

Noah Lodge No. 357

Trestle Board

OCTOBER, 2022



Noah Lodge Officers:

Worshipful Master	WB Michael O. Gardner
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Junior Steward	Vac
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so we can add you to the email list.

(Thanks go to WB Norris Clark for correcting the email address!)

Message from the East

Brethren,

It is with Honor and pleasure I can say we almost will not have to talk about the roof anymore. We accepted Brother Alverson's company to do the repairs and have budgeted the funds. This is great because for the last 5 yrs. if the phone, trash/dumpster, or roof were not in minutes we did not have a meeting. This is momentous because now our meetings and time can focus on MASONIC ACTIVITIES! That said we still need help with donations to cover the budget, current monthly spending is \$1500 and with that spending and the \$25k budget for roof we will be talking about who is going to pay LCEC and the dumpster bill in December. A huge THANK YOU to the donations we have received already but any penny helps so that we do not completely wipe out the bank account. We will not touch the Charity account to get this done but have plans for that money to help the local community.

Now that the roof is behind us or over us, we can talk about the MASONIC things we are doing. In November we will be getting with the NFM community centers and getting Thanksgiving menu items to them to hand out - maybe some of you could help in passing them out. In December we will again draw a draft on the charity account and purchase gifts for children to get for Christmas, we are still looking into finding a NFM avenue to donate to rather than county wide. **If you know of a family or person in need, get them our info and we can try to assist directly.** If you know who might be doing "Suncoast Santa" let us know because that was our original thought but that does not seem to be a thing anymore.

I also am pleased to say the NOAH will be the chartered lodge supporting the **MMAOSF (Master Mason Association of SW Florida) outdoor degree on Dec. 3rd at the Lee County Civic Center.** MMAOSF will be planning and coordinating as a district event, but NOAH is the Chartered Lodge opening for the degree. We have 3 FC so far to raise and will accept up to 5 total. Degree is 5pm in the campground area for more info keep a look out on Facebook or come by lodge as we hope to have fliers out by October.

Elections of YOUR lodge officers are coming up shortly, Nominations are due 1st stated in November with the proper education completed. Get involved with YOUR lodge in this time of year to grow our newest brothers and help guide the current leadership with your wisdom. **YOUR lodge needs your experiences and knowledge to prosper for years to come.**

THANK YOU again to the donations and consider donating if you have not yet. We are near the goal but the next request for help may not be for the roof it may be, so we keep the doors open!

Fraternally

Michael O Gardner

Message from the South

Charity is the backbone of our Masonic Lodge and this year we are in need of your Charity so we may spread Holiday Cheer and keep a roof over our heads.

We are aggressively raising funds for a Christmas gift and food giveaway at several North Fort Myers groups that bring cheer to children in our neighborhood. We have a good Charity fund set-up and more is always better... We count on you, our Brothers, to add to the smiles and Spirit of the Holidays for those who have very little to smile about.

For those who have not been to the lodge recently, we really miss you and would like to find out what we can do to see you the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 6:30 for refreshment & 7:30 for labor. **In my time as a Mason I have heard about many of you and the great things you have done for our lodge but have not had the pleasure of meeting you personally. I hope you could come at least once a month and meet all the new Brothers that need to learn what Noah Lodge really is and who are the Brothers that made it what it is.**

By not coming up to the lodge you have also not experienced the water coming through the ceiling throughout the lodge. Though we tried some repair methods to extend the life of the roof they have not been effective and we need to finally do a major sealing with guaranteed results done by professionals to stop the rains from pouring into our Lodge.

Through your dues and generosity we have just enough to accomplish a full repair of the roof but will be very close in being able to pay the monthly bills to the end of the year and then hope to receive your dues for next year – early if at all possible. Again anyone who can assist in donating to our building fund will be a great help to keeping our lodge in good condition and our bank account plentiful to pay the monthly bills, and assist any brother and his family in need as per our obligation.

Looking forward to meeting all my Noah Lodge Brothers over the coming months and for your support to bring Holiday Delight to OUR neighborhood residents as well as having a dry Lodge to meet and hold events.

