



Vero Beach Masonic Lodge No. 250 F & A.M.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Stated Communication

Vero Beach Masonic Lodge
No. 250 F. & AM
November 5th, 2024
6:30 P.M. Building Opens
7:30 P.M. Meeting Begins

Officers Meeting

Vero Beach Masonic Lodge
No. 250 F. & AM
November 4, 2024
6:30 P.M.

Stated Communication

Vero Beach Masonic Lodge
No. 250 F. & AM
November 19th, 2024
6:30 P.M. Building Opens
7:30 P.M. Meeting Begins

Masters & Wardens

Sugarland Lodge No.281
November 23rd, 2024
8:00 a.m Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - Start

22nd Masonic District of Florida Degree Team

Fort Pierce Masonic Lodge
No. 87 F.&AM
November 6th, 2024
6:30 PM

Ritual Practice

Vero Beach Masonic Lodge
No. 250 F. & AM
Wednesdays at
6:30 p.m.





2024 Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master - Jeff Kagan

772-643-3360

Senior Warden - Larry Johnson

772-360-7898

Junior Warden - Kevin Gilbert

772-834-6469

Secretary - RW Mason W. Russell

617-372-4139

Treasurer - Cory J. Rudder PM

Senior Deacon - Chad Buchanan

Junior Deacon - James Wolfe

Senior Steward - Daniel Hawkins

Marshall - Jeremy Lynn

Chaplain - Matt Hamilton

Tyler - Shaun P. Day, Sr. PM

Lodge Instructor - Michael Reichenbach



From the East

Jeff Kagan

Worshipful Master 2024



Happy November Brothers

October was a challenging month. I hope you all recovered from the hurricane. If you sustained damage and you need assistance, please reach out to us. The building weathered the storm like a champ. We lost power but we're very lucky. Quite a few of the buildings downtown weren't so lucky. We had a great Breast Cancer program scheduled that we had to cancel. We will try to reschedule it again in the future. As most of you know, we rented out the lower level of the building to a furniture store. We were presented with a deal that was very favorable to us. Thank you to Brother Chris Flaig for his hard work finding a great tenant. Renting out the downstairs was discussed at length in the officers meetings and reported to the craft on multiple occasions. The financial gain from renting out part of our building will eliminate the need to raise our dues and provide us with the financial stability we strive for and allow us to engage in charitable causes in the community. There is however a downside. Unless otherwise stated, we will not have dinner before our lodge meetings. There's no reason why we can't plan lodge dinners at one of the local restaurants prior to our meetings. We have many options to choose from in the downtown area. As the season change and we transition to my favorite season (the Holiday Season), let me be among the first to wish a Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family. I look forward to seeing you at a future meeting. We have nominations the first meeting in November and elections the first meeting in December. We need your input Brothers.

Fraternally, W. Jeff Kagan



From the South

Kevin Gilbert
Junior Warden 2024



Walking the Walk

I once heard from a very clever Mason that we have many members but not as many Brothers. This disheartened me for a while and I pondered it. Just how many of us are here for the right reasons? For myself I take every Brother I encounter on face value meaning I take them as someone who takes their obligations seriously. Thinking back to what I was told I decided to basically accept that Brothers are just that until they demonstrate otherwise. Even then I know that I love my brothers even if they also have ulterior motives for going through the degrees. I do believe that anyone who takes on our obligations does have at least some level of faithfulness to those obligations. For myself, it is my determination to “walk the walk” as a Mason.

Fraternally,

Bro. Kevin Gilbert



“Don't let yesterday's ink smudge today's blank canvas. Live forward, for every sunrise is a new opportunity to paint your masterpiece. “

- Bro. Todd Forschino



From the Quarry

Chad Buchanan
Senior Deacon 2024



“On the Level” in Freemasonry: A Principle of Equality and Integrity

In Freemasonry, the phrase "on the level" embodies one of the core values of the fraternity: the principle of equality among its members. Freemasons view each other as equals regardless of social status, occupation, or background. This tenet is symbolized by the level, a Masonic tool that represents fairness, equality, and the belief that all people should be treated with respect and dignity.

The level has practical origins in the work of stonemasons, where it ensures that structures are even and balanced. In Freemasonry, it signifies that each member, whether a new initiate or a seasoned Mason, meets on an equal footing within the Lodge. This idea of equality doesn't only apply to relationships within the fraternity; it encourages Freemasons to carry a spirit of respect and fairness into their everyday lives, fostering harmony and unity in all areas.

