



MONTHLY TRESTLEBOARD

August 2026



FROM THE EAST

WORSHIPFUL MASTER
Shawn Cooney

Brethren,

I hope everyone has had a great month and found some time to enjoy family, friends, and a little rest from the Florida heat.

One thing I've really enjoyed this year is seeing our Lodge continue to move in the right direction. Whether it's degrees, fellowship, charity, or simply Brothers sticking around after meetings to talk, those are the things that make the Mighty 147 so mighty.

It's easy to get caught up in work and life, but it's always good to walk through those Lodge doors and spend time with men who genuinely care about one another.

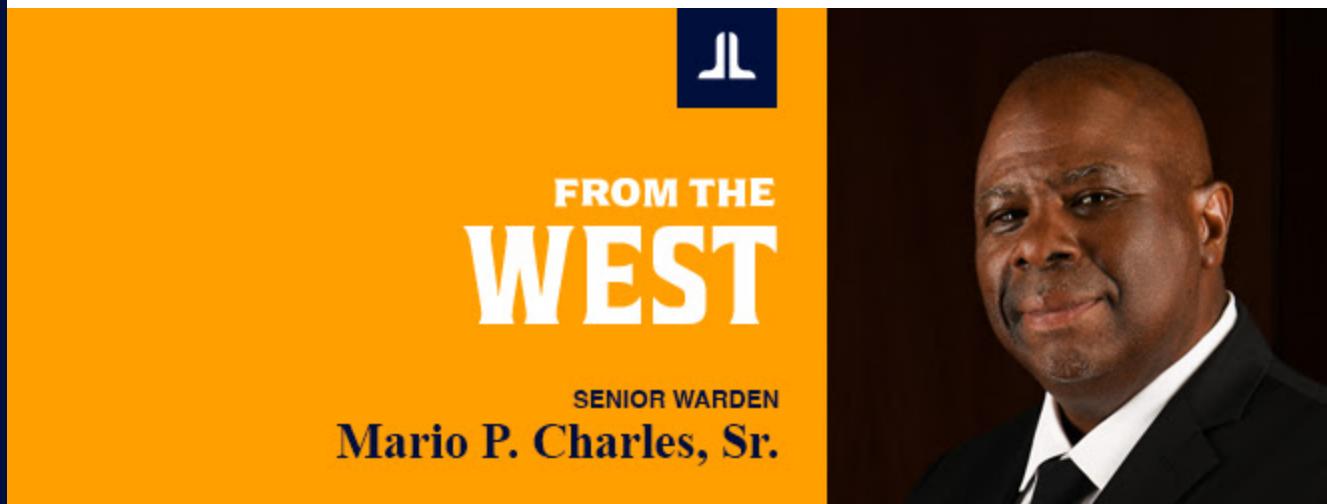
At the end of this month, we'll have the privilege of conferring a Master Mason Degree. I hope you'll make plans to attend if you're able. Becoming a Master Mason is a milestone our candidates will remember for the rest of their lives, and having a

Lodge full of Brothers there to support them makes it even more meaningful.

Also, don't forget to get your custom Sarasota Lodge No. 147 shirt pre-order in if you haven't already. We've had a lot of interest, and I'm looking forward to seeing more of our Brothers wearing them at Lodge functions and out in the community.

Thank you for everything each of you does for our Lodge. I'm proud to call each of you my Brothers, and I look forward to seeing you in Lodge soon.

Fraternally,
Shawn Cooney
Worshipful Master



My Brothers,

As the Committee Chairman on Public Education and Citizenship. I've been traveling around the district and promoting the Public Education and Citizenship Committee Program and is probably the single greatest resource that a Particular Lodge can use to get better involved with the community and maintain those partnerships once they are established. It is so much more than just adopting a school or teacher. While there are multiple ways to support a local school, this program also includes the involvement in both Masonic and non-Masonic youth groups, assisting municipalities with non-Partisan voter registration, visitation to an assisted living facility of any kind, the submission of articles to local media and the Florida Mason, or any other type of community service project or activity.

The Public Education portion of this program is twofold, the first includes the various local and state scholarship options, and the second includes the adoption of schools and teachers, as well as the various school activities that schools can utilize.

We have chosen to focus on the JROTC Outstanding award and the MALCOLM ARCHIE MCDOUGALL SCHOLARSHIP. It is intended to provide young men and women familiar with our Masonic family with opportunities to expand their educational pursuits. Scholarships can be used for vocational, certificate, licensure, and post-secondary programs, such as bachelor's or associate degrees, and may also include graduate degree scholarship opportunities for qualifying applicants. Currently, \$15,000.00 in scholarship

A first for me! W.: Charles Wolbert IV and I traveled to Cape Coral FL for a joint called communication meeting and boy oh boy did I get my "traveling Man" ticket punched. The brotherly love started in the parking lot and lasted the entire night. Dinner was great then we went into the Lodge room and just about every seat was filled. The most memorable part was the Masonic Jeopardy, the competition was serious but plenty of jokes were bantered about, there was so much laughter I didn't hear the question because we were still laughing at the last comment 😊

We will be having a Fellowcraft giveback on Tuesday August 11 and a Master Mason Degree on Saturday August 29th at 9AM.

