



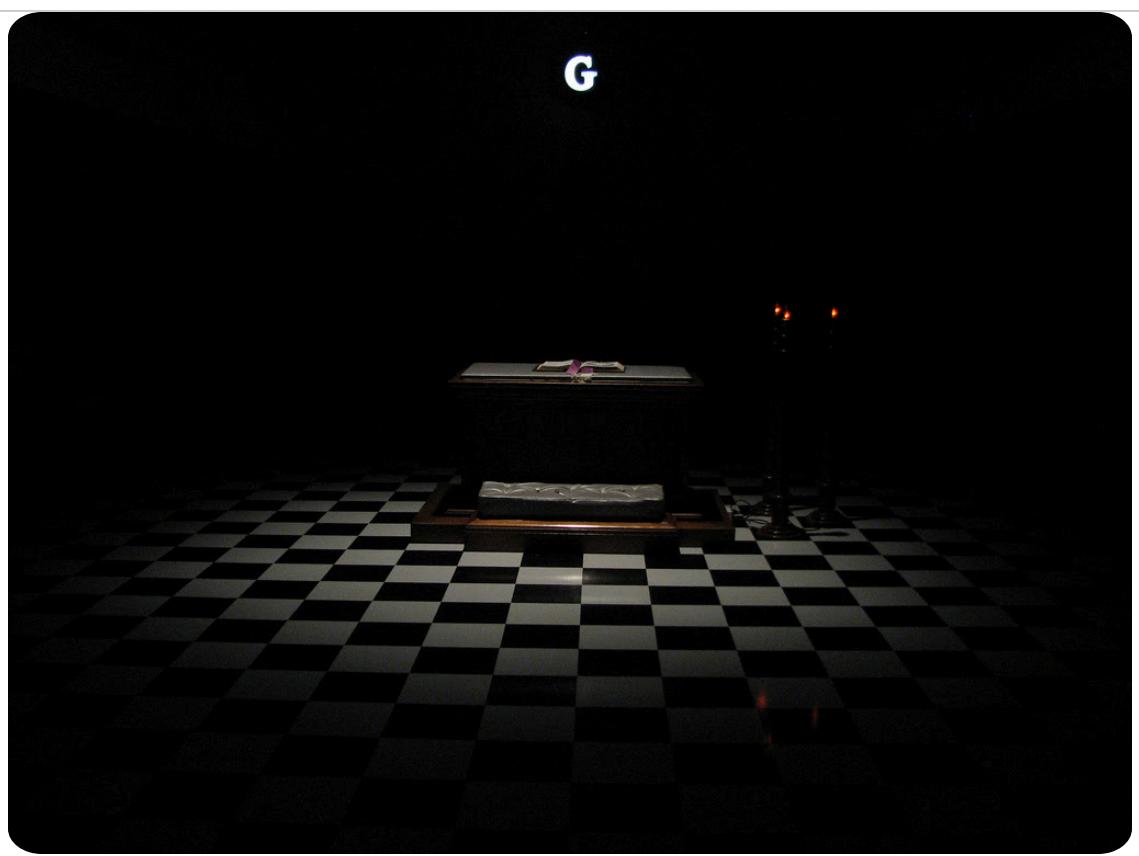
**THE TRESTLEBOARD**  
Sarasota Lodge No. 147 Free & Accepted Masons  
**CHARTED ON JANUARY 19, 1905**



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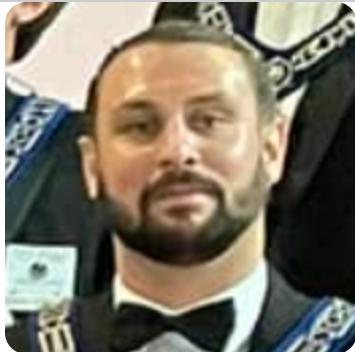
## **January 2026 (Monthly)**

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STATED COMMUNICATIONS SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS 7:30PM

**From The East**



Brethren,

As I write my first message to you from the East, I do so with humility, gratitude, and a deep sense of responsibility. To be entrusted with the honor of serving as your Worshipful Master is something I do not take lightly, and I thank each of you for the confidence you have placed in me.

A new Masonic year gives us an opportunity to pause, reflect, and recommit ourselves to the principles that brought us to this Fraternity. We are reminded that Freemasonry is not built upon titles or stations, but upon character, brotherly love, relief, and truth. Each of us, regardless of rank or years in the Craft, plays an essential role in the strength of our Lodge.

