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“THE” ENGLEWOOD MASONIC LODGE NO. 360 F&AM

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



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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5	6	DDGM Visit Dinner 6:30 Stated Meeting 7:30	8	Suncoast Court 73 Lunch 12pm Meeting 1pm	10	11 OES Practice Starts 8:30am
12 Chicken BBQ 11:30am-1pm	13	14 Practice 6:30	15	16	17	18  5-7 pm
19	20	21 Dinner 6:30 Stated Meeting 7:30	22	23 MMA 6-8:30pm Punta Gorda Lodge #115	24	25
26 Chicken BBQ 11:30am-1pm	27	28 Practice 6:30	29	30		

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From the editor:

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

**Chicken BBQ April 12 & 26th
11:30-1pm**

**May 16th- 5th Annual Duffers golf
Tournament. –Long Marsh Golf
Course**

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connected:**

<https://theenglewoodlodge.com/>



MARINES AFTER THE ASVAB

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 recognized



My email is:
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Happy Birthday!!



- April 1**
Theodore Bergeron
[Charles Frey](#)
- April 3**
Gary Schroeder
- April 4**
Raymond Adams
- April 9**
Frank Moffett
Eddie Tilley
- April 11**
Wesley Close
- April 12**
[Destrey Robbins](#)

- April 21**
Richard Beaver
- April 22**
David Mashia
William Rowley
- April 23**
Norman Ritchie
- April 24**
William Boyer
- April 27**
[James Beanguard](#)
- April 29**
Frank Redmann

MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

(Reported in 5 year increments)
10 Years

5 Years



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, This will be the year of the Veteran. If you are a Veteran, we ask that you bring a photo of yourself to be hung on our Wall of Honor. I am planning special events for all of the Veteran holidays including a flag retirement ceremony on 6/16/26. The DDGM will also be visiting us on that day. Start bringing your worn-out flags to the lodge to be properly disposed of.

I want to remind you that our past Master W.: Bob Gaitens was elected as president of our Master Mason Association. We need to make sure we attend all of the MMA meetings to show him our love and support. Our next MMA meeting will be on 4/23/26 at Punta Gorda #115. April should be a fun month. We have decided to change the chicken BBQ to Saturdays starting in May. This allows the workers to attend church and relax and renew as God instructs. Make sure you take a look at our calendar for all the exciting events coming up, including the much coveted and much-loved golf event. Yes, we will have 2 AR-15s for your golfing pleasure. If you have never shot a golf ball with an AR-15, here is your chance. At the first meeting in June, we will perform a Vacant Chair Degree to honor our fallen Veterans and Brothers. This is going to be an exciting year, so don't miss out.

Now for a little Masonic Wisdom:

The secret of masonry, like the secret of life, can be known only by those who seek it, serve it, and live it. It cannot be uttered; It can only be felt and acted. It is, in fact, an open secret, and each man knows it according to his quest and capacity. Like all things worth knowing, no one can know it for another, and no man can know it alone. William Howard Taft

Here are some dates to remember:

- 4/7 DDGM visit
- 4/12 Chicken BBQ
- 4/23 MMA meeting Punta Gorda
- 4/26 Chicken BBQ



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



FROM THE WEST



Brethren,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the start of spring. This time of year, we begin to see many of our brothers returning north for the summer months. While their presence will certainly be missed around the lodge, we wish them safe travels and look forward to welcoming them back in the fall.

Thank you to everyone who came out to help out with the St. Patrick's Day dinner—it was a great turnout. Events like this simply wouldn't happen without the time and effort so many of you put in. I would also like to extend my thanks to all who helped with Denis's gun shoot—your support is truly appreciated.

As we move into April, there are still plenty of ways to stay involved. Our meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, and our Sunday BBQs continue to be a great way to gather and enjoy some time together. Whether attending, helping out, or simply checking in with a brother, those small efforts continue to make a big impact on the strength of our lodge.

I look forward to seeing you at the lodge this month.

Fraternally, Brother Jeff McAlpine
Senior Warden, Englewood Lodge 360



FROM THE SOUTH



Brethren,

I hope this message finds you well and in good spirits. As we move into the month of April, I would like to share a few updates and reminders from the South **Lodge Fellowship & Refreshments-We** will continue to gather for fellowship prior to our stated meeting at 6:30. I encourage everyone to come early, enjoy the meal, and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood. If you are able to assist with meal preparation, setup, or cleanup, your help is always appreciated.

