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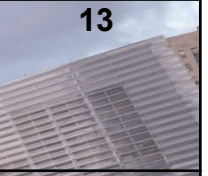
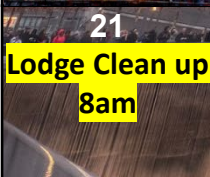
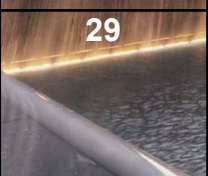
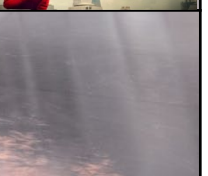


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"THE" ENGLEWOOD MASONIC LODGE NO. 360 F&AM

Meetings:
 1st & 3rd Tuesday @ 7:30pm
 265 Pine St, Englewood, FL 34223



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	HAPPY LABOR DAY 	2 Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30pm	3	4 Suncoast 73 1-2pm		6
7 	8 	9 Practice 630pm	10 	11 PATRIOT DAY  9.11 WE WILL NEVER FORGET	12 	13 
14 Chicken BBQ 1130-1pm 	15 	16 Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30pm	17 	18 	19 	20 Lodge Clean up 8am
21 Lodge Clean up 8am 	22 	23 Practice 6:30pm	24 	25 MMA Phoenix #346 6pm	26 	27  National Scarf Day
28 Chicken BBQ 1130-1pm 	29 	30 Officers Meeting 6:30pm				

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1987/1988 – R.: W.: Gary Schroeder	2000 – W.: Gerry Roberts	2012 – W.: Scott Budwitz	2021 – W.: David Mashia
1991 – W.: Charles Rock	2002 – W.: Russell DeFrahn	2013/2014 – W.: Jerry Wadel	2022 – W.: Darrell LaCourse
1994 – W.: Peter McIvers	2003 – W.: Frank Moffett	2015/2019 – W.: Denis Doome	2023 – W.: Mickey Mullins
1995 – W.: Dana Morgan	2004 – W.: Scott Johnson	2016 – W.: Stoney Stonecipher	2024 – W.: Denis Doome
1996 – W.: Roberto Grolemond	2005 – W.: Jason Rose	2017/2018 – R.: W.: Dan Van Alstine	
1998/2001 – W.: Bobby Jones	2006 – R.: W.: Gene Jeffers	2020 – W.: Mike Short	

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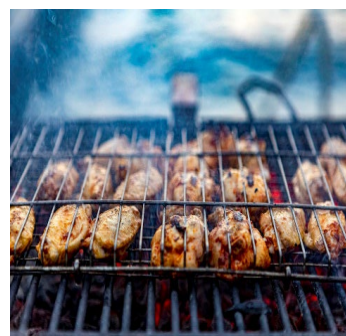
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DISTRICT WEBSITE:: <http://trowel.com/flamason/dist23.htm>

Wills and Gifts Explained

Upcoming Dates to Remember:



Chicken BBQ
2nd and 4th
Sunday of the
month

AIR FORCE

Please send all Trestleboard inputs to Aaron McFarland for publication. Remember all Trestleboard input is due by the 20th of the preceding Month. Please send Birthdays or Anniversary's if you would like to recognized

My email is:

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



September 9

Angelo Lanni

September 13

William Teller, Jr.

September 15

Alain Gardner

Adam Raffone

September 17

Stephen Miller

September 18

Robert Gaitens

September 26

Rex Rowley

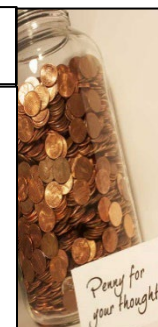
September 29

Rodger Craig, Sr.

MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

(Reported in 5 yr increments)

10 Years



Don't forget our LYPMG Jug on the Tyler's Desk.

One hundred percent of the funds raised or collected for this program go to the Masonic Home Endowment Fund. They are not discretionary, and cannot be used for other Lodge expenditures.



FROM THE EAST



Greetings from the East brothers I can not believe we are in September already. Lots of stuff coming up. We are signing up for the Halloween walk on Dearborn. We will need some brothers to help hand out candy. I would also like to have one or two brothers with info about joining the lodge. September 20th and 21st will be a lodge clean up. Starting at 8am please come out and help its amazing what one hour of your time can do.

