

Sugarland No. 281 Free & Accepted Masons

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Trestle Board—November 2024



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Greetings from the East



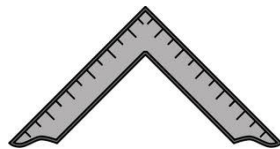
I would like to thank the Brothers who participated in our recent fundraiser BBQ. We certainly had a good time while cooking up one hundred half chickens. Every chicken was sold and the day was a success.

We recently had a nice evening with our special guests from the Clewiston High School Public Safety students. We had a nice reception with the students presenting the Colors for Flag and Prayer Ceremony. Each student presented themselves and gave an account of their aspirations. It was truly an honor to give back to this group and it makes working the fundraisers that much more a joy.

Our 12th annual golf scramble is coming up November 16th. We can use any and all help. This is our final and biggest fund raiser of the year.

This calendar year is drawing to an end with many things to look forward to. All petitions for election of officers are due at the Secretaries desk before gavel down at our next stated meeting. I look forward to welcoming the Lodge Officers for 2025. It has been an honor to sit in the East of Sugarland Lodge No. 281 and I look forward to the Lodge's future success.

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Quote of the Month

"The things a man has to have are hope and confidence in himself against odds, and sometimes he needs somebody, his pal or his mother or his wife or God, to give him that confidence. He's got to have some inner standards worth fighting for or there won't be any way to bring him into conflict. And he must be ready to choose death before dishonor without making too much song and dance about it. That's all there is to it." — Brother Clark Gable



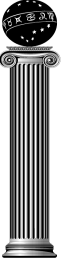
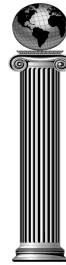
STATED COMMUNICATION

FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY

Dinner at 6:30 PM

Communication at 7:30 PM

NOVEMBER 7
NOVEMBER 21



From the Secretary's Desk



Greetings My Brothers! November has slipped up on us! We are now in the busiest time of the year for this Lodge event-wise.

Brothers, ALL nomination & acceptance forms for Lodge Office must be turned in to me before the gavel drops at our next Stated Communication on Nov 7th! Be aware that the following courses must be completed prior to being nominated for Lodge Office—Master Mason I, II, & III, along with Masonic Leadership Training (MLT).

Brothers, I've mailed all the Dues Notices in late September, so all of you should have received yours by this time. This year's statement has a Voluntary Building Fund contribution of \$5.00; Any Brother that has not received a Dues Statement by our next Communication, please see me.

I would also like to extend a very heartfelt, "Welcome Back!" to Brother Don Munch for coming down from the Great White North to spend these balmy Florida winter days with us!

I look forward to seeing as many Brothers as possible at our 12th Annual Golf Scramble on Nov 16th, to enjoy some food, fun, & Golf!!

Respectfully and Fraternally,

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Happy
Thanksgiving!

CHS Public Safety Academy



Sugarland No. 281 presented a \$500 check to the CHS Public Safety Academy. It is always a pleasure to have these outstanding young men & women come to the Lodge so that we can share a delicious meal and talk with them. They are our future!



A Thanksgiving Prayer

By Arthur R. Herrmann

Oh, Lord, now this we're thankful for
The good things life has held in store;

The love of those within our home,
And friends to greet wherever we roam;

The health and strength wherewith to toil,
The bounteous food from freedom's soil;

We thank Thee for the right to pray
And worship Thee in our own way;

To live within a land that's free;
For this, dear Lord, our thanks to Thee;

And through these blessings, one by one,
May Thy will, Lord, on earth be done!



Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1789

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor—and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me “to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”



Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be— That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks—for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation—for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war—for the great degree of tranquillity, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed—for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted—for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

George Washington



2024 Officers

Worshipful Master

Tony Weems, PM

Senior Warden

Roy Gattone

Junior Warden

Tommy Rudd

Treasurer

Jon Basquin

Secretary

Richard Clemmons, PM

Chaplain

Jim Rusty Griffin, PM

Marshal

Joel Case, PDDGM

Senior Deacon

Khristian Moore

Junior Deacon

Jessie Gutierrez

Senior Steward

Juan Carlos Santana

Junior Steward

Mark Branaman

Tyler

Cecil Raulerson

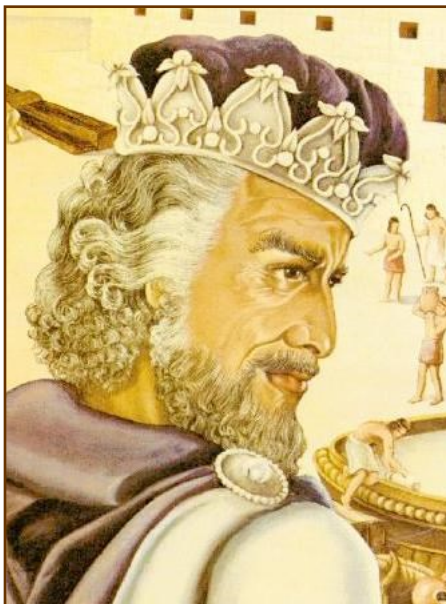
District 22 Grand Lodge Officers

District Deputy Grand Master

R.:W.: Matthew Paul Buxton

District Instructor

R.:W.: Jeff Zarrella



Musings From A Chaplain

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

The wisdom of King Solomon is well known within Freemasonry and the Christian community. Members are urged to learn the moral quality of handling difficult situations with the wisdom of King Solomon. A favorite story about his wisdom was to settle a dispute between two women who claimed an infant belonged to her. King Solomon said the child would be cut in half and each woman given a part. When one woman withdrew her claim rather than see the child killed, King Solomon then knew which woman was the real mother and gave the child to her. You can read about this in 1 Kings 3:16.

You and I will probably never be faced with such a difficult situation, but anytime we are in a leadership role we will find it necessary to make a wise decision. By calling on our experience, knowledge and good judgment s our decision will be in the best interest of all parties involved. This wisdom, of course, comes from our careful and through study of every aspect of the situation and, I also suggest that taking time to pray for divine guidance.

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		
Perl Corrington Spires	1972	Alvin Akridge	1996		

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(2018-Present)*