

Lehigh Acres Lodge #344 Free & Accepted Masons

Trestle Board—September 2017

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Greetings from the East



Even though the Lodge has been dark for most of its stated meetings through the summer, the elected officers are always still at work behind the scenes. Bills must be paid, correspondence still comes in, building & grounds maintenance continues, planning for further events, catechism practices for up-and-coming Brother Masons, etc.

With that in mind, we will be having a Called Communication on September 13th for the passing to the Degree of Fellow Craft Brother Timothy J. Fjfelsted. Our Junior Warden, Brother Fred Natoli, is slated to confer this degree; this will be his first degree conferral. I look forward to it and will certainly be there to support them both.

The season of Autumn is almost upon us. It is closing in on that time to decide on who will be in the elected line of officers next year. Although voting does not take place until the first stated meeting of December, according to the newly-passed Grand Lodge of Florida Legislation, all nomination forms for officers must be submitted to the Secretary no later than the first stated meeting in November—no nominations after the November stated meeting can be considered. In addition, another newly-passed Legislation states that whoever is elected to the seat of Junior Warden must first pass the Master Mason I, II, and III examinations before they can be installed.

Nomination forms will be printed and available at our first stated meeting in October.

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



IMPORTANT: The Grand Master's Official Visit to the 24th Masonic District is scheduled for the evening of October 13th at Noah Lodge in North Fort Myers; Registration 5:30pm, Dinner 6:30pm, Meeting 7:30pm. All RSVPs **MUST** be submitted to the DDGM by September 20th. An RSVP Invitation has been attached to this Trestle Board message.

Important Dates:

09/04 Fellow Craft Practice

09/11 Fellow Craft Practice

7:00 PM

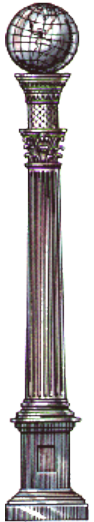
09/13 (WED) Called Communication
Fellow Craft Degree

6:30 PM Dinner

7:30 PM Degree

09/18 Dark / No Meeting

09/25 Dark / No Meeting



Greetings from the West

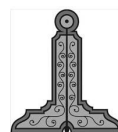


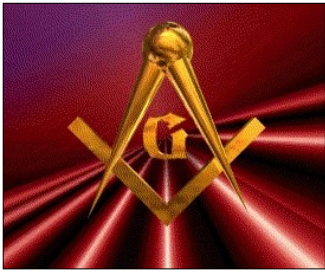
I hope everyone is enjoying the summer in good health. We finally caught up with our leases with the American Legion and the Church. We have also had our Called Meetings for the purpose passing our FC's with one more to go on Wednesday, September 13th, which I am looking forward to.

Our DDGM's official visit to our Lodge was excellent, as were his Committee men. So with the work over the summer the Lodge is getting ready for the upcoming Master Mason degrees which will be the highlight and culmination of our work.

I wish to thank all those who participated in making this happen.

W.: Jim Bolla, Sr.
Senior Warden





Greetings from the South



I hope everyone has had a enjoyable summer. With school back in session, my family is back in full swing of daily vocations.

I am looking forward to the lodge getting back to business as we come into our busy season. We have a lot to look forward to and prepare for. As we approach another year's election and installation, I find myself getting excited; getting OUT of the kitchen might have something to do with it. (LOL)

In closing, stay safe and healthy my Brothers and I will look forward to seeing you all soon.

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



Birthdays for September

*Happy Birthday
to the following Brothers:*

Mike Crouchelli — 4th

Jim Pletcher — 9th

Bobby Lippek — 12th

William Teal, III — 23rd

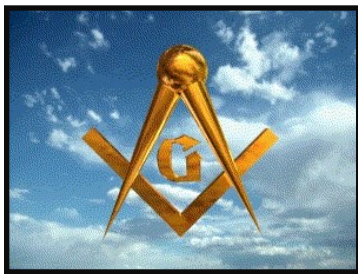
Walter Seyfferth — 29th

Earl Newman — 30th

September Anniversaries in Freemasonry

Paul White, 48 years

Cleveland Edwards, 46 years



Celestial Lodge Above

Brother Thomas William Cooksey, 84, of Lehigh Acres Lodge #344, passed away on July 2017. His place of residence was in Munchie, IN.

