

Sugarland No. 281 F&AM

Trestle Board—May 2026

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Greetings from the East



Hello my Brothers, I have a few short messages from the East.

Sugarland lodge is having a 50/50 drawing and the proceeds from the drawing will allow us to continue to support our scholarship and educational programs. The tickets are only \$20. If you need tickets please call or ask a member. We are also having a fund raiser to remodel our kitchen area, Please see me or any member of our lodge for tickets.

Also, I am very proud of Sugarland Lodge for getting back the Traveling Gavel.

I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful summer. I'm looking forward to seeing you at an upcoming meeting. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and the gravel drops at 7:30 p.m.

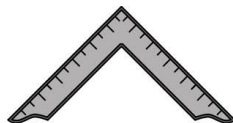
God Bless and God Bless America.

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Worshipful Master

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"The true Mason never hesitates to use the working tools to correct personal flaws."

—William Howard Taft

27th President of the United States

William Howard Taft was made a Freemason "at sight" on February 18, 1909, at an occasional lodge convened by the Grand Master of Ohio. The ceremony took place at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Cincinnati, and he was subsequently affiliated with Kilwinning Lodge No. 356.



STATED COMMUNICATION

FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY



MAY 7

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

MAY 21

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



From the Secretary's Desk



The Lodge still has 50/50 Raffle tickets available; these tickets help fund Education & Scholarships. This will fund our Adopt-A-Teacher Program, as well as our Scholarships. Please see me and pick up a book of tickets or two!

The Lodge has also started selling tickets for a Pulled Pork Dinner in June. This will help fund the kitchen cabinet remodeling project. Please see me to pick up a book or two of these tickets too!

Once again, I strongly urge the newer members of our Lodge to begin working diligently on your ritual work so that you can play a part in the future of Sugarland Lodge. The Lodge can only survive by Brothers who will take on that challenge and become the officers needed to lead as we continue doing the things that benefit our community, increase awareness of who Masons are and what we do.

Don't forget to work on your qualifications—Master Mason I, II, and III, as well as your Masonic Leadership Training (MLT). These are all required by Grand Lodge before you can be elected to sit in the JW, SW, and WM chairs. This training is truly beneficial, & will be of enormous help to you on your journey through the Chairs. Please see me so we can go about setting up the training.

Fraternally & Respectfully,

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Secretary

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Musings From A Chaplain

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

Here is a truism: things we have learned from our past experiences in life can inspire our future knowledge. This truism can be expanded to include studying to help our mental growth as well as our physical growth. Just as we read and study to enhance our mind we must at the same time exercise our body. To become more proficient intelligently and physically we must maintain a good all-around health regime.

Our ancestors relied heavily on Bible study to guide them through difficult and challenging times facing them. Early settlers left home and lifestyle in Europe to resettle across the ocean, and the Bible was among the things they deemed necessary to be self-sufficient while alone in the wilderness. Once here they'd often gather to read and study the Word. Brother, and later General and President, George Washington, was



known for his regular Scripture study. People through the years have relied on the comfort and direction the Scriptures provide during wars, droughts, floods, blizzards, earthquakes, epidemics, the Great depression, 9-11 and more.

Some people today would have us believe the Scriptures are no longer relevant because our modern times are so unique, that circumstances we are confronted with weren't even nightmares 50 or 100 years ago. That, in part may be true, yet, the resilience of our ancestors stemmed from their deeply rooted faith when faced with circumstances that had been unheard of previously.

Another truism is that regardless of whether you're facing a new or reoccurring issue you will have a better chance of success when you act through faith. So how best do we prepare ourselves, children and grandchildren for upcoming challenges? Look to the lessons taught in the Scriptures.



PAST MASTERS



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	Roy Gattone	2025
Perl Corrington Spires	1972	Alvin Akridge	1996		

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Will the real Worshipful Master please stand up!

- ◆ W.: Kit Weber (Fort Myers Beach No. 362)
- ◆ W.:M.: Bill Maddox (LaBelle No. 379)
- ◆ W.: R.L. Marsh (Sugarland No. 281)



Who will be the next Junior Grand Warden?

- ◆ R.:W.: John Dragneff
- ◆ R.:W.: Bobby Kickliter
- ◆ R.:W.: John Hampton

