Sugarland No. 281 🌿

Free & Accepted Masons

520 E. Sugarland Hwy Clewiston, Florida 33440-0072

Trestle Board—January 2025

Clewiston, FL 33440

Greetings from the East



Brothers. I have been honored to be elected as Worshipful Master for the upcoming 2025 year and very proud to accept the position.

Unfortunately, due to an emergency in my family, I need to leave town for a short time. Therefore,

Sugarland No. 281 will need to postpone our installation of 2025 Officers. Once I am back home we will reschedule as soon as possible. There will be a regular Stated Communication on the 2nd of January.

Brother Mike Castillo will be giving back his Master Masons catechism on December 19th. We are very proud of him. I feel Mike is going to be a great asset to the Brotherhood.

For all of the incoming officers for the ensuing year: I hope we have a great year and I know I have your help & support to make this a great year.

I would like to thank Worshipful Tony Weems for the past year and for having confidence in me for the upcoming year. I appreciate all you have done and accomplished for our Lodge. Thank you again on behalf of all the members of our Lodge.

To all regular Masons and the families, I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and I wish everyone a Happy & prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,

Roy Gattone Worshipful Master-Elect Phone: (863) 228-6717

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STATED COMMUNICATION



JANUARY 2

Dinner at 6:30 PM Install Ceremony at 7:30 PM

JANUARY 16

Dinner at 6:30 PM Communication at 7:30 PM



From the Secretary's Desk



A new year is upon us! I offer Congratulations to Brothers Roy Gattone as Worshipful Master, Tommy Rudd as Senior Warden and Khristian Moore as Junior Warden for 2025! I wish you all a good year and will do my best to support you all as this year progresses.

Brothers, if you have not yet paid your dues for 2025, please see me before the meeting on January 2nd!

I would like also like to remind our newer Brothers to continue working on your Master Mason I, II, & III, and MLT training. These are required if you wish to move through the chairs; <u>no</u> Brother is exempt from these requirements. Even for Brothers who have been Wardens or Worshipful Masters in the past, this is also required for you to now be elected to sit in those chairs. The training is very beneficial and will be a big help to you. Please see me, & we can go about setting up the training.

This year will be the first year with no Past Masters moving through the line, this is where we've worked hard to get, so let's keep it going. I encourage all the Brothers to put in the work. It's worth the efforts and our Lodge needs YOU!

As a reminder, the 4th Annual Joint Communication is coming up on January 30th at 5:30 p.m. I encourage any Brother who's never attended to not miss it! It's a lot of great Fellowship, Food, & Fun!

Respectfully and Fraternally,

W.: Richard Clemmons, PM Secretary

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2025 Officers

Worshipful Master
Roy Gattone

Senior Warden Tommy Rudd

Junior Warden Khristian Moore

Treasurer *Jon Basquin*

Secretary *Richard Clemmons, PM*

Chaplain Jim Rusty Griffin, PM

Marshal Joel Case, PDDGM

Senior Deacon *Juan Carlos Santana*

Junior Deacon Mark Branaman

Senior Steward Cecil Raulerson

Junior Steward
Mike Castillo

TylerJesse Gutierrez

Musings From A Chaplain

By Brother Phil Keyes, LaBelle No. 379 F&AM

Writer and Bible teacher Gene Getz suggests we may be guilty of idol worship in our modern, educated and enlightened lives. If so, we would be in direct violation of

one of the Commandments God send down the mountain with Moses – "thou shall have no other Gods before me."

In Getz's book, "Unwavering Tenacity: Insights Into the Life of Elijah", he points out that "humanistic gods such as sports stars, musicians and leaders; materialistic gods --'You cannot serve both God and money', (Matthew 6:20); sensual gods such as fornication and covetousness – (Ephesians 5:5); and relational gods including unhealthy relationships (Matthew 10:37) can become idols we put before God.

Getz cautions that despite our great advancements in this twenty-first century, something as primitive as idol worshiping can and does happen. Idolatry

is nothing more than putting something else – anything else – in place of and before our one true God.



District Deputy Grand Master

R∴W∴ Matthew Paul Buxton



District Instructor
R∴W∴ Jeff Zarrella

(2018-Present)

PAST MASTERS

1972

Perl Corrington Spires

Alvin Akridge



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| C.M. Pickle | 1948 & 1949 | Oswell L. Sutton | 1973 | Kevin M. Moore | 1997 |
| W.W. Perry | 1950 | Troy T. Cotton | 1974 | Ronald Evans | 1998 |
| Ezra E. Kelly | 1951 | Thomas Adams | 1975 | Wayne Wilkins | 1999 |
| James C. Jackman | 1952 | James Sorrells | 1976 | Glen R. Mickey | 2000 |
| W.J. Robinson | 1953 | T.W. Jack Wynn | 1977 | Alvin Akridge | 2001 |
| John R. Barton | 1954 | Bob Goedhart | 1978 | David J. Veale | 2002 |
| Floyd Andrews | 1955 | Melvin Keen | 1979 | Melvin Keen | 2003 |
| C.M. Giddens | 1956 | David Veale | 1980 | Teodoro "Ted" Reyes | 2004 |
| Lawrence E. Lee | 1957 | E. Edwards | 1981 | Richard Clemmons | 2005 |
| John Doty | 1958 | William Griffin Perry | 1982 | Melvin Keen | 2006 & 2007 |
| Robert E. Goedhart | 1959 | William "Bill" Thomas | 1983 | Teodoro "Ted" Reyes | 2008 & 2009 |
| John W. Wynn | 1960 | Wayne Wilkins | 1984 | John Cote | 2010 |
| Lewis W. Wethington | 1961 | John David Thomas | 1985 | Kevin M. Moore | 2011 |
| Thadis W. Wynn | 1962 | John Stanberry | 1986 | Kevin Nelson | 2012 &2013 |
| John M. Drake | 1963 | James Armstrong | 1987 | Cecil O. Akin | 2014 & 2015 |
| Donald M. Galassini | 1964 | Wayne Wilkins | 1988 | Teodoro "Ted" Reyes | 2016 |
| Melvin C. Keen | 1965 | T.W. Jack Wynn | 1989 | William T. Maddox | 2017 |
| Abner H. Vann | 1966 | Price Wileman | 1990 | R.L. Marsh | 2018 & 2019 |
| Bobby Giddens | 1967 | John Drake | 1991 | John Cote | 2020 |
| Robert I. Pearce | 1968 | David J. Veale | 1992 | Kevin M. Moore | 2021 |
| W. Perry | 1969 | Wayne Wilkins | 1993 | R.L. Marsh | 2022-2023 |
| Robert Stacey | 1970 | Jim Griffin | 1994 | Antonio Weems | 2024 |
| Carl E. Wilson | 1971 | Glenn R. Mickey | 1995 | Trestle Board Editor & Publisher: W∴ Kevin Gourley, PM | |
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