St. Cloud Masonic Lodge No. 221



W:.M:. John Reger | November 2024







Chartered January 21, 1914 District 16, Zone 5 Meetings at 7:30 p.m. and Supper at 6:30 p.m. Second and Fourth Thursdays 901 Oregon Ave. P.O. Box 700542 Saint Cloud, FL. 34769. Saint Cloud, FL. 34770 407-892-3437

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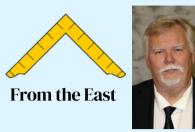
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<u>Monthly Messages</u>



Hello Brothers,

I am saddened by the passing of my Brother and friend Michael Hemphill. He was a mentor to me and many others over the years. We will hold his memorial service here at the lodge on Nov 30th at 10 a.m. There will be a pot luck to follow.

I am working on the float for the Christmas parade on Dec 7th. If anyone wants to help or be on the float, let me know.

Elections for next years officers are coming up at our first meeting in Dec. Nominations are due by the sound of the gavel at our first meeting in Nov. The Installation will be held on January 11th at noon at the lodge. Please come out and support the new officers and the lodge.

We will be having an Entered Apprentice Degree on the 12th of November at 6 p.m. Please come out and enjoy the evening welcoming our new Brothers.

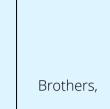
\We have plenty of raffle tickets for the Dec raffle. \$20 gets you a shot at a \$1000 shopping spree at Signal Zero Gunshop, owned by Past Master Ted Smith.

We will be DARK for the second meetings in November and December. Please take note. The holidays are coming fast.

Fraternally, John Reger (PM)

YOUR 2024 OFFICERS







We only have two meeting left this year, the holidays are coming fast.

I would like to thank the new Brothers who have joined the lodge and are making progress in our lodge or with the degrees.

I want to thank the Brothers in the lodge who have helped me over the last couple years to do my job.

God Bless You and your family, friends and our Lodge. I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

William





From the South

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

The holiday season is almost upon us. We are planning a Christmas party at the Lodge on Dec 8th from 1 to 3ish. We will do a White Elephant exchange for anyone who wishes to participate (\$30 max/no alcohol). Also, Santa will be there, so if you are bringing kids, please let me know the ages and gender. See the flyer.

We are also having the Past Master's and Widows Dinner on Nov 2nd at 4 p.m., the location is Fat Boys in Saint Cloud.

Finally, we are having an EA Degree on Nov 12th at 6 p.m. I love ritual and am looking forward to many more Brothers coming into our Lodge.

Let's see you in the Lodge, we need that..... come and make a difference. Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!!!





beautiful system of Morality, veiled in Allegory, illustrated by Symbols

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,

From the Secretary's desk,

I would like to inform everyone that you're 2024-2025 annual dues assessments are in the mail. Please contact me if you have not received yours or have any questions.

For those who have still not paid their 2023 - 2024 dues, you have until December 27th to do so, or you will be suspended for non-payment of dues - NPD. Second and final round of delinquent dues notices have been issued as per Masonic digest. I will also be reaching out to these members once more before the deadline.

I'd like to wish all the Members a Happy Thanksgiving holiday.

May God bless you and your family, and bring peace to a world that so desperately needs it.

Fraternally, W∴ Kenneth Stichter, Secretary Saint Cloud Lodge No. 221 F. & A. M. P. O. Box 700542 St Cloud, FL 34770-0542 Lodge: (407)892-3437 Mobile: (813)425-6637

It's just the Secretary's position...



How hard could it be?

Lodge Committee Chairmen

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





Old Saint Cloud Masonic Lodge

What is a Masonic Lodge? A Masonic lodge is more than a building; it is a living, breathing organization made up of and sustained by the members themselves. It is a tight-knit group of men who make solemn vows to one another and become comrades in Masonry and life. Above all, a Masonic lodge represents open arms, a helping hand, and brotherly love to every Mason, anywhere, at any time.



