

Noah Lodge No. 357

Trestle Board

SEPTEMBER, 2022



Noah Lodge Officers:

Worshipful Master	WB Michael O. Gardner
Senior Warden	WB Ed Ciofani
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Secretary	WB Joe Krieger
Senior Deacon	Vac
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Tyler	Vac
Chaplain	Stephen Pfaff

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Message from the East

Brethren,

This month's message is **IMPORTANT** to us all.

YOUR LODGE IS IN IMMEDIATE NEED OF ROOF WORK. WE HAVE ACTIVE LEAKS, WHICH ARE RUINING THE INTERIOR – and we've done all the “temporary” repairs possible for the last few years.

We have a bid of \$25,000 to put a silicone coating on the entire roof, which comes with a 15-year leak guarantee. That is the most inexpensive way to handle this situation today, as a “new” roof would cost around \$100,000 in these “interesting times”.

THE PROBLEM: We don't have \$25,000 to spend at the moment, and the leaks are spreading by the day (**IT'S RAINY SEASON**). We can handle about half of that without putting our Lodge in financial distress, but the need is great to get this done immediately

SO – WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS, Brothers. If you are not able to donate, you know we all understand that. If you can donate, please do so today.

You can send a check to Noah Lodge #357 at 41 Willis Road, North Fort Myers, Florida, 33917. You can also call (239-707-8302 – my Cell) and we'll pick it up if that would be more convenient.

In other news, we have a **NEW Master Mason** – Tyler Chism was raised on August 20th and he has attended his first Master Mason Stated Communication. Do you remember your first meeting? We put him in the Junior Deacon chair, so his education is coming along as you may remember it does.

The only way Masonry survives and thrives is YOU!!

Fraternally,
WM Michael O. Gardner



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Standard Schedule:

1st Monday	Officer/Degree Practice	7:00 pm
2^d Monday	Stated Communication/Dinner	6:30 pm Dinner / 7:30 pm Meeting
3rd Monday	Officer/Degree Practice	7:00 pm
4th Monday	Stated Communication/Dinner	6:30 pm Dinner / 7:30 pm Meeting

Important Dates: 1st Stated Communication in November: Nominations for 2023 Officers Deadline

Master Mason Knowledge (From MM1/2/3)

If a Brother becomes disorderly the Master can have him removed from the Lodge. (Chap 20, Sec 20.07)

- A. True
 B. False

20.07 The Worshipful Master cannot order the removal of a disorderly Brother from the Lodge, but may instantly "cease labor" until harmony be restored. 1976

The Secretary cannot furnish a list or partial list of the members of the Lodge for any reason. (Chap 22, Sec 22.04)

- A. True
 B. False

22.04 The Secretaries of Particular Lodges are prohibited from furnishing lists or parts of lists of the members of their Lodges for any purpose, unless with the approval of the Grand Master; provided the Secretaries of the Particular Lodges, upon direction of the Worshipful Master, may provide to an appropriate committee names, telephone numbers for texting purposes, and email addresses of the members of the Lodge for courtesy calls, texts, or emails to establish the status of their health and welfare, or to attend meetings or other Lodge activities; also, provided that Secretaries may provide to the Worshipful Master, upon his request, a list of all members including their names, addresses, telephone numbers for texting purposes, and email addresses.

3. A petition, after being received by the Lodge, cannot be withdrawn, even by unanimous consent of the Lodge, except _____ . (Chap 33 Sec 33.03)

- A. with the Grand Secretary's consent
 B. the candidate's permission after 30 days
 C. in the case of death or severe accident that would render the applicant ineligible to receive the Degree in such cases
 D. A and C

33.03 A petition, after being received by the Lodge, cannot be withdrawn, even by unanimous consent of the Lodge, except in case of death or severe accident, that would render the applicant ineligible to receive the Degree in such cases.

4. Our "Ancient Landmarks": (Chap 1, Sec 1.04)

- A. are the basis of Masonic Jurisprudence
 B. form the boundary lines of official prerogatives and legislation

C. Establish a foundation for the covenants, relations, rights, privileges and duties of Lodge members

D. all of the above

1.04 Freemasonry has for its guide in jurisprudence an array of “Ancient Landmarks,” from which, without the hazards of dissolution, it can never depart. They are from “time immemorial,” certain, continued, immovable, and easily discerned and comprehended through the medium of mystic intelligence. They form the circle of boundary lines of official prerogatives, Grand Lodge legislation, work of Particular Lodges, and the covenants, relations, rights, privileges, and duties of constituents.

5. A person joining a Lodge in the month of October is only required to pay the last quarter of Grand Lodge assessments. (Chap 27)

A. True

B. False

27.04 The Grand Lodge requires dues for an entire year, even though the member may have belonged to the Particular Lodge for only a small fraction of the year, and the Particular Lodge may adopt a similar policy by its By-Laws.

