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“THE” ENGLEWOOD MASONIC LODGE NO. 360

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



2026

TRESTLEBOARD



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1 New Years Day Polar Bear Plunge Day	2	3
4	5	6 Dinner 6:30 Stated Meeting 7:30	7	8	9 Instillation of Officers 6pm	10 OES Practice 830am Instillation
	12	13 Practice 6:30pm	14	15 AMARANTH Lunch 12pm Meeting 1pm	16	17
18	19	20 Dinner 6:30 Stated Meeting 7:30	21	22	23	24 Spaghetti Dinner 5-7pm
25	26	27 Officers Meeting 6:30pm	28	29	30	31

2026 OFFICERS OF THE LODGE

Worshipful Master	W.: Darrell LaCourse		941-441-5177	Darrell.lacourse@ahca.myflorida.com
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LIVING PAST MASTERS OF ENGLEWOOD lodge

1987/1988 – R.:W.: Gary Schroeder	2000 – W.: Gerry Roberts	#360	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	2024 - W.: Robert Gaitens
1998/2001 – W.: Bobby Jones	2006 – R.:W.: Gene Jeffers		2020 - W.: Mike Short	

23th MASONIC District

DDGM: R.:W.: James Albritton

District Instructor: R.:W.: Tom Haber

District website: <http://www.trowel.com/flamason/dist27.htm>

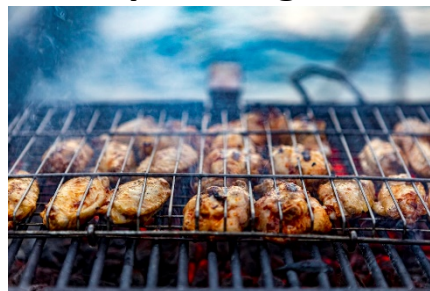


Please send all Trestleboard inputs to Aaron McFarland for publication. Remember all Trestleboard input is due by the 20th of the preceding Month. Please send Birthdays or Anniversary's if you would like to be recognized

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:



**Chicken BBQ
2nd Sunday of
the month**

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



January 1
Melvin Ullrich, Jr.
John Stone, Jr.
January 3
William Bahn
January 8
Ewen Fraser
Larry Ault
Michael Masesie

January 12
Aaron McFarland
Matthew Sheldonn
January 15
Arie DeWaard
January 16
Russell Powers
January 22
James Burnikle

MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

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



My Brothers, a message from the West. I hope this message finds you all happy and healthy. I think everyone can agree; Bob did an awesome job in the East this year. I have a feeling that there is gold in his future. This year as I sit in the East, I hope to carry on with the direction the Lodge is going. I am proud to see that "The" Englewood Lodge is known for its spot on ritual and degree work, as well as a friendly and fun place for Brothers to gather. I look forward to traveling to all the Lodges in our district. One of my goals this year is to bring the Traveling Gavel back home to The Englewood Lodge where it belongs. While we are at it, the 5X Broken Column has been displaced from its rightful place far too long. This is going to be a fun and productive year. I hope to see you all at our meetings and events. God bless you all.

In your service
W.M.: Darrell LaCourse PM, Englewood Lodge 360



From the West



Happy New Year Brothers!

I hope that everyone enjoyed the holiday season. Thank you to all the brothers that come out and support our lodge. We will be having our Installation of Officers on Jan. 9th. Come out and support the new officer line. Hope to see you there.

Fraternally, Brother Jeff McAlpine
Senior Warden, Englewood Lodge 360



FROM THE SOUTH



Brethren,

As we begin a new Masonic year, I am honored to serve as your Junior Warden and to work alongside our officers and members in the continued labor of our Lodge. The Junior Warden's station reminds us of the importance of balance, refreshment, and harmony—ensuring that our work is strengthened by fellowship and conducted in unity.

In the coming year, let us recommit ourselves to the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. May we support one another, welcome new brethren with sincerity, and find renewed purpose in both our labors and our moments of refreshment. Together, let us build upon the strong foundation laid by those who came before us and strive to leave our Lodge better than we found it.

I look forward to a productive, enjoyable, and meaningful year with each of you. Remember to come and enjoy great fellowship and refreshment before our meetings as well as our chicken BBQs and Spaghetti dinners.

Fraternally,
Brother Destrey Robbins
Junior Warden, Englewood Lodge 360





Chaplain's Corner



Wow can you believe it is already 2026. I look forward to being Chaplain again this year. Make sure you get out and support the new Worshipful Master, and your new line officers. Please keep me informed of any sickness and distress. Let's make 2026 a great year at Englewood Masonic Lodge #360

Fraternally, Mickey Mullins,
Chaplain



Order of the Eastern Star



Dear Sisters and Brothers,
Please find the time to join us at our upcoming meeting on January 10th. We will be doing initiation. Practice has been scheduled for 8:30 that morning. Please let us know if you can't make it. It's important to have all the seats filled to welcome our new "to be" member. The calendar includes -- February, election of officers – March, installation - April Grand Chapter.

