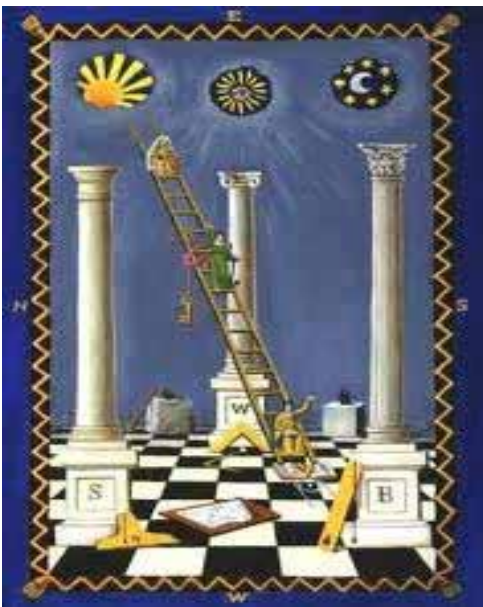


SARASOTA LODGE #147

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SARASOTA, FLORIDA 34237

From the East

February Trestleboard

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Greetings from the East Brethren,

Before I begin this month's Trestle Board, it is with pleasure that I make mention of the 2012 Installation of Officers. The support that the Craft, Friends, and Families showed; to say the least. With the Lodge filled with 151 attendees, we were quite humbled and are grateful for such strong support. W.: Jud Powell as Installing Officer, R.W.: Frank Albinston as Installing Marshall, and R.W.: Rusty Glendenning, as installing Chaplain; ensured that the ceremony was replete with dignity and decorum. Your officers and I hereby extend a well deserved and heartfelt thank you for the eloquently performed installation.

The Past Masters, who sat in the various station chairs, did so with dedication to our Lodge and its Officer. Thank you for your efforts and support. You are the foundation on which the Lodge is built; we hope that this year you will allow us to greet you during our communications as often as your cable tow permits. To all the Brothers within the 27th Masonic District, and to those who made a special trip from outside of our area, thank you for your support.

This month our Lodge will be busy with various activities aside from the regular stated meetings. The activities will not only be ad-

ressed by our Br. Junior Warden, but you will also find them included in the Lodge Calendar. Lodge business is now the primary responsibility of our Senior Warden who will provide appropriate Trestle Board entries. We trust that our membership will keep us informed on what we can do to make our monthly communications both more interesting and informative. Your input is strongly encouraged as we hope for active participation, not only in Lodge attendance but also in input from members who may have points of interest to share with the Brethren.

Members and Past Masters who may wish to participate in our degree team practice or any form of Lodge education, please let us know. We can always use a helping hand. Your assistance is encouraged to maintain a solid foundation of our past while moving forward in making our Lodge a strong example of masonry. Before I conclude this month's entry from the East, a thank you to our Past Master, W.: Steve Yarbrough, he keeps our Lodge clean and the grounds picked up. We appreciate your efforts.

To all our Brethren, we hope to see you in Lodge.

Fraternally,

Jim Gillet

Worshipful Master

Lodge Calendar

February 2012

Tue 14th	7:30pm	Stated Communication-R.W.: Gene Jeffers to discuss Child ID Program
Thu 23rd	6:45p	Master Mason Association Mtg. -District School of
	7:00p	Instruction @ Englewood Lodge # 360
Sat 25th	7:00p	Sec./Treas. Seminar-Sarasota Lodge #147
		M.:W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M. Presiding
	6:00p	Dinner
Tue 28th	7:30pm	Stated Communication-Sarasota Sherriff's Office
		Sgt. Neil Scully-Crime Prevention

Stated Meetings on 2nd and 4th Tuesday- Dinner served @ 6:30pm

Sickness & Distress

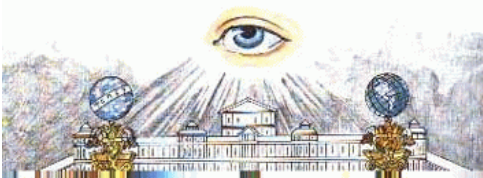
Brethren, please report any sickness or distress among the craft to our Chaplain:

Bill Merritt (941)-346-7803

siesta8710@comcast.net

Requests for Masonic Funeral Services

Call R.W.: Jerry Goacher (941) 923-2665



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From the West

Greetings from the West

Brethren, the lodge has been very busy this past month. We had the Installation of Officers for the 27th Masonic District, an EA degree, the DDGM official visit, and a Rusty Mason night. I would like to thank all the brothers who were able to support both the lodge and its officers in helping with these events. Thank you.. for if it were not for the Craft, we as a lodge could not function.

