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PUNTA GORDA LODGE NO.115 CHARTERED JANUARY 21, 1890

NEWS FROM THE QUARRIES

From the East



As we conclude the first quarter of 2026, I want to extend my sincere appreciation to the officers and all the members of the Craft for their steadfast commitment and support in promoting the growth of our lodge this year. From the beginning of our journey, we set out to create a clear vision for the lodge's future, and I am delighted to share that we are not only meeting but exceeding our goals to date! We have welcomed 13 new members, strengthened our ritual practices, and awarded 3 Prophecy Cards. For the first time in Punta Gorda history, we have a Gold Card member, all while providing meaningful Masonic education and actively participating in our community. We completed our Gilchrist Masonic Center sign and have the upcoming Dedication & Proclamation Ceremony on May 2nd, honoring one of our own past masters, Albert Gilchrist, Grand Master and Governor of the state of Florida, and the architect of our own Masonic Home up in St. Pete, Florida. This will support the 5 chapters and clubs meeting at our lodge: Punta Gorda Scottish Rite, Gilchrist High Twelve, DeMolay, York Rite, and Sojourners Clubs. For the second year in a row, we are the only Blue Lodge that has a table and full-page ad in the Grand Lodge Communications in Orlando. The partnership with the American Legion Post 103 and the city of Punta Gorda, along with the mayor, is set for the upcoming Red, White, and Blue Days, featuring its first-ever Lighted Drone Show on Flag Day, Blue Bell Ice Cream, and much more. This collective effort makes me proud to be a part of Punta Gorda 115, and I look forward to our ongoing accomplishments for the rest of 2026.

Fraternally,

W.∴ M.∴ Noah A. Parry



Greetings, brethren. I am pleased to report that our lodge is making significant strides in our ongoing fundraising activities. As we navigate the recent changes regarding Hiram's Grille, we are successfully making the necessary adjustments to ensure our operations remain seamless.

The finance committee is currently conducting a thorough review of our expenses, identifying key areas where we can implement savings within our operating budget. Their hard work is ensuring that our resources are being used as efficiently as possible. We look forward to providing a comprehensive budget update in the very near future.

Fraternally,
Senior Warden
W.∴ Mark Odell



The first quarter of the year has been off to a great start, with steady progress made in several key areas of the Lodge.

Light renovation and thorough cleaning of the kitchen and dining room areas have been successfully completed, resulting in a more functional and welcoming space for our members and guests. Additionally, all HVAC systems have been inspected, cleaned, and recharged, ensuring optimal performance and comfort throughout the building.

Significant effort has also been dedicated to the cleaning and organization of storage closets, as well as general tidying across the Lodge. The Lodge room itself has been carefully cleaned and maintained, and it is now looking fantastic.

Looking ahead, we are planning our first work party of the year, which will focus on renovating the Past Masters wall. This project is scheduled to take place early in the second quarter, and we look forward to continued improvement of our Lodge facilities.

Fraternally submitted,
Adam Walter
Junior Warden

From the Secretary



It is an exciting time for our lodge as we continue to see positive growth in our membership, welcoming both new initiates and several plural members into our fold. Our brothers continue to represent us exceptionally well across the district, earning proficiency cards, completing Masonic education courses, and leading the way in degree conferrals and community involvement.

Please mark your calendars for our second DDGM official visit on April 16th; we hope to see a strong turnout to welcome him.

Finally, a reminder for those who have not yet submitted their 2026 dues: please do so as soon as possible. If any brother is currently facing a hardship that makes meeting this obligation difficult, please reach out to me privately. We are a brotherhood, and we are here to assist.

