

IMPORTANT MESSAGE!

Noah Lodge No. 357

Trestle Board

FEBRUARY, 2023

Important : We are meeting at Labelle Lodge for the foreseeable future. Our Lodge Building is uninhabitable (Thanks, Ian!). WE NEED YOU TO ATTEND THE FEB 13th MEETING! :

**Labelle Lodge #379
180 Jaycee Lions Dr.
Labelle, FL 33935.**

We will be carpooling from Noah Lodge Parking Lot if you'd like to save some gas. Call an Officer to arrange travel from Noah – or from your home.

Noah Lodge Officers:

Worshipful Master	WB Ed Ciofani
Senior Warden	Br Jerry Krieger
Junior Warden	WB Dana McGrath – 239-995-5000
Treasurer	Bob Pantazes
Secretary	WB Michael O. Gardner
Senior Deacon	WB Derek Vaneske
Junior Deacon	Br "Manny" Aviles
Senior Steward	Vac
Junior Steward	Vac
Marshall	
Tyler	
Chaplain	Stephen Pfaff

FROM THE EAST

I hope this letter finds all who are reading it in good health both for themselves and family. I've been honored with the opportunity to sit in the East for a second time. **This year will be one of the most important years in Noahs' history.**

Our membership and participation have fallen over the years for any number of reasons. Cable tow issues related to family, business, or health, completely understandable and respected. Over the past 10 plus years what I've come to understand is that being a Mason is complex. We all love the fact of being a Mason, telling folks in faraway lands that we are in fact a part of the greatest and oldest fraternity in the world. That our fraternity has ties to some of the most compelling world altering integrations that were developed thousands of years ago and still stand today. With this in mind, I'd like to address with you, today's challenges with our home our lodge Noah #357.

I'm not sure how many of you are aware of the current condition of our lodge after Hurricane Ian. For years we have tried to deal with the failing roof system. Putting band-aid after band-aid on it trying to bide time to generate the funds to fix it once and for all. **As a result of Ian, we are now faced with having to make the decision on what's next for Noah. Catastrophic roof failure beyond the repair of band-aids. The interior has been completely overcome with mold. We have tried to secure funding from FEMA with no positive results.** Grand Lodge has requested we submit estimates for the full repair and has indicated they will see to what extent they will assist with funding. We were recently approached by an outside entity about purchasing the property as it sits today. At our last stated communication meeting, the members in attendance voted to move forward with the inquiries of the potential buyer as well as possible listing the lodge for sale. **Under the Digest of our fraternity, before doing so, we are required to make notice to the membership that a discussion was had and will require a vote in the due course of the proper time required under the digest.** It may even be in this trestle board so please look close as your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

In closing, I would really like to see everyone show up to our current home

that has been graciously donated to us, Labelle Lodge. Your involvement is crucial for the survival of Noah Lodge #357. I've had great relationships with almost every member listed. Our fraternity has always had the community's best interest at heart, it's been this that I think has caused somewhat of a divide in our brotherhood. What we need now, What I need now, is the brotherhood to come together to help restore Noah. Whether it be rebuild its current location or we move to another location, let's use this natural disaster to rebuild from within.

Warmest Regards, Fraternaly yours!!

WM Edward D. Ciofan



FROM THE WEST

It is a New Year for Noah Lodge 357 and we will be making many decisions about our Actual Building over the next few months

The building is not Noah Lodge 357, it is you my Brothers that are what makes Noah Lodge #357, and we all need to participate in the decision making process for our physical Building. Please Brothers we need your input and support more now than ever before, **decisions like this should not be made by a handful of brothers that attend meetings.**

Our meetings are now held at the Labelle Lodge (usually only once a month). In order to have all chairs filled, the Brothers from the Labelle Lodge have been assisting us. These Brothers have been very helpful in opening up their lodge and participating with us each time we meet.

It is embarrassing that at some meetings we have more Labelle Lodge Brothers sharing dinner and fellowship with us then we have Noah Brothers. Labelle is a little distance but we do arrange to car pool and as always if any Brother needs assistance of any kind we are here to help. We need more attendance and input from as many Brothers as possible now more than ever and always.

Please if you are a True Mason we need you to be a part of the decisions as to rebuild our physical building and rebuild Noah Lodge as a Lodge of caring, helping, contributing members and Charitable support.

Our next meeting is Feb. 13th 2023, Fellowship and Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and Meeting at 7:30 p.m. I look forward to seeing as many Brothers as possible...Noah Lodge 357 NEEDS YOU.

Gerard (Jerry) Krieger, Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren All,

I will keep my message short this month. AT OUR NEXT STATED COMMUNICATION, WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THE FUTURE OF OUR MASONIC HOME. **YOUR Lodge was decimated by Hurricane Ian, but CAN be restored to its former use IF we pull together and GET IT DONE.** It was built over a span of 10+ years BY Masons out of their own pockets and with their own hands. **If we cannot rebuild it, so be it, but we'll be discussing those options ON FEB 13th AT THE NEXT STATED COMMUNICATION.** That discussion will include listing the building for sale "AS-IS", funding and working to put it back in shape (over time), and repairing the Lodge part, but leaving the Dining Hall/Offices dried in for a future rebuild.

IN OTHER WORDS, BROTHER – BE THERE – The Lodge needs your thoughts, ideas, efforts and, if possible, your donation to the effort. Remember: **The Masons who built it were thinking of YOU,** not of themselves. **It is, indeed, OUR TURN to think of the future Masons.**

Fraternally,

Dana P. McGrath, Junior Warden

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

As I left the East last year we had some issues trying to get the building issues figured out after the storm and obviously the financial hurdle is the biggest issue currently. I am working to align circumscribe and the new app "Amity" and Secretary portal as I can reminder that the mailing address is the same and I will be putting an auto forward on it so we can get the mail. We will be sending out a second dues notice soon as I know the first one was late. We would love emails to help save postage.

Fraternally,

Michael O. Gardner

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Standard Schedule:

2d Monday Stated Communication/Dinner
4th Monday Stated Communication/Dinner

6:15 pm Dinner / 7:30 pm Meeting
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www.facebook.com/NOAH

([/www.facebook.com/groups/1497886923847952](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1497886923847952))

www.instagram.com/noahlodge357

(<http://www.instagram.com/noahlodge357>)

ON THE WEB:

www.noahlodge357.org

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secretarynoahlodge357@gmail.com

so that we can add you to the email list. We will also have a link on the FB Page each month.*



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
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2021 Chris Pare'
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