# Noah Lodge #357

# **Trestle Board**

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# Noah Lodge Schedule

Lodge Meal Schedule

Aug 13 <sup>th</sup>	meat Loaf
Aug 27 <sup>th</sup>	Taco's and Mexican
Sept 10 <sup>th</sup>	Oven Fried Chicken & Mashed Potatoes
Sept 24 <sup>th</sup>	Country Fried Steak

Chicken BBQ's

October 20<sup>th</sup>

Veterans breakfast 9/1/2018 8-10am

Grand Masters official visit to the 24<sup>th</sup> Masonic district September 14<sup>th</sup> 2018 at tropical lodge 56 Dinner and reception no tiled meeting this year RSVP a must For more info visit facebook or come to lodge for rsvp form

#### Message from the East

Grand Lodge was very interesting this year. One important thing is that the craft voted to approve alcohol in the social hall for Non-Masonic events. These events will need to be run by a licensed entity. It is an opportunity for the lodges to make revenue via wedding receptions and such. It is also an opportunity for the accompanying liability. The 1st Meeting in August (8/13) we will discuss and vote as to our Lodges position on this matter as well how to move forward, if we choose to move forward.

We did a Masonic Shoot out to benefit a Lodge in Puerto Rico. The final accounting is not done (we still have some receipts inbound) but we look to have raised over \$600.00 to help that Lodge put a roof on. Three Brothers from the Lodge in question were headed to the Tampa Shrine and participated. One of those brothers won the shooting event. An EA of ours came in second.

We (most of the officers) recently went out and helped a Brother better his situation. I often say that most of what we focus on is not in the obligations that we took on our scared altar. Freemasonry is not about selling Henry Rifle raffle tickets and pancake breakfasts. Those obligations that we took are what Freemasonry is about. The 2nd question in the EA Catechism and its answer sums up what we are here to do. We will have round two, to finish fixing our worthy brothers home. Please call me 239 671 8248 if you are interested in getting involved.

We have a charity BBQ coming up in October 20th. The JW custom built an amazing grill that cooks some great chicken on. Come have some great food.

Habitat for Humanity is repaying there parking lot. During the day they will be using our parking lot. We said yes because that is what good neighbors do. They have reciprocated and will be fixing the entrance to our parking lot.

We will have a Veterans Breakfast 9/1/2018 at the lodge. Times will be 8AM to 10AM.

We have a petition for a Mr. Gerard Krieger. He is the father of our Senior Deacon. We recently balloted on a Mr. Joe Fracek. The ballot was found clear. We also have another petition for a Mr. Dan McGuire.

"For centuries had Freemasonry existed ere modern political controversies were ever heard of, and when the topics which now agitate society were not known, but were all united in brotherhood and affection. I know the institution to be founded on the great principles of charity, philanthropy and brotherly love." -Bulwer

Fraternally, WM Jeff Tumbarello

### Message from the West

Brethren we made it thru another grand lodge and are half way thru the year. This year so far has been good we have done some awesome things. To date we have done 2 bbqs and 2 vet breakfasts, all have been succesful and rewarding. I look forward to a great event in june with our 1st annual masonic shootout hosted and presented by our lodge. It is exciting to see what we are accomplishing when we are working together. We did what masonry is all about recently and some great relief work. If youd like to participate we will have round 2 of relief soon. I am excited to see what is in store if we keep this up. I do want to point out we will be discussing some important issues in the near future that were voted and approved at grand lodge. I think we need to all be informed and make a good decision for the benefit of the craft. We also have a few degrees we need to start planning and practicing for. We are continuing to grow and do great things for our brothers and community. I appreciate all the help with the events and planning. Lets continue to make NOAH lodge the best in the district and show up to our bowling and shooting events to keep the trophies at NOAH.

As some of you know I was awarded a trophy during the shooting event and cant be more pleased with the amount of charitable work we accomplished. If you want to know about my trophy come visit us the story is much better in person trust me. I am excited to start working on getting our next bbq going we are still unsure of exactly what group or who we will benefit but we know it will be in line with breastcancer, if you or someone you know is affected and in need by this please let us know. We are working to secure the exact person/persons and/or orginazation that the BBQ will benefit.

We do have a few candidates in the pipeline 2 of which will be balloted on soon, 1 already cleared. Please get into lodge and help us perform the degree, we have the possibility of having 2 courtesy candidates also, this would mean a full house and again strengthen why NOAH is what NOAH is and I feel what we are accomplishing now should make the elders or those before us very proud and would love to have some of our past masters and brethren who havent been in a while in attendance. Lets ocntinue to be a guiding light in our community and in our masonic district.

Fraternally,

Michael O. Gardner

### Message from the South

Greetings Brothers, Congrats to all that helped on the brother in distress project. It showed full unity and expressed the true meaning of Masonry. Nothing food wise planned this month besides the famous Granny's Home Cooking. She will grace us with stuffed cabbage at the June 25th meeting followed by her popular Chicken & Dumplings at the first meeting in July. There's been rumble about an August Veterans breakfast so details will follow.

Matt Zacharias, JW

# From the Secretary's Messy Desk

Good Day, Brothers, it's July (by the time you read this), and I'm sending out "Past Due" Dues notices. If you have paid through "Circumscribe" or sent your check to the Lodge and receive a "Masonic nastygram", please give me a call at 239-995-5000 and I'll correct my error. This task is one of the least tasteful of the Secretary's tasklist items, so don't hesitate to call me to discuss any other problems you might be having with the payment. We don't want to lose a Brother EVER, especially if the cost of dues is the hurdle.

1. Sales Tax : Still being set up – we're holding back the appropriate monies to disburse once we're set up.

2. Again, if you'd like to this Trestleboard by email (as some have already requested), send an email to: <u>secretary@noahlodge357.org</u>. Include your email address (and name and phone number, please!) and I'll square you away for future electronic deliveries. If your address has changed, let me know what that is and I'll update your Grand Lodge record, too (or sign in to Circumscribe – you can update your own info there).

3. Repeat News: If you haven't made it to Lodge in a while, you really should see what it looks like these days. Thanks to Brother Anonymous(es), Noah Lodge has become one of the most beautiful Lodges I've seen so far. I'm up for a personal tour whenever you can get there (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays around 6 works real well, other times work almost as well. Just give me a call, I'd enjoy giving you the tour). If you're a "Rusty Mason", just bring your dues card and we'll find a way to guide you back to the Light, Brother.

4. JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>, a RANGE DAY! It should have already happened, and I'll report on the outcome in the next issue. I already know I'm going to enjoy myself, so I'll report that I did and hope I'm correct.

Now, Brothers – COME TO LODGE if you can. I had the honor of sitting in Lodge with a Brother we hadn't seen in many years, it was really nice to catch up with him and watch him realize just how nice his Lodge is again. Frats,

Dana McGrath, PM & Sec'y 239-995-5000 (any hour of day or night)

#### 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 Tilman 2015 Michael W Gardner 2016 Robert Sabo 2017 Edward Ciofani

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