

Lehigh Acres Lodge #344 Free & Accepted Masons

1110 Ashlar Avenue
Lehigh Acres, FL

Trestle Board—March 2017



PHONE: (239) 369-1953

Important Dates:

03/01 Masonic Leadership Training

6:30 PM

03/06 Ritual Practice

7:00 PM

03/08 Masonic Leadership Training

6:30 PM

03/13 Stated Communication

6:30 PM Dinner

7:30 PM Meeting

03/15 Masonic Leadership Training

6:30 PM

03/20 (PENDING) Fellow Craft Degree

6:30 PM Dinner

7:30 PM FC Degree

03/27 Stated Communication

6:30 PM Dinner

7:30 PM Meeting

03/29 Masonic Leadership Training

6:30 PM



Greetings from the East

I think this year has been off to a pretty good start.

The Lodge voted last month to allow the Hermanos En Christo church to use Lyons Hall for their services. Their use of the building will not interfere with any of the other organizations that currently meet at the Lodge. It is only a six month lease, but it will certainly help out with Lodge finances this year.

It was also recently discussed that Rebekah has money set aside for the Lodge to make some much needed improvements to the Men's restroom. This is a project I am looking forward to completing. I plan to hopefully start renovations in the next couple of months.

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



Greetings from the West

Brethren,

The first celebration of Saint Patrick's Day in New York City was in 1756, at the Crown and Thistle tavern. Philadelphia held its first St. Patrick's Day parade in 1771. General George Washington, a prominent Mason, issued a proclamation during the Revolutionary War, declaring March 17, 1780 a holiday for the Continental Army, then stationed in Morristown, New Jersey, in honor of the many soldiers of Irish ancestry and those born in Ireland.

Approximately one quarter of the Continental Army consisted of Irish soldiers. It was reported that this was the first holiday granted the troops in two years. Washington's remark that the proclamation was "as an act of solidarity with the Irish in their fight for independence," was possibly the origins of St. Patrick's Day in America as an expression of Irish nationalism as much as Irish heritage or of honoring a Christian saint.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

W.: Jim Bolla, Sr.
Senior Warden



Charity of the Month

Masonic Home Endowment Fund MH-100

http://grandlodgefl.com/program_mh100.html

American Cancer Society & Relay for Life



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.



Birthdays for March

*Happy Birthday
to the following Brothers:*

Lewis Fish—8th

James Grant.—15th

James Bolla, Jr. —16th

Benjamin Lopez—18th

March Anniversaries in Freemasonry

George Briede, 64 Years

John Carter, 40 Years

Mike Crouchelli, 38 Years

Danny Moss 30 Years

Paul Conrod, 28 Years

Michael Salas, Sr., 23 Years

Michael Stanforth, 23 Years

James Wright, 23 Years

Paul Benstine, 21 Years

Frank Caveliero, Jr., 12 Years

Benjamin Lopez, 12 Years

Ronald Carter, 8 Years

James Taylor, 6 Years

Terry Steele II, 3 Years

Greetings from the South

Hope all is well with everyone and their families. It has been a nasty flu season in my household but we are hanging tough.

I'd like to remind everyone that the Relay For Life @ veterans park is approaching fast. if you are able to help with donations and or the night of the relay, it would be greatly appreciated. I have heard a lot of stories from the past relays and it sounds very exciting...definitely looking forward to it.

Also, I would like to challenge all of my Brothers to reach out to a member of the Lodge who hasn't been there in a while. Give them a phone call or a social visit. Try to get them to come to Lodge. They may be unable to drive or just may need a lil extra assistance walking and getting around. We should do the best we can to get them to lodge. Thank You!

A Lil Humor: What did the Junior Warden say when the Steward was about to serve double helpings? Halve it and Begin...

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



From the Secretary's Desk

Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you'll start having positive results...Brethren, we have seen this in action this past month. We now have seen a lease signed and income generated with new renters, and two past Entered Apprentices that want to continue their Masonic journey. All in a short month.

Whatever the mind can conceive and believe, it can achieve ----Napoleon Hill

Fraternally,
Bro. Mike Frisby
Secretary



Quote of the Month

That one things we have to teach, that one thing we Masons have as the key to our secret, the end-all and the be-all of Freemasonry is, you are my brother and I am yours.

—Conrad Hahn



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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 Southwest 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

2017 Officers for Lehigh Acres Lodge #344



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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

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

Independent Order of Odd Fellows

LEHIGH ACRES LODGE 2009

Noble Grand: Charles Martin
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Secretary: Ada Thompson



**Regular meeting 2nd Tuesday each month immediately after
Rebekah meeting.**

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

PAST MASTERS



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