



The Trestleboard

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Free and Accepted Masons - Chartered March 1, 1893

Tropical Lodge No. 56 F. & A.M.

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Regular Communications

1st and 3rd Tuesdays 7:30 PM - Dinner at 6:30

December 2009

Visitors welcome / Members are urged to attend. Be proud to show your Dues Card

Officers

Worshipful Master.....	Sam Bissell.....	707-3252
Senior Warden.....	Randy Spradling.....	634-3267
Junior Warden.....	Dick Nelson.....	332-0893
Treasurer.....	Ted Connally.....	332-2878
Secretary.....	Ronald G. Frieden.....	489-1698
Chaplain.....	Terry Beard.....	936-1044
Senior Deacon.....	Jamie Flerx.....	896-0713
Junior Deacon.....	Steve Twomey.....	477-8177
Senior Steward.....	John Cavada.....	253-0619
Junior Steward.....	Patrick Joyce.....	464-7494
Marshall.....	Jason Ott.....	872-2772
Tyler.....	Charles Machell.....	693-3400

Lodge Committees

Director of Work.....	Jason J. Ott.....	872-2772
Scholarships/Bloodbank.....	Ronald G. Frieden.....	489-1698
Trestleboard/Editor.....	Ted Connally.....	332-2878
Refreshments.....	Dick Nelson.....	332-0893
Youth.....	Ben Flynn.....	275-0021
Finance/Budget.....	Randy Spradling.....	634-3267
Building/Maintenance.....	Dick Nelson.....	332-0893
Education.....	Ted Connally.....	357-1263
Petitions.....	Al Jones.....	694-5565
Sickness/Distress.....	Andrew Chandler.....	694-3755
Charity.....	Jamie Flerx.....	896-0713
Coaching.....	Jason Ott.....	872-2772
Perpetual Membership.....	Randy Spradling.....	634-3267

Past Masters

Edelblut, R.T.	1969	Landrum, E.W.	1988	Flynn, B.L. Jr.	1999 & 2001
Chandler, A.L. (2)	1970	Sandahl, W.A.	1989	Record, J.L. (2)	2000
Jones, A.R. (2)	1971	Irvin, R.D. (2)	1990	Summerall S.N.	2002
Hart, W.E.	1972	Mc Conley, W.A.	1991	Bodenhamer, T.H. (2)	2003
Hamby, J.A.	1974	Fore, G.A. (1,2)	1992	Shields, R.G.	2004
Frieden, R.G. (3)	1975 & 1976	Goodman, M.T.	1993	Ott, J.J. (3)	2005
Roan, A. N.	1981	Johns, E.D.	1994	Lott, E. W.	2006
Williams, E.P.	1983	Lewis, J.D. (2,3)	1995	Parsons, Bryant G.	2007
Swaringen, F.D.	1984	Williford, C.A.	1996	Thrasher, Barry P	2009
Matz, M.W.	1985	Gordon, T.P.	1997		
Hardin, H.C.	1986	Andrews, A.H.	1998		

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Events at Tropical Lodge

December Events

Dec 1	Tropical Cancelled	Dec 2	6:30 Grotto	Dec 6	Officers Return
Dec 9	Tropical called for Elections			Dec 11	Capt JP Tropical/Grotto
Dec 12	Bell Ringers Tropical			Dec 15	6:30 Stated Meeting
Dec 20	Commandery Christmas Service			Dec 28	Tropical Installation

January Events

Jan 5	6:30 Stated Meeting	Jan 6	6:30 Grotto
Jan 19	6:30 Stated Meeting		

Check our Website Frequently - www.tropical56.com
An accurate, up-to-date calendar is maintained for all area Masonic Events
Special Announcements are published as necessary

Stated Meetings

1st Tuesday of each month - 3rd Tuesday of each month
 Officers Meet at 6:00PM the 1st Stated Meeting

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

November 30 - December 6 - Officers in Cuba
First December Meeting is Cancelled.
Called Meeting December 9th for Annual Elections
Installation of Officers December 29th

DECEMBER 2009						
SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
	30 Cuba trip begins	1 Tropical cancelled	2 Grotto Cancelled	3	4	5 OES Fashion Show
6 Tropical Officers Return	7 OES	8 York Rite Chapter/ Council	9 Tropical Call for elections	10	11 Captain JP Tropical/ Grotto	12 Bell Ringers Tropical
13 RCC-RPYC	14 AASR Exec Com	15 6:30p Tropical Lodge Stated Meeting	16 Consistory	17	18	19
20 Commandery Christmas Service	21 OES	22 York Rite Commandery	23	24	25	26
27	28 Tropical Installation	29	30	31		

From the East

The Annual Awards Banquet was a very pleasant and relaxed evening once again this year. In the past we have given a small token of recognition to each of the Bodies sharing our Lodge with us. This year, however, we did something quite different. Tropical Lodge as pledged an IOU for a suitable outdoor plaque for each organization that hangs its Charter with us to be placed at the main entrance of our next Lodge Building.. We are still looking hard, and we'll keep you posted on our progress. A couple of awards were indeed presented to at public ceremony to two brothers who richly deserved them. Special recognition was given to Brother Carlos Arroyo—a major contributor to virtually everything



we do. And the Master Mason of the Year Award for 2009 went to Brother John Cavada who has been tireless in his efforts not only with our Work and coaching, but he's always there to help with whatever

is needed. It is a pleasure and a privilege to be a Member of a with Masons such as these. Besides, they are in the kitchen for every major event and we need to encourage them at every turn. We eat good around here!



THE SCHEDULE IS STILL LOADED

Cuba Trip Nov 30 – Dec 6. Accordingly the Annual election of Officers will be held on Wednesday, December 9th.

Capt JP Holiday Dinner Cruise will take place on December 11. Boarding time is 7:00PM and WE NEED A HEAD COUNT. Again this year there is no charge, and guests are welcome on a first come first serve basis. We are doing it with Galae Grotto again and seating is limited. **You MUST RESERVE in advance.** Call the Lodge or tell an Officer.

Holiday Bell Ringing at the Edison Mall will be done again this year on December 12. We still need volunteers. Tell an Officer, call the Lodge, or call the Jr. Warden and let him know what shift you'd like to take. We can't have too many for this event.

Christmas Party Open House on December 20th at Tropical. It will be hosted by **The Ft. Myers Commandery of Knights Templar** from 2:00PM until 6:00PM and will feature the Annual Christmas Ritual of the Knights Templar – a brief and beautiful ceremony open to the public. Once again, **WE NEED A HEAD COUNT and if you are bringing children or grand children, we need to know that. Special Christmas Stockings will be given to all children under 12 (or so) and we MUST have an accurate count on that.** Let any Officer know, any member of York Rite, or call the Lodge and leave a message.

Installation will be December 28th this year—the 27th falls on a Sunday. It is a Stated Meeting for us—Dinner at 6:30PM.

Grand Master's Visit November 2009



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Jim & Ruth Goodyear, Sam Bissell, Randy Spradling, Pat & Jerry Smart, Peggy & Ron Frieden, Dick Nelson, Kurt Wagner, Bill White, Franceil and Earl Williams, Kurt Laser, Arnold Korpi, Patrick Joyce, Sam Watkins, Gordy & Linda Fore

YOUR NAME COULD BE HERE!

Contact Ron Frieden or Ted Connally

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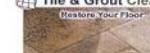
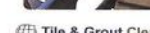
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