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** lack 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 Harry Mapes 2023

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NOVEMBER

1ST ADDISON WALKER 4TH KEVIN DURHAM JOHN MCALLISTER 17TH MILTON BELL JR. 18TH JOHN WHITEHEAD JR. 19TH EDWARD COWLEY 26TH KENNETH STICHTER

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Saint Cloud Lodge donates to the following:

- Shriners Hospital for Children
- Scottish Rite Foundation
- Grand Master's Charity
- First Zady's Charity
- Masonic Youth
- Rainbow for Girl
- A Place for Grace





As a Lodge, we have taken on A Place for Grace as our charity. We have already donated water to them for the homeless. We plan on continuing the donations in many forms. They do accept clothing, non-perishable foods, volunteers and other services. Please visit their website and see if there is anything you have that they could use. Contact us at the Lodge if you need help and we can assist with getting the items to the facility. THANK-YOU !!!

Masonic Links

St. Cloud Masonic Lodge No.221

<u>Central Florida Masons</u> <u>The Grand Lodge of Florida</u>

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Future Ballots / Votes

Upcoming Meetings

- Past Master's and Widows Dinner November 2nd at 4 p.m. at Fat Boys in Saint Cloud
- Nov 12th, 2024 Entered Apprentice Degree (6 p.m.)
- Stated Communication on Nov 14th, 2024 (Supper 6:30 / Meeting 7:30 p.m.)
 Bible and Apron Ceremony before Stated Communication at 7 p.m.
- Stated Communication for Nov 28th, 2024. We will be **DARK** for Thanksgiving.
- PLEASE check centralfloridamasons.com/calendar for more events.



First Meeting:

Shepards Pie Steamed Veggies Salad Dessert

Second Meeting: DARK



2025 Dues

Dues notices have been mailed out.

Dues are being collected via the old fashioned way of "pay by cash or 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 \$195.00 be cause of the fees we get charged by PayPal.

Please use the QR code below......





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Grand Lodge of Florida Calendar





Famous Mason of the Month MOSES CLEAVELAND

Moses Cleaveland (January 29, 1754 – November 16, 1806) was an American lawyer, politician, soldier, and surveyor from Connecticut who founded the city of Cleveland, Ohio, while surveying the Connecticut Western Reserve in 1796. During the American Revolution, Cleaveland was the brigadier general of the Connecticut militia.

Cleaveland was born in Canterbury, Connecticut Colony, to Colonel Aaron Cleaveland (1725–1785) and Thankful Cleaveland (1733–1822). He studied law at Yale College, where he was a member of Brothers in Unity, graduating in 1777. He was commissioned as an ensign in the 2nd Connecticut Regiment of the Continental Army in 1777 during the American Revolution. In 1779, he was promoted to captain of a company of "sappers and miners" (combat engineers) in the newly formed Corps of Engineers. He resigned from the army on June 7, 1781, and started a legal practice in Canterbury.

Cleaveland was a member of the Connecticut convention that ratified the United States Constitution. He was elected to the Connecticut General Assembly several times and was commissioned brigadier general of militia in 1796. He was a shareholder in the Connecticut Land Companywhich had purchased land from Connecticut located in northeastern Ohio for \$1,200,000. The land was reserved to Connecticut by Congress and was initially known as New Connecticut, but it came to be known as the Western Reserve.

Cleaveland was approached by the directors of the company in May 1796 and asked to lead the survey of the tract and the location of purchases. He was also responsible for the negotiations with the Native Americans living on the land. In June 1796, he set out from Schenectady, New York. His party was composed of 50 people, including six surveyors, a physician, a chaplain, a boatman, 37 employees, a few emigrants, and two women who accompanied their husbands. Some journeyed by land with the horses and cattle, while the main body went in boats up the Mohawk River, down the Oswego River, along the shore of Lake Ontario, and up the Niagara River, carrying their boats over the seven-mile portage at Niagara Falls. At Buffalo, a delegation from the nearby Mohawk and Seneca tribes opposed the party's entrance into the Western Reserve, claiming it as their territory, but they waived their rights on the receipt of goods valued at \$1,200. The expedition then coasted along the shore of Lake Erie and landed at the mouth of Conneaut Creekon July 4, 1796, which they named Port Independence. Nearby Native Americans were upset at the encroachment on their land, but they were appeased with gifts of beads and whiskey and allowed the surveys to proceed.

