

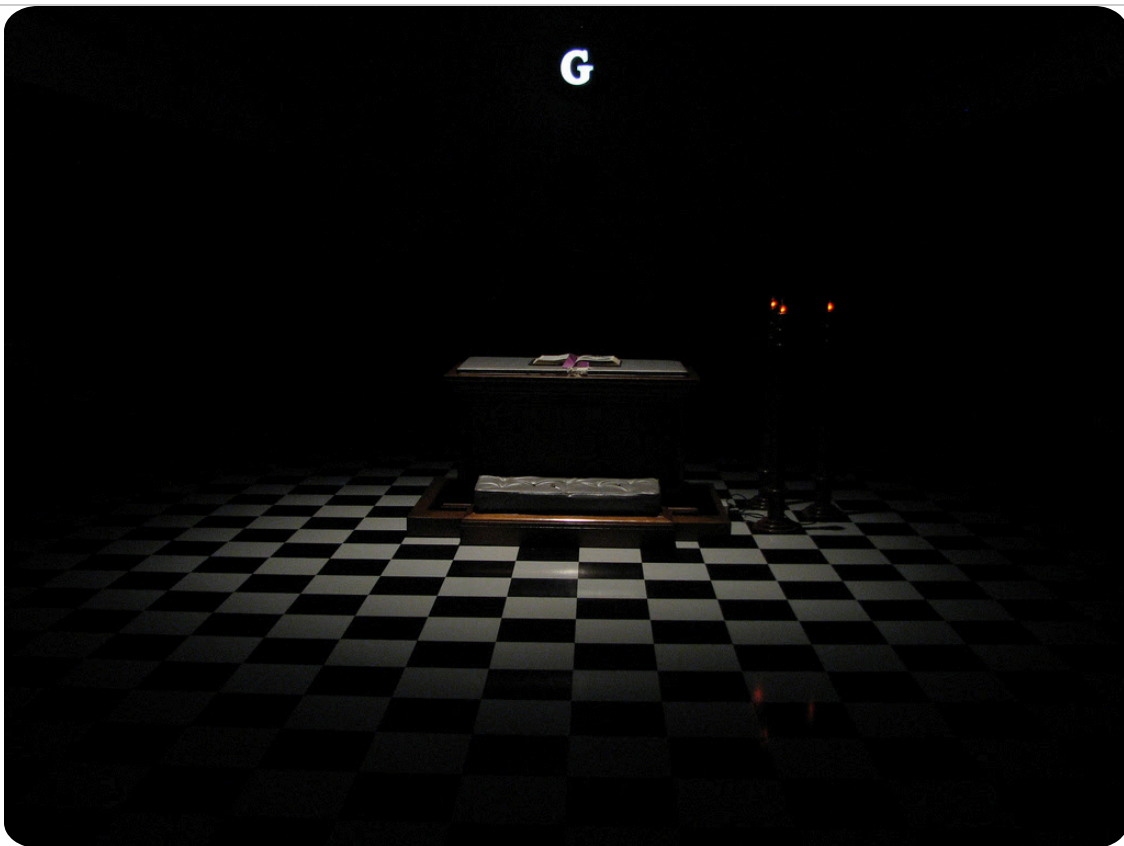


THE TRESTLEBOARD
Sarasota Lodge No. 147 Free & Accepted Masons
CHARTED ON JANUARY 19, 1905



2160 Main Street, Sarasota, FL 34237

January 2026 (Monthly)



