

Sugarland No. 281 Free & Accepted Masons

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Trestle Board—December 2024

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Greetings from the East



We have made it to the Holiday season. First though I would like to thank everyone who participated in our 13th Annual Golf Scramble. I am proud to announce that Sugarland has brought home the Lodge trophy.

Lodge Officer Elections will be held on December 5th. Please plan to attend and congratulate the newly-elected and appointed officers. Our year-end Gala will be held at the Clewiston Golf Course Club House on December 7th. The tickets cost \$45 per person. There will be excellent entertainment provided by local favorite artists. The food is excellent and this is a great time to mix it up with our Brothers and our better halves.

On December 14th we will be doing our annual toy giveaway. All help is needed and appreciated. This is a laborious event, but the most gratifying. We will miss our Brothers who will not be with us this year; in their memory we are blessed with the ability to be a part of this charitable event.

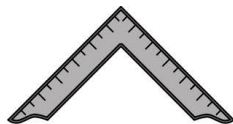
I pray that all had a nice Thanksgiving and will have health and happiness for the coming of Christmas & New Year.

W.: Tony Weems, PM

Worshipful Master

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NOMINATIONS FOR 2025 LODGE OFFICERS

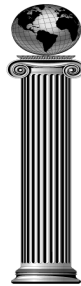
- ♦ **Worshipful Master:** Roy Gattone
- ♦ **Senior Warden:** Tommy Rudd
- ♦ **Junior Warden:** Khristian Moore
- ♦ **Treasurer:** Jon Basquin
- ♦ **Secretary:** Richard Clemmons, PM



**Merry
Christmas!**

STATED COMMUNICATION

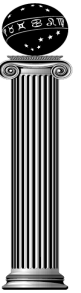
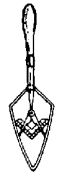
FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY



**DECEMBER 5
DECEMBER 19**

Dinner at 6:30 PM

Communication at 7:30 PM



From the Secretary's Desk



Greetings My Brothers! We are now in the final month of the year. Election for Lodge Officers is our first meeting, Dec 5th. Congratulations to Brothers Roy Gattone, Tommy Rudd, & Khristian Moore!

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, "Well Done!" to Worshipful Tony Weems for his year as Worshipful Master! I look forward to seeing as many Brothers as possible at our Christmas Gala on Dec 7th, to enjoy some fellowship, food, & fun!!

Respectfully and Fraternally,

W.: Richard Clemmons, PM

Secretary

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Famous Freemason

In 1964, Burl Ives lent his voice to the CBS presentation of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. The stop animation featured Ives as the banjo-playing host of the show, Sam the Snowman. Two of the songs he performed in the show, "Silver and Gold" and "A Holly Jolly Christmas", were instant classics. The following year Ives recorded them for an album and released them the next Christmas.



Burl Ives

Ives was a member of Magnolia Lodge No. 242 in Santa Barbara, California after being raised in 1977. He also became a member of the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction in the Valley of Santa Barbara in 1985 and coronated a 33° Scottish Rite Mason in 1987. In 1993 he was elected a Grand Cross, an honorarium added to the 33°..

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

Musings From A Chaplain

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

I cannot say that I've never fallen asleep during a sermon. In fact, once upon a time I even dozed, briefly, during a Lodge meeting when a brother went on and on about some topic only he found interesting. In making this confession I am also telling myself that doing so is good for my soul. Yet, after all, who among us can truthfully say his eyes have never grown heavy or his attention zeroed out?

It isn't that a sermon is less inspiring or that the information the brother was providing wasn't important, it is just our nature to sometimes zonk out. Maybe it is because of a heavy meal, or a sleepless night, or a tough day on the job. Whatever the reason for falling asleep, we need to keep in mind that whether in church, in Lodge or somewhere else, it is not polite. It is also bad when you wake up and wonder how long you were out and you begin to worry if anyone else noticed you were asleep.

Be concerned if you are frequently falling asleep in the most inconvenient place or time. The experts say one in four people suffer from some type of sleep disorder. In some cases a sleep disorder can be the symptom of another medical or mental health condition. Talk to your doctor and he or she can evaluate why you're falling asleep and what you need to do to correct it. Sleep Apnea is a term we hear most often. It is characterized by pauses in breathing during sleep and is a serious medical condition causing the body to take in less oxygen.

The important thing is, talk to a professional and get some help to stay awake. Everyone needs a good sermon.



District 22 Grand Lodge Officers

District Deputy Grand Master

R.:W.: Matthew Paul Buxton

District Instructor

R.:W.: Jeff Zarrella

PAST MASTERS



C.M. Pirkle	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)