Fraternally,
Lucy Crist, W.M., and Craig Heyder, W.P.



Order of the Amaranth



Suncoast Court No.73

Meeting will be Thursday, January 15, 2026. Lunch is at 12 Noon and Meeting at 1 PM
We will be Initiating 2 new Members at this meetings.
Please attend and welcome our new members.
Master Masons are always welcome to attend our meetings.

Debra Maust, Royal Matron

Kenneth Traverson, Royal Patron

Ellen Traverson, Secretary



EVERY BROTHER HIS OWN TILER

- All Masons know the importance of the Tiler, and the scope of his duties. But the Tiler is only one brother - secrecy is a Masonic duty for all. Throughout the three degrees, and in the ceremonies of opening and closing a lodge, are references to the importance of preserving inviolate the secrets of the Order, preventing the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers, guarding against the disclosure of the esoteric work to those whom it is not proper to be made known.
- In the Ritual explanation of the third cardinal virtue, Prudence, we are told (see most monitors) "This virtue should be the peculiar characteristic of every Mason, not only for the government of his conduct while in the Lodge, but also when abroad in the world. It should be particularly attended to, in all strange and mixed companies, never to let fall the least sign, token, or word whereby the secrets of Freemasonry might be unlawfully obtained.
- The charge to the entered Apprentice admonishes him, among other things; "Neither are you to suffer your zeal for the Institution to lead you into an argument with those who, through ignorance, may ridicule it."
- The FellowCraft is exhorted to preserve steadily "in the practice of every commendable virtue." In the Third Degree the newly Raised Master Mason learns that "The Book of Constitutions, guarded by the Tiler's Sword, reminds us that we should be ever watchful and guarded in our words and actions, particularly before the enemies of Masonry, ever bearing in remembrance those truly Masonic virtues, silence and circumspection."
- Not only the "work," both printed and exoteric, and secret and esoteric, exhorts us to "silence and circumspection;" the inner meaning of the symbolism of the Tiler and his Sword teaches plainly that each of us should be a Masonic Tiler.
- In other words, the duties of the Tiler are not confined to that officer; every Mason should be, in effect, a Tiler. He is a good Mason as his words and actions are duly "Tiled," and a detriment, if not a positive injury, to the Craft as he is careless of or indifferent to these duties.
- In the ancient operative days the secrets of a Master Mason were valuable in coin of the realm. The Mason who knew the Master's Word could travel in foreign countries and receive Master's Wages. Many who could not, or would not, conform to the requirements tried to ascertain the Master's Word and some of a Master's skill in a clandestine manner.
- The "eavesdropper" - literally, one who attempts to listen under the eaves, and so receives upon him the droppings from the roof - was altogether without the pale; he was only a common thief, who tried to learn by stealth what he could not learn by work.
- The cowan was a more or less ignorant Mason; one who laid stones together without mortar, or piled rough stones from the field into a wall, without working upon them to make them square and true. He was a "Mason without a word" with no reputation; the apprentice who tried to masquerade as a master.
- The operative Masons guarded their assemblies against intrusion of both the non-Mason thief, and the half-instructed craftsman, who, like the Fellowcrafts of old, desired to obtain the secret word of a Master Mason by force, rather than by labor.
- While nothing very positive is known either as to the date when the guardian of the door first went on duty, or why he was called a Tiler, or Tyler, it is believed that the office is very ancient, and that, inasmuch as the man who put on the roof, or tiles, (tiler) completed the building and made those within secure from intrusion, so the officer who guarded the door against the intrusion was called, by analogy, a Tiler.
- In modern days the Tiler of a lodge uses his sword only as a symbol of authority. While all faith and trust in his zeal is entertained by the Master and the Brethren, it is usual to make sure by a ceremony familiar to all Masons that no profane, cowan, or eavesdropper, Apprentice, or Fellowcraft has entered the lodge room of Master Masons prior to opening.
- So ancient is the office, and so important the functions, that Mackey says that the Eleventh of his Twenty-Five Landmarks is "The Necessity that every lodge when congregated shall be duly tiled." But of what avail is it to tile a lodge meeting, if individual brethren do not "bear in remembrance those truly Masonic virtues, silence and circumspection;" if we fail to heed the charge and do suffer our zeal to leads us into argument with the profane, regarding Masonic matters?
- Unless all of understand and abide by the need for us to tile our own words and actions, our portals might as well be in charge of a door keeper who would admit on the production of a printed ticket! In the profane world (the word is used in its ancient sense of meaning "without the doors of the Temple") considerable curiosity exists regarding the Masonic Fraternity. The inescapable newspaper reporter, with his accounts of Masonic meetings, does not lessen it. Public appearances of Masons naturally arouse curiosity; spectators are interested when the Grand Lodge, in silk hats and frock coats, embroidered Aprons and with solemn and ancient ceremony, lays the cornerstone of a church, or when a private lodge, attired in white Aprons and Gloves, conducts an impressive funeral, with customs quite different from those of the usual religious service.
- Masonry has given to the language certain phrases used by the entire English speaking world. The "Third Degree" of the police is a perversion of a Masonic matter; so is the "goat" of the familiar joke. "He's on the level" - "He's on the square" are commonplaces. Naturally the public begins to ask questions. What is Masonry? Who may be Masons? Why can't women be Masons? What do Masons do? Why do you wear those funny little aprons? The Mason who is his own Tiler is "ever watchful and guarded" in what he answers.
- To satisfy a legitimate curiosity about Freemasonry there is much information which a brother may conscientiously give. A sincere desire to learn something of the Fraternity, on the part of a man who is considering making an application, is an evidence of thoughtfulness. He is entitled to a serious and thoughtful answer to all proper questions. Much information regarding Masonry is printed; its history, its government, its extent, its public appearances - such matters are no more "secret" than a Masonic Temple is secret. Few Masons, not even the careless and indifferent, will disclose the esoteric work of the degrees; the modes of recognition, the words or our methods of teaching. It is not the disclosure of these that we who would tile our hearts and lips must fear.



