



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,

The year so far has gone well.

We've had some great educational programs and have plenty more planned. We have a Master Mason proficiency also planned, and will hopefully get our other eligible Brethren to do theirs later this year.

Additionally, I would invite as many of you that can to register for the Flags for Fallen Vets. This is a great way to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country. I'm looking forward to other lodge events and hope you are as well.

With us moving towards some warmer weather it would be great to do some events outside of Lodge. I enjoy these types of events since they help build fellowship between the Brethren. It also gives us a chance to get others outside our Lodge involved, and possibly interest new men in the fraternity.

There is still much to come this year and I hope you all enjoy it.

Fraternally,

W.: Bro.: Nick Miller

Worshipful Master



Please feel free to share this eTrestleboard!

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

My Brothers,

There is still snow on the ground, but Spring is approaching rapidly.

2 years ago, our lives changed abruptly and significantly when the Coronavirus came to town. We had to redefine how we communicate and interact not only with each other but also with the world. In this short period of time, it seems like we've lived a lifetime. There was stress, there was hardship, there was loss, but amidst it all...there was hope. We held on to a promise that this was not the end.

Much like the Sprig of Acacia, the promise of rebirth and renewal is something that we can all hold on to.

We are coming back to life, and with all mask mandates lifted regaining some of the normalcy and freedoms we took for granted before the pandemic hit.

I'm looking forward to new life in our Lodge, lives, and dwelling together in person with our brothers, friends, and families.

Bro.: Johann Ortner

Senior Warden

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

Brothers,

One well known lesson presented in the Fellowcraft Degree is that of Masonic Wages. These have important meanings to us, and should always remain as such.

But there are other wages to be collected from the moment a man receives his Entered Apprentice Degree that are greater than those. These are not esoteric lessons to be studied – although there are many – nor are they of title or office. A man merely has to extend his hand to receive the greatest of all Masonic wages.

That is the hand of Brotherhood. Masons of all degrees should come to Lodge and be surrounded by Brethren who will welcome his company and answer those questions which always come to mind after receiving a new degree. Every Master Mason has the opportunity to walk into a Lodge anywhere in the world, and after proving himself as such, will be treated as a Brother and as a friend.

And Brothers - don't forget to reach out your hand to *offer* those wages as well.

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

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From the South

Bro.: Erick Benson, Jr.: Warden

The Junior Warden's chair in the Lodge is in the South, with a bundle of grain placed above him. In some Lodges this is a sheath of corn, while in others it is the bundle of grain. This is symbolic, as we know the JW provides food for the lodge, and makes sure that none convert the means of refreshment in excess. The bundle of wheat/grain is not just a symbolic feature, but has a deeper historical meaning that is often overlooked.

In the Eleusinian Mysteries, women were the only ones to harvest grain, as they were the caretakers for the secrets of special grain that was used in their initiation rituals. The women grew a special type of grain that contained a specific strain of Ergot, which provided the hallucinogenic effect in their initiation and rituals.

This was present in a wheat-milk drink used in India called Soma, while in ancient Egypt hieroglyphics on the walls of the temples referred to it as the Food of the Gods.

Masonry is filled with symbolism and artifacts that contain a rich historical narrative for the human species. This is just one of the countless symbols found in Masonry.

If you are asking yourself, will our JW spike our dinner next time? No, that will be saved for our next Table Lodge!

Bro.: Erick Benson

Junior Warden

Calendar

Wednesday Mar 9th, 2022

Dinner at 6pm

Lodge open at 7pm on the EA degree

TBA



Wednesday Mar 23rd, 2022

Dinner at 6pm

Lodge open at 7pm on the EA degree

TBA



Wednesday Apr 13th, 2022

Dinner at 6pm

Lodge open at 7pm on the EA degree

TBA



Wednesday Apr 27th, 2022

Dinner at 6pm

Lodge open at 7pm on the EA degree

TBA



Memorial Roll

Bro. Robert G. Van Male

Born 9/26/1924
Raised 2/19/1954
Died 1/26/2022

"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

2022 Yearly Dues	
Marquis de Lafayette:	\$100.00
2022 Per Capita Dues:	\$82.00
Total:	\$182.00



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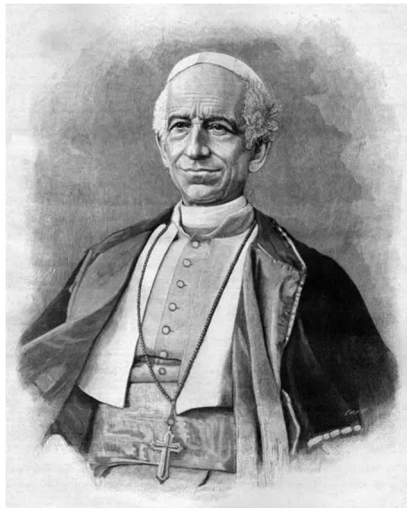
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Masonic Trivia



Pope Leo XIII

b. 2 March 1810 – d. 20 July 1903

A friend to the worker, but
a sworn enemy to Freemasonry

Freemasonry has had its share of detractors over the years, but the most powerful and outspoken of them has been the Catholic church.

In April of 1844, a papal bull entitled “*Humanum Genus*” was promulgated by Pope Leo XIII. Chief among its topics was the argument that the “partisans of Evil” were threatening Christians, especially in the openness of the 19th century towards Freemasonry.

Catholicism had long denounced Freemasonry, beginning with Pope Clement XII’s encyclical in 1738 which forbade Catholics from becoming Freemasons. Six more popes before Leo XIII also denounced Freemasonry, but Leo’s encyclical was the one best remembered in modern Masonry.

Anathema to the Church’s doctrine was Masonry’s acceptance of men from all religions: “all who offer themselves are received whatever may be their form of religion, they thereby teach the great error of this age—that a regard for religion should be held as an indifferent matter, and that all religions are alike.” (paragraph 16 “*Humanum Genus*”)

Another affront to the teachings of the Church: “the Freemasons also endeavors to take to itself the education of youth. They think that they can easily mold to their opinions that soft and pliant age, and bend it whither they will; and that nothing can be more fitted than this to enable them to bring up the youth of the State after their own plan. Therefore, in the education and instruction of children they allow no share, either of teaching or of discipline, to the ministers of the Church; and in many places they have procured that the education of youth shall be exclusively in the hands of laymen, and that nothing which treats of the most important and most holy duties of men to God shall be introduced into the instructions on morals.” (paragraphs 21,22 “*Humanum Genus*”)

To this day, many Catholics believe that belonging to Masonry is at least a mortal sin, if not a call for excommunication from the Church.

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W. Bro. Lee Miller, 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 Daiss*	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

Rob Morris 92

Grant Sanders	1999
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Schiller 41

J. Randy Penn	1996
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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