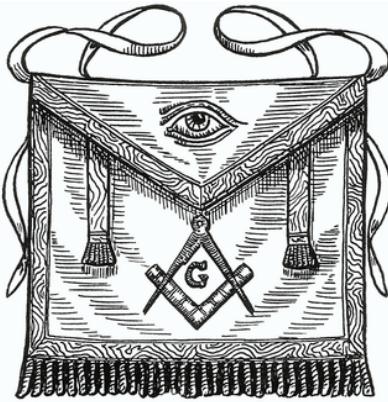

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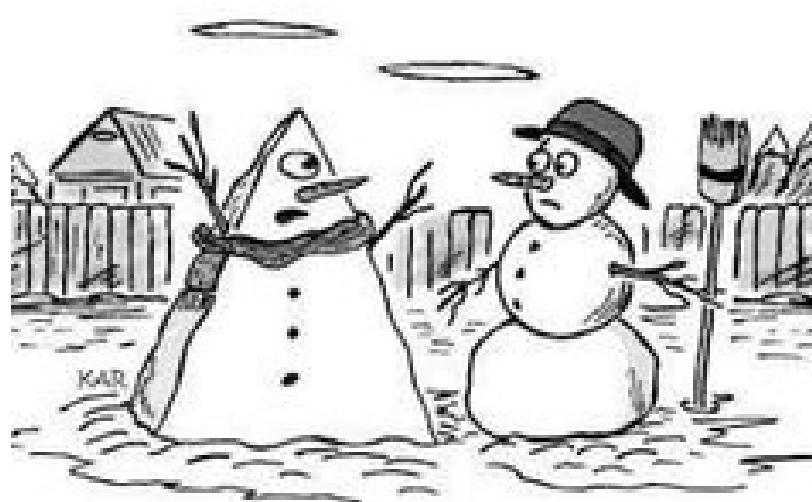
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Worshipful Master:	Ernie Paton	(407) 427-4896
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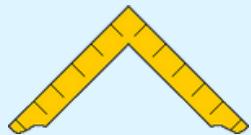


MERRY CHRISTMAS



"I was built by a Freemason!"

Monthly Messages



From the East



Hello Brothers and Sisters,

First and Foremost I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!! I hope you enjoy your time with the family and friends. I also hope Santa is good to y'all.

We will be participating with a float in the Saint Cloud Christmas Parade on December 6th at 10 a.m. We will be meeting at the lodge at 8 a.m. to load up and get to the starting spot. Come on out and support the lodge.....

Nominations are completed and we will be voting on December 11th. Come out and vote.....

Nominations are as follows:

FOR:

W:M: is Ernest Paton
SW is Angel Cardona
JW is Wes Harley
Sec is Kenny Stichter
Treas is Jeff Hall

We will be **DARK** on our second meeting (Dec 27th) of the month due to the Christmas Holiday.

There will be NO training in December; however, in January we will begin training with the new line to get proficient for the installation and new year.....so hit your books and get ready.

I want to say how proud I am of y'all for everything we accomplished in 2025. We have brought this lodge into the light and we will continue to do so in 2026.

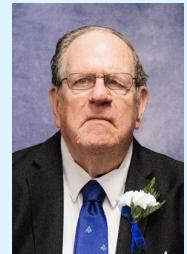
Finally, I want to acknowledge W: John Whitehead for accompanying me to Azan Shrine when I joined and "Fezzing" me for the first time.

Come on out to the Lodge!!!
God Bless you all.

