

# Noah Lodge No. 357

## Trestle Board

MAY, 2023

**ATTEND THE MAY 8<sup>th</sup> MEETING!**  
**Your Lodge Needs You Now!**

**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:**

<b>Worshipful Master</b>	<b>WB Ed Ciofani</b>
<b>Senior Warden</b>	<b>Br Jerry Krieger</b>
<b>Junior Warden</b>	<b>WB Dana McGrath – 239-995-5000</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Bob Pantazes</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>WB Michael O. Gardner</b>
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<b>Senior Steward</b>	<b>Vac</b>
<b>Junior Steward</b>	<b>Vac</b>
<b>Marshall</b>	
<b>Tyler</b>	
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Stephen Pfaff</b>

## FROM THE EAST

I hope this letter finds all who are reading it in good health both for themselves and family.

As April showers are to bring May Flowers, my hope is to have Noah Lodge renovations underway. My plan is to start the remediation process within the next week. We are still waiting on information from our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge as to any support they may be able to give. I'd like to send out a congratulations to our Past Master Dr. Rick (Doc) Means for passing his third screening of being cancer free. Who Knows maybe he'll join us and we can all congratulate him in person, unless of course you're a patient.



There are several brothers that I have spoken to recently and some I haven't that would make this year even more memorable if they would care to join us in the remaking of Noah Lodge. Once I remove all the biohazards then we can all formulate a plan to bring back our lodge.

As Master, I'm required to add brethren to committees, and in doing so **I've decided to create a sub-committee to the building committee. This sub-committee will consist of all members of Noah Lodge.** Once we get to the rebuilding phase, I and the building committee will issue ideas outlining our thoughts. By virtue of this sub-committee, I'm involving all who may want to be.

Warmest Regards, Fraternaly yours!!

WM Edward D. Ciofani

## FROM THE WEST

Your participation is needed as we come to the final decisions about repairing the lodge and how to pay to do so. We are waiting to find out what Grand Lodge will assist us in rebuilding the Lodge, the physical building, but we need to hear from all members who are the Lodge Noah 357.

With very little communication from you, our Brothers, we are unsure if our lodge now made up of dues paying Brothers who just want to call themselves a Free Masons

or true Brothers who want to act as Masons and perform the Charitable acts which make up Free Masonry.

WE need your input and that of any Brother you know. Many have moved and not even notified YOUR Lodge of an address or phone number in which to contact you. WE need to know of your state of health and that of your family. As Noah #357, we are Brothers who help each other in time of need but we cannot do this if you do not communicate with us.

Please, we want to hear from you and know you are still interested in the Lodge we call Noah 357.

Fraternally,  
Gerard (Jerry) Krieger, Senior Warden

## FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren All,

I am very sorry to report the passing of one of our own, Brothers John Cowher. A Chapel Funeral Ceremony was performed at the Hope Hospice Chapel in Cape Coral on April 22d, 2023. Br. Cowher was a fine Man and Mason. His wit, knowledge of the Craft and of the Masonic work will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

**Note the Worshipful Master's message, Brothers. YOU ARE ON THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.** This is a great approach to getting YOUR Lodge back in order, so I hope to see you at the Stated Communications with your input as to what next comes!

Fraternally,  
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

Since I don't have a designated desk, I can't just have a messy desk, instead I have the traveling briefcase deal that is a scramble of stuff. With that scramble I am trying out a few accounting programs to help simplify secretary work and streamline info to

secretary. We will audit the books soon so hopefully last year's secretary gets those complete for the audit as some things are out of array with the hurricane damaging things such as files, life and the building. That said it is looking up as we have had official contact from relief chairman discussing the repairs for building and are awaiting the notice of what funds we will get to assist.

