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TRESTLE BOARD — MAY 2020

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*Due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns, Most Worshipful Grand Master John Westerman, III has hereby ordered that all Stated & Called Communications and other Masonic group functions remain suspended until **June 1st**. In addition, the 191st Annual Grand Communication in Orlando has also been cancelled.*

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



It has certainly been some time since our last stated communication due to the quarantine in effect for the COVID-19 pandemic. I hope everyone is still doing okay & staying healthy during this time and taking precautions when needing to go out and about to work or the grocery store. Wearing masks and social distancing are still being recommended at this time.

Unfortunately, but as I expected, Most Worshipful Grand Master John Westerman, III has ordered that all Masonic group functions continue to be suspended through the month of May, hopefully to end on June 1st. This also means that the 191st Annual Grand Communication in Orlando has also been cancelled; this is the first time one of our Grand Communications has been cancelled since World War 2. Grand Lodge is making provisions for the Lodge Delegates (WM, SW, and JW) to vote remotely (electronically) for the 2021 Grand Officers and the 2021 Grand Lodge Budget. Voting on proposed legislation will be delayed until after a date Stated Communications can resume and Lodges have had a chance to review and decide on such legislation.

During our quarantine and so-called "lockdown", I have maintained contact with a number of Brothers through telephone calls, text, email, and even Facebook. I want to encourage everyone to continue staying in contact with one another. We may be separated physically, but we are still connected by the bonds of friendship and Freemasonry.



To end my message with a more positive spin, I will share some more with you about my trip to Washington D.C. Right before everything started shutting down in mid-March, I had the opportunity to visit the Scottish Rite House of the Temple. The great thing was the hotel I was staying in was not even a block away—a very easy and quick walk.

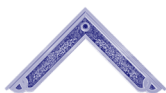
While the outside is quite magnificent in person, the inside is even more spectacular: Inside you will find rooms with stained-glass windows, marble floors, a huge library with floor-to-ceiling books, and a couple of ornate lodge rooms in the upper chambers.

In one of the many chambers there is a room dedicated to the founder of Scottish Rite Freemasonry himself, Albert Pike. Here you will see many of the personal items (books, aprons, etc.) he used in life, as well as his death mask that was made after his passing.

Outside the dedicated chamber is a commemorative bust [right photo] of Albert Pike. Who would have known that his cremated ashes are entombed inside the temple in the wall just behind this bust?

There were so many things to see and too many pictures to take—way too many to share here. Whether or not you are a Scottish Rite Mason, if you find yourself in the D.C. area, try to take a visit to the House of the Temple. The cost to get in for a guided tour is FREE!

Stay Safe! Stay Healthy!
W.: Kevin Gourley, PM
Worshipful Master



GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



I sincerely hope and pray that all are healthy and doing well during the Quarantine. I am looking forward to getting back to Lodge and seeing everyone.

Our Charity for the month of May is the Harry Chapin food bank. We all know what they do, but right now during these extraordinary times they are doing extraordinary things. They are passing out at least 20% more food now than they did after Hurricane Irma.

It's heartbreaking to see how many people need help, but it is also heartwarming to see the community come together and help all our neighbors.

You can read more and find out how to donate at harrychapinfoodbank.org.

Please stay safe and we will be together soon.

Sincerely & Fraternally,
W.: Fred Natoli, PM
Senior Warden



MAY CHARITY



Harry Chapin Food Bank
OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Cleveland Edwards, 3rd

Clint Larkins, 5th

Scott Braun, 7th

Jonathan Hammett, 8th

Paul Goehle, 11th

William Lindsay, 23rd

James Bolla, Sr., 24th

James Marsh, 24th



ANNIVERSARIES IN FREEMASONRY

Linn Balliet, 44 Years

Robert Kruger, 13 Year



GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH



Brethren, In this time of uncertainty remember to check in on your brothers and their family. If any brothers need assistance in these times don't be afraid to ask. My phone number is (239) 204-1941.

Clint Larkins
Junior Warden



One small section of the illustrious Library located inside the Scottish Rite House of the Temple





Master Mason Association of Southwest Florida

- ◆ President: R.:W.: Dan Akard
- ◆ Vice President: R.:H.: Bobby Lippek
- ◆ Treasurer: R.:W.: Joe Smedley
- ◆ Secretary: R.:W.: Jeff Nowak
- ◆ Social Media Director: W.: Michael O. Gardner

Business Meeting Every Fourth Wednesday
Dinner: 6:30 PM
Meeting: 7:30 PM



Independent Order of Odd Fellows & Rebekah

Noble Grand: Charles Martin
 (239) 369-6478
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Regular Meeting Second Tuesday
each month at 1:00PM.



National Sojourners

President: Mike Crouchelli
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Regular Meetings are held on Second Thursday at N. Fort Myers Elks Lodge. 6PM Dinner / 7PM Meeting



Tall Cedars of Lebanon

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Regular Meetings are held the second Sunday of each month at the 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 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
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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

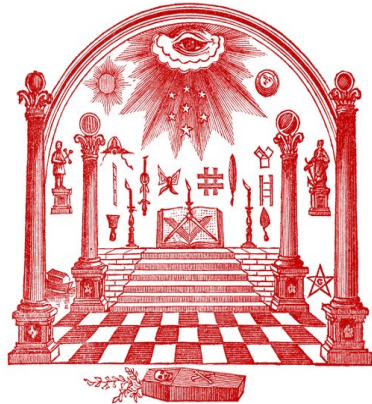
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El Tarasco Mexican Restaurant
Lehigh Acres- 3rd Thursday
Dinner 6PM, Meeting 7PM

District 24 Grand Lodge Officers

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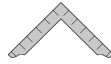
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Junior Warden

Clint Larkins
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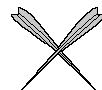
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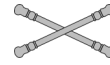
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Junior Deacon

William Wheeler
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Tyler

Michael Crouchelli, PM
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Junior Steward

Scott Machado
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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
KEVIN GOURLEY	2017
JAMES BOLLA, SR.	2018
FRED NATOLI	2019

*Indicates Deceased