



# Marquis de Lafayette Lodge No. 41



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## TRESTLEBOARD

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**"I read, I study, I examine,  
I listen, I reflect."**

- Marquis de Lafayette



## From the East

*W.:B.: Nick Miller, Worshipful Master*

Brothers,

Happy new year!

I am pleased to serve you as your Worshipful Master. I'm excited for the upcoming year. We have a lot planned.

However, I understand many Brethren have concerns about the surging omicron variant. Due to this, we will be having some hybrid meetings.

During the meetings, lodge will be opened and closed as usual, but for the education portion, the lodge will be put at ease and Brothers will be invited to join via Zoom. Once the education is complete, the Zoom meeting will end. This will allow those who aren't comfortable being in lodge as well as those who can't be in lodge be able to participate. (This was blessed by PMWGM Mike Moore.)

I'm excited to see the participation we get out of these meetings and to see some faces we don't get to normally. Looking forward to it!

Fraternally,

*W.: Bro.: Nick Miller*

Worshipful Master



***Please feel free to share this eTrestleboard!***

## From the West *Bro.: Johann Ortner, Sr.: Warden*

I have been elected as Senior Warden for our Masonic year 2022, and I am honored and humbled by the faith and trust my Brothers showed me by giving me their votes. When our Secretary read us the responsibilities we have in our stations and places he also mentioned that there is no such thing as a 'Progressive Line' and I couldn't agree more.

As I went through the chairs, I was punctual in my attendance, tried to do what was expected of me and paid attention to the advice given me. I also tried to learn from the observations, advice, and conversations with all members of our Lodge.

Next year, if all goes well, I'll be Master of the Lodge. I am mentally preparing for that already now, that I sit in the West. I want to do a good job as Senior Warden as well as potentially being Master of Marquis de Lafayette Lodge. I have put too much time into it just to slide through and pick up my Past Master's jewel at the end.

Sliding through, of course, is the easy way. Well, nothing worth having is ever easy, and has never been easy (speaking from personal experience). I'm going to do the job as best I see it, and as best I can in my current station and in the years to come. It is going to be square, level and plumb.

One thing I know for sure. I won't get anything done unless I set some goals and have a plan. My focus will be education, keeping Lodge sessions interesting and captivating in the hopes to keep or increase personal attendance, keep our history and traditions that make us such a wonderful TO Lodge alive, and do the best I can to help to identify future prospects for our Lodge.

Everyone needs a personal trestleboard. This is mine.

*Bro.: Johann Ortner*

Senior Warden

## Secretary's Desk *WB.: Bro.: Lee Miller, Secretary*

We often talk about how the Fraternity suffers lack of attendance because we are competing with TV, sports events, social media, et al.

What if we are actually competing with ourselves?

Get three Masons together and ask them to come up with a free date to get together any night of the week. One will have a Consistory officer's meeting, and another will be practicing for a Royal Arch degree. The next night two of them will be at York Rite College, and the following night one has Commandery and the other two are doing a Cryptic Council visit to a dying Council. Next Monday is the Consistory meeting, and all three of them are supposed to be there.

None of them has had time to make it to their Blue Lodges in several months, despite repeated invitations from the new Masters of their individual lodges. Brothers, don't let the appendant bodies keep you away from the bedrock of our Fraternity – the Blue Lodge.

Now if you'll excuse me, I have to get ready for my AMD meeting tomorrow night...

*W.: Bro.: Lee Miller, PM - Secretary*

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## From the South

*Bro.: Erick Benson, Jr.: Warden*

Another year is upon us, and we are still battling the challenges of different variants of COVID, this makes us 2 years of facing this and here we are, we have adapted, we have grown, and we have learned how to overcome certain adversities when dealing with this pandemic. We have had amazing Brothers and officers over the last 2 years show us what we are capable of during a pandemic. This allowed us to learn and adapt the use of technology and bring about more educational opportunities for brothers that wouldn't have otherwise had access to hear the education in person.

This coming up year is filled with more educational presentations, guest speakers, and the start of Project Lion in which will shed light on our own individual goals and passions in Masonry, but also where can create goals and set traditions for the future of our lodge.

As Junior Warden of 2022, I plan to ensure that we have enough food for all Brothers during dinner and other events, but that the those who are willing to step into the officer roles will have a strong mentor, and someone who will guide them in their next step of their Masonic journey.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next stated communication and look forward to an amazing year with all of you!

