St. Cloud Masonic Lodge No. 221



W:.M:. Harry Mapes| July 2023







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 Harry Mapes (WM Elect)
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<u>Monthly Messages</u>



Hello Brothers,

Just wanted to say all my Brothers at this half a year's flown by. We have accomplished so much for the community and for our new Brothers. We're getting more and more people visiting our Lodge. The attendance is getting better couldn't ask for anything more.

Thank-You all Brothers. Keep safe and God Bless you.

Fraternally, Harry Mapes

YOUR 2023 OFFICERS







Brothers,

Air quality assessors did a check of the air system and said that it is great, so we are good to go.

We are still looking for rentals for theLodge venue. We have two groups looking now.

Fraternally, John Reger





From the South

Brothers,

I will be gone in July, but Mary and I will be keeping you all in our prayers. We will be looking forward to seeing you all when we get back.

We are going to Nashville to check on my Daddy and take care of some items there.

Fraternally, William Kelly





Monthly Messages



Greetings,

Have you ever considered becoming a Perpetual Member?

The Perpetual Membership Fund is an endowment program for your Lodge. Perpetual Membership affords a Brother an opportunity to remain an active supporter of his Lodge long after being called to the Celestial Lodge Above. The funds provided by your Perpetual Membership will help to keep your Lodge on solid financial ground in the future. This, we hope, is the aim of all Master Masons.

The Standard Perpetual Membership is 20 times your Lodge dues plus per capita.

A Brother can purchase the Standard Perpetual Membership using the Installment Plan with \$200.00 down and paid over 60 months. Your Lodge Secretary can provide the paperwork to start you on the road to a Perpetual Membership.

Fraternally,

Donald R. Goolsby, PDDGM Treasurer









Brothers,

I am still asking those Brothers who have not paid their dues to do so. We need the money in the Lodge to continue doing our good work and build the Lodge.

We just finished our u nofficial DDGM visit to go over the checklist. We did very well and passed. Thank-you to all the Brothers who helped with that process.

Hope to see you all in Lodge.

Fraternally, Kenny Stichter



Lodge Committee Chairmen

Finance: Bro. John Reger (PM) Vigilance: Bro William Kelly Petitions: W:. Kenny Stichter Education: W:. Harry Mapes Board of Relief: W.M. and Wardens Investigations: As Needed Charity: All Masons Lodge Property: Bro. William Kelly Mentor's: Bro. John Reger (PM)





Old Saint Cloud Masonic Lodge



Past Masters

*Davis H. Gill 1912/13** *W.N. Garner 1914/15 ** *E.E. Livermore 1916** *Sam Brammer 1917/18/53 ** *W.M. Hall 1919** *Lovie C. Riddle 1920** *Ives E. Diefendorf 1921** *Otto R. Bleach 1922** *A. Earle Cowger 1923** *Sidney W. Porter 1924** *Calvin P. Parker 1925** *Dan E. Armstrong 1926** *Holmes E. Crawford 1927** *Lloyd C. Herringer 1928** *Ralph G. Reynolds 1929** *L.U. Zimmerman 1930** *Robert H. Johns 1931** *William H. Dodds 1932** *M. Percy Tindall 1933** *Frank Garside 1934** *lames W. Sage 1935** *William J. Thurber 1936** *Henry L. Godwin 1937** (+)Groves M. Mosses Jr. 1938++ *John B. Mills 1939** *Harvey L. Hersey 1940/43** *Floyd E. Davidson 1941** *John E. Hale 1942** (+) John R. Rotundo 1944++ *Ross E. leffries 1945** *Albert Depew 1946** *O. Frank Kirby 1947** *Fred M. Loring 1948** *Horace Y. Smith 1949** *William E. Spencer 1950** *Jay B. Johnson 1951** (+)Curtis J. Bock 1952++ *Norman Mallet 1954** *James H. Young 1955** S. Robert Lackey 1956** *Robert H. Chamberlin 1957** *William R. Godwin II 1958** *Russell J. Depew 1959** *Lloyd Stalvey 1960** *William S. Byrd 1961** *Laurence Wheeler 1962** Edward Cowley 1963 *R.J. Bramhan 1964** *George S. Pankey 1965** *Harold R. James 1966** *Willis E. Leech 1967** *James E. Long 1968** *Arthur W. Campbell 1969** *Allan S. Goodman 1970** *Hubert Z. Fryman, Sr. 1971** Hugh E. Wright III 1972