This year, my hope is simple: that our Lodge continues to be a place where every Brother feels welcomed, valued, and encouraged to grow — not only as Masons, but as men. Growth does not always come from grand plans or sweeping changes; often it comes from consistency, fellowship, and showing up for one another.

Let us remember that the work of Masonry does not end when we close the Lodge. It follows us into our homes, our workplaces, and our communities. By living the lessons we have been taught, we honor the Fraternity far more than any words ever could.

I look forward to laboring with each of you in the coming year. Together, with harmony and purpose, we can ensure that our Lodge remains strong, relevant, and worthy of those who came before us — and those who will follow after.

Fraternally,  
Shawn Cooney  
Worshipful Master

## From The West



Brethren,

First and foremost, I'd like to thank our appointed Marshall, Past Master and Master of the "Mighty 147" last year, leading us with a steady hand at the helm for all of 2025, W.: Charles Wolbert IV. That steady hand passed the torch to our Worshipful Master for 2026 Shawn Cooney. Worshipful, you have grown into this role in a very short time. Continue to lead and inspire us. You are worthy of that title and I trust you will lead us with brotherly love, fairness, kindness, and whisper quiet counsel when needed :)

Since our big push last year was traveling, fellowship, and brotherly love; why reinvent the wheel? I will continue to support these ideals, starting with asking all willing and able brothers to attend as many installations as possible within our district. Let it be known, we are serious about traveling, fellowship and spreading brotherly love!

Some of my goals for this year are to grow the Lodge. Each and every one of us knows a "Good Man" who can be better. Invited them to one of our fabulous dinners on a Stated Meeting night and the rest will be history. Ritual work at the Mighty 147 has greatly improved under the leadership of "double agent" J.:W.:/Lodge Instructor Jeff Busholtz! His passion, kindness, and consistency are unmatched. Sometimes I think "low key" is he human? We are so fortunate to have you in these roles and I know you will continue to do "good work" for the Craft.

With that said, I look forward to supporting brothers who want to get involved with ritual work, becoming proficient with the work. Leading and assisting committees on getting things for the lodge done. Traveling to Lodges in our district but also to other districts to see their ritual work and hopefully learn a thing or two.

I'd also like to congratulate our appointed officers. This might be the strongest line I've ever seen! You brothers are all leaders, you are all highly motivated individuals and I know you all will do good work and serve the Craft well, especially in the "South".

In the end it takes a village or in our case, the "Craft", that's you! Yes, you! It's you who are the "difference makers" and the future of this Lodge.

The insignia of the Senior Warden is the "Level" which demonstrates that we are descended from the same stock, share the same hope, and though distinctions among men are necessary to preserve subordination, yet no eminence of station should make us forget that we are Brothers.

Zealously,  
Mario P. Charles Sr.  
Senior Warden

## From The South



Brethren,

I would like to congratulate all our new officers, especially our new S.:S.: George Syrmis on being appointed to his chair. The success in the South this year will undoubtedly be due to their hard work and dedication. If you have been to the lodge in the past year you have surely enjoyed the meals that the talented brothers in the Steward's chairs have crafted. I look forward to working with them to provide amazing meals for everyone this year.

It is an honor to be elected to serve as your Junior Warden. Being active within the lodge again means the world to me. I will strive to carry forward the great atmosphere that our lodge currently enjoys.

We have so much in store for this year! We have been delving into the deeper teachings of Freemasonry through our regular fireside Esoteric Knights. We are also spending time in our Stated Meetings contemplating this profound "system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols." If you haven't been to lodge in a while I implore you to come enjoy a meal and the warm fraternity of your brethren!

