

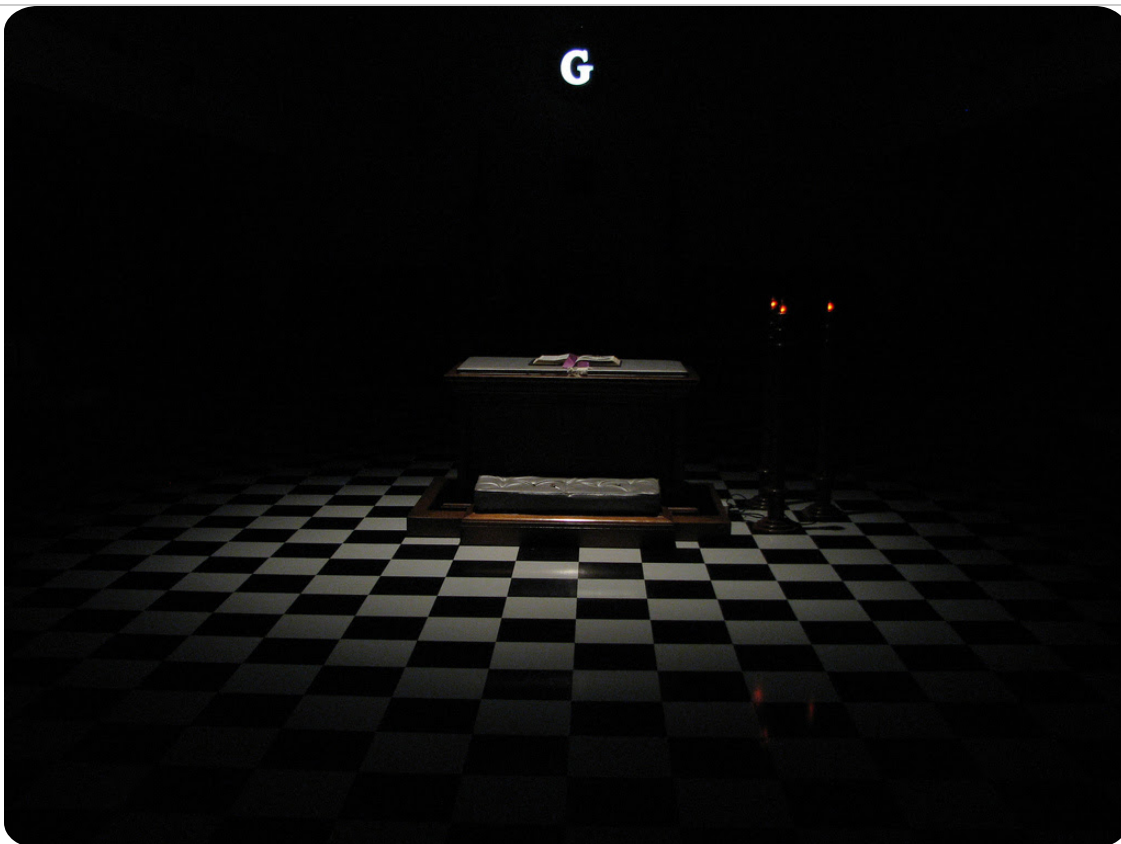


THE TRESTLEBOARD
Sarasota Lodge No. 147 Free & Accepted Masons
CHARTED ON JANUARY 19, 1905



2160 Main Street, Sarasota, FL 34237

September 2025 (Monthly)



STATED COMMUNICATIONS SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS 7:30PM

From The East



My Brothers,

Wow, how fast is this year going by? We have done some great things so far this year and we're getting ready for an extremely busy September.

Let me start by saying we finished August with a great visit from our DDGM and his committee members. To begin September, we had a Fellowcraft degree on September 4 and will be having an Entered Apprentice degree on September 18th. All in all, we passed eight brothers to Fellowcraft and will initiate seven. These numbers are amazing for the Craft and for the Lodge. We hope that you are able to make your attendance and show support.

On September 12th, the Grand Master M.:.W.:. Talia Atala will make his official visit to the 23rd Masonic District. It is hoped that you will attend this dinner at the Sahib Shrine followed by a tiled meeting at the Scottish Rite center of Sarasota. Tickets are available on Eventbrite, and the event is free to attend for any Mason and family.

I look forward to your attendance in the lodge, your knowledge for our newly initiated and passed brothers, but most of all, we would love to share a great meal with you.

Graciously yours,
Charles Wolbert IV
Worshipful Master

From The West



My Brothers,

I would like to congratulate Brothers Moyer, Turner, Calone, White, Brussoe, and Giesler on being Passed to the degree of Fellowcraft! It was an honor to see all of you moving to the next step in your journeys and I could not be more proud of you guys!

I'd like to thank all those who showed up to practices and were a part of the degree team. It's your effort and devotion to our beloved fraternity that allows us to continue existing and growing with each other and for each other.

I have some pretty exciting news to share from the west as both your Senior Warden and as your District Chairman for Public Relations and Publicity. We will be having a guest from the Rotary Club come and speak for education on the second stated meeting of this month. She is going to talk about all of the charities and events they throw and has offered to help us get involved with charity work and even doing group events. This would be incredible to get us back out in the community and should be very exciting for the Masons sitting at home who wish there was something in the lodge that they could really get involved in. I would truly ask that all who read this will attend.