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

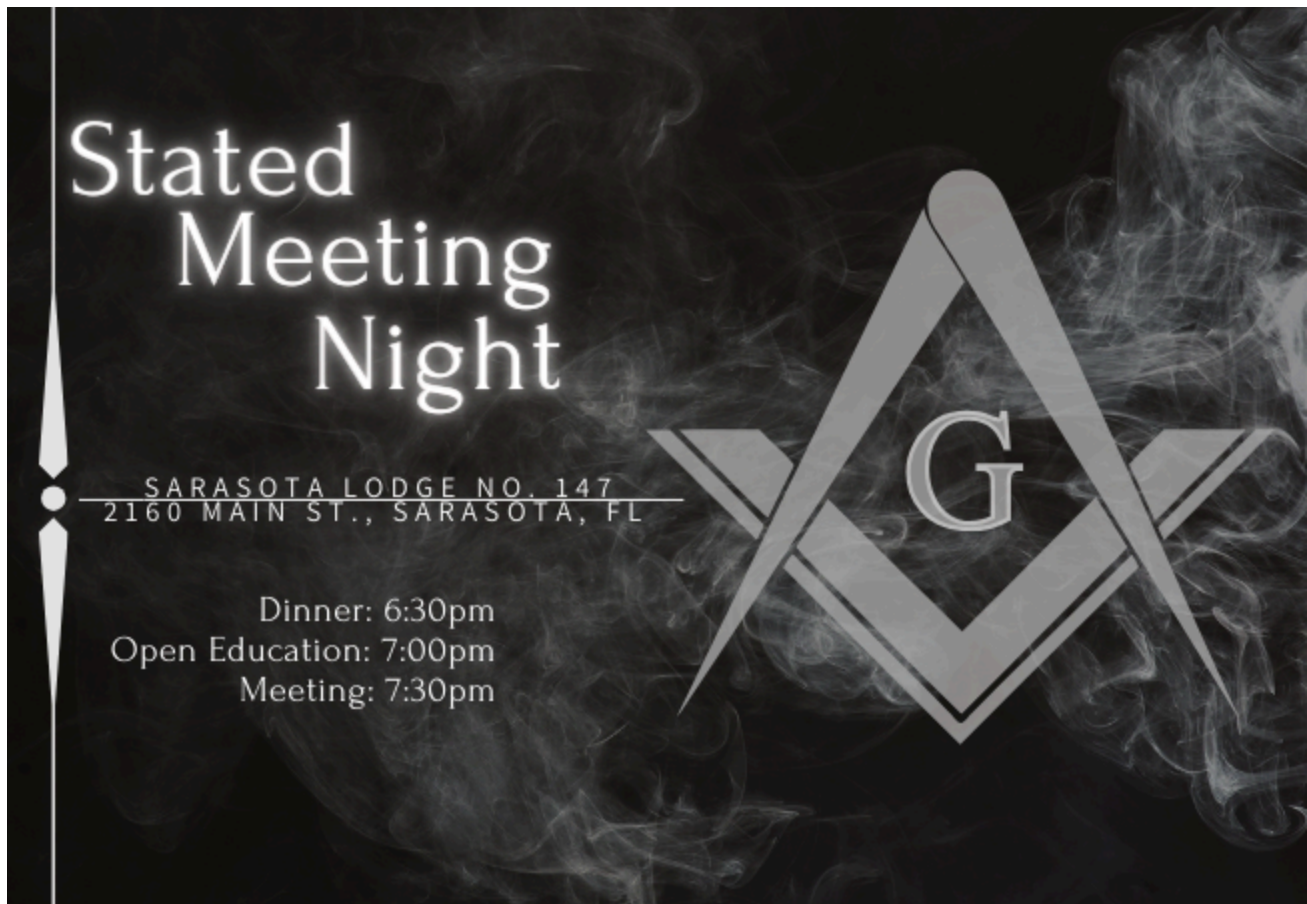


6:00pm: Hors d'oeuvres

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

RSVP Now!

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



Dinner: 6:30 PM

Open Education: 7:00 PM

Stated Communication: 7:30 PM

Dinner: TBD

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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

Committees

Petitions Committee

Chair: TBD

Members:

- TBD

Board of Relief

Chair: W.✠.M.✠. Shawn Cooney shawncooney90@gmail.com | 845-233-8480

Members:

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

Charity

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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:

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Funeral

Chair: R.∴W.∴ Barry Hart sec147.bdh@gmail.com | 941-544-5550

Members:

- TBD

Membership Retention

Chair: Chair: TBD

Members:

- TBD

Scholarship

Chair: W.∴ Stephen Garcia - srq147fam@gmail.com

Members:

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

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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+

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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

Comments about this Trestlebard should be sent to W.: Stephen Garcia at srq147fam@gmail.com.

Check our website at 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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