# Noah Lodge #357

# **Trestle Board**

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# Noah Lodge Schedule

Lodge Meal Schedule

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> to benefit breast cancer, we are currently working with an organization on the beneficiary should know by middle of month.

November 10<sup>th</sup> we will have a fun-shoot for brothers and their families. There will be a \$15 a head fee bring your own guns and ammo. The fee is property owner's fee lodge is not collecting anything. 8-11 AM so we are done and free to go to outdoor degree.

#### **NOVEMBER OUTDOOR MM DEGREE please** contact the SW if you can assist

Veterans breakfast 10/6/2018 8-10am

#### September 24<sup>th</sup> EA degree called communication during stated night 6:30/7:30

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

## Message from the East

From the East,

We have a lot going on at the lodge. We have a number of candidates in motion, an EA and a fellow craft.

Currently Grand Lodge permits you to influence your qualified sons, friends and coworkers to petition for the degrees. There is absolutely no objection to a neutrally worded approach being made to a man who is considered a suitable candidate for Freemasonry. The potential candidate should then be left to make his own decision and come of his own free will. Masonry needs more good men in its ranks. We live in very "interesting times". The teachings of Freemasonry should appeal to many wandering thru a society that seems to be void of morals, virtues and values.

At Grand Lodge, it was approved to have alcohol in the social hall for Non-Masonic events. We are already getting requests to use the lodge for Christmas Parties.

The front entrance to the lodge is fixed thanks to Habitat. They used our parking lot while theirs was being repaved and were gracious enough to fix ours as a gesture of neighborly good will. Keep them in your mind if you have something to donate.

Fraternally,

W Jeff Tumbarello

## Message from the West

#### Brethren,

I would like to start by congratulating you on a great masonic year thus far. We have come so far and continue to move forward. As some of you know, our roof is in need of work, brother Matt has patched it again and so far it seems to be holding. If you or a loved one needs to lose some money, our building fund is ready to accept. We got some much needed parking lot restoration done, Big THANK YOU to Habitat for that in trade of allowing them to use our lot. I am super excited for the October BBQ hopefully the first of September. We will roll out some ads in the shopper and on facebook, but please start telling your friends and neighbors. We will have fliers upon request for the clubhouse at your community if needed. I hope to see all of you soon and if a ride is the issue please let us know. We have a couple brothers that have offered services to help get you to and from lodge. Also our meetings aren't boring and long as some of you might have thought in the past. So far they are very informative and we get things accomplished. I would imagine a few of you old timers might think WB Rick Means was back as master as crisp as they are going.

For the BBQ I need assistance in more marketing ideas and mainly hands on deck. We are trying to align the child id program along with possibly a bounce house. I am going to try and get lodge to approve a candy bag for each kid that attends as it is near halloween. The dining hall could use some fall decorations during this season. If you or your wife would like to attend, our off Mondays we will be there practicing our upcoming degree and decorating the Lodge - we would love assistance in decorating.

We do have a few candidates in the pipeline last of August, we should be balloting on a 3<sup>rd</sup> I believe and the 4<sup>th</sup> in early September, please get into lodge and help us perform the degree and make "good men better". This would mean a full house and again strengthen why NOAH is what NOAH is. I feel what we are accomplishing now should make the elders or those before us very proud and we would love to have some of our Past Masters and Brethren who haven't been in a while in attendance. Let's continue to be a guiding light in our community and in our masonic district.

As some of you know I'm also the VP of the Master Mason Association of SWFL and we will be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual outdoor degree in November. Please reach out and assist us if you can by filling a spot during the degree.

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 so glad to have been a part of that. Augusts' last dinner will be Chicken Pot Pie instead of Tacos as originally stated.

We still need a work day over at our distressed Brother's home sometime next month. Hope everyone has a safe Labor Day weekend!

Hope to see you at Lodge for our EA degree in September our maybe before at the Veterans breakfast!!

Matt Zacharias, JW

# From the Secretary's Messy Desk

Well, Brothers, it's September again, and I'm still sending out "Past Due" Dues notices. If you have paid through "Circumscribe" or sent your check to the Lodge and still 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.

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 you DO get it by email already, I'd appreciate a quick "Hey, I got it!" email from you to make sure the address is valid.

3. NEW Candidates – We're processing three as I write this. Petitions for Mr. Gerard Krieger, Mr. Daniel McGuire and Mr. Miguel Guerro are in the pipeline, so come out and watch them become better Men if you can.

Now, Brothers – COME TO LODGE if you can. It's an "old saw", but I'm an old guy – and I miss your smiling faces in Lodge, Brothers.

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 Eliss 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