

LEHIGH ACRES LODGE NO. 344 F&AM

TRESTLE BOARD — APRIL 2020

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IMPORTANT: Due to the CORONA-19 virus pandemic, Most Worshipful Grand Master John W. Westerman, III has ordered all Masonic gatherings suspended until at least May 4th. There will be no Stated or Called Communications until after that time. We will do our best to keep everyone informed when more information becomes available. If you are in need of assistance, please reach out to a Brother.

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



Brothers, these are indeed some strange times and circumstances we are living through. We cannot turn on the TV, radio, computer, or smart phone without being inundated with something concerning the COVID-19 virus. By now everyone has been informed of symptoms, social distancing, the impact to the communities, and the potential economic fallout as a result. So, instead of speaking of things that have already been spoken, I will instead talk about more positive things and share a little bit of my recent trip to Washington D.C. Until we meet again, I will simply tell everyone to hunker down, stay safe, and try to stay healthy.

Fortunately, my wife and I had the opportunity to visit the George Washington Masonic Memorial before it (and many other things) shut down. One particular piece in the memorial building I found interesting was this trowel. It is the very one that George Washington used when he presided over the Masonic Ceremony to lay the corner stone of the U.S. Capitol building on September 18, 1793. Interestingly, after the numerous expansions made to the capital over the past 200+ years, the cornerstone itself has been lost to time.



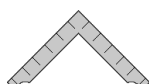
While in D.C. I had the privilege of sitting at a Stated Communication of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 A.F. & A.M. who meets in one of the lodge rooms at the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Their Lodge was chartered April 28, 1788. The first part of the meeting was open to the public and a guest speaker (Ms. Mary Thompson) talked a little bit about her book which covers George Washington's evolving views on slavery during his time at Mt. Vernon. After the public presentation they commenced to a full tiled meeting. I must say, it was totally unexpected and by complete surprise when the Worshipful Master honored me in the East as a currently-sitting Worshipful Master from out of state. This was certainly a Lodge visit that I will always remember.



I took plenty of pictures, some of which I have shared on Facebook. The one on the left is the memorial illuminated at night after leaving the Stated Communication.

Our trip was an exciting and memorable one, a once-in-a-lifetime trip. We also visited the Scottish Rite House of the Temple in D.C. We took a side trip to Gettysburg, PA where I was able to take pictures of a Masonic Memorial dedicated to Freemasons (from both sides of the Civil War) that lost their lives. I look forwards to sharing some on that at a later time.

Stay Safe and Godspeed,
W.: Kevin Gourley, PM
Worshipful Master





GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



Greetings Brethren, I pray you and your families are all doing well. I look forward to getting back to the normal and seeing everybody once again.

Our charity for the month of April is the American Red Cross.

The American Red Cross now faces a severe blood shortage due to an unprecedented number of blood drive cancellations during this Corona-virus outbreak.

Healthy individuals are needed to schedule an appointment now to give blood in the days and weeks ahead to help patients counting on lifesaving blood throughout this pandemic.

If you know of a brother who needs assistance during this pandemic, please reach out for assistance

Sincerely & Fraternally,
W.: Fred Natoli, PM
Senior Warden



APRIL CHARITY



**American
Red Cross**

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Paul Benstine—17th

Marty Thompkins—20th

Jody Rogers—25th



ANNIVERSARIES IN FREEMASONRY

Billy Harvey, 45 years





Master Mason Association of Southwest Florida

- ◆ President: R.:W.: Dan Akard
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- ◆ Treasurer: R.:W.: Joe Smedley
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Business Meeting Every Fourth Wednesday
Dinner: 6:30 PM
Meeting: 7:30 PM



Independent Order of Odd Fellows & Rebekah

Noble Grand: Charles Martin
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Regular Meeting Second Tuesday
each month at 1:00PM.



National Sojourners

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Regular Meetings are held on Second Thursday at N. Fort Myers Elks Lodge. 6PM Dinner / 7PM Meeting



Tall Cedars of Lebanon

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Regular Meetings are held the second Sunday of each month at the Punta Gorda Lodge at 2:30 P.M.



Order of the Eastern Star

Lehigh Acres Chapter 291
 Worthy Matron: Dorothy "Dotti" Foisy
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 Secretary: Gerald Pokorny (239) 303-2374

Regular Meeting Second Friday
Each Month at 7:30 P.M.



Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Myers

Personal Representative: Ill. Clay Taylor, 33°
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Regular Meetings are held the third Wednesday each month.
6:30pm Dinner, 7:30pm Consistory



Lehigh Acres Shrine Club

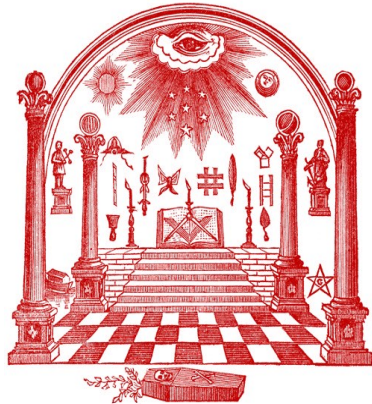
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El Tarasco Mexican Restaurant
Lehigh Acres- 3rd Thursday
Dinner 6PM, Meeting 7PM

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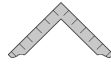
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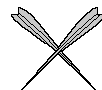
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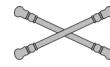
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Junior Steward

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PAST MASTERS



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
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
KEVIN GOURLEY	2017
JAMES BOLLA, SR.	2018
FRED NATOLI	2019

*Indicates Deceased