Our meetings are still the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays
Chicken bbq are 2nd and 4th Sundays

Thank you, Sincerely
W.M.: Bob Gaitens., Englewood Lodge 360



FROM THE WEST



My Brothers, a message from the West. Fall is approaching. The snowbird Brothers will be rejoining us at long last. I cannot wait until the cool weather arrives and we can put on another outdoor Master Mason degree. If you have yet to experience one for yourself, make it a point to attend. It is an awesome experience. Now to continue our Masonic education on Masonic Colors.

I hope to see you all at our next meeting.
SW W.: Darrell LaCourse P.M.
Senior Warden, Englewood Lodge 360



FROM THE SOUTH



As August comes to a close, we are rolling right into September. The start of season will hopefully see some of our northern brothers coming back. Please don't forget to come out and support us for our stated meetings on the first and third Tuesdays and our Chicken barbecues on the second and fourth Sundays. Hope to see you there!

Fraternally,
Brother Jeff McAlpine
Junior Warden, Englewood Lodge 360

Color	Symbolism	Associated Degree or Order
Blue	Universal friendship and benevolence	Blue Lodge (Craft Freemasonry)
Red	Zeal and fortitude	Royal Arch Masonry
Purple	Royal color, representing sovereignty	Cryptic Masonry, high degrees
White	Purity and innocence	Masonic funerals, some rituals
Black	Grief and fidelity	Mourning and remembrance
Green	Immortality of the soul, renewal, nature	Ancient Craft Masonry
Gold	Enlightenment and treasure of the fraternity	High degrees, honorary positions
Silver	Serenity and nobility	Officer jewels, regalia
Yellow	Hazard but also a call to duty and sacrifice	Standard Masonic regalia
Rose	Dawn of a new era, joy, and happiness	Order of the Eastern Star
Royal Blue	Eternity and fidelity	Royal Arch Masonry
Sky Blue	Perfection and hope	Blue Lodge
Apricot	Reward of merit and learning	Officers of the Grand Lodge
Brown	Mother Earth and stability	Some Masonic jurisdictions
Grey	Neutrality and balance	Unknown

This month we focus on Black.

Different writers have different views on this color. According to Albert Mackey, black in the Masonic Ritual is constantly the sign of grief. It is perfectly consistent with its use in the world where, from remote antiquity, black has been adopted as the garment of mourning. In Freemasonry, this color is confined to but a few degrees but everywhere has the single meaning of sorrow. Thus, in the French rite, during a ceremony of raising in one of the degrees, the Lodge is clothed in black, strewn with the 3 representations of tears as tokens of grief for the loss of a distinguished member of the fraternity. Coil says that the common acceptance of black as a symbol of sorrow or mourning is not applied in Craft ritualism, although popular regard for black crepe may be in evidence as Masonic symbols. He also makes reference to the use of the color in the French degrees and allied degrees of the Knights Templar and Scottish Rite. Bernard Jones goes a bit further in commenting on the allied degrees that black symbolizes not only grief but also silence and secrecy. In heraldry it has a different significance - that of prudence and wisdom - while grey symbolizes tribulation.

Reprinted from 'Talks on Freemasonry' by W. Bro. Kenneth J. Tuckwood, District Chairman of Masonic Education 2002-2003 UGLE

Be safe my Brothers and God Bless.
W.: Darrell LaCourse SW



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



From the Chaplain:

Kyle had just moved with his family to the new town. At first glance, he was a “nerd,” pens in shirt pocket, glasses, , books in hand.

On the way home from school one Friday he had an armful of books; a target for local bullies as they tripped Kyle and sent his books and eye glasses flying!

Peter, a neighbor, took pity and intervened....the bullies went running. Peter asked Kyle if he wanted help with his books and walk home? He agreed.

The two boys exchanged information and plans for the weekend ending in Peter’s invitation for Kyle to join him in a tail-gate party later on Saturday. They became quick friends.

The years would pass quickly by and high school graduation would bring Kyle to the podium as class valedictorian. Peter would tease Kyle about this honor but knew it was well deserved.

