

Lehigh Acres Lodge #344 Free & Accepted Masons

Trestle Board—August 2017

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Greetings from the East



We had a great Fellow Craft degree last month—three more brothers continuing their journey to the Master Mason degree. Congratulations to Bro. Clint Larkins, Bro. Kawelo Makaneole, and Bro. James Till for being passed to the second degree.

I would like to give thanks to all the Lehigh Acres Lodge officers that helped make this FC degree a flying success. A huge special thanks also goes to Worshipful Tom Boardman for a stupendous lecture, Mark Stewart for sitting in as Senior Deacon, RL Marsh and Adrian Sanchez for their parts as Sr. and Jr. Stewards, and R.: W.: Jeff Nowak for all his hard work in the kitchen and elsewhere.

We have one stated meeting for the month of August—Monday the 14th. This will be the official visit to our lodge by the District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: Michael Gardner, Sr. Please come out if you can.

This year I am honored to serve on the D.D.G.M.'s committee for the Child ID program and Grand Master's Coins. So, if you want to get registered to help with the Masonic Child ID program or would like a Grand Master coin for your collection, let me know.

It would be nice if every member of the lodge were able to attend meetings—the more, the merrier. In reality, however, we know that cannot be the case. But, if you are a member of Lehigh Acres Lodge and haven't been able to attend any meetings in a while due to lack of transportation or you simply need assistance getting out, please get in touch with us. Depending on where you live we might be able to find a willing and able brother to come pick you up on future meeting nights.

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



Important Dates:

08/07 Fellow Craft Catechism Practice
7:00 PM

08/14 Stated Meeting — DDGM Official Visit
6:30 PM Dinner

7:30 PM Meeting

08/21 Fellow Craft Catechism Practice
7:00 PM

08/28 Dark / No Meeting



Greetings from the West



The "Dog days of summer are here", and although we voted to go "Dark" in an effort to save on air conditioning costs and other expenses, we are still here ever enjoying "more light in Masonry."

The truth is that the "Lodge" is a good place to be, dark or otherwise. There is always work needing to be done. July 24th, was a special occasion where three of our Brother Entered Apprentices were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft.

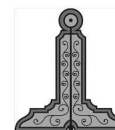
Congratulations are in order for Brothers James Till, Kawelo Makaneole and Clint Larkins and to all the Officers and Brothers in attendance. R.:W.: Jeff Nowak and SW Fred Natoli (and his wonderful Family) prepared a great Chicken Dinner for us with all the extras. This was followed by an EA Catechism and the Fellow Craft Degree. I might add that our Lecturer (Tom Boardman) of LaBelle Lodge did his usual excellent work and our guest Senior Deacon (Mark Smith) of Ft. Myers Beach Lodge, was impeccable in his ritual as were all the other Officers. The photo taken after the Degree showed all the smiling faces and was on Facebook within minutes with lots of hits.

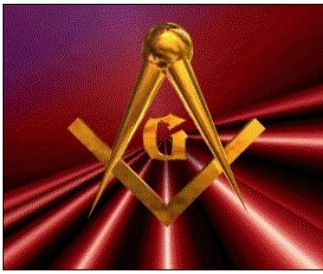
On another note of good news, the Church which rents from us indicated that they would like to sign a two-year lease at a mutually agreeable monthly rental. The American Legion is also in favor of committing to writing a one-year lease which satisfies Grand Lodge's desire to have rentals in writing.

These leases will result in our finances remaining on a sounder footing. Details will follow at our next Stated Meeting where our members will have the opportunity to vote. Degree work will continue throughout the year and the Secretary has informed us that he has received a new petition, so things are going very well. We have a very good Lodge, and a healthy one at that, due to the leadership of our Worshipful Master and the Officers.

I hope you and the family have a wonderful summer.

W.: Jim Bolla, Sr.
Senior Warden





Birthdays for August

*Happy Birthday
to the following Brothers:*

Dale Kollai—2nd

Ted Moreland—9th

Paul Benstine—17th

Jody Rogers—25th

August Anniversaries in Freemasonry

Billy Harvey—42 Years

Quote of the Month

"It is not what he has, or what he does, which directly expresses the worth of a man, but what he is."