Fraternally,

*Bro.: Erick Benson*

Junior Warden

# Calendar

## Wednesday Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Dinner at 6pm

Lodge open at 7pm on the EA degree

### Officer roles and responsibilities



## Wednesday Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Dinner at 6pm

Lodge open at 7pm on the EA degree

### Conspiracy Theories in Freemasonry



## Wednesday Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Dinner at 6pm

Lodge open at 7pm on the EA degree

TBA



## Wednesday Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

Dinner at 6pm

Lodge open at 7pm on the EA degree

TBA



# Memorial Roll

**WB Otis E. Hilbun**

**Born 11/14/1948  
Raised 5/20/1986  
Died 12/18/2021**

*"Gone, but not forgotten"*



# Directors of the Work

Johann Ortner - MM Degree  
Erick Benson – FC Degree  
– EA Degree

# Posting Mentors

**Entered Apprentice Degree** Bro Nick Miller  
W Bro Harry Sanders

**Fellow Craft Degree** W Bro Lee Miller  
Bro Erick Benson

**Master Mason Degree** W Bro Bill Busby  
Bro Richard Heath



# Fee for Degrees

EA: \$150 FC: \$50 MM: \$50 = \$250.00

<b>2022 Yearly Dues</b>	
Marquis de Lafayette:	\$100.00
2021 Per Capita Dues:	\$82.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$182.00</b>



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## This month in Masonic history

One of the most important composers of the Classical period, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, was initiated into the rank of Apprentice of Freemasonry in the Vienna Lodge of Charity on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 1784.

He was then promoted to Companion of the Lodge on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 1785.

In April of 1785, he was promoted to rank of Master of the Lodge.



*Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart as  
Master of the Templar Stricte Observance*

## Mozart – Musician and Mason

In his 35 years, Mozart composed over 800 pieces in virtually every musical genre of his era. He was a childhood prodigy, having composed and performed in front of European royalty by the age of 5. He frequently used his musical genius to amuse himself and to taunt those he didn't like.

It was after his initiation into Masonry that much of his music displayed his zeal for the Craft with barely concealed Masonic references.

His first Masonic work was a male cantata, *Die Maurerfreude* ("The Mason's Joy") which he performed at a lodge banquet in April of 1785. Next came *Maurerische Trauermusik* ("Masonic Funeral Music") composed and performed in memory of two deceased Stricte Observance Brothers.

Most Masons have a passing familiarity with one of Mozart's most famous opera's *Die Zauberflöte* ("The Magic Flute"), even if only the fact that it has something to do with Masonry. On the surface, it seems to be a light fairy tale to be enjoyed by the masses, yet rich allusions to the glory of Masonry and the Brotherhood abound. Its story celebrates the main themes of Masonry: good vs. evil, enlightenment vs. ignorance, and the virtues of knowledge, justice, wisdom and truth.

Mozart performed this in Vienna less than three months before his untimely death at age 35.

## 2022 Officers

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<b>Bryan Kemper</b>	Marshall (720) 891-2721
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<b>Ricky Haskell, PM</b>	District Lecturer

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### Prompter

W. Bro. Bill Busby, PM

### Webmaster

W. Bro. Lee Miller, PM

### Social Media Coordinators

W. Bro. Lee Miller, PM  
W. Bro. J. Randy Penn, PM

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## Past Masters

### Albert Pike 117

Emerson R. Bails	1959
Herbert E. Akins *	1979
Robert R Swope *	1984
Samuel L. Wittner	1986
Robert R Swope *	1987
James W. Oliver	1988
James W. Oliver	1989
David R. McDaniel	1990
David R. McDaniel	1991
Robert R. Swope *	1994
Stephen T. Parce	1996
Curtis L. Sorensen	1997
Douglas K. Parce	1998
James M. Desmond	2000
John A. Myers	2001
Stephen T. Parce	2002
James W. Oliver	2003
Robert R. Swope *	2004
Edward F Charter	2005
David Parce	2006
Keene Dais*	2007
James Oliver	2008
Herbert Akins *	2009
Robert R. Swope *	2010

(\* Deceased)

Christopher Wm. Scott	2011
Daniel R. McCune	2012
Jeremiah "Jay" Allen	2013
Richard M. Murray	2014
Dean McConnell	2015
Bill Busby	2016
Lee Miller	2017
Anthony Florez	2018

### Pythagoras 41

Ricky Haskell	2017
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Harry Sanders	2019
John Davis	2020
Nick Christoff	2021

## Past Grand Masters

Glenn B. Van Fleet, P.G.M. (1958)  
R. Keith Milheim, P.G.M. (1984)

## Secretary Emeritus

Christopher Wm. Scott, PM (2012 – 2017)  
Samuel Wittner, PM (1987 – 2011)



## The Lafayette Apron