



# 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.: Harry Sanders, Worshipful Master*

Greetings from the East!

My Brothers, this year seems to be flying by for me. We are almost out of the dark and will resume our Stated Communications in September. We do two thirds of our work in the first five months of the year. Our last six meetings are filled up with Masonic work or education.

One of the best educational platforms for me is our visit to the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement home. Actually, it's not a visit; this will occur at our regular Stated Communication meeting the second meeting in October. Those Masonic Brothers who reside there and that attend our meeting there are a tremendous treasure just to be around. They inspire me every time that I have been here. And their stories are heartwarming and can touch your Masonic soul. I deeply encourage all of our members to attend.

Before that as we come out of the dark, we have a Proficiency night, a Step Up/ Raising night and first meeting in October an amazing Master Mason performance put on by Worshipful Brother Mike Rossi and Brother Daniel Lamire -- don't miss this one.

Looking forward to seeing my Brothers in September. Love and Light from the East!

*W.: Bro.: Harry Sanders*

Worshipful Master



## **From the West** *Bro.: John Davis, Sr.: Warden*

Brothers,

It is time to return from being dark to work again in the light. I hope you all had a great summer!

Hard to believe only six meetings left in this year. We will begin this first month back from being dark with a Master Mason being raised in the second meeting in September. It is time to start thinking of how to be a part of this major event.

Also, it's time to talk with the officers about getting in to the line, or anywhere your talents can be used to help our lodge grow. If you have traveled to other lodges during the break, please share the visit with us.

It will soon be time to hand out Thanksgiving dinners, and a few more events before the year comes to a close.

I have truly missed you Brothers this Summer. See you soon!

*Bro.: John Davis*

Senior Warden

## **Secretary's Desk**

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

Brethren,

I was inspired by a recent submission to "The Midnight Freemason" by Bro. Erik Marks of Alpha Lodge in Framingham MA. He writes

"In studying as an apprentice in any field, the teacher, or master, knows to give the student only the tasks for which they are ready. Further, to only give the hard-learned lessons to someone who has worked diligently, consistently, over time, showing both dedication and integrity. Over time, the apprentice will prove worthiness and will gain a complete transmission of all the teacher/masters secrets of the trade. If all goes well, the new adept will carry on the tradition and train subsequent apprentices in like fashion; perhaps adding lessons and updated knowledge for changing codes, new building techniques, etc.; keeping it a living tradition."

This is indeed a lesson worth contemplating as we bring up our newer Brethren through their degrees.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

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

[secretary@mdl41.com](mailto:secretary@mdl41.com)

## **From the South**

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

Brothers,

With fall and eventually the winter seasons rapidly approaching I am excited to once again meet with all of you upon the level.

As I am sure everyone remembers these last four months of the year always seem to go by too quick, with six meeting between them, and as usual we have quite the lineup of tasks to accomplish in that time. All over the world this time of the year is culturally associated with hard work and long hours to bring in the harvest and prepare for the winter.

I count myself lucky to attend a lodge filled with so many dedicated brothers who are motivated to put in the time to help the lodge succeed and finish this year as strongly as we started it.

Brothers, Meditate, reflect, and prepare!

Thank you,

*Bro.: Nick Christoff*  
Junior Warden

### Directors of the Work

John Davis - MM Degree  
Nick Christoff – FC Degree  
Nick Miller – EA Degree

### Posting Mentors

<b>Entered Apprentice Degree</b>	W Bro Jay Allen Bro Nick Miller
<b>Fellow Craft Degree</b>	W Bro Lee Miller
<b>Master Mason Degree</b>	W Bro Bill Busby



### Fee for Degrees

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

#### 2019 Yearly Dues

Marquis de Lafayette:	\$100.00
2019 Per Capita Dues:	\$67.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$167.00</b>



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### Memorial Roll

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

*“Gone, but not forgotten”*



**Wednesday Sep 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
7<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication  
Open on the EA Degree  
Dinner at 6:00pm – Open at 7:00pm  
**Multiple proficiencies**