-Henri Frederic Amie



**American
Red Cross**

Charity of the Month

www.redcross.org/

Greetings from the South



I hope everyone is having a Great Summer. I would like to congratulate Brothers Clint Larkins , Kawelo Makaneole & James Till on being Passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. I am looking forward to their FC Catechism and their Master Mason degree. I am also looking forward to the DDGM visit on Aug 14th and hope to see you all there.

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



From the Secretary's Desk



Back in February I posted that the year had started with fresh ideas and enthusiasm showing a great outlook for the year to come. I then quoted Willie Nelson that, "when we replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you'll start having positive results." This has come to pass with all the new applicants in the past months.

We just have to keep thinking positive.

Fraternally,
Bro. Mike Frisby
Secretary



Congratulations to our newly-passed Fellow Craft Masons:
Clint Larkins, Kawelo Makaneole, and Josh Till.

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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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.

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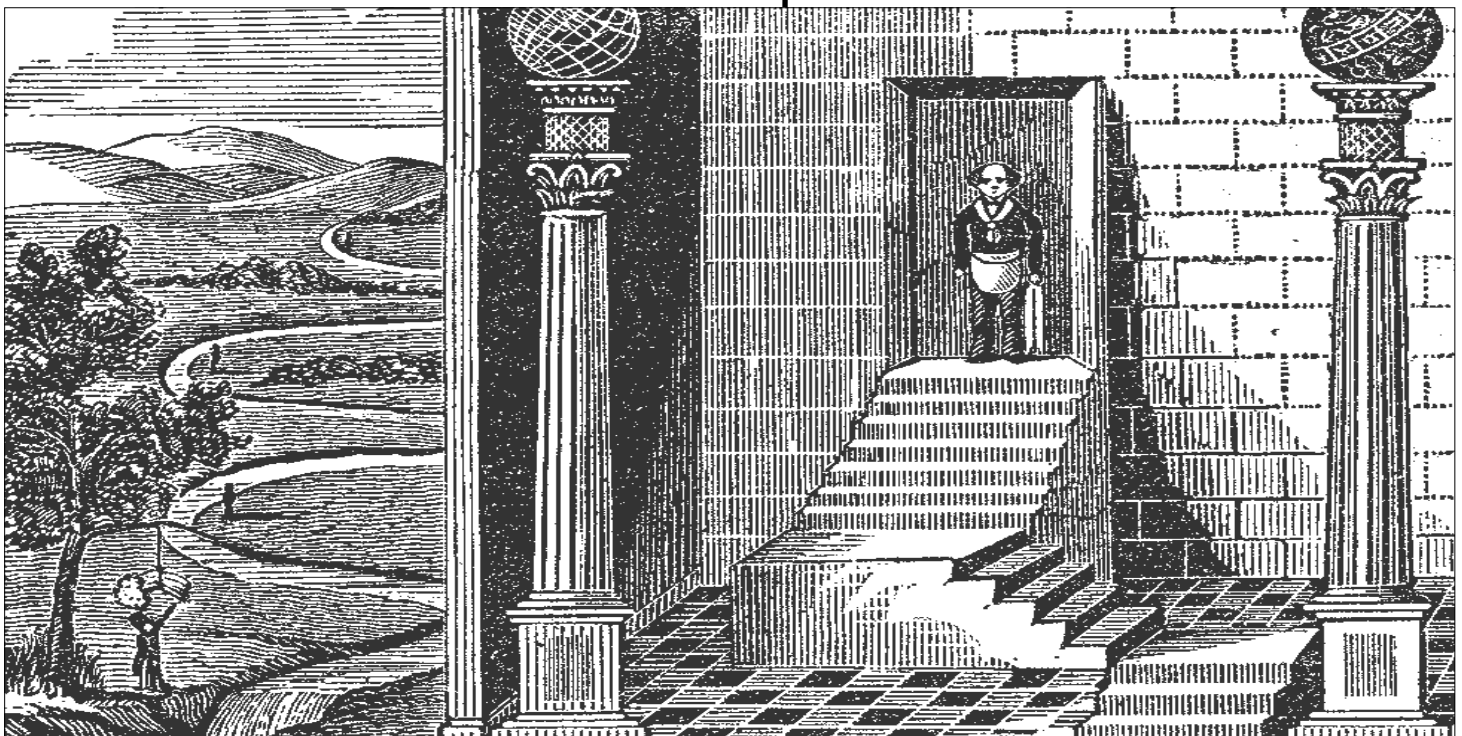
Master Mason Association of Southwest Florida

- ♦ 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*

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Secretary
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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