Your officers will be participating in District Ritual Competition. This is to be held on Saturday, February 11th at our very own lodge. The officers would love to have some brotherly support on a very special day. If you have not been to a Ritual Competition, the dress is business casual. You as a spectator can view each lodge as they are graded. It's a great opportunity to see how much work is put into the rituals

we do as Officers. Hope to see you on the sidelines!

Many men have been instrumental to the history and development of our society. The following are but a few of the many famous historical figures who have participated in our mysteries.

Ernest Borgnine, William F. (Buffalo Bill) Cody, W.C Fields, Gutzon Borglum and his son Lincoln Borglum (together carved Mt. Rushmore National Memorial) , Samuel L Clemens (Mark Twain), Lawrence Bell (Bell Aircraft Corp), James C. Penny, Fredrick Maytag, Douglas MacArthur, Francis Scott Key (wrote National Anthem), Merriwether Lewis (Lewis and Clark expeditions), Cy Young, Jack Dempsey, Arnold Palmer, and Tyrus R. "Ty" Cobb.

Further information concerning famous and historical Freemasons can be found in Brother W.R. Denslow's book "Ten Thousand Famous Freemasons."

Fraternally

Br Juan de la Rosa

Senior Warden

Masonic Education

The fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons has members from every ethnic group and every continent in the world. Brotherhood is a primary teaching of Masonry--that each person must be judged as an individual, on his own merits, and that such factors as race, national origin, religious creed, social status, or wealth are incidental to the person's character.

Freemasonry was brought to North America in the 1700s, a time when racial attitudes were very different from today. As happened with many churches and social organizations, these attitudes caused Freemasonry for African-American men to develop independently. In 1776 a group of African-American Masons in Boston began meeting as a Lodge; they were formally chartered by England in 1784 as African Lodge #459. African Lodge and its descendants developed a separate Grand Lodge system, known as Prince Hall Masonry (after the first Master of African Lodge). Prince Hall Grand Lodges ascribe to the same beliefs and rituals of Freemasonry as do all regular Masonic Lodges throughout the world.

Since a petition for membership in Masonry does not ask a petitioner's race, statistics on ethnic breakdowns are not kept by any Grand Lodge. Collecting such information is considered as inappropriate as collecting information about a Brother's financial standing. A lodge is not permitted to accept or exclude a candidate on the basis of his race or national origin. To petition for membership, the petitioner must be "a man of legal age, good reputation, and possess a belief in God." While election to membership in the fraternity is a matter for the local lodge to decide, the qualifications for membership are standard, and all Masons are required to observe them.

Source: <http://www.msana.com/brotherhood.asp>

New Dinner Schedule

During February and March we will be serving dinner at 6:30pm prior to our regular Stated Meetings.

Brothers please come a bit earlier for our Stated Meetings, enjoy the fellowship of your Lodge buddies and a fabulous Chef prepared dinner! If things go well and the Craft agrees, we will continue henceforth!





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From the South

Living Past Masters

Robert E. Morris	1957
Joseph H. Gould*	1958
William G. Wolf*	1971
Robert L. Kennedy	1972
Gordon E Burghardt, Jr.	1974
Clyde Lonicker*	1976
Russell B. Glendinning*	1980
Joe R. Hembree	1981
Louis L. Alderman, Sr.	1983
James W. Walker	1984
Donald J Stilley**	1985
Walter R. McCracken III	1986
Terry L. Winkel	1987
Santos Sepulveda	1988
Steven D. McMahan	1989
Norris C. Baxter	1990
Jan K. Galbreth	1991
Jerry DeBusk	1993
Owen B. Blount, Sr.	1994
Charles T. Hutton*	1995
William L. Burris***	1996
Luther T. Whitaker	1997
Edward L. Jordan*	1998
Harold F. Fultz	2000
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
Drew Wormington	2010
Brian Johnston	2011

Greetings from the South Brethren,

My how time flies! One month into our new year and we have already welcomed three new brothers into the craft, congratulations brothers de Stefano, Kail and Hernandez

Brethren, it is with great delight to inform you that this month and continuing through March, we will begin serving dinner at 6:30 p.m. prior to our stated meetings. It is hoped that you will join us for fellowship and of course some terrific food prepared by our newly appointed stewards. If in fact this new “change of course” is well received among the craft, we plan to make it standard prior to all stated meetings for the remainder of the year. Of course as always, your comments and suggestions are always welcomed, so please, come forth and make your wishes /desires known. After all, the lodge is what we, the craft, make of it.