6. The Charter of a Lodge is always constructively in the possession and control of the Master. (Chap 20)

A. True

B. False

20.15 The Charter of a Lodge is always constructively in the possession and control of the Master, and should be securely kept in the Lodge; but its temporary absence therefrom will not vitiate the proceedings.

MASONIC TRIVIA

The difference between “Free and Accepted” and “Ancient Free and Accepted” Masons

Background:

England had 2 Grand Lodges from 1751 until 1813. The difference between Ancient Free and Accepted and Free and Accepted Masons goes back to a disagreement between the 2 London Grand Lodges.

The two groups were known as the “Modern” and the “Antients”. The “Antients” became the “Ancients” in Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

The two resolved their differences in 1813. At that time there were lodges in the United States that had descended from both groups. Each group kept their corresponding initials (F&AM or AF&AM).

Differences

At the time of the split the difference as defined by the “Antients” were:

1. Transposing the modes of recognition in the First and Second Degrees
2. Omitting prayers
3. De-Christianizing the ritual, which the “Antients” pointed to the “Anderson Constitution of 1733” as proof.
4. Ignoring the Saints’ Days, the “Moderns” were being pointed as holding their festivals on days that were not the days of St. John.
5. Omitting to prepare candidates in the customary manner.
6. Abbreviating the ritual work.
7. Neglecting the lectures and the catechism that were attached to each degree.
8. Ceasing to recite the Ancient Charges at initiations of new Brothers.
9. Introducing extreme plainness and simplicity of style into the ceremonies.
10. Removing the sword in the initiation ceremony with the exception of the Tyler wore a sword.
11. Allowing a more esoteric ceremony at the installation of a Master to stop being used in the degree work.
12. Departing from the ancient method of arranging the lodge,

13. Ignoring the Deacon.

Today:

I was not able to find any specifics as to what the current differences are, other than there are slight differences in ritual wording and Grand Lodge By-Laws and procedures.

Today in the United States:

AF and the AM States

AF and AM – Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. These twenty-four AF & AM states comprise CO, CT, DE, ID, IL, IA, KS, ME, MD, MA, MN, MO, MT, NE, NM, NC, ND, OK, OR, SD, TX, VA, WV, WY.

F and the AM States

F and AM – Free and Accepted Masons These twenty-five F and AM states contain AL, AK, AR, AZ, CA, FL, GA, HI, IN, KY, LA, MI, MS, NH, NJ, NV, NY, OH, PA, RI, TN, UT, VT, WA, WI.

AFM State

There is one Ancient Free Masons' state: SC

FAAM District

FAAM – Free and Accepted Masons

The District of Columbia acceptably is F.A.A.M

Submitted by WB Walt Lukitsch, Noah Lodge #357

WB Dana McGrath, Br. Tyler Chism, WB Walt Lukitsch at Cypress Lodge #295, Naples, Florida



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Brother Tyler Chism - Raised August 20th, 2022 at Cypress Lodge #295



Noah Lodge Past Masters

1966 Earl C. Lewis *
1967 Robert Thompson *
1968 Gordon Mason *
1969 Louis Foss *
1970 David Grant *
1971 Charles Nelson *
1972 Walter Stillwell *
1973 John R Lee
1974 James T Linton
1975 Bruce Cowart *
1976 Horace Welch
1977 Gerald Keeton *
1978 Alex Sibbald
1979 Robert Morrow *
1980 Fred Henninger *
1981 Upton S Higginbotham
1982 Charles J Christman
1983 Milton A Bayliss Jr. *
1984 Howard L Ekiss *
1985 O. Jay Hilderbrandt *
1986 Charles R Lawson *
1987 John A Dean
1988 John R Grabowski *
1989 O. Jay Hilderbrandt *
1990 Richard Bashaw *
1991 Norris W. Clark Jr.
1992 Stephen G Sibbald
1993 Alex Sibbald
1994 Dr. Mark C Means

1995 Floyd D Waddell *
1996 Dr. Rick A Means
1997 Larry G Hayes
1998 John A Dean
1999 Dana P McGrath
2000 Thomas Reedy *
2001 Lawrence Tomlinson
2002 Brian Harkins
2003 Mike Morrow *
2004 Jerry Timberlake *
2005 Robert Gilliland *
2006 David Dellinger
2007 Christopher Kelly
2008 Lawrence Tomlinson
2009 Thomas Reedy *
2010 Dr Rick A Means
2011 Larry Newton *
2012 Lawrence Tomlinson
2013 James Hamilton
2014 Rhett Tillman
2015 Michael W Gardner
2016 Robert Sabo
2017 Edward Ciofani
2018 Jeffery Tumbarello
2019 Michael O. Gardner
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