Brother Cooksey was Initiated as an Entered Apprentice on 5-23-1967, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on 9-26-1967, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on 10-24-1967.

He received his 25 year service award 10-24-1992 and his 40 year service award 10-24-2007.

Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



Quote of the Month

The question is not what a man can scorn, or disparage, or find fault with, but what he can love, and value, and appreciate.

-John Ruskin



Charity of the Month

Humanitarian Foundation

<http://www.hfgrotto.org/>



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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Lodge Catechism Instructor: Bro. Fred Natoli

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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.

♦ Noble Bill R. Jones (President)
(239) 368-6474

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♦ Noble Jim Bolla, Sr. (Secretary)
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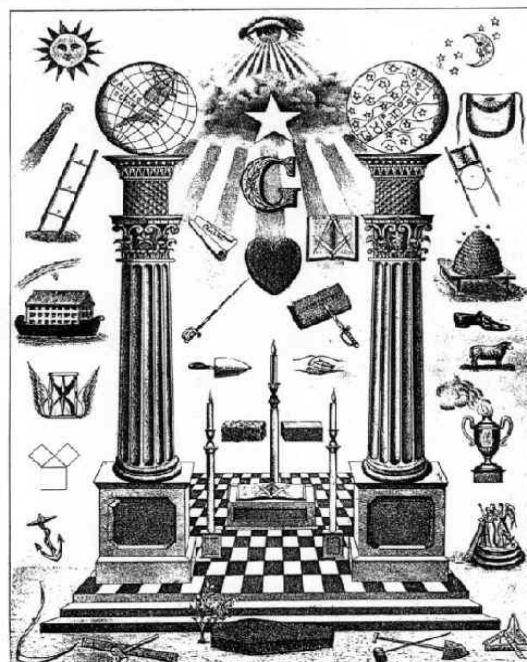
Master Mason Association of Southwest Florida

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

Business Meeting Every Fourth Wednesday

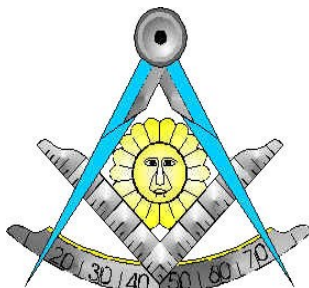
Dinner: 6:30 PM

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

Invitation to the Grand Master's Official Visit to the
NEW 24th Masonic District (s)



M.:W.: Richard G. Hoover, Grand Master

Function Date: Friday, October 13, 2017 **RSVP By Date:** September 20, 2017

Hotel: Best Western Fort Myers Waterfront **Phone No.** (239) 997-5511

Address: 13021 N Cleveland Avenue; Fort Myers 33903 **Web Site** bestwesternwaterfront.com

Group Name: masonic **Rate & Cut Off Date:** \$89.00 / September 13, 2017

Registration Time: 5:30 p.m. **Suggested Attire:** **Business Dress**

Supper Time: 6:30 p.m. **Location:** Noah Lodge No. 357; 41 Willis Road; North Fort Myers 33917

Meeting Time: 7:30 p.m. **Location:** Noah Lodge No. 357; 41 Willis Road; North Fort Myers 33917

Ladies Program Location: Noah Lodge No. 357; 41 Willis Road; North Fort Myers 33917

Host District Deputy Grand Master:

R.:W.: Mike Gardner **District:** 24

Phone No. 239-872-1492 **Email:** ddgmmikegardner@gail.com

Host District Deputy Grand Master:

R.:W.: _____ **District:** _____

Phone No. _____ **Email:** _____

Host District Instructor:

R.:H.: Jeff Nowak **District:** 24

Phone No. 239-571-0935 **Email:** ddgm292013@aol.com

Host District Instructor:

R.:H.: _____ **District:** _____

Phone No. _____ **Email:** _____

R.S.V.P. to: Mike Gardner DDGMMikegardner@gmail.com
E-Mail Address

Guest Information:

Brother _____ **Title:** _____

_____ **Lodge No.** _____ **District:** _____

Lady's Name _____ **Total Attending** _____