*John B. Phelps 1973** *Harris Rumsey 1974** *Russell V. Zimmerman 1975** *James L. Swogger 1976** *Robert J. Breese 1977** *Robert Carlyon 1978** Raymond R. Lackey 1979 Danny K. Cripe 1980/93** Frank T. Hopkins 1981 *Robert O. Bell 1982** *lames E. lones 1983** (+)Marshall H. Brown 1984++ *Robert K. Bumgardner 1985** Gerald L. Durbin, PDDGM 1986 *lay R. Young, Jr. 1987** *Eddie C. Williford 1988** *Frank S. Mazzei 1989** Jack D. Lethenstrom, PRRGC ** 1990/2001/2007 ** Barry L. Taylor 1991 *Ernest N. Elliott 1992** Ted R. Smith 1994 Michael E. Rigsby 1995 Allen R. Van Horn 1996/2000 Jerry W. Little 1997 *David W. Stanyon 1998** Larry A. Montesi 1999 ** Joe Parham 2002 Alvin R. Sharp, Ir. 2003 lack V. Miller 2004 Michael Hemphill 2005 *Allen Antoniac 2006** Bob Shonyo 2008 Joe Moore 2009/10 /13 John Cuttitta 2011 ** John Reger 2012 Donald Goolsby 2014 Wendel Tomimbang 2015 William Waggoner 2016 Sidney Mills 2017 John Whitehead 2018 Gerald W. Newland, Jr. 2019 Kenneth A. Stichter 2020 Jason Walters 2021 Nigel Mills 2022 Legend: (**) DECEASED (++) UNAFFILIATED





RAISED IN JULY

Nobody was raised in the month of July.....



- 4th Jerome Bennett
- 7th Cecil Jones Robert Olsen
- 11th Bobby Schall Jr. Patrick Shank
- 14th Ricky Young
- 15th Romus Edenfield III
- 16th Donald Gaskins II
- 17th Dallas Bolen
- 18th Harry Mapes Christopher Nelson
- 26th William Deane Brian Wright
- 28th Wendell Tomimbang
- 30th Wesley Harley Mitchell Liss
- 31st George Benjamin Jr.

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Boosters

Bill and Virginia Waggoner Jason Walters Gary and Nancy Walters







Saint Cloud Lodge donates to the following:

- Shriners Hospital for Children
- Scottish Rite Foundation
- Grand Master's Charity
- First Lady's Charity
- Masonic Youth
- Rainbow for Girls
- Boy Scouts of America

Charity Account

Due to taking care of each other, we have significantly depleted our Charity Account. The Protem Worshipful Master requested everyone contribute \$20.00 to help build it back up. If you feel so compelled you can mail in a check or use the PayPal QR code and annotate that it is for Charity.



Masonic Links

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Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 46 Meets on the First and Third Thursdays



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future Ballots / Votes

- Honorary Membership for RWDDGM Miles
- Honorary Perpetual Membership for W:. Danny Cripe

Upcoming Meetings

- Stated Communication on July 13th, 2023 (Supper 6:30 / Meeting 7:30 p.m.)
- Stated Communication on July 27th, 2023 (Supper 6:30 / Meeting 7:30 p.m.)
- PLEASE check centralfloridamasons.com/calendar for more events.



Junior Warden's Menu

First Meeting:

Tacos Salad Tres Leche

Second Meeting:

Pizza Salad Cookies

2023 Dues

Dues notices have been mailed out. Dues are being collected via the old fashioned way of "pay by check" or via PayPal. If you wish to pay by check they will be \$185.00. If you wish to use PayPal, dues will be \$190.00 be cause of the fees we get charged by PayPal. Please use the QR code below......