Zealously,

# Friday, January 9th |

# Installation of Officers

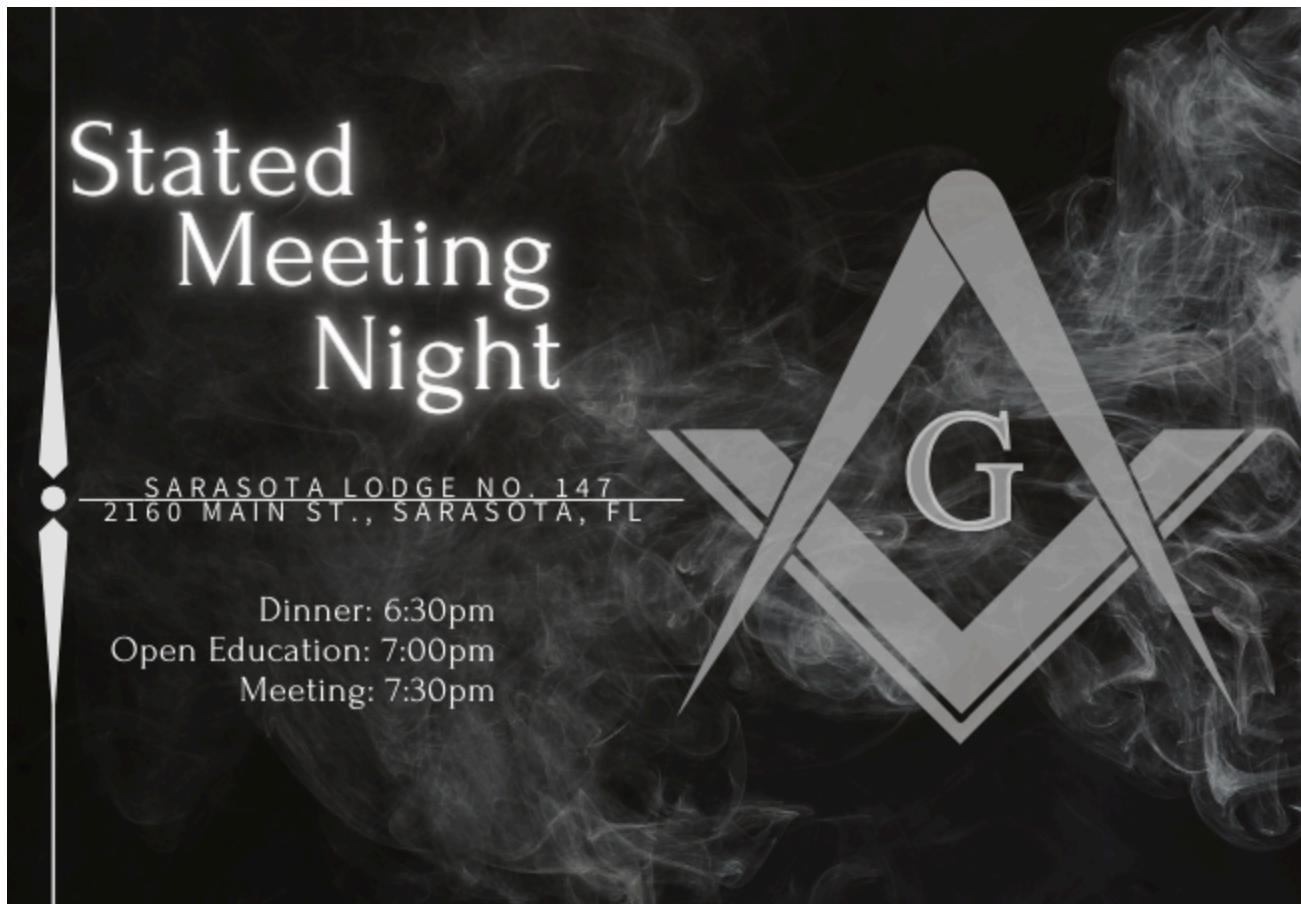


6:00pm: Hors d'oeuvres

7:00pm: Installation

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# Tuesday, January 13th | Stated Communication



Dinner: 6:30 PM

Open Education: 7:00 PM

Stated Communication: 7:30 PM

Dinner: TBD

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# Thursday, January 22nd | Master Mason Assoc. | District

# School of Instruction



6:00pm Master Mason Association

7:30pm District School of Instruction

Location: West Coast No. 409

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**Tuesday, January 27th | Stated  
Communication**

# Stated Meeting Night

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

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



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**Stated Communication: 7:30 PM**

Dinner: TBD

**RSVP Now!**

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**Senior Deacon:** Bro. Wade Botkin  
**Junior Deacon:** Bro. Justin Mastrangelo  
**Senior Steward:** Bro. George Syrmis  
**Junior Steward:** TBD  
**Chaplain:** Bro. Miles Christian-Hart  
**Tyler:** Bro. George Hernandez  
**Marshall:** W.: Charles Wolbert IV  
**Lodge Musician:** Bro. Charles Allen