General Cleaveland coasted along the shore with a surveying party and landed at the mouth of the Cuyahoga River on July 22, 1796. He ascended the bank and determined that the spot was a favorable site for a city, with the river on the west and Lake Erie on the north. He had it surveyed into town lots, and the employees named the place Cleaveland in his honor. There were four settlers the first year, and growth was slow initially, reaching only 150 inhabitants in 1820. Cleaveland went home to Connecticut after the 1796 expedition and never returned to Ohio or the city that bears his name. He died in Canterbury, Connecticut, where he is also buried, but a statue of him stands in the Cleveland Public Square.

The settlement of "Cleaveland" eventually became known as "Cleveland". One theory is that Cleaveland's surveying party misspelled the name on their original map. In the early 1800s a local newspaper, the Cleveland Advertiser, chose the "Cleveland" spelling, which was then adopted by a rival newspaper. A local legend claims that the words "Cleaveland Advertiser" would not fit on a front-page banner, so the printer removed the extra "a" to make room, and the spelling stuck.

He was very prominent as a Mason and held the position of Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.





A CIVIL WAR STORY

by John Hohenstein Zerubbabel Lodge #15, Savannah, Georgia

It was a time not long after Fort Sumter and The War of Northern Aggression was well under way. The Yankees, as they are still wont to do, had promptly flocked to Hilton Head and Tybee Islands, the barrier islands on opposite sides of the mouth of the Savannah River. The Savannah Folks didn't mind much that the Yankees had stolen the good beaches, for the water was still a bit cool for Southern preferences and, besides, they knew the gnats and mosquitoes would teach the Yankees a lesson they'd never forget. So, the Southerners, as Southerners are wont to do sometimes, just waited.

They didn't have to wait very long before the Yankees on Hilton Head sent out a messenger under a white flag. It seemed that the Yankees had among them a young fellow who had passed through the Fellow Craft Degree before shipping out. The Yanks were just sitting around slapping gnats when it occurred to one of them that, just maybe, there was a nearby lodge that could test him in the Fellow Craft Degree and raise him to that of a Master Mason. As luck would have it, there was indeed a lodge in Savannah that would soon be having a

Masters Degree.

One morning, not too many days later, a detail of Confederate Cavalry slipped across the Savannah River into South Carolina and traveled through Bluffton to the shore opposite Hilton Head Island.

From there they escorted one Fellow Craft Mason and, I believe, a number of Master Masons of the Northern Persuasion, safely through the Confederate Lines and back through about 35 miles of Confederate defenses to Savannah where the candidate and his witnesses were delivered into the lodge.

The records note that this Brother was indeed proficient in the Fellow Craft Degree and he was raised to the Degree of a Master Mason.

That night another detail of Confederate Cavalry, no doubt Brothers to a man, slipped back across the Savannah River and safely escorted their Brothers back to Hilton Head.



Past Master Photo Project

As stated in my previous cololum, I am working on updating and finding lost photographs of our distinguished Past Masters. Below is a list of Past Masters that I DO NOT have any photos of. Please take a minute to check the list over and if you know of, or have a photo of someone, please forward it to me.

If you now of a family member of one of our Past Masters that may have a photo or history of them, that would help out tremendously.

<u>Past Master</u>	Years
William N. Garner	1914
E. Edward Livermore	1916
Sam Brammer	1917/18/5
W.M. Hall	1919
Love C. Riddle	1921
lves E. Diefendorf	1921
Otto R. Bleach (Bleech)	1922
Sidney W. Porter	1924
Lloyd C. Herringer	1928
Ralph Garfield Reynolds	1929
William H. Dodds	1932
Marion Percy Tindall	1933
Frank Harold Garside	1934
Groves M. Mosses Jr.	1938
John B. Mills	1939
John R. Rotundo	1944
Ross E. Jefferies	1945
O. Frank Kirby	1947
Fred M. Loring	1948
Curtis John Bock	1952
Edward W. Cowley	1963
Hugh Edward Wright III	1972

Thank You in advance for your help.

