

Noah Lodge No. 357

Trestle Board

APRIL, 2023

**ATTEND THE APR 10th MEETING!
BRING A BROTHER!**

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

We can carpool 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.

We had an enjoyable evening at our last stated communication. RW Tomlinson joined us for the evening, bringing his characteristic one liners and rolling of his eyes as he threw them at everyone. We had the great company of the RW Jerry Christman and Chuck as Jerry shared the love and gratitude of his wife Sherry and how she's managed to cope with her health and himself. We shared our thoughts about the direction of the repairs of the lodge again with WM McGrath assisting with his years of experience, as well as the other brothers in attendance. We were able to secure additional \$4,000.00 to use either for tarping the lodge roof or using it towards the roof repair fund. We sent into Grand Lodge an estimate to repair Noah Lodge and await their response. The estimate for repair was approximately, \$139,000.



I believe there's room for some nipping and tucking whereby the cost could be foreseeably lower. It would be amazing to see more of the brethren attend, RW Tomlinson definitely brought a little charge to the room could only imagine if a Tillman or two showed up, maybe a Means or Sabo or Tumbarello or any of the brethren for that matter, all on the same night. Well, one can only dream.

We have a group text in place, if you're not receiving the text and would like too, reach to anyone of the officers and we will add you.

May the Blessing of Heaven rest upon us and all regular masons, may brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us!!

Warmest Regards Fraternally yours!!

WM Edward D. Ciofani

FROM THE WEST

This month we are seeing progress in gathering and submitting to Grand Lodge the quotes and estimates for re-building the building of Noah Lodge #357.

The process of approvals and then being able to schedule the work will be long and with your input, help, and monetary support this project may be completed.

The Building of Noah #357 is a very large asset to our Lodge and to Masonry but you, the members of our Lodge, are the Primary asset.

For those who have attended our meetings at the LaBelle Lodge I am sure have found the Brotherhood feeling of Masonry to be very strong and uplifting. **My hope is that we can have that same feeling always when we are together as Noah #357.** We need all Brothers who are able to attend meetings and participate however you can in keeping our Lodge alive. Dues payments are important to be received from all Brothers who are able to do so and need to be sent to the Lodge as soon as possible so we can know our budget for repairs, charitable acts which make us Masons, and for paying bills which are still associated with the Lodge. Please send in your dues to the secretary as soon as possible.

Please make contact with any of your Brothers for any needs, sickness or distress, so that we may all help each other and know of your well being, your family's well being and needs, since we have not seen everyone at our meetings. **We need to have your input in running YOUR Lodge Noah #357.**

Fraternally,

Gerard (Jerry) Krieger, Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren All,

I am happy to report that our Lodge may yet LIVE AGAIN. The March meeting was productive, humorous and we got to enjoy some folks we hadn't seen in a while. If you've missed the last few meetings, you've missed seeing YOUR Lodge work like you remember it did when you were there. It would sure be great to have your input, Brothers. If you can't get to Lodge in person, give me a call and I'll pass along your ideas.

Dana P. McGrath, Junior Warden

239-995-5000 ANY TIME OF DAY OR NIGHT, Brother. Just dial it, I'll be glad you did.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

As grand lodge approaches may I remind everyone to book your rooms and plan proxies if needed. The MMAOSF is hosting candidates for grand south with meet and greets so you can know them and get an opinion so we can vote accordingly. The legislation will be via zoom again and I am working to get a plan to stream it for the district like a watch party through MMAOSF. For our lodge things are finally progressing and we are hopeful for grand lodge response from our quotes for repair. Once we start repairs we will need to coordinate work days to get things done. As junior past master my plan to create a memorial garden out front as my thank you for entrusting me is still a go once we **get Our building back**. If you haven't paid your dues please do so and if you need assistance or financially you are tight, let me know. There are things we can do to keep your membership and work with payments of lesser than prescribed without anyone but myself and WM needing to know. The books are coming together and I should start mailing dues cards out shortly if you have paid - or come to a meeting, I have them with me. I hope this year has been treating you better than previous and wish you continued health and prosperity.

Fraternally

Michael O. Gardner, Secretary

FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK

What is nice about Noah Lodge is we have a lot of young members.

As someone who retired at 60, I would like to tell you the way that I was able to retire before Social Security started. We saved 10 % of our salary each pay period. We would sacrifice small things like not going out to dinner more than twice a month. This savings put into a Growth Fund worked very quickly and compounded over the years even when the country would go through a financial bad time.

Lastly please talk to several Financial advisors to find the correct match for you and your family.

Fraternally

Robert Pantazes, Noah Treas.

Chaplain Notes - Br Phillip Keyes Chaplain LaBelle

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Remember the first thing you did to become a Mason? You acknowledged your belief in a Supreme Being. Without making that acknowledgement no man can enter our great fraternity. Without that acknowledgement none of our Masonic teachings would mean anything to us.

Following your acceptance, you then advanced step-by-step through the degrees to the sublime title of Master Mason. Your arrival at this point is a pretty good indication that you are successfully modifying your life and your actions in order to make yourself more presentable to the Supreme Creator.

Freemasonry is not a religion. Nor is it a replacement for the spiritual development you receive by attending church, humbling yourself in prayer, and carefully studying the Holy Scriptures. These are reinforcements that help us stand out before God, before our brethren, and within our community.

Sinfulness began with Adam and Eve as related in the Book of Genesis and it behooves us to remember that the sly tempter is still at large in our days and times just as he was in the Garden. Since we believe in the Supreme Architect, believe also that His help in avoiding sin through prayer, the Holy Scriptures, and learning we receive attending church.

MARCH MEETING



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Standard Schedule:

2d Monday Stated Communication/Dinner

6:15 pm Dinner / 7:30 pm Meeting

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

www.instagram.com/noahlodge357

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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
2019 Michael O. Gardner
2020 Joseph Krieger
2021 Chris Pare'
2022 Michael O. Gardner

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