Upcoming Events:

Chicken BBQ's – 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month 11:30am - 1:00pm

Spaghetti Dinner – 3rd Saturday of every month 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Cooking Chicken For Venice Lodge - April 18th Contact Brother Charle Rock for start time.

Wellness & Brotherhood- If you know of any Brother who is ill, distressed, or in need of assistance, please notify the Worshipful Master or myself. Let us remain mindful of our obligation to care for one another and to extend relief where needed.

Reminders- Dues status and membership updates can be directed to the Secretary.

Proper attire is requested for all stated communications.

Stay connected through theenglewoodlodge.com or friend us on Facebook for updates.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our Lodge and its work. I look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks.



Fraternally, Brother Destrey Robbins Junior Warden, Englewood Lodge 360



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Brethren,

As we step into April, we're reminded that this is a season of renewal. The days get longer, the world starts to come back to life, and it's a good time for us to do the same — not just around us, but within us.

This is a month to reset a little. To take a look at where we've been, where we're going, and what kind of men we're choosing to be along the way. The work we talk about in Lodge — improving ourselves, supporting each other, living with integrity — doesn't happen all at once. It happens in small, steady steps, day by day.

Just like the seasons change, we all go through our own cycles. Some of us are in strong seasons, others are going through challenges. Either way, this is a good reminder that growth is always possible. There's always an opportunity to sharpen our character, strengthen our faith, and recommit to what matters most.

Let's also take a moment this month to check in on one another. A call, a handshake, a simple conversation — it goes a long way. That's what separates this from just a group... this is a Brotherhood.

So, as we move through April, let's carry that mindset with us. Keep doing the work. Stay grounded. Support each other. And don't overlook the small improvements — because that's where real progress is made.

That's the work, Brethren. Let's keep at it.

**Fraternally, W. Mickey Mullens, P.M.
Chaplain**



ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Thank you for sitting through a regular meeting and then the Installation. Thank you also to the Installing Officers and each of you that participated on Saturday. The pie and fellowship were a great way to end the day.

Our April 11th meeting will be a bit long. First, we will be installing those who weren't able to be at the March meeting and second, we have an initiation. Please find the time to join us at our meeting on April 11th . 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 is important to have all the seats filled to welcome our new "to be" member.

Fraternally, Lucy Crist, WM and Craig Heyder, WP



ORDER OF THE AMARANTH



Our May meeting will be April 9th, 2026 with lunch at noon and Meeting at 1 pm.

Debra Maust, Royal Matron

Kenneth Traverson , Royal Patron

Ellen Traverson, Secretary

For additional information call or text Ellen at 727- 512-7851.

Scouting and Freemasonry

By Matthew Phillippi

Matt Phillippi was raised in 2023 in Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27 of the Grand Lodge of Virginia AF&AM where he is currently the Senior Deacon. He also serves as the Council Commissioner for his local Boy Scouts of America council and is a life member of the National Association of Masonic Scouters.

Freemasonry has had an influence on Scouting since the earliest days. As we look at the history of these groups and their relationship in modern day it is important to recognize the connections between them. Both are global movements that exist in many different countries around the world that are connected through a British nexus: the United Grand Lodge of England and the World Organization of Scouting Movements. In the United States, both groups have had a major impact on our government, society, and culture. The American connections between the Craft and Scouting are deep and understanding those connections better could help both organizations grow as they support each other in the 21st century.

Over the years there have been many people claiming that Lord Robert

Baden-Powell, founder of the global Scouting movement, was a Freemason. Unfortunately, he is not someone we can claim among Brethren. That does not mean that he was against the Craft. He was great friends with Rudyard Kipling, for instance, who influenced much of his work and most especially his themes for Cub Scouts which were pulled almost directly from Kipling's *The Jungle Book*. Baden-Powell began his movement with the consideration that the youth of Britain were not active enough or knowledgeable enough about the outdoors and teaching them the skills he had taught his soldiers during the Boer Wars would be beneficial to the British Empire. It would not be unreasonable to suspect that the influence of Brother Kipling may have helped shape the values Baden-Powell ingrained in the movement.

While the founder of the Scouting movement was not himself a Mason, it took a Mason to bring his movement to the United States. Newspaperman William D. Boyce is credited with the founding of the Boy Scouts of America which instituted Baden-Powell's model of Scouting in the United States. There is an apocryphal tale where Brother Boyce is was lost in the London fog and one of Baden-Powell's Scouts helped him find his destination. He was so enamored with the virtues of this young man who

refused compensation that he sought out the Scout office and gathered all the literature he could. This was an oft repeated story that likely holds little, if any truth within it. Regardless, Brother Boyce took the movement home with him and incorporated the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) on February 8, 1910.