Jerry Krieger
Junior Warden
Noah Lodge #357

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Standard Schedule:

1 st Monday	Officer/Degree Practice	7:00 pm
2 ^d Monday	Stated Communication/Dinner	6:15 pm Dinner / 7:30 pm Meeting
3 rd Monday	Officer/Degree Practice	7:00 pm
4 th Monday	Stated Communication/Dinner	6:15 pm Dinner / 7:30 pm Meeting

Important Dates: 1st Stated Communication in November: Nominations for 2023 Officers Deadline. December 3, 2022 – OUTDOOR MM DEGREE – Lee Civic Center

Master Mason Knowledge (From MM1/2/3)

1. Balloting for Initiation, Passing, Raising and membership must obtain at least 3/4ths vote approval. (Art X, Sec 16)
 A. True
 B. False
2. The Treasurer is the custodian of the Lodge funds even when only held in trust. (Chap 22, Sec 22.02)
 A. True
 B. False
3. Which of the following statements is INCORRECT regarding a "Masonic Landmark"?
(Art XIII, Sec 1)
 A. They are basic Masonic truths that may be easily changed or altered, only by Grand Lodge.
 B. They exist in order to give Masonry its identity.
 C. They exist to secure the perpetuity of Masonry.
 D. They are mentioned in Article XIII of the Masonic Constitution.
4. The written law of Masonry is embraced in: (Chap 1, Sec 1.03)
 A. Holy Bible
 B. Constitution and legislation of the Grand Lodge
 C. Laws, rules and regulation of the particular Lodges
 D. All of the above
5. The Constitution and Regulations of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F&AM of Florida are the supreme Masonic Law of this Jurisdiction. (Chap 1)
 A. True
 B. False
6. Who can remit any portion of arrearages of a suspend member, suspended for non-payment of dues? (Chap 30)
 A. The Master of the Lodge of the suspended member.
 B. The members of the Lodge of the suspended member by secret ballot.
 C. The Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.
 D. None of the above

Master Mason Knowledge (Answers)

1. False - Art X Sec 16 Balloting for Initiation, Passing, Raising, and membership must be unanimous;
2. True - Chap 22.02 The Treasurer is the custodian of the funds of the Lodge, even when only held in trust; therefore, the Secretary should promptly turn over to the Treasurer all moneys received by him for fees.
3. A - Art XIII **Section 1.** It being well known that for any concept, precept, or principle of Freemasonry to be recognized as being a Landmark, the same must be possessed of two (2) principal attributes, namely, Antiquity and Universality, the following definition of those terms are hereby adopted: 69 2014
Sec. 2 Digest of Masonic Law Art. XIII
"Antiquity: Those beliefs and those practices which were fixed at the time when Freemasonry emerged from its

prehistoric era into the period of recorded Masonic history.” “Universality: A suggested Landmark has universality when it is one of the practices, principles, or beliefs which Masons everywhere accept, believe, and practice and without which there would be no Freemasonry.”

4. D - Sec 1.03 Masonic Law is of two kinds, viz: The unwritten and written. The unwritten law of Masonry comprises its mystic covenants and ceremonies which have been handed down by tradition from time immemorial, and which no Mason, or set of Masons, is at liberty to violate or unlawfully reveal. The written law of Masonry is embraced in the Holy Bible, the Constitution and legislation of Grand Lodge, and the Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the Particular Lodges, respectively, to which every Mason in his proper sphere of fraternal jurisdiction should yield dutiful conformity.
5. True - 1.01 The Constitution and Regulations of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida as set forth and contained in this Digest are hereby adopted, ratified, confirmed, and with the amendments, changes, alterations, and additions thereto which may hereafter be made by direction of Grand Lodge, are declared to be the supreme Masonic Law of this Grand Jurisdiction.
6. C - 30.04 Only the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master, can remit any portion of arrearages of a suspended member, suspended for non-payment of dues.

**Noah Stated Communication, September 12, 2022.
Several Brethren we haven't seen for a while were in Lodge!**



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Brother Tyler Chism served another excellent meal. We dine at 6:15 and Lodge begins at 7:30.



If you missed it, there'll be another one on September 26th, 2022.

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
2020 Joseph Krieger
2021 Chris Pare'
2022 Michael O. Gardner

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