## Degree & Proficiency Work

**Awaiting Balloting:**

1. None

**Awaiting EA Degree:**

1. None

**Awaiting FC Degree:**

1. Eric Eugene Baker
2. Coonor Cintron
3. Peter Muthwill
4. Tamas Nagy
5. Justin Short

**Awaiting MM Degree:**

1. John Colon
2. James Brusoe

3. Scott Geisler
4. Bill Hensley
5. Andrew Moyer
6. Jesse Turner
7. Aiden White

**Catechism Instructors:**

1. W.: Ramon Hernandez-Ron
2. W.: Charles Wolbert III
3. Bro. Kyle Freeman

**Mentors:**

1. W.: Zach Wiegele
2. Bro. Jeff Reed
3. Bro. Mac Holy
4. Bro. Marty Saia

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# Committees

**Petitions Committee**

Chair: TBD

Members:

- TBD

**Board of Relief**

Chair: W.:M.: Shawn Cooney [shawncooney90@gmail.com](mailto:shawncooney90@gmail.com) | 845-233-8480

Members:

- Bro. Mario P. Charles Sr.
- Bro. Jeffrey Bucholtz

**Charity**

Chair: TBD

Members:

- TBD

**Finance**

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Members:

- TBD

### **Vigilance**

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Members:

- TBD

### **Masonic Education**

Chair: TBD

Members:

- TBD

### **Lodge Property**

Chair: TBD

Members:

- TBD

### **Public Relations & Publicity**

Chair: TBD

Members:

- TBD

### **Membership Development**

Chair: TBD

Members:

- TBD

### **Investigations**

Chair: TBD

Members:

- TBD

## **Funeral**

Chair: R.:W.: Barry Hart [sec147.bdh@gmail.com](mailto:sec147.bdh@gmail.com) | 941-544-5550

Members:

- TBD

## **Membership Retention**

Chair: Chair: TBD

Members:

- TBD

## **Scholarship**

Chair: W.: Stephen Garcia - [srq147fam@gmail.com](mailto:srq147fam@gmail.com)

Members:

- W.: Andrew Gluchov
- W.: Charles Wolbert IV

### Be A Trestleboard Sponsor

You can assist theLodge by being a Trestleboard Sponsor.

Thank you to our Trestleboard Sponsors!

#### **Gold:**

Rusty Glendinning (∞)

Dan "Soxx" Tibbetts (∞)

Juan De La Rosa (5/26)

Michael Pender (12/26)

Terry Armentrout (3/26)

Norman Cyphers (12/26)

Barry Hart (2/26)

Kelvin Yow (2/26)

Bryan Pullman (2/26)

Midge Jordan (12/25) in Memory of Doug Jordan

#### **Square:**

The Following Sponsorship levels are available:

Square: \$5-\$49 | Gold: \$50+

Simply contact any officer about becoming a sponsor. If by check, please note Trestleboard  
Sponsor

## **SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

Brethren, please any sickness, distress, or requests for Masonic Funeral Services among the Craft to our Chaplain, Miles Christian-Hart, 941-737-9292 or [old.carcrazy@yahoo.com](mailto:old.carcrazy@yahoo.com)

Comments about this Trestlebard should be sent to W.: Stephen Garcia at  
[srq147fam@gmail.com](mailto:srq147fam@gmail.com).

Check our website at [www.sarasota147.org](http://www.sarasota147.org)

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

## **PREFERRED DRESS CODE FOR LODGE**

Business Dress is preferred for Called and Stated Meetings.

Officers: Black Jackets for All Meetings & Degree Work. Don't forget your name tag!

## **Living Past Masters**

William G. Wolf\*+ - 1971

Joe R. Hembree - 1981

James W. Walker -1984

Walter R. McCracken III - 1986

Terry L. Winkel - 1987

Steven D. McMahon - 1989

Norris C. Baxter - 1990

Owen B. Blount, Sr. - 1994

Edward L. Jordan\* - 1998

Gerald E. Goacher\*\*\* - 2001

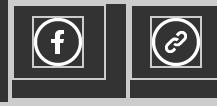
Stephen A. Yarbrough - 2002  
Gilbert Fernandez - 2004  
Frank S. Albinson\*\*\* - 2005  
John D. Powell - 2006  
William S. Paterson - 2007  
Norman Cyphers\*\*\* - 2008  
James Godshall - 2009  
Andrew Wormington - 2010  
Jim Gillett - 2012  
Juan de la Rosa\* - 2013  
Damian Ostermeyer - 2014  
Andrew 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  
Charles Wolbert IV - 2025

\* Past District Deputy Grand Master

\*\* Served as District Instructor

\*\*\* Served as both D.I. and D.D.G.M.

+ Grand Secretary Emeritus



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