

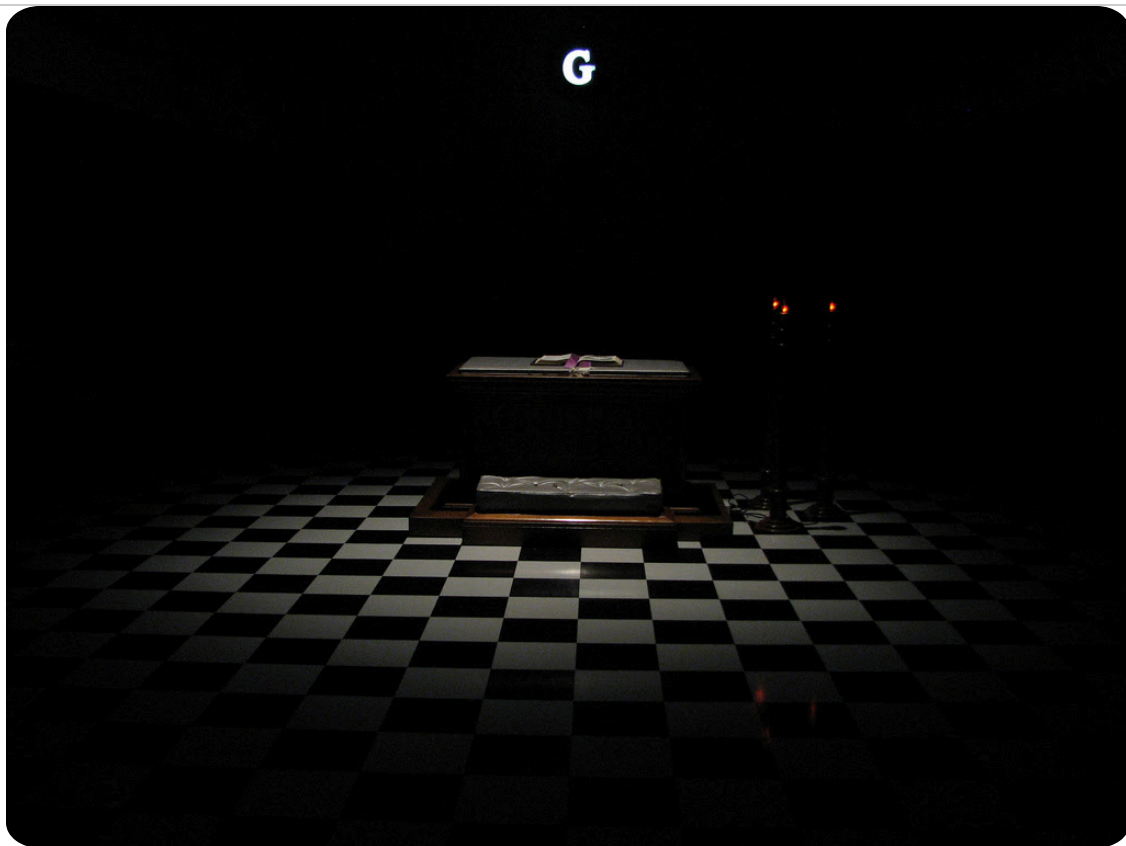


THE TRESTLEBOARD
Sarasota Lodge No. 147 Free & Accepted Masons
CHARTED ON JANUARY 19, 1905



2160 Main Street, Sarasota, FL 34237

April 2026 (Monthly)



STATED COMMUNICATIONS SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS 7:30PM

From The East



Brethren,

As the season begins to change and new life returns around us, we are reminded that growth requires attention and effort.

April also brings important work before this Lodge.

On April 14th, we will have the privilege of hearing from Right Worshipful Brother John Dragneff as he speaks on his candidacy for Grand Junior Warden. We will also begin to discuss the legislation soon to be considered, giving us the opportunity to better understand the decisions that will shape our jurisdiction.

Grand Lodge Communications in May will require us to be informed, prepared, and ready to act.

A Fellowcraft Degree will be held on May 19th. Additionally, our Entered Apprentice Degree Team will be competing soon, and we look forward to their representation of the Mighty 147.

Masonry calls us to participation. It is not enough to sit on the sidelines. We are obligated to listen, to learn, and to act with intention when the time comes to vote.

Show up. Pay attention. Be ready.

The work is here.

Fraternally,
Shawn Cooney
Worshipful Master

From The West



My Brothers,

March may have come in as a lamb but definitely went out like a lion.