Graduation day came and as Kyle walked to the podium, clearing his throat, Kyle began by saying: “Graduation is the time that we thank those who helped us make it through.” He mentioned his parents, teachers and especially friends. He would go on to recount the story of he and Peter’s first meeting. He stated that the reason he was carrying so many books home that Friday because he had emptied out his locker.....so his parents wouldn’t have to. You see, my plan was to do the “unspeakable” that weekend. He was planning to take his life. A gasp went through the crowd! He then stated that it was Peter’s acts and words of kindness that saved his life!

Brothers, the truth us that with one small gesture you can change a person's life! For better or for worse, the Creator puts us all in each other life in some way!

Together, we are more than Kyle’s story men...We are Masons...Look for the Creator in others. "Do unto others as you would have done to you!"

Fraternally, W. Mickey Mullens, P.M.
Chaplain



ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



Hello sisters and brothers.

Welcome,

Please check Facebook for additional info about Englewood Chapter #300-Order of the Eastern Star Associate Grand Conductress, Karen Sargent Rankl Bradenton Chapter #87- will be our OFFICIAL at the October 11 meeting. She has a “flight crew” membership to help support her 4 yrs leading to her Grand Chapter. It is \$10.00 and it’s a onetime fee. Contact Sister Karen Leonard at karenleonard3295@gmail.com for a membership card. She may have other fundraising functions and we will put them here and on our Facebook page for you to participate. In August we celebrate Dr. Rob Morris. It is hosted by Bradenton Chapter #87 this year and will be at Der Dutchman in Sarasota on August 23, 2025 at Noon. Cost for the buffet is \$25 per person. September 27 in Arcadia, Grand School of Instruction. Lunch 11:45 cost \$15, contact Melinda Crites at 863-990-5435 Hosted by Peace River Chapter #30 located at 909 N Oak St. Arcadia, FL 34266 RSVP by 09/12/25 – you are welcome to remit a check or money order to reserve lunch tickets to Peace River Chapter #30 OES, PO Box 2131, Arcadia, FL 34266 We decided at our last meeting to have a practice at the lodge for the OFFICIAL meeting. October 4 at 10:30 – followed by a light lunch as there will be a Proficiency Class with Past Grand Matron Judy Wilson at 1:30pm. All are invited but please let me know so I can plan food. Lucillecrist@yahoo.com. Please remember our next meeting will be our OFFICIAL – October 11, 2025 at our regular time of 10:30am. I know this is early, but, if you would be interested in changing positions, trying a STAR or OFFICER position, Elections will be on Feb. 14, 2026. Please let us know so we can help you or provide further information for your decision. Wishing you a continued, very safe, happy Summer. Remember we are available
*****call Craig, 614-561-8096 or myself at, 941-275-4055 if you need anything.

Worthy Matron, Lucy Crist and Brother Craig Heyder



ORDER OF THE AMARANTH



Suncoast Court No. 73 next meeting will be Thursday, September 4, 2025

Luncheon at 12 noon Meeting at 1 PM

We hope that you have all had a great summer and we look forward to seeing you at our meeting.

Debra Maust, Royal Matron

Kenneth Traverson, Royal Patron

Ellen Traverson, Secretary for information email; ETraverson@aol.com or call 727-512-7851



Are New-Member Expectations Realized?

by Brian J. Murphy, PGM

The author was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge AF & AM of Montana. This was his Grand Master's message in the March 2016, issue of the Montana Freemason. The Grand Lodge of Montana observed its 150th anniversary in June 2016.

The secret of CHANGE is to focus all your energy, not on fighting the old, but building on the new. — Socrates

Many of the “buzzwords” overheard during the recent Conference of Grand Masters in North America included: change, retention, education, paradigms, connectivity, technology, social media, communication, security, perceptions, traditions, and so forth.

These notions are nothing terribly new. We've been hurling them about for years, but these days they are certainly being emphasized to a much greater magnitude. There appears to be a consensus among many that **THIS IS A GREAT TIME** to be a MASON! Things **ARE** changing in a positive way! Worthy young

men **ARE** seeking what we offer in Masonry, and boy, do we ever need them . . . in a **BIG** way.