Fraternally,

Secretary

W.: Jonas Seda

From the Treasurer

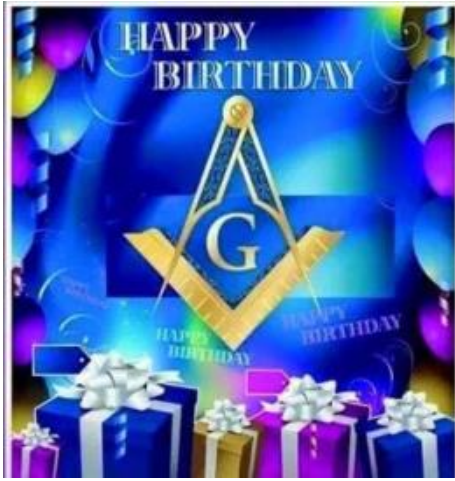


I am happy to announce that we closed out 2025 with a net positive in our revenues—a testament to the steady hand of our Lodge management. Looking ahead, 2026 is off to a strong start. We have already received the majority of annual dues along with our perpetual payment from the Grand Lodge.

Furthermore, our investment accounts continue to show growth in line with our projections. I remain in close collaboration with both the Finance and Building Committees to ensure our budgetary needs are addressed and that we remain on a solid foundation for the remainder of the year.

Fraternally,
W.: Steve Rizza

Punta Gorda 115 wishes our Brothers A HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



April Birthdays

John Briggs Jr
James Constantine
Michael Cullen
Jeremy Defelice
Thomas Fisher, Jr.
Thomas Kerr
Richard Kunkel
Clarence Ritchhart, Jr.



Scottish Rite Club

York Rite

The Scottish Rite Club welcomes all
Scottish Rite Masons to come and
join us.



Come and join us every 2nd Monday
of the month
Dinner begins at 6:00 pm
Meeting at 6:30 pm
We encourage you to support our
members of the valley

*Travel the road of
Further Masonic Light*



Chapter meets every odd month on
the 2nd Tuesday of each month

Council Meets every even month on
the 2nd Tuesday of each month

Commandery meets every on 4th
Tuesday of each month

Location: SWFL Masonic Center
Tropical Lodge # 56, Fort Myers



We had the honor of presenting the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias Eagle Challenge Badge to five remarkable Eagle Scouts at last night's meeting! All the scouts are proudly from the troop at Punta Gorda Lodge, and it was truly a wonderful event. A special shoutout to Matthew Cordovez for making the trip from Tampa to help with the awards presentation.



We also had the pleasure of presenting the Masonic Patents for two of our newest Master Masons Trent Roberson and Matt Jarvis. Congratulations Brothers!!



Congratulations to Adam Walter and Mark Odell on receiving their Certificates of Achievement for Master Mason 1, 2, and 3. Outstanding work, Brothers well earned!

Had a Wonderful Time with our Brother Sandeep and his family from Phoenix Lodge, who won our Fishing Charter raffle for the DeMolay Chapter at Gilchrist Masonic Center at Punta Gorda Lodge No.115.





**Great morning for masonry
and fellowship @ The
Arcadia Rodeo Parade.
Great turnout from 5 lodges
and Great food from Peace
River Masonic Lodge No.66**



**Don't miss out on our
Gilchrist Masonic Center
Dedication Ceremony
May 2nd at 11 AM
The new signage on the
corner of Airport & Taylor Rd.**



**The Ty Cooper Ford
Fundraiser is in process
at Hiram's Grill. We have
a wonderful group of
people showing up to
support the cause. Join
us if you can.**

Sickness & Distress

Please keep the following Brothers,
Friends & Family in your prayers

Bro. P Harris
Bro. J. Ravid
Bro. H. Allen
The Nuzum Family
The Rose Family



Masonic Humor



Upcoming Events

Open Books at
Punta Gorda Lodge 115
on April 18th from 9-12

MM Association meeting
Thursday. April 23rd
at Punta Gorda 115
starting at 6pm Dinner, Meeting
then School of Instruction.

April 16th will be our official
DDGM visit.

Lodge Officers

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Meetings 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month
(expect June, July August one meeting per month)

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