THE TRAVELERS 390
TRESTLEBOARD

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Official Monthly Publication of
Travelers Lodge No. 390 F.&A.M.
260 East Pomelo Street | Lake Alfred, Florida 33850

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Celebrating America's 250th Anniversary

1776 — 2026

MEETING SCHEDULE

Travelers Lodge No. 390 meets on the
FIRST Saturday and **THIRD Monday** of each month.

First Saturday
Breakfast: 8:00 AM
Stated Communication: 9:00 AM

Third Monday
Evening Meal: 6:30 PM
Stated Communication: 7:30 PM

"Making Good Men Better Through
Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth."

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STATED COMMUNICATION INFORMATION

717th Stated Communication
Saturday, July 4, 2026

CANCELLED

In observance of Independence Day and the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America, Travelers Lodge No. 390 will not hold a Stated Communication on Saturday, July 4, 2026.

We encourage all Brothers to enjoy the holiday with their families and friends as we celebrate the birth of our great nation.

717th Stated Communication
Monday, July 20, 2026

Evening Meal: 6:30 PM | Stated Communication: 7:30 PM

Dinner Menu

Hot Dogs | Baked Beans | Assorted Chips
Fresh Salad | Apple Pie

Coffee, iced tea, water, and assorted soft drinks will be available.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

Freemasons During the Revolutionary War

Presented by
W∴ B∴ Dr. Richard "Rick" Weil

As our nation celebrates the 250th Anniversary of American Independence, join us for an inspiring presentation exploring the significant role Freemasons played during the American Revolutionary War and the founding of the United States.

FUNDRAISER

$150 Restaurant Gift Certificate Raffle

The drawing will be held during the July 20th Stated Communication. The winner will select the restaurant of their choice.

Thank you to every Brother, family member, and friend who has supported this fundraiser. Your generosity helps Travelers Lodge No. 390 continue serving our community.

JULY 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri, July 3 250th Anniversary Celebration - City Hall, 5:00 PM
Monument Dedication - Gardner Park, 6:30 PM

Sat, July 4 Independence Day - Stated Comm. CANCELLED

Mon, July 6 Traveling Gavel - Poinciana Lodge No. 227, Avon Park
Dinner 6:00 PM | Communication 7:00 PM

Wed, July 15 Master Mason Association - Lake Wales Lodge No. 242
Dinner 6:00 PM | Meeting 7:00 PM
(Travelers Lodge providing the meal)

Fri, July 17 Official Visit of the M.W. Grand Master
Highlands Shrine Club, Avon Park - Time TBA

Mon, July 20 717th Stated Communication
Meal 6:30 PM | Communication 7:30 PM
Guest Speaker / $150 Gift Certificate Drawing

Sat, July 25 District School of Instruction
Lakeland Lodge No. 91, 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Mon, July 27 Texas Roadhouse Mason Night Out, 6:00 PM

THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary
- Support retrieving the Traveling Gavel
- Travelers Lodge hosts the Master Mason Association meal
- Attend the Official Visit of the Most Worshipful Grand Master
- W∴ B∴ Dr. Richard Weil: "Freemasons During the Revolutionary War"
- Enter to win the $150 Restaurant Gift Certificate
- Support this month's charity: Agricultural & Labor Program, Inc.

FROM THE EAST

Celebrating Our Heritage • Strengthening Our Future



Brethren,

July is a month of action as we continue our fundraising efforts, strengthen our fellowship, and celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America. As Freemasons, we can take great pride in the role many Masons played in the founding of our nation and in the enduring principles of liberty, equality, and self-government that continue to guide us today.

On Monday, July 20, we are honored to welcome W∴ B∴ Dr. Richard "Rick" Weil, who will present an educational program entitled "Freemasons During the Revolutionary War." This presentation will provide a unique opportunity to reflect upon the contributions of Freemasons who helped shape the birth of America.

That same evening, we will hold the drawing for our $150 Restaurant Gift Certificate Raffle. I want to personally thank every Brother, family member, and friend who has supported this fundraiser.

On Saturday, July 25, I encourage every Brother to attend the 21st Masonic District School of Instruction, hosted by Lakeland Lodge No. 91 F.&A.M., from 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon.

Our Charity of the Month is the Agricultural & Labor Program, Inc. (ALPI). This outstanding organization is dedicated to improving the lives of agricultural workers and their families throughout Central Florida.

Finally, I ask each of you to remain active in your Lodge. Attend our meetings, visit neighboring Lodges, participate in District events, and continue extending the hand of friendship to every Brother. Together, we preserve the traditions of our Fraternity while building a stronger future for Travelers Lodge No. 390.

Thank you for your continued dedication, friendship, and faithful service. May the Great Architect of the Universe continue to bless you, your families, and our beloved Lodge.

Fraternally,
W.M. Jeffery Odenkirk
Worshipful Master
Travelers Lodge No. 390 F.&A.M.