But here's the rub . . . many have done their homework. They do what they do best. They use the tools and technology they are familiar with. The internet has made the world a very small place, so they go online; read articles; research the pros and cons; delve into our historical significance; view YouTube videos showing austere men dressed in tuxedos and white gloves performing precision-driven floor work to grandiose music amidst elegant and palatial surroundings. They witness learned men of stature reciting meaningful and profound dissertations meant to provoke thought and capture hearts. They've probably gone on Facebook or other social media and observed images of table lodge banquets lined with well-dressed, distinguished gentlemen enjoying Masonic camaraderie and fine food, toasting and singing odes to the Fraternity and the glory of God.

The young prospects of today come hungry for knowledge and preloaded with wonder and awe and great expectations before they ever knock

at our door. They're anticipating great leaders who will offer them guidance and mentorship — someone to fill their sails and help them navigate our world's tumultuous waters. And if not the enlightened societies of Voltaire, Mozart, Washington, and Churchill, they're hoping to at least be accepted into a Fraternity that promotes philosophical discourse and provides instructions for personal improvement. If not drawn to the pageantry and mysteries of Masonry, young men have forever been lured by the core ideals of Freemasonry.

They're expecting Freemasonry to fulfill its purpose and do what it actually claims to do and has done for generations. And when that ravenous neophyte finally wanders up to knock at the door of your lodge, what will he find? Brothers, I'm of the firm belief that we do not have a membership problem — we have a new-member-retention problem.

So even when we do gain a zealous disciple, and IF that new Master Mason can somehow manage to overlook the worn-out carpet, peeling paint, dead flies on every windowsill, shoddy ritual work, empty chairs, lack of education,



lousy food (I once had cold spaghetti on a paper plate), inconsistent dress code, and absence of the intellectual enrichment he's craving, and decides not to commit "Masonic suicide," but stays on because he sees an opportunity for himself to benefit the lodge with fresh ideas and build the Masonry that suits his needs, like his grandfather would have . . . will we let him?

Will we allow him to question our outmoded ways? And if we do, will we empower him to appeal our outworn *modus operandi* and introduce us to his world? Will we permit him to improve the menu with tastier recipes? Brothers, the answer **MUST** be **YES!** Because in doing so, that new, young Mason will bring friends whom he knows share his same desire to affect positive change in themselves, families, community and the world. They then become the much needed spark plugs and fresh batteries to crank the engine.

They're the ones to throw a new set of tires on our dilapidated jalopy, push it out of its rut, and get it rolling under its own power once again. Listen, we all realize small town lodges are suffering. I've visited more

than a few that easily have enough members but are stalled for lack of a quorum. Everything has a shelf life, and not unlike that deserted carton in the back of every fridge; the one that no one wants to smell or dispose of, there are lodges whose expiration date has long come and gone. To repeat, we have a retention problem. Quite frankly, why would a lodge want to get new members when it cannot keep the ones it already has? What's the point? Personally, what I've learned and come to know is this: no worshipful or most worshipful can make someone care. No one can.

To quote myself: "We can suffer all futility save that of lethargy and indifference." All we as individual Masons can hope to do is set our standards higher, lead by example and inspire others to do the same. The core brothers, the ones who actually show up and want to improve themselves, their lodge and the world – **YOU** are the ones who have to labor even more earnestly. **YOU** are the operatives that must have a shared vision and a plan to enact for the future and your own destiny.

Doing nothing is not a plan. Waiting for something to happen, or for some

magic grand lodge miracle cure, is not a plan. Lodges who haven't had a new candidate in a while, **SHOULD** be the most prepared to deliver the best Masonic experience for that new high school principal who just moved to town. An abandoned building is a tombstone for the dead. During all that downtime, the idle lodge is the one who would best benefit by fundraising for that new coat of paint and carpeting from this century.

Believe me, when a community observes brothers in motion; engaged in improving themselves, inside and out, they'll be more likely to ask the questions we're all yearning to hear: Excuse me, but what's a Mason? How do I become one? Brothers, be prepared to smile with polished confidence when you answer.

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Saturday, October 4, 2025
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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Tickets: \$50.00 pp ONLY 100 tickets available

- Heavy Hors d'oeuvres
- 2 - Drink Tickets
- Raffles and 50/50
- Silent Auction
- Entertainment by the Amazing Lisa Casalino
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