

# Lehigh Acres Lodge #344 Free & Accepted Masons

## Trestle Board—July 2017

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### Greetings from the East



Hello Brothers! I hope everyone has a Happy 4th of July and a great summer.

Although the Lodge has voted to go dark this month, we will be having a called communication on July 24th to pass a couple of our Entered Apprentices to the degree of Fellow Craft — Bro. Clint Larkins and Bro. Kawelo Makaneole. We are hoping for one more to give back his catechism in time so we can have a total of three.

A few of our officers recently visited Noah Lodge #357 to have one of our EA candidates initiated as a courtesy candidate. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the initiates for Noah Lodge were not available and we were offered the opportunity to initiate our own Timothy Fjelsted as an Entered Apprentice.



I would like to give a big "THANK YOU" to the Sojourners Heroes of '76 who were kind enough to perform their spectacular flag presentation last month. They always put on a great presentation and it is truly appreciated.

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



### Important Dates:

07/03 Holiday Weekend — No Practice / No Meeting

07/10 Dark—No Meeting

07/17 Officer Meeting—Ritual Practice—7:00 PM

07/24 Called Communication—Fellow Craft Degree

6:30 Dinner - 7:30 Degree

07/31 Ritual Practice—7:00 PM

### Greetings from the West



One of the most frequent errors in lodge procedure is the failure of a Warden to raise or lower his column appropriately. Let an absent-minded Warden fail to raise or lower his column as required, and many a frantic gesture from the side lines will remind him of his errant ways!

Almost every Brother sitting in the lodge room knows the proper position of the Wardens' columns during labor or at refreshment, and will hasten to signal a Warden if the emblem of his office is awry. Every Brother knows the simple rule for positioning the Wardens' columns. .

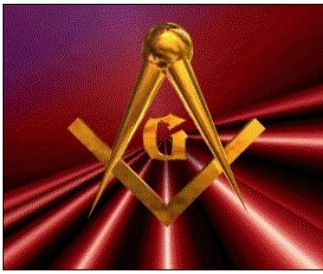
There is no simple explanation of the origin of the Wardens' columns nor what they represent, yet all well informed Brethren will agree that today they are emblematical of the offices of the two Wardens, and represent their authority, of the Senior during labor, and of the Junior while the lodge is at refreshment.

Thus the raising and lowering of the Wardens' columns became sanctioned by custom and Grand Lodge approval. It is not a complicated or mysterious symbolic act; it is a simple means to indicate silently to entering Brethren the status of the lodge.

Have a great summer!

W.: Jim Bolla, Sr.  
Senior Warden





## Birthdays for July

*Happy Birthday  
to the following Brothers:*

George Briede—10th

Norman Castor—11th

## July Anniversaries in Freemasonry

Bill Jeffries—68 Years

James Fletcher—50 Years

William Teal, III—23 Years

## Quote of the Month

Everybody really knows what to do to have his life filled with joy. What is it? Quit hating people; start loving them. Quit being mad at people; start liking them. Quit doing wrong; quit being filled with fear. Quit thinking about yourself and go out and do something for other people. Everybody knows what you have to do to be happy. But the wisdom of the test lies in the final words: If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

— Rev. Norman Vincent Peale



## Greetings from the South



As we head into summer with full force we find our thoughts drifting towards vacations, BBQ, trying to keep cool, more BBQ, entertaining the kids, and of course more BBQ. Okay, that may be only me, but in truth we do find our priorities changing during the summer. Just because the Lodge is Dark doesn't mean we have to forget about one another. Spread some Light & Love and check on a Brother.

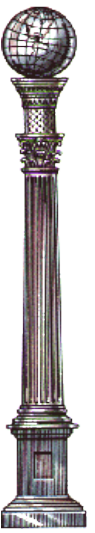
Wishing All my Brothers & their Families a Wonderful Summer.

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



## Masonic Education Extraordinaire

Congratulations to Worshipful Bobby Lippek for all your achievements and the dedication you have put forth in Masonic Education for our Lodge and Freemasonry in general. It is all very much appreciated.



W.: Kevin Gourley, W.: Bobby Lippek, R.:W.: Mike Gardner (D.D.G.M.)



## Charity of the Month

<https://www.fisherhouse.org/>

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## Order of the Eastern Star

### LEHIGH ACRES CHAPTER 291

Dark for the Summer—No meetings.



## Rebekah Lodge

Dark for the Summer—No meetings.



## Independent Order of Odd Fellows

### LEHIGH ACRES LODGE 2009

Dark for the Summer — No Meetings



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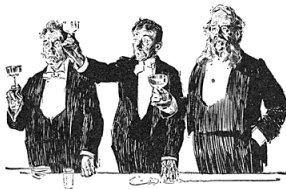
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## Sojourners Heroes of '76

The Sojourners Heroes of '76 came to Lehigh Acres Lodge #344 the night of June 26th and performed their solemn flag ceremony. We were honored to have them here and the performance is always interesting and educational.

We opened up the lodge for public ceremony so anybody that was interested in learning a little bit about the history of our great flag had the opportunity to attend.



## 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 Bill R. Jones (President)  
(239) 368-6474  
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## Master Mason Association of Southwest Florida

- ♦ President: W.: Dan Akard
- ♦ Vice President: Bro. Michael Gardner, Jr.
- ♦ Treasurer: R.:W.: Joe Smedley
- ♦ Secretary: R.:W.: Jeff Nowak
- ♦ Social Media Director: W.: Robert Lippek

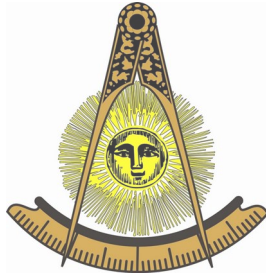
### Business Meeting Every Fourth Wednesday

Dinner: 6:30 PM

Meeting: 7:30 PM

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 24 Grand Lodge Officers

District Deputy Grand Master  
*R.:W.: Mike Gardner*

District Instructor  
*R.:W.: Jeff Nowak*