Calendars Keep up to date by clicking the links below, check frequently

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centralfloridamasons calendar

Grand Lodge of Florida Calendar

Independence Day: Independence Day (colloquially the Fourth of July) is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the Declaration of Independence, which was ratified by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, establishing the United States of America.



Famous Mason of the Month Robert Burns

The very mention of the name "Robert Burns" brings to mind images of red roses, starry-eyed lovers, Tam-O'-Shanter and the Cutty Sark, and the glens of bonnie Scotland. And while these images describe Scotland's "ploughman poet" to some extent, There is another side of Burns that is not as well known: Burns the radical--Burns, the supporter of the French Revolution--Burns, the critic of Religious hypocrisy and Puritanism--Burns, the Freemason.

While this image may not be as comfortable with many as the love-struck yeoman bard is, Burns echoed the sentiments of many of his day, calling for "liberty, fraternity and equality", and speaking out against the excesses of the secular, as well as religious establishment.

Most certainly, Burns's commitment to the ideals of the Enlightenment came from his membership in the Masonic Lodge, much praised and damned for it's equality, both in political and religious matters, among its members. But besides these lofty ideals, the lodge also appealed to Burns for other reasons; the camaraderie and spirit of brotherhood that prevailed in the lodge room and the charity towards the widow and orphan. According to William L. Fox in "The Near Miss of Robert Burns", "He found in the experience [of being a Freemason] something unlike the political and religious institutions that had kept his father in a state of perpetual frustration"(p.7). For Burns, Freemasonry was one of the cures for his society's numerous social ills.

But before examining Burns's Masonic career, let me first present a very short general history of his life. Born on 25th January 1759, in the parish of Alloway, Ayrshire, Burns was the eldest of seven children to William Burness and Agnes Brown (or Broun). Well educated in a variety of subjects, from Scottish history and folklore to literature, Burns was forced to assist his father in working on the family farm, and took over at 25 when his father died in 1784.

By 28, Burns was beginning to be well known in his literary career; In 1786 he published "Poems: Chiefly in Scottish Dialect", which was expanded in 1787 and again in 1793 (Ibid.). Beginning in 1786, Burns would spend much time in Edinburgh among the elite and intellectuals of Scottish society, although Burns felt that they were only patronizing him because his soul of literary genius lied within the body of a country bumpkin. He returned to Ayrshire and unsuccessfully tried farming; in 1791 he became an exciseman, or customs agent, and joined the local yeomanry unit, the Dumfriesshire Volunteers. However, the physical and mental toll of his hard life, plus growing financial burdens, weakened him, and in 1796, Burns died of rheumatic heart disease, caused by his lack of a healthy diet in his younger years.

Robert Burns was initiated an Entered Apprentice in Lodge St. David, Tarbolton on 4 July (ironic date) 1781, at the age of 23. His initiation fee was 12s 6d, and paid on the same date. Like many other times in his life, Burns came into the lodge amidst a controversy. Originally, there had been only one lodge in Tarbolton, chartered in 1771 from the Kilwinning Lodge, which is said to be the oldest lodges in the world.

In 1773, a group broke away from the lodge, forming Lodge St. David No. 174, and the original lodge became St. James Tarbolton Kilwinning No. 178, only to be reunited in 1781, 9 days before Burns's first degree. However, while St. James was clearly the older of the two lodges, St. David's name was used, and the seeds were sown for further dissension. Burns in the meantime was passed to the degree of fellowcraft, and raised to the degree of Master Mason on Ist October 1781. The Lodge record book, according to James Mackay's "Burns" reads as follows:

Robert Burns in Lochly was passed and raised, Henry Cowan (ironic name!) being Master, James Humphrey Senr. Warden, and Alexr. Smith Junr. Do., Robt. Woodrow Secy. and James Manson Treasurer, and John Tannock Taylor and others of the brethren being present".

