

THE BUILDERS LODGE NUMBER 376, F.&A.M.



The Builders Lodge No. 376 was chartered April 28, 1977 to meet at Sarasota in Sarasota County.

The three Line Officers at chartering were:

William George Wolf — Worshipful Master
Paul John Arcadi, Jr. — Senior Warden
Robert Lewis Kennedy — Junior Warden

The chartering Grand Lodge Officers were:

Richard Franklin Griffie — Grand Master
William C. Mitchell — Deputy Grand Master
Donald H. Wessell — Senior Grand Warden
Franklin C. Smith — Junior Grand Warden
Wm. A. Whitcomb — Grand Secretary

The Builders Lodge was set to work, U.D., on August 16, 1976 by Most Worshipful Richard Griffie. They were chartered with forty-six charter members and then they were consecrated, dedicated and constituted on May 7, 1977, by Most Worshipful William C. Mitchell, Grand Master. The charter members came from five Florida Lodges, six out of state lodges and three of them had received their degrees in the U.D. Lodge.

The lodges from which these brothers came were: Sarasota No. 147, St. Petersburg No. 139, Manatee No. 31, Nitram No. 188 and Cary B. Fish No. 346, all Florida Lodges; Tappan Zee No. 1126 and Noah No. 754 of N.Y.; DuQuoin No. 234 and Composite No. 774 of Ill.; Webster Groves No. 84 of Mo. and Virginia Heights No. 324 of Va.

The charter W.M. and J.W. came from Sarasota Lodge No. 147, and the S.W. was from Cary B. Fish Lodge No. 346. The Builders Lodge presently meets in the Grotto Building of Sarasota.