I will also be holding a poll. I want to know where my brothers are. Our sidelines have been growing thinner and thinner in attendance and I want to know what it is YOU want from the lodge and from meetings. How can we as officers serve your needs and help bring you back in to the lodge room. What is most important to you? What is it you desire we had more of or less of. I will be bringing a questionnaire to hand out and if you wish anonymity that's completely fine. We are dedicated to this fraternity as a whole and even more so to the brothers of the Mighty 147.

As always my brothers, if you ever need me, look well to the West.

Fraternally
Shawn Cooney
Senior Warden

From The South



Brethren,

On Tuesday August 26, 2025, we had the pleasure and honor of welcoming our District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful J.J. Albritton for his first official visit. Dinner was second to none as our very own Júnior Steward, George Syrimis, made the best lasagna I've ever had! After several servings made their way through the dining hall, it was clear that we were in for a great meal.

At times you could hear a pin drop as the meal was so delicious silence equated to satisfaction, but the topper was the tiramisu. Made with all authentic ingredients, you would have thought we had it imported straight from Italy! Needless to say, it was great and the Craft loved it!

On Thursday August 28, 2025, a band of two brothers (R.°W.°Hart and I) traveled to Liberty Lodge No. 412 for a monthly MMA meeting. School of Instruction was held by our own R.°W.° Barry D. Hart. The great food filled our bellies, the School of Instruction filled our minds, and the great fellowship filled our hearts.

As Floridians we know the height of hurricane season is in September and October. It appears to be the same for Degree work as we are gearing up for several Degrees. Our Senior Warden led a Fellowcraft degree on Thursday September 4, 2025 and I'll be leading an Entered Apprentice degree on Thursday September 18, 2025. Gavel drops at 7PM, so please come out and support the Craft and the brothers who will be initiated.

I encourage all members of the "Mighty 147" to make their way to the Lodge every 2nd and 4th Tuesday for a great meal, fellowship and brotherly love.

"Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment." - Bro. Benjamin Franklin

Zealously
Mario P. Charles Sr.
Junior Warden

Tuesday, September 9th | Stated Communication



Dinner: 6:30 PM

Open Education: 7:00 PM

Stated Communication: 7:30 PM

Dinner: Old school Peanut butter and jelly station with all the fixings and variety of chips.

RSVP Now!

Thursday, September 18th | Called Communication | Entered Apprentice Degree



Brothers, please join us in initiating new worthy brothers to our Lodge!

7:00pm Gavel Drop

[RSVP Now!](#)

Tuesday, September 23rd | Stated Communication

Stated Meeting Night

SARASOTA LODGE NO. 147
2160 MAIN ST., SARASOTA, FL

Dinner: 6:30pm
Open Education: 7:00pm
Meeting: 7:30pm



Official DDGM Visit

Dinner: 6:30 PM

Open Education: 7:00 PM

Stated Communication: 7:30 PM

Dinner: Spaghetti and meat sauce, Italian salad and cookies for dessert

[RSVP Now!](#)

**Thursday, September 25th |
Master Mason Assoc. | District
School of Instruction**



6:00pm Master Mason Association
7:30pm District School of Instruction
Location: Phoenix No. 346

RSVP Now!

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Degree & Proficiency Work

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1. Eric Eugene Baker
2. Conner Edward Cintron
3. Peter Roy Muthwil
4. Justin J. Short
5. Jimmy Dean Spencer

Awaiting EA Degree:

1. James Restrapo

Awaiting FC Degree:

1. Scott Geisler
2. Jesse Turner
3. Aiden White
4. James Brusoe
5. Andrew Moyer

6. Raymond “Leo” Hohmann III
7. Axl Ritcher
8. John Colón
9. Victor M. Cruz
10. James F. Jeffries

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1. *None*

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2. W.✙. Charles Wolbert III
3. Bro. Kyle Freeman

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1. W.✙. Zach Wiegele
2. Bro. Jeff Reed
3. Bro. Mac Holy
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Comments about this Trestlebard should be sent to W.: Stephen Garcia at srq147fam@gmail.com.

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Visit our district website and calendar at <https://www.district23fl.org>

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Business Dress is preferred for Called and Stated Meetings.

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William G. Wolf*+ - 1971
Joe R. Hembree - 1981
James W. Walker - 1984
Walter R. McCracken III - 1986
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Norris C. Baxter - 1990
Owen B. Blount, Sr. - 1994
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Gerald E. Goacher*** - 2001
Stephen A. Yarbrough - 2002
Gilbert Fernandez - 2004
Frank S. Albinson*** - 2005
John D. Powell - 2006
William S. Paterson - 2007
Norman Cyphers*** - 2008
James Godshall - 2009
Andrew Wormington - 2010
Jim Gillett - 2012
Juan de la Rosa* - 2013
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Andrew Gluchov - 2015
Barry D. Hart*** - 2016
Marcos Romero - 2017
Jeffrey Lawrence - 2018
Ramon Hernandez-Ron - 2019
Petar Sibinkic - 2020
Stephen Garcia - 2021
Charles Wolbert III - 2022
Christopher G. Burns - 2023
Zachary Wiegele - 2024

* Past District Deputy Grand Master

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