- But in between lies a vast body of knowledge and information which are borderland to both the exoteric and esoteric. Here the indifferent, the careless, the uninstructed and the ignorant can - and sometimes do - work an injury to the Fraternity. A Mason comes home from lodge and remarks to his wife - "Joe Smith has applied to the lodge. I'm glad old Joe is coming in!" Friend wife thinks nothing of it. Apparently it is a harmless statement.
- "But suppose Joe Smith is blackballed!" "By the way," remarks Mrs. Mason, after a few months. "Why don't you call for Joe Smith when you go to lodge tonight?" What is the Mason going to say? What can he say? And so Mrs. Mason learns - and with the utmost innocence may tell - that Joe Smith applied for the degrees of Freemasonry and was rejected.
- If Joe Smith wants to make the matter public, that's his business. But as a man may be rejected for the degrees for many reasons; and, while the public thinks only that the rejection means unfitness it's unfair for the lodge, or for any individual member of the lodge, to make the matter known.
- This is offered merely as one small instance of the harm that may be done by a Mason who is not his own Tiler. A thousand others will occur to the thoughtful. Particularly should we Tile our lips in communities so small that a lodge meeting assumes almost the importance of a Public Event. As a general rule, we are well advised if we do not talk of anything which occurs in a lodge - even such matters as are harmless - with those who are not of the Fraternity, since such conversations give rise to questions, and questions lead to answers.
- Freemasonry works her gentle miracles in men's hearts in a way which no profane can understand. Her reputation among the general public is that of silence, secrecy, good works, unselfish doing of good, failure to advertise and to seek publicity. These facts in the jewel of her reputation are the working tools of the Craft among the profane. Every inadvertence which breaks down any one of them, injures the Fraternity in the public eye and thus her ability to do good. Every airing of scandals, every dragging of lodge politics - hateful words! - into community talk, every disclosure of charity, even when dictated by pride, is, in the long run, injurious to the Fraternity.
- Many good men and true seek to "improve" Masonry. Modern conditions do demand ideas; our brethren of two hundred years ago, for instance, never heard of a Masonic Home. Many "improvements" are wholly exoteric, and necessary. Others, so-called, attempt to change the "Ancient Usages and Customs," destroy some of the Landmarks and nullify some of the Old Charges. The Freemason who is his own Tiler will set his face steadfastly against all such efforts. As one bad egg will spoil an omelet, so the unfit candidate, admitted, does more harm to the lodge, and thus to the Fraternity, than ten good men and true can do good. The well Tiled Mason will be very careful in the petitions he brings into the lodge. It is not enough to say "Oh, Jim's a good fellow." Jim must be more than a "good fellow" to be a real Mason. It is for us to see that we Tile the petitions we sign with truly Masonic "circumspection."
- Finally - and perhaps most important of all personal duties we perform as Tiler - let us see to it that we do not ourselves bring anything into the lodge but brotherly love. Let us be "ever watchful and guarded" that, in the language of the Old Charges, we bring "no private piques or quarrels" within the tiled door. Not only with our lips but truly, let us meet on the level and part upon the square. Let us each so act in the lodge, as a brother, and out in the world, as a member of the Ancient Craft, that our brethren within, and our friends at large without, can be proud of what Masonry means. For only by so tiling ourselves can we insure that, that with which we are so solemnly charged as Entered Apprentices will endure; "that the honor, glory and reputation of the Institution may be firmly established and maintained; and, the world at large convinced of its good effects."
- http://www.themasonictrowel.com/masonic_talk/stb/stbs/29-10.htm