To be "on the level" is also to embody honesty and integrity. Freemasons are encouraged to act with sincerity, maintaining a strong moral character that others can trust. Within the Lodge, members can speak freely and share opinions, knowing that their voices are valued equally. Outside the Lodge, Masons strive to be "on the level" by treating everyone with the same fairness and honesty that the fraternity upholds.

In essence, "on the level" is more than just a phrase; it's a commitment to the Masonic ideals of equality, fairness, and integrity, guiding each member in their journey toward personal growth and community service.

Fraternally,

Bro. Chad Buchanan

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Ritual Practice 6:30 PM		1	2
3	4 Lodge Officers Meeting Monday 6:30 PM	5 Stated Communication Formal Attire 6:30 PM Open 7:30 Start	6 22nd Masonic District Degree Team Fort Pierce Masonic Lodge No. 87 F.&AM 6:30 PM	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Ritual Practice 6:30 PM	14	15	16
17	18	19 Stated Communication Casual Attire 6:30 PM Open 7:30 Start	20 Ritual Practice 6:30 PM	21	22	23 Masters & Wardens Sugarland Masonic Lodge 8:00 a.m Breakfast 9:00 AM - Start
24	25	26	27 Ritual Practice 6:30 PM	28	29	30



Attention Brethren:

If you wish to nominate a brother for office, please download and print the required forms using the link below. As discussed at last evening's Stated Communication, nominations for elected office in our lodge must be submitted to me no later than the sound of the gavel at the November 5, 2024 Stated Communication.

You can retrieve the nomination form by clicking [here](#).

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

7.02 Manner and Method of Election. – In the election of Officers, nominations shall be made in writing to the Lodge Secretary no later than the opening of the first Stated Communication in November and no other nominations will be accepted thereafter. The nominee shall also make a statement in writing stating that he will accept the position if elected no later than the opening of the first Stated Communication in November and no other acceptance letters will be accepted thereafter. Discussions regarding nominees for office may take place among Brethren, but not in open Lodge. A majority of all votes cast, respectively, shall determine. In each succeeding ballot for the same office, when more than two members are voted for, the name or names of the Brother or Brethren having the lowest number of votes, shall, by order of the Master, be dropped; and all votes cast in derogation of said order shall not be counted. (2017)

Time of Elections shall be held in accordance to By-Law Section 7.01 of Regulation 24.05 of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida, Uniform Code of By-Laws. (2017)

CHAPTER 24
PARTICULAR LODGES--BY-LAWS
UNIFORM CODE OF BY-LAWS
PARTICULAR LODGES

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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For requirements that Masters and Wardens must meet for installation to that office refer to Regulations 19.03.2 and 19.03.3

***SUGGESTED* Form for Nomination:
NOMINEE FOR ELECTIVE LODGE OFFICE**

_____ **Lodge No.** _____

Masonic Year: 20_____

NOMINATION FOR:

- ☐ Worshipful Master
- ☐ Senior Warden
- ☐ Junior Warden
- ☐ Treasurer
- ☐ Secretary

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

GRAND LODGE MEMBER NO.: _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: _____
(Address) (City/State/Zip)

RES. PH: _____ **BUS. OR MBL. PH:** _____

NOMINATION BY BROTHER (Who Must Be A Member of this Lodge):

NAME: _____ **MEMBER NO.** _____

I hereby certify that the nominee has agreed to accept the position if elected.

Signed _____ **Date:** _____

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Lodge Charity Activities

Please support Vero Beach Masonic Lodge in our Charity Campaign. We have donation bins in the Lodge for Food, School, Supplies and Hygiene products. Please help us help the less fortunate.

Look for future charity events that we will participate in. We are planning work days for Habitat for Humanity in the near future.

If you know of an organization that needs our help, please talk to one of the officers.

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1923-Dr. George L. Harrell*
1924-William B. Allison*
1925-William E. Riggs*
1926-Paul A. Beindorf*
1927-Frank W. Rodenberg*
1928-B. T. Redstone*
1929-Gordon C. Bartlett*
1930-Axel T. Peterson*
1931-Nels Larsen*
1932-Herbert S. Guy*
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1936-Charlie L. Smith*
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1938-William L. Mumm*
1939-Arthur M. Hill, Jr.*
1940-Troy E. Moody*
1941-L. M. Carter*
1942-Oscar Teate*
1943-Dewey D. Reams*
1944-Axel T. Peterson*
1945-Fletcher B. Wood*
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1947-James M. Reams*
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