FROM THE WEST

Improving Our Lodge Home



Brethren,

This month, I would like to begin work on improving both the bathrooms and the exterior of our Lodge building. My first goal is to sand down the drywall mud previously applied in the bathrooms so we can prepare the walls for painting.

If any Brother has an electric or battery-powered sander that I could borrow for a weekend, I would sincerely appreciate it. Once the sanding is complete, my plan is to paint the bathrooms a light blue to give them a clean, fresh appearance.

I would also like to organize a volunteer workday. If you are willing to lend a hand, please let me know. Together, we can choose a weekend that works well for everyone.

R.W. Pearce Dredin also reminded us that the exterior of our Lodge building will need to be painted in the near future. I plan to purchase a paint sprayer to make the work more efficient.

Every improvement we make reflects our pride in Travelers Lodge No. 390. More importantly, working together strengthens the bonds of Brotherly Love that make our Lodge such a special place.

Thank you for your support and dedication to our Lodge.

Fraternally,
Jeff "Mox" Green, Senior Warden

Volunteer Opportunities: Bathroom renovation • Drywall sanding • Interior painting • Exterior painting • General cleanup
"Many hands make light work."

FROM THE SOUTH

Fellowship Through Service



Brethren,

I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who has stepped up to help in our kitchen and dining room. Your dedication keeps our Lodge running smoothly.

On Friday, July 3, the City of Lake Alfred will celebrate the 250th Anniversary of American Independence. Festivities begin at 5:00 PM at City Hall with the Revolutionary War Monument dedication, followed by the unveiling at Gardner Park at 6:30 PM. I encourage every Brother and his family to attend.

July Refreshments
First Saturday: Cancelled (Independence Day)
Third Monday: Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Chips, Fresh Salad, Apple Pie
Note: The Executive Chef reserves the right to modify the menu at her will and pleasure.

If you have dietary restrictions, please let me know. I look forward to sharing a meal and fellowship with each of you on July 20.
Fraternally, **W. John Donovan**, Junior Warden

FROM THE SECRETARY



Brethren,

As we enter the month of July, I encourage each of you to remain active in the life of our Lodge by attending our Stated Communications, supporting District events, and participating in our fellowship activities.

Please remember to keep your contact information current with the Lodge so you continue receiving Trestleboards, announcements, and important communications.

If you have questions regarding membership, dues, Perpetual Membership, petitions, demits, or any other Lodge business, I am always available to assist you.

I look forward to seeing each of you in Lodge.

Fraternally, **Bro. Cloyd A. Conley**, Secretary

AROUND THE 21st MASONIC DISTRICT

Fellowship Beyond Our Lodge

Traveling Gavel Visit - Let's Bring It Home!
Monday, July 6 | Poinciana Lodge No. 227, 939 W. Main St., Avon Park
Dinner 6:00 PM | Communication 7:00 PM
Join your Brothers as we visit Poinciana Lodge and proudly represent Travelers Lodge No. 390. A strong turnout reflects the spirit and commitment of our Lodge.

Master Mason Association
Wednesday, July 15 | Lake Wales Lodge No. 242, 660 S. 9th St., Lake Wales
Dinner 6:00 PM | Meeting 7:00 PM
Travelers Lodge No. 390 is honored to provide the evening meal. We encourage all Master Masons to attend.

Official Visit of the Most Worshipful Grand Master
Friday, July 17 | Highlands Shrine Club, Avon Park
This is one of the most significant Masonic events of the year. All Brothers are encouraged to attend.

21st Masonic District School of Instruction
Saturday, July 25 | Lakeland Lodge No. 91
9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
Valuable education in Florida Masonic law, ritual, floor work, and Lodge administration. Whether you are an officer or newly Raised, these schools offer excellent opportunities for continued Masonic education.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH

Agricultural & Labor Program, Inc. (ALPI)

July 2026 Featured Charity

One of the core principles of Freemasonry is Relief—extending a helping hand to those in need and supporting organizations that improve the lives of others.

The Agricultural & Labor Program, Inc. (ALPI) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of agricultural workers and their families through education, advocacy, workforce development, and community support services.

Their programs help strengthen families, create educational opportunities, and improve the quality of life for many hardworking individuals throughout Central Florida.

ALPI's mission aligns closely with the values of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, making it a fitting choice as our featured charity for the month of July.

How You Can Help

- Make a financial contribution
- Volunteer your time when opportunities become available
- Share information about ALPI's mission with friends and family
- Support charitable initiatives sponsored by Travelers Lodge No. 390

Every act of kindness helps improve the lives of others and reflects the true spirit of Freemasonry.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

— Acts 20:35

PETITIONS & DEGREES

Building the Future of Travelers Lodge No. 390

The continued success of Travelers Lodge No. 390 depends upon the active participation of every Brother. Membership growth is the responsibility of all of us.

Every Brother knows a good man who would make an excellent Mason. Invite him to dinner. Introduce him to our Brothers. Share with him the values and traditions of Freemasonry.

