



# Marquis de Lafayette Lodge No. 41



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

- Marquis de Lafayette



## From the East

*W.:B.: John Davis, Worshipful Master*

Greetings from the East!

As the new Worshipful Master, I am looking forward to a busy year!

I am grateful to have an awesome line of officers who are here to help the Lodge to grow in every way possible. I wish to thank Worshipful Brother Harry Sanders, for ALL he has done to help me and Marquis de Lafayette lodge # 41. Thank you, Junior Past Master Harry! I will be looking forward to seeing you in lodge this coming year.

We are ready for the annual trip to Grand Lodge the 3rd weekend in January. All officer that are attending, make sure to get your reservations made before January 6th for the lower rate.

I am hoping to make this year a good experience in the Masonry for us all in many ways!

*W.: Bro.: John Davis*

Worshipful Master



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**From the West** *Bro.: Nick Christoff, Sr.: Warden*

Brothers,

Many of are familiar with this time of year being dedicated to resolutions and the setting of future goals aimed at self-improvement. As Masons this is a process that should be our constant practice as we continually work to smooth our rough ashlar.

For this reason I would like to remind us all to not only strive for future accomplishments but, also to reflect on our past successes. For while the new year and indeed decade are ripe with possibility, none of us would have the faculties to take advantage of them without the work and dedication of our past.

Brothers I look forward to seeing you all in the new year!

*Bro.: Nick Christoff*

Senior Warden

**From the South**

*Bro.: Nick Miller,  
Jr.: Warden*

Brothers,

Happy New Year to each and every one of you!

I am excited to serve our Lodge as your Junior Warden, and hope that my meals bring you pleasure.

I look forward to it, and send my hopes for us to have another great Masonic year together!

Thank you,

*Bro.: Nick Miller*

Junior Warden

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

Brethren,

If you aren't subscribed to "The Midnight Freemasons" weekly blog ([www.midnightfreemasons.org](http://www.midnightfreemasons.org)) I strongly urge you to visit and sign up for their emails.

Their editor, WB Todd Creason, wrote in a recent blog that their lodge building had been burglarized. The bad guys had tried and failed to break into the safe. Who knows what they thought they were going to find there, but the lodge only kept their 140 years of membership records in the safe.

WB Todd's wrote: "Freemasons don't keep their treasures in a safe". Meaning – our real treasures are in our rituals, to be handed down painstakingly from generation to generation.

I'd like to leave you with one final quote from the same blog: "Freemasons are not collectors of wealth, they are investors in men".

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

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

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**Wednesday Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

14<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication  
Open on the EA Degree  
Dinner at 6:00pm – Open at 7:00pm  
**Lecture on Uniform Floor Work**  
By WB Jay Allen

**Wednesday Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**

15<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication  
Open on the EA Degree  
Dinner at 6:00pm – Open at 7:00pm  
**Lecture By WB Kevin Townley**

**Thursday Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> –  
Saturday Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

159<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge  
Annual Communication – CO Springs

**Wednesday Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

16<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication  
Open on the EA Degree  
Dinner at 6:00pm – Open at 7:00pm  
**Fellowcraft Proficiency Night**  
(Lodge will step-up to FC Degree)

**Wednesday Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

17<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication  
Open on the EA Degree  
Dinner at 6:00pm – Open at 7:00pm  
**Discussion on US history and  
background**

**Memorial Roll**

**No Brothers have passed  
to the Celestial Lodge  
above**

*“Gone, but not forgotten”*



**Directors of the Work**

Nick Christoff - MM Degree  
Nick Miller – FC Degree  
Johann Ortner– EA Degree

**Posting Mentors**

**Entered Apprentice Degree** W Bro Jay Allen  
Bro Nick Miller  
**Fellow Craft Degree** W Bro Lee Miller  
**Master Mason Degree** W Bro Bill Busby



**Fee for Degrees**

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

<b>2019 Yearly Dues</b>	
Marquis de Lafayette:	\$100.00
<u>2019 Per Capita Dues:</u>	<u>\$74.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$174.00</b>



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## Masonic Quote

*“The real secrets of Masonry are never told, not even from mouth to ear. For the real secret of Masonry is spoken to your heart and from it to the heart of your brother. Never the language made for tongue may speak it, it is uttered only in the eye in those manifestations of that love which a man has for his friend, which passeth all other loves.”*



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Brother William Howard Taft  
27<sup>th</sup> President, United States of America

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(Open)	Tiler
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### Webmaster

W. Bro. Lee Miller, PM

### Social Media Coordinators

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

## Past Masters

### Albert Pike No. 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

### Marquis de Lafayette

Harry Sanders	2019
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## Past Grand Masters

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

## Secretary Emeritus

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



The Lafayette Apron