At this time there were already Scouting groups in existence in the country. What made Brother Boyce's effort more successful was those that he surrounded himself with. In 1902 a group called the Woodcraft Indians was founded by Ernest Thompson Seton and in 1905 the Sons of Daniel Boone were founded by Daniel Carter Beard. The work of these two heavily influence Baden-Powell as he transformed his military manuals to the youth-focused materials it eventually became so their inclusion in the early days of the BSA was an important part of the process. Seton was announced as the Chief Scout, and Beard was named the first National Commissioner of the BSA. These two helped form the Scouting model at the time and were pivotal in growing the movement as they folded their members into the larger organization. In those early days, it became clear that there would also need to be a paid staff involved in the organization. It was decided that James E. West would become the first Chief Scout Executive.



Of these three men that Brother Boyce called on to run the organization, Beard and West were both also Masons.

Brother Beard grew up during the Civil War and admired the frontiersman mentality and lifestyle. That was what brought him to form the Sons of Daniel Boone. He studied to be an engineer, but the life of an artist called to him as it had many of those in his family. He moved to New York city to attend art school and become an illustrator and it was during this time that he became a part of the Craft, being raised in Mariner's Lodge No. 67. He continued to draw and write, publishing his own books about enjoying the outdoors as well as illustrating other works, such as Mark Twain's A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court. Brother Beard's work was highly influential in the Scouting movement as a whole, but especially in American Scouting where the members of the BSA would refer to him affectionately as "Uncle Dan."

Brother West had a bit of a different background. He was orphaned at the age of six and fought a bout of tuberculosis at the age of eight that left him with a difficulty in walking that he would carry throughout his life. He was a natural leader in the orphanage where he grew up and his experiences there led him to become a lawyer, fighting for the rights of children to have a childhood,

essentially. It was this devotion to young people that led the young BSA organization to hire him on as the professional at the helm. He was not known as the easiest man to work for or with, but he was passionate about what he did and the impact the movement could have on the lives of our nation's youth.

These two were known to be at odds with each other quite regularly during the early years of the BSA, but their desire to instill the virtues of Scouting in the children of the United States is without a doubt. It is because of this that it can be of little surprise that the values of Freemasonry and Scouting so closely align. The Scout Law—A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent—lines up very well with the virtues that we, as Freemasons, aspire to hold ourselves to each and every day.

There are other ways in which our organizations align and there are efforts to carry that into the present day. There is a National Association of Masonic Scouters that brings Scouting volunteers together from across the country to join in fellowship at Scouting events. We gathered just last year at The Summit during the National Scout Jamboree. There are Scouters' Lodges in certain

jurisdictions. There are recognitions for Eagle Scouts and volunteers alike.

While there are Masonic youth organizations and the BSA is not one of them, it is connected to Freemasonry in ways many never realize. It would be easy for some to consider the BSA in competition with groups like DeMolay, but the reality is that they can co-exist. As we move forward in the 21st century, we need to rely on the bonds that we have between these organizations and not fall into competition. We need to build each other up and recognize the shared heritage and importance in American society. We will all be stronger for it.

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Englewood Masonic Lodge #360
6th Annual Duffers Golf Tournament, May 16th

Ok, fellow golfers it's that time of year again! Mark your calendars and get your teams signed up for another great tournament. Chance to win a Ford Vehicle courtesy of Englewood Ford! Free Beverages on the course – Beer, Coolers, soda, and water. BBQ Lunch & awards presentation right after your round. Raffles, AR golf ball shoot, Hole in one contest, Putting contest, Men and Women's longest drive, door prizes and more! Don't miss all the FUN!! See attached Flyer for details.

Long Marsh Golf Club Saturday, May 16th, 2026. 7:00am
registration with an 8am shotgun start.

Hole Sponsorships available, feel free to call or email Michelle and I with any questions.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you all at the
Tournament!!

Michelle & David Mashia
Cell - 941-468-0231



Englewood Masonic Lodge #360

6th Annual Duffers Golf Tournament

Saturday, May 16, 2026

Long Marsh Golf Club

20 White Marsh Rd, Rotonda West, FL 33947



**7:00 AM Registration
8:00 AM Shotgun Start**



**BBQ Lunch & awards presentation immediately following
AR golf ball shoot • Raffles • Free beer, soda & water**

**Hole-in-One Contest
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Player 1: _____ **Phone:** _____

Player 2: _____ **Phone:** _____

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Player 4: _____ **Phone:** _____

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