On Saturday 7th As a traveling man, what better way to spend time than to travel to Tampa and become a Royal Arch Mason. We all have our path in life and once you become a Master Mason, there's a plethora of appendant bodies to choose from within the length of your c-t.

On March 10th our DDGM visit went off without a hitch and good "work" was done.

One of our tenets is Charity, but it's not just monetary, giving of your time is just as valuable.

On March 14, 20, 21 and 22, I volunteered as a ticket taker at the Sarasota County Fair . It was about service, not title. I was in great company. Other brothers throughout District 23 were there, donating their time too. Plenty of Past Masters and even a Most Worshipful was out there doing good work, all to help raise funds for Grotto.

Last year I earned my silver card and was very proud of that accomplishment and promised myself that was it until I was out of the East. Well you know what they say about promises, don't make them if you can't keep them. Well I broke it and on Saturday March 21, I passed all the requirements for the "White card", an even prouder moment. What I won't do is make any more promises.

Who remembers how they felt before their EA giveback? I do, it was nerve racking but the band of Fab-5 hung in there and did it; the rest, history.

You know what they say about history, and it's true, it tends to repeat itself. Well somewhat, a band of four brother aka. The Fab-4 felt the same way and I assured them to just do their best, they've already put in the work.

So on March 24, I'm proud to say Tomas Nagy, Peter Muthwill, Conor Cintron, and Justin Short pulled it off and are on their way to becoming Fellow Crafts.

Zealously,
Mario P. Charles Sr.,
Senior Warden

From The South



Brethren,

I'd like to congratulate our Entered Apprentices and our new Master Masons on successfully giving back their catechisms to the Craft. Passing these proficiencies is no small accomplishment, and they should feel proud of the hard work they have put in.

It's always exciting to watch Brothers move along their Masonic journeys. Most of us can remember what these milestones felt like and the great sense of accomplishment they brought. I look forward to seeing where their paths lead next in their Masonic careers.

There is much to achieve in Masonry – advancing through the Degrees, serving in the officer roles, obtaining proficiency cards, etc. All of these achievements point toward something more profound though, to self mastery.

It's not just about memorizing the words. It's about the grit and determination it takes to master a difficult passage. It's about showing up again and again for practices, degrees, and meetings, even when you'd rather spend a quiet evening at home. It's about proving yourself to be someone your Brothers can count on and following through on the commitments you make to them.

The best part is that these lessons don't stay within the Lodge. We carry these tools into our everyday lives. In working to become better Masons, we naturally

become better men. I'm grateful to be surrounded by Brothers who have outstanding qualities that I would like to emulate, thereby helping me to become a better man,

Fraternally,
Jeffrey Bucholtz,
Junior Warden

Tuesday, March 14th | Stated Communication



Dinner: 6:30 PM

Open Education: 7:00 PM

Stated Communication: 7:30 PM

Dinner: TBD

RSVP Now!

Thursday, March 23rd | Master Mason Assoc. | District School of Instruction



6:00pm Master Mason Association
7:30pm District School of Instruction
Location: Punta Gorda No. 115

RSVP Now!

Tuesday, March 28th | Stated Communication



Dinner: 6:30 PM

Open Education: 7:00 PM

Stated Communication: 7:30 PM

Dinner: TBD

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Lodge Musician: Bro. Charles Allen

Degree & Proficiency Work

Awaiting Balloting:

1. *None*

Awaiting EA Degree:

1. Nelson Zambruno

Awaiting FC Degree:

1. Frank Del Ciampo
2. Connor Cintron
3. Peter Muthwill
4. Tamas Nagy

5. Justin Short
6. James Restrapo

Awaiting MM Degree:

1. *None*

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

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- Bro. Jeffrey Bucholtz

Charity

Chair: TBD

Members:

- TBD

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Masonic Education

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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

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Members:

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Membership Retention

Chair: Chair: TBD

Members:

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

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- 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)

Norman Cyphers (12/26)

Midge Jordan (12/26) in Memory of Doug Jordan

Square:

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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

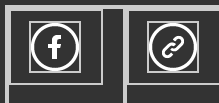
Norman Cyphers*** - 2008
James Godshall - 2009
Andrew Wormington - 2010
Jim Gillett - 2012
Juan de la Rosa* - 2013
Damian Ostermeyer - 2014
Andrew Gluchov - 2015
Barry D. Hart*** - 2016
Marcos Romero - 2017
Jeffrey Lawrence - 2018
Ramon Hernandez-Ron - 2019
Petar Sibinkic - 2020
Stephen Garcia - 2021
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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