

# Past Masters

(Last 15 )

Worshipful Brother Joseph G. Connelly 1999  
Worshipful Brother Don L. Klaus 2000  
Most Worshipful Brother U. Dean Mathena 2001-2004  
Worshipful Brother Randy Crask 2005  
Worshipful Brother Lawrence Fritz, Jr. 2006,  
Worshipful Brother Randy Crask 2007  
Worshipful Brother Winston W. Scott Jr. 2008  
Worshipful Brother Lawrence Fritz Jr., 2009  
Worshipful Brother Michael Carlock 2010  
Worshipful Brother Jaymie Vaughn 2011  
Worshipful Brother Mark Mitzman 2012  
Worshipful Brother Mike Roberts 2013  
Worshipful Brother Christopher Matthews 2014  
Worshipful Brother Bruce Lawlor 2015  
Worshipful Brother Leland Linder 2016



## 2016 COMMITTEES

### Temple Board

Chair, Lee Linder  
Secretary Jaymie Vaughn  
2-yr., Randy Crask  
1-yr., Ken Matens  
1-yr., Alan DeGeorge  
3-yr., Rich Trujillo  
2-yr., Chris Womack

### Charity

Bruce Lawlor, Chairman

### Finance

Alan DeGeorge, Chairman

### Grievance

Alan DeGeorge, Chairman

### Education

Lee Linder, Chairman

### Food

Chris Womack, Chairman

### Community Relations

Chris Womack, Chairman

### Member Training/development

Jaymie Vaughn, Chairman

Greetings Brothers one and all!

Having been elected your Worshipful Master to finish up this year, I wish to thank you for the opportunity to serve Lafayette Lodge No. 91 once again. I will do my very best for this short time remaining. Bro. Alan DeGeorge has done a fine job stepping up to fill in as Worshipful Master from the end of May until now, and we owe him a debt of gratitude.

As for the remainder of 2016 our schedule is as follows:

October 22, 2016 is the Grand Lodge Workshop at Brighton Lodge from 8-3pm (principal officers attend)  
October 26, 2016 Stated Communications and Fellowcraft Degree Emulation and discussion  
October 30, 2016 Temple Board meeting at 9am (Breakfast 8am)  
November 3, 2016 Ritual Practice - Step-up/Step-down - Funeral Proficiency for Honor Lodge (moved to Thursday)  
November 9, 2016 Stated Communication - Double Step-up night. Bro. Chris Womack will open, preside, and close.  
November 20, 2016 Widows and Past Masters Brunch at Lafayette Lodge from 11-1pm, Food & Coat drive to Sister Carmen.  
November 23, 2016 I am declaring a No-Quorum due to Thanksgiving Holiday.  
December 8, 2016 Ritual Practice - Step-up/Step-down Funeral Proficiency for Honor Lodge (moved to Thursday)  
December 10, 2016 Senior Wardens Breakfast 9-11am (Line Officers and Past Masters to attend)  
December 14, 2016 Stated Communication and Annual and elections. All committee reports in writing due that night.  
December 17, 2016 Installation of 2017 officers 10am at Lafayette Lodge.

As you can see we have a busy schedule still ahead of us. It will require all our best efforts. I will be inviting WB Dave Williams to our two remaining Ritual Practice sessions to sign off on our ritual and do Funeral Proficiencies for Honor Lodge. The Widows and Past Masters Brunch is open to the public and IF all goes as planned, we will have a dedication/unveiling of the (MWB) U. Dean Mathena Memorial (by Bro. Ken Matens) at the conclusion of the Widows and Past Masters brunch. Please RSVP to myself.  
Take care and I look forward to seeing all of you very soon!

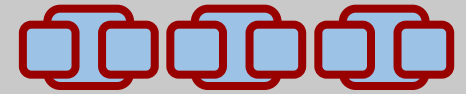
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# LAFAYETTE LODGE

## No. 91

### A.F. & A.M



November 2016

Making Good Men Better

### Stated Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays

Every Month

Except June-August

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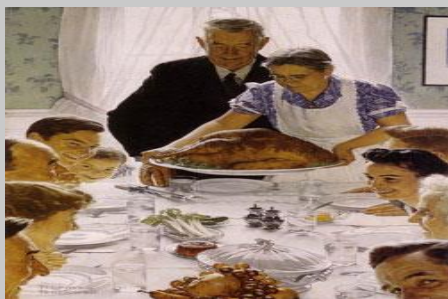
# Lafayette Lodge No. 91

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### CANDIDATE UPDATES

Entered Apprentices Working on Proficiencies  
**Ted Montanye, Ryan Knott, Scott Kronberg**  
Master Masons Working on Proficiencies  
**Jeffrey Lohse, Foussemi Banao, Ozzy Chang, and Drew Schrupp**



### Regular Stated Meetings:

**October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**  
**Fellowcraft Degree**

**November 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**  
**Double step-up night**

### Special Meetings:

**Ritual Practice**  
**November 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7pm**

**November 20<sup>th</sup> @ 11am**  
**Past Masters and Widows Brunch**

## Symbol of the Month

Masonic or not?



Last month:

### Baphomet

The imaginary idol, or, rather, symbol which the Knights Templars were accused of employing in their mystic rights. The forty-second of the charges preferred against them by Pope Clement. Also, that in all of the provinces they have idols, namely, heads, of which some had three faces, some one, and some had a human skull. Von Hammer, a bitter enemy of the Templars, in his book entitled *The Mystery of Baphomet Revealed*, revived this old accusation, and attached to the Baphomet an impious signification. He derived the name from the Greek words, *Baph* (βάπτισμα) - baptism, and *phitis* (σοφία) - wisdom, and thence supposed that it represented the admission of the initiated into the secret mysteries of the Order. From this gratuitous assumption he deduces his theory, set forth even in the very title of his work, that the Templars were convicted, by their own monuments, of being guilty as Gnostics and Ophites of apostasy, idolatry, and impurity. Of this statement he offers no other historical testimony than the Articles of Accusation, themselves devoid of proof, but through which the Templars were made the victims of the jealousy of the Pope and the Baphomet as imagined in the Taxil Hoax. Others again have thought that they could find in Baphomet a corruption of *Mahomet* (Mohammed), and hence they have asserted that the Templars had been perverted from their religious faith by the Saracens, with whom they had so much intercourse, sometimes as foes and sometimes as friends. Nicolai, who wrote an *Essay on the Accusations brought against the Templars*, published at Berlin, in 1782, supposes, but doubtfully, that the figure of the Baphomet, *figura Baffometi*, which was depicted on a bust representing the Creator, was nothing else but the Pythagorean pentagon, the symbol of health and prosperity, borrowed by the Templars from the Gnostics, who in turn had obtained it from the School of Pythagoras. King, in his learned work on the Gnostics, thinks that the Baphomet may have been a symbol of the Manicheans, with whose wide spreading heresy in the Middle Ages he does not doubt that a large portion of the inquiring spirits of the Temple had been intoxicated. Amid these conflicting views, all merely speculative, it will not be uncharitable or unreasonable to suggest that the Baphomet, or skull of the ancient Templars, was, like the relic of their modern Masonic representatives, simply an impressive symbol teaching the lesson of mortality, and that the latter has really been derived from the former.

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