Brethren, on Saturday, February 11th, our lodge will be hosting as well as participating in the degree competition (start time as of this communication had not yet been determined). Open books will be made available from 9a.m. until 1 p.m. This is a fantastic opportunity for all of us to brush-up on our Masonic education! Please, come out and join us.

For our stated meetings, R.:W.: Gene Jeffers will be visiting our lodge on Feb. 14th to discuss the Child ID Program and on Feb 28th from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sgt. Neil Scully of the Sarasota Sheriff will be visiting to discuss crime prevention; refreshments will be served and your family is invited to attend as well. Also, mark you calendar for Thursday, February 23rd for the monthly MM Association mtg. which will be held at Englewood Lodge # 360 at 6:45, followed by Dist 27 School of Instruction, beginning at 7:30. The **Treasurer** and Secretary Seminar, hosted by Grand Secretary Most Worshipful Richard Lynn, will be held on Saturday, February 25th. All are invited and our Stewards shall have a wonderful meal prepared.

On a final note; as our Worshipful Master mentioned during installation, Sarasota Lodge # 147, together with four other lodges in the area, will be participating in the annual Sarasota County Fair. If you are interested in participating with your lodge officers in representing Sarasota 147, please contact either Senior or Junior Warden. Thank you brethren and we look forward to seeing you in Lodge.

Fraternally,
Damian Ostermeyer
Junior Warden



*Past District Deputy Grand Master

**Served as District Instructor

*** Served as both DI and DDGM

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York Rite Messenger

Trinity Commandery No.16

Knights Templar

*Conclaves held **First Thursday** of each month (dark July & August)*

January, March, May, September, November @ Braidentown Lodge No. 99, 520 30th Ave W, Bradenton

February, April, June, October, December @ Venice Lodge No. 301, 118 E. Venice Ave, Venice

Next Conclave February 2, 2012 at 7:30 PM

Sarasota Chapter No. 35 Royal Arch Masons

*Convocations held **Second Thursday** of each month (dark June, July & August)*

Sarasota Lodge No. 147, 2160 Main Street, Sarasota
Next Convocation– February 9, 2012, 7:30 PM

Venice Council No. 41 Royal & Select Masters

*Assemblies held **Third Friday** each month (dark June, July & August)*

Venice Lodge No. 301, 118 E. Venice Ave, Venice
Next Assembly – February 17, 2012, 7:30 PM

Bradentown Council No. 9 R. & S.M.

*Assemblies held **Third Thursday** each Month at Braidentown Lodge No. 99 (dark June, July, August)*

Master Mason Association

&

District School of Instruction

2012

Jan 26th	Sarasota #147
Feb 23rd	Englewood #360
Mar 22nd	Sarasota #147
Apr 26th	Phoenix #346
May 24th	Sarasota #147

All Master Mason Association meetings will start promptly at 6:45pm followed by District School of Instruction at 7:00pm.

Preferred Dress Code for Lodge Meetings

Business Casual is preferred for Called and Stated Meetings.

Officers: White Jackets For Degree Work

Don't forget your name tag!



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Trestleboard Sponsors

Thanks to our current Trestleboard sponsors

Square

Norm Cyphers	Brian Johnston
Jim Gillett	Jerry Goacher
Kenneth Dean	Bob Hamel
Cy Glickman	

Level

Merle Lilly

The following sponsorships are available.

Plumb: \$5 to \$20

Level : \$21 to \$35

Square : \$36 to \$50

Simply contact any officer about becoming a sponsor. If you'd like to send a check, please make a note of *Trestleboard Sponsor* on the check.

Items of Note

If all the Trees Were Oaks

What if all the trees were oaks
 How plain the world would seem;
 No maple syrup, banana splits,
 And how would orange juice be?
 Wouldn't it be a boring place,
 If all the people were the same;
 Just one color, just one language,
 Just one family name!
But -
 If the forest were the world,
 And all the people were the trees;
 Palm and pine, bamboo and willow,
 Live and grow in harmony.
 Aren't you glad, my good friend,
 Different though we be;
 We are here to help each other,
 I learn from you, and you, from me.

Degree or

Brothers Mark de Stefano, Robert J. Mail, Ramon A. Hernandez
 and Evangelos Psomas await Fellow Craft Degree.

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Proficiency Cards – Masonic Education

Are you interested in earning one of the many available Proficiency Cards? Do you know what Proficiency Cards are available? Contact your officers for more information.

Get involved in your lodge there are several opportunities to assist with the activities of the lodge. We're looking for catechism instructors, degree team members, committeemen and general assistance. If you are interested, please contact your officers.