"An investment in knowledge pays the best dividends" - Benjamin Franklin

Zealously,
Mario P. Charles Sr.,
Senior Warden



Brethren,

Why are you a Freemason? That was the question posed by our Senior Deacon at a planning meeting held by the officers. The answers varied from each one of us but the common theme was the desire to become better men, surrounded by men of such strong moral fiber and closeness that we could call them Brother, men who are also laboring for their own self improvement.

Brotherly Love, as our Senior Warden has reminded us in public education, is such a strong bond that it covers the whole world. Regardless of religion, race, or social status, every individual is met on level ground because we all are part of the same divine bond of mankind. We can travel anywhere knowing that we can depend on a Brother for help if needed. We can walk into any Lodge and be warmly welcomed like family. What other organization provides such a thing? How special it is that we have found a place where Brotherly Love is one of our most important tenets.

I feel strong winds of meaningful change blowing through our Lodge. Men of strong morality abound within our ranks. If Brotherly Love is something we all commonly desire, let us work on strengthening it. Attend our events. Meet up with each other outside of the Lodge. This is where our strength lies, and if we can introduce new Brothers into this same warm embrace, our Lodge will be strong for years to come.

Zealously,
Jeffrey Bucholtz,
Junior Warden

UPCOMING EVENTS



SARASOTA
LODGE NO. 147



2160 MAIN ST., SARASOTA, FL.

STATED MEETING

DINNER: 6:30PM
OPEN EDUCATION: 7:00PM
MEETING: 7:30PM

[RSVP HERE](#)

August 11th



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August 25th



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Master Mason Association Meeting and District School of Instruction

August 27th

Liberty No. 412



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August 29th

9am

STATED COMMUNICATIONS

Second & Fourth Tuesdays 7:30pm



2160 Main Street, Sarasota, FL 34237

PREFERRED DRESS CODE

Business Dress is preferred for Called and Stated Meetings.

OFFICERS

Black Jackets for All Meetings and Degree Work.

Don't forget your name tag.

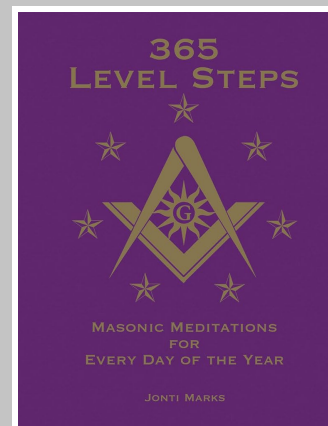
LIBRARIAN'S CORNER

Book of the Month

365 Level Steps

Masonic Meditations
for Every Day of the Year
By: Jonti Marks

365 inspirational quotations and meditations are presented together in a form that encourages us to consider deeply what it means to



be a Freemason and to
contemplate the true and timeless
teachings of our beloved Craft.

DEGREE AND PROFICIENCY WORK

Awaiting Balloting

None

Awaiting EA Degree

None

Awaiting FC Degree

Nelson Zambruno
Frank Del Ciampo
James Restrapo

Awaiting MM Degree

Peter Muthwill
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W.∴ Ramon Hernandez-Ron
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**Chairman &
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MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Chairman:
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MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

Chairman:
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1971 - William G. Wolf*+

1981 - Joe R. Hembree

1984 - James W. Walker

1986 - Walter R. McCracken

III

1987 - Terry L. Winkel

1989 - Steven D. McMahon

1990 - Norris C. Baxter

1994 - Owen B. Blount, Sr.

1998 - Edward L. Jordan*

2001 - Gerald E. Goacher***

2002 - Stephen A. Yarbrough

2004 - Gilbert Fernandez

2005 - Frank S. Albinson***

2006 - John D. Powell

2007 - William S. Paterson

2008 - Norman Cyphers***

2009 - James Godshall

2010 - Andrew Wormington

2012 - Jim Gillett

2013 - Juan de la Rosa*

2014 - Damian Ostermeyer

2015 - Andrew Gluchov

2016 - Barry D. Hart***

2017 - Marcos Romero

2018 - Jeffrey Lawrence

2019 - Ramon Hernandez-Ron

2020 - Petar Sibinkic

2021 - Stephen Garcia

2022 - Charles Wolbert III

2023 - Christopher G. Burns

2024 - Zachary Wiegele

2025 - Charles Wolbert IV

* 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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Juan De La Rosa (5/26)

Michael Pender (12/26)

Norman Cyphers (12/26)

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

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Square Level: \$5-\$49

Gold Level: \$50+

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