



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

November 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. (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

November Events

Nov 3 Stated Meeting – Awards Dinner 6:30 PM Nov 17 Stated Meeting – Masonic Education 6:30PM
 November 30 Cuba Trip begins for Tropical

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

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 3rd - Annual Awards Banquet
 November 30 - December 6 - Officers in Cuba
 First December Meeting is Cancelled.
 Called Meeting December 9th for Annual Elections
 Installation of Officers December 29th

NOVEMBER 2009						
SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2 OES	3 6:30p Tropical Lodge Awards Banquet	4 6:30 Grotto	5	6 Grand Master Visit Dist 28/29	7
8	9 ASSR Exec Com	10 York Rite	11	12	13	14 2pm Knight Masons
15	16 OES	17 6:30p Tropical Lodge Stated Meeting	18 Consistory	19	20	21 RCC Annual Meeting
22	23	24 York Rite	25	26	27	28 AMD Annual Meeting
29	30 Cuba Trip begins for Tropical	1 Tropical Cancelled	2 Grotto Cancelled	3	4	5

From the East If you missed the Outdoor Degree, you missed a lot of fun. Curt Harden cooked a wonderful meal aided and assisted by Jason Ott and a number of others, all coordinated by our Jr. Warden Dick Nelson. Jamie Flerx handled the moving of equipment with John Cavada and



still more brothers. A lot of people did a lot of work to make raising 4 new Tropical Lodge Master Masons and a courtesy Raising for Lehigh Acres. Earl Williams



place on the river proved just as wonderful as anyplace we have ever held the Moonlight Degree, and yes, there was a bright crescent moon. And it was a special honor to have W B Wade Landrum share the East with R H W B Jason Ott. Ed was the originator of the Outdoor Degree and it has been renamed the Landrum Outdoor Degree in his honor.



THERE IS A GREAT DEAL GOING ON – TAKE SPECIAL NOTE:

November 3rd Stated Meeting is the Annual Awards Banquet. WE NEED A HEAD COUNT. All brothers are welcome to bring wives, friends, family, special guests, but we NEED A HEAD COUNT. The Lodge will be opened early and placed at Refreshment. We will eat at 6:30 followed by a brief Public Ceremony where various awards will be presented. If you plan to attend, let an Officer know or just call the Lodge and leave a message. People seem to enjoy our events more and more each time we hold one. Come and enjoy this one with us.

November 6th is the Grand Master's Visit to District 28 and 29 being held at Tropical. WE NEED HELP. We'll need volunteers from about 2:00PM through the rest of the afternoon and evening to set up, help serve and bus tables, and help clean up. We are expecting a large group, so please let an Officer know or call the Lodge and leave word if you can come, and during what hours.

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.



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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

YOUR NAME COULD BE HERE!

Contact Ron Frieden or Ted Connally

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