All the hurricane stuff aside, GL is coming and we have legislation to review shortly, as in at the May meeting! **We also need to remember to get dues paid if they haven't been yet as delinquent notices will go out in June. Also, if you don't want to hear from Dana or Lawrence let us know you're OK by contacting us or showing up at a meeting as we now have a wellness committee!!!** This is good news as we are getting back to what we should have never stopped and that is caring for our own! If you have updated contact info, get it in so we can stay in touch even if you're in another area or state.

**The updates to GL are important as the new app and program are official and circumscribe is gone!** Thank the lord for as a secretary the program was bad, **now all your info can be seamlessly added into Amity through the secure GL server.** My understanding is that if you don't create a user and do the app it never gets linked. If you do use it your dues card will become digital on your smartphone, and it allows you to travel easier and look up what is around you. I know some don't like your information being available and that is **why it is up to you to login and create to sync info.** The new features will allow us as secretaries to communicate payments and degree info with every appendant body and other secretaries much more easily without taking extra effort. I am excited for the future and getting our building back together and the new things the app and the accounting software will do to help advance us and make my job easier.

The image is a promotional graphic for the Amity app. At the top left, the Amity logo is displayed with the tagline "travel... safely." To the right, a red banner states "Now supporting Masons in 40 countries and 46 US States!". The central focus is a smartphone displaying the app's interface. To the right of the phone, text reads "Always be able to find a Brother..." followed by a quote: "It's not easy to find every brother in the world, and connecting with each other can get a whole lot easier...". Below this, it says "Amity is built from the ground up with Masons in mind, making you interact with the Craft from the palm of your hand." and "Welcome to the digital secretariat." At the bottom of this section, it says "Welcome to Amity." Below the phone, a list of features is titled "AVAILABLE NOW" and includes: "FIND LOCAL LODGES... ANYWHERE!", "THE ONLY GLOBAL DIGITAL TIER 1 BOOK", "'CHECK IN' TO LODGE NEEDS", "GET DIRECTIONS TO YOUR NEXT MEETING", "CONTACT A SECRETARY... RIGHT FROM THE APP", and "VIEW THE MSA'S 'SHIRT TALK BULLETIN'". To the right of these features are icons for "BUILT BY MASONS FOR MASONS", "MILITARY-GRADE SECURITY", and "NO COST TO YOU OR YOUR LODGE" with a "FREE" stamp. At the bottom, there are three sections: "FOR THE SECRETARY" with a red book icon and text "Digital Attractions & Reports Secure-Contractor/Code", "Amity is Global!" with a globe icon and text "Over 110 Global Lodges Over 14,000 Lodges", and "PARTNERED WITH MSA" with a MSA logo and text "View and Purchase the Most Val. Bulletin". At the very bottom, there are icons for the App Store and Google Play, and the Amity logo with tagline "travel... safely." and the URL "find out more: <http://amityapp.com>".

For help with the app, I am at Lodge every meeting, or you can call me, and can email you the link or walk you through it over the phone.

Fraternally,  
Michael O. Gardner, Secretary

## **Chaplain Notes - Br. Phillip Keyes, Chaplain, LaBelle #379**

As Masons we hear a lot about the building of the temple, but for many of us the lessons fail to delve into the logistics necessary to accomplish that momentous task. Throughout his reign, King David desired to build a permanent home –a temple—worthy of the Supreme Architect of the Universe. God’s home for many generations was in a portable tent.

David’s reign included many bloody wars, so God assigned the building of the temple to David’s heir and successor, King Solomon. Details about the Temple, its workers, and its construction are covered in the lectures given when we receive the three degrees and In the books of 1<sup>st</sup> Kings, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd Chronicles. All are certainly worth the time and effort to review from a Masonic viewpoint as well as for the spiritual and historical knowledge of how the task was accomplished over the period of several years and by thousands of workmen.

## **April Fellowship**



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Standard Schedule:

2d Monday Stated Communication/Dinner

6:15 pm Dinner / 7:30 pm Meeting

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

**APRIL COMMUNICATION**





## 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  
2023 Edward Ciofani

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