Member information omitted from this public edition.

A Personal Invitation

If you know a man of good character who believes in God, values family, and desires to improve himself while serving his community, invite him to learn more about Freemasonry. Bring him to our breakfast and/or dinners.

"The future of our Lodge is built one good man at a time."

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PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP

Investing in the Future of Travelers Lodge No. 390

The Perpetual Membership Program of the Grand Lodge of Florida provides an opportunity for a Brother to make a lasting investment in the future of his Lodge. A portion of each Perpetual Membership is permanently invested through the Grand Lodge, and the annual earnings are returned to the Lodge, providing a dependable source of income for years to come.

A Perpetual Membership is more than a financial contribution—it is a lasting legacy and a demonstration of a Brother's commitment to preserving the strength and stability of Travelers Lodge No. 390 for future generations.

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To learn more about the Perpetual Membership Program, please contact our Secretary.

BOOSTER CLUB & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The Booster Club helps offset the costs of producing and distributing The Travelers 390 Trestleboard. Through the generosity of our members, we continue providing this important service.

Member information omitted from public edition.

Sponsorship Opportunities

- Bronze Partner - Business Card Advertisement
- Silver Partner - Quarter-Page Advertisement
- Gold Partner - Half-Page Advertisement
- Platinum Partner - Full-Page Advertisement

If you would like to become a Booster Club member or Business & Community Partner, please contact the Secretary or any Lodge Officer.

"Together we preserve our history, strengthen our fellowship, and build a lasting legacy for future generations."

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THIS MONTH IN MASONIC HISTORY

Freemasonry and the Birth of a Nation

As our nation celebrates the 250th Anniversary of American Independence, July offers an opportunity to reflect on the remarkable contributions Freemasons made during the founding of the United States.

Many of America's Founding Fathers were members of the Craft, and the principles of Freemasonry—Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth, liberty, equality, morality, and the pursuit of knowledge—influenced many of the ideals upon which our nation was established.

George Washington: Brother, Soldier, President

General George Washington, Commander of the Continental Army and the first President of the United States, was a proud Freemason. He was initiated in Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 in Virginia in 1752 and remained a devoted supporter of the Fraternity throughout his life.

On April 30, 1789, Washington took the Presidential Oath of Office using a Bible provided by St. John's Lodge No. 1 in New York City—a cherished moment in both American and Masonic history.

Washington's life continues to remind us that leadership is built upon character, integrity, humility, and service to others.

Freemasons During the Revolutionary War

Throughout the American Revolution, many Freemasons served with distinction in both the military and government. Their commitment to liberty, justice, personal responsibility, and civic virtue helped shape the ideals upon which our nation was founded.

While history often highlights famous names, countless Masonic Brothers quietly served their communities and country with honor, courage, and sacrifice. Their example continues to inspire Freemasons today.

July Educational Program
Travelers Lodge No. 390 is honored to welcome W∴ B∴ Dr. Richard "Rick" Weil, who will present "Freemasons During the Revolutionary War" on Monday, July 20, 2026, following the Stated Communication.

We encourage every Brother to attend this special presentation as we celebrate 250 years of American Independence.

"The strength of our Fraternity is found not only in our history, but in our commitment to continue building a better future through service, integrity, and Brotherly Love."

LOOKING AHEAD

August 2026

718th Stated Communication
Saturday, August 1, 2026 | Breakfast 8:00 AM | Communication 9:00 AM

719th Stated Communication
Monday, August 17, 2026 | Evening Meal 6:30 PM | Communication 7:30 PM

Master Mason Association
Wednesday, August 19, 2026 | Lake Wales Lodge No. 242
Dinner 6:00 PM | Meeting 7:00 PM

Christmas Tree Lot
Planning is already underway for our largest annual fundraiser. Watch future editions for volunteer opportunities and setup dates.

Remember...
✔️ Attend your Lodge
✔️ Visit another Lodge
✔️ Support our charitable activities
✔️ Volunteer for a committee
✔️ Mentor a newer Brother
✔️ Invite a good man to learn more about Freemasonry

EDITOR'S CORNER

Building Our Future... Together

My Brothers,

I truly believe that Travelers Lodge No. 390 has the opportunity to become a beacon of Freemasonry—not only here in Polk County, but throughout the State of Florida.

This July edition marks the beginning of a renewed vision for The Travelers 390 Trestleboard. In the months ahead, we plan to expand with additional Lodge history, Masonic education, event photography, and member recognition.

Whether you attend every meeting or have been away from the Lodge for some time, know that you are always welcome. There is a place for you here, and your presence makes our Lodge stronger.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as Editor. It is an honor to help preserve our history, celebrate our present, and document the future we are building together.

May the Great Architect of the Universe continue to bless you, your family, and Travelers Lodge No. 390.

Fraternally yours,
Bro. Armando O. Torres, Editor & Senior Deacon
Travelers Lodge No. 390 F.&A.M.