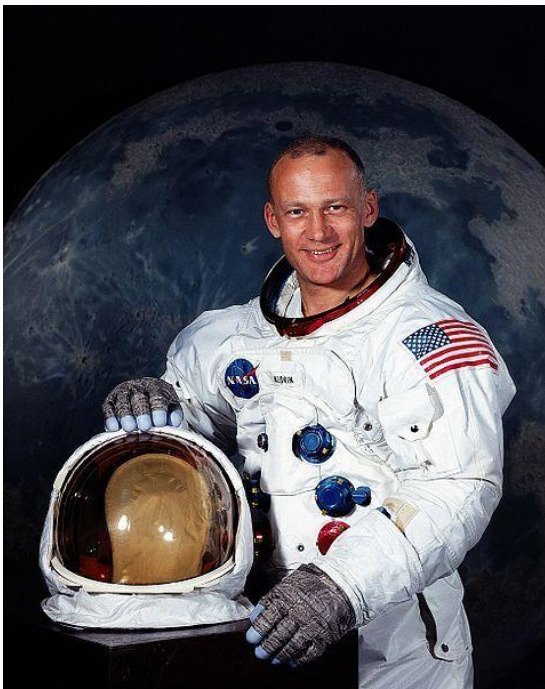
**Wednesday Sep 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
8<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication  
Open on the EA Degree  
Dinner at 6:00pm – Open at 7:00pm  
**Step-up night & Master Mason  
degree**

**Wednesday Oct 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
9<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication  
Open on the EA Degree  
Dinner at 6:00pm – Open at 7:00pm  
**Master Mason presentation by  
WB Mike Rossi & Bro Daniel Lamire**

**Wednesday Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**  
10<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication  
Open on the EA Degree  
Dinner at 6:00pm – Open at 7:00pm  
**We are meeting at the Eastern Star  
Masonic Retirement Center, located  
at 2445 S. Quebec St.**

## Masonic Trivia

Over the summer as we were dark (July 20<sup>th</sup>), our nation celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Apollo 11 lunar mission, and the first man to walk on the moon. This is a date I hold close to my heart. As a young man, I breathlessly followed the “race to space” and I remember clearly that evening in 1969 as Neil Armstrong announced “Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed.”



*Col. Edwin Eugene “Buzz” Aldrin  
b. Jan 30<sup>th</sup>, 1930 -*

But did you know that “Buzz” Aldrin, who piloted the lunar module on that mission is also **Brother** Buzz Aldrin? Bro. Aldrin was raised in Lawrence Greenleaf Lodge in Denver on Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, 1956. When he joined Neil Armstrong as the second man to walk on the moon, he brought with him a Representation of the Grand Lodge of Texas, authorizing him to establish a Masonic Territorial Jurisdiction for The Grand Lodge of Texas.

As a last bit of trivia about a West Point Academy graduate (1951) who received a Doctorate in Aeronautics from MIT in 1963, was a brave fighter pilot with two confirmed kills in Korea, a science consultant to this day to NASA, and a member of Clear Lake Lodge No. 1417 in Seabrook TX, Bro. Aldrin’s mother’s maiden name was “Moon”.

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“and as the moon governs the night...” - Masonic ritual

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

## Past Masters Albert Pike 117

Emerson R. Bails	1959	Christopher Wm. Scott	2011
Herbert E. Akins *	1979	Daniel R. McCune	2012
Robert R Swope *	1984	Jeremiah "Jay" Allen	2013
Samuel L. Wittner	1986	Richard M. Murray	2014
Robert R Swope *	1987	Dean McConnell	2015
James W. Oliver	1988	Bill Busby	2016
James W. Oliver	1989	Lee Miller	2017
David R. McDaniel	1990	Anthony Florez	2018
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)

## Active Past Masters 187

Richard L. Charmichel	1977	Kurt P. Larson	1982
Karl F. Biemel Jr.	1984	Herbert A. Krug	1993
Herbert A. Krug	1985	Kurt P. Larson	1994

## 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