Joe Smedley
Secretary: RW Jeff Nowak
Social Media Director: W Bobby Lippek

Business Meeting Every Fourth Wednesday

Dinner: 6:30 PM
Meeting: 7:30 PM



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Lehigh Acres Shrine Club

Meeting Every Fourth Thursday

Location: China Star Restaurant
Dinner: 6:00 PM
Business Meeting: 7:00 PM



All Shriners, Master Masons, and their ladies are welcome to attend for dinner.

Call one of the following for more information:

- ♦ Noble Jim Bolla, Sr. (President)
(239) 368-8065
shrinerjim@hotmail.com
- ♦ Noble Bill R. Jones (Secretary)
(239) 368-6474
wri509@aol.com

Rebekah Lodge



Noble Grand: Charles Martin

(239) 369-6478

Secretary: Ada Thompson

Independent Order of Oddfellows

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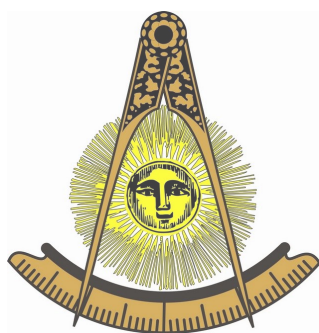


Regular meeting every Tuesday afternoon immediately after Rebekah meeting.

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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

* Indicates Deceased

2017 Officers

Worshipful Master
Kevin Gourley

Senior Warden
James Bolla, Sr.

Junior Warden
Fred Natoli

Treasurer
Daniel Akard

Secretary
J. Michael Frisby

Senior Deacon
Robert Lippek

Junior Deacon
Robert Sweet

Chaplain
Charles "Bill" Martin

Tyler
Michael Crouchelli



District 29 Grand Lodge Officers

R.W. Clay Taylor
District Deputy Grand Master

R.W. Jeff Nowak
District Instructor