Fraternally,
Ernie Paton
407-427-4896



From the West

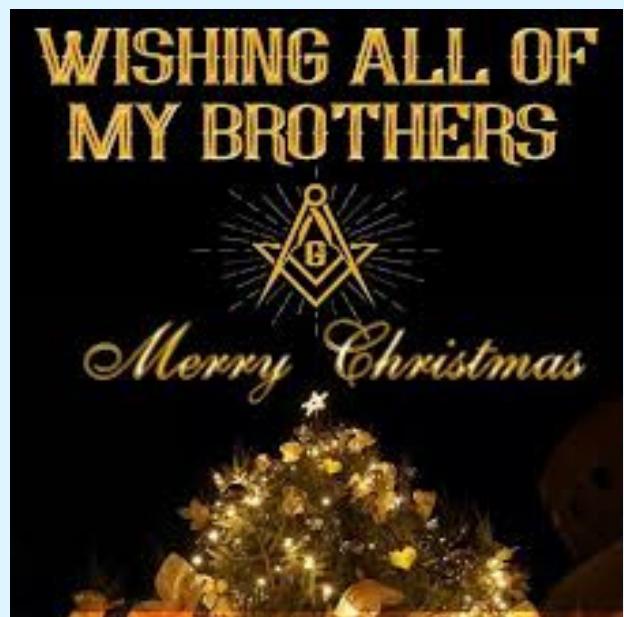


Brothers,

As we navigate through this bustling Holiday Season, let us take a moment to express our gratitude for the cherished company of our family and friends, our Sisters, and Brothers. It's essential to remember that there are many individuals facing hardships, and they are especially deserving of our charitable acts of kindness during this time. By extending our generosity and compassion, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those less fortunate. Let's embrace the spirit of the season by spreading joy and goodwill to everyone around us.

I hope everyone has a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy of New Year.

Fraternally,
William Kelly



Monthly Messages



From the South



Dear Brothers,

As the Christmas season approaches, I am pleased to share some joyful events happening in our community.

First, our annual Christmas Parade will take place on December 6, 2025. We invite you and your families to join us as we celebrate the spirit of the season together.

We also welcome you to gather with us on December 20, 2025, for our event with the Hopkins Volunteer Group. This will be a wonderful time of fellowship, and we will have candies and treats for the children. Your presence will help make this celebration warm and memorable.

During this special season, let us reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. May peace and love fill our hearts, guide our actions, and strengthen the bonds within our community.

Wishing each of you a blessed, joyful, and peaceful Christmas.

Fraternally,
Bro. Angel A. Cardona
Junior Warden



From the Secretary



Brothers,

From the Secretary's desk,

As we bring this year to a close, I want to extend my heartfelt wishes for a Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year to all. It has been a genuine pleasure to serve the Craft as your Secretary this year, and I look forward to continuing in this role for another year. My commitment to doing my best for you and the Fraternity remains steadfast.

If you are experiencing any difficulties paying your dues or if you have not yet received your dues notice, please do not hesitate to contact me at any of the numbers listed below. Your concerns and well-being are my priority.

In this season of reflection and celebration, may God watch over you and your families, bringing peace and comfort to a world that so desperately needs it. Let us look forward to the new year with hope and determination, united in our shared values and aspirations.

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

Monthly Messages



From the Treasurer



Greetings,

Congratulations to the newly elected officers! I know you will have a great year.

It has been a pleasure serving the Lodge as Treasurer for the last 5 years.

Please don't forget to pay your 2026 dues!

Bylaws 4.01 "...shall be due and payable in advance on or before the first day of each Masonic Year, which Masonic Year shall begin on the 28th day of December of each year and end on the 27th day of December of the following year..."

If you happen to be experiencing financial difficulties please contact our Secretary to discuss options.

Fraternally,

Donald R. Goolsby, PDDGM



Chaplains Corner



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

For many this time of year is a time of introspection and self-reflection. We should allow ourselves the time to reflect on how our lives have changed since the previous year's Christmas Eve and muse as to how our lives might change before the next one rolls around. As we reflect, we should always attempt to thank God for the blessings, lessons, and difficulties of the past year and for the hope that comes with the next.

Moving into 2026, I wish all Brethren wheresoever dispersed a joyous new year filled with temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice--four virtues upon which our craft was built, all of which are essential tools to master. Let us take what we have learned and share it with the world around us.

May the Great Architect of the Universe continue to bless our Armed Forces, First Responders, all of You and Your Families.

Fraternally and Always Faithful,
David Bautista

"Some men seek to become Members...
Other men seek to become Masons...
there is a difference."



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Looking Back



John "Big John" Cuttitta (PM)

Lawerence Montesi (PM)

David O'Quinn

Donald Hughes

Danny Cripe (PM)

Jim Wilder (PM)

Bob Shonyo (PM)

Bob Busson

Alvin Sharp

Michael Hemphill (PM)

William Dunkle

Edward Cowley (PM)

Frank Freeman

Ira "Dean" McKitrick



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.



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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. Herring 1928**

Ralph G. Reynolds 1929**

L.U. Zimmerman 1930**

Robert H. Johns 1931**

William H. Dodds 1932**

M. Percy Tindall 1933**

Frank Garside 1934**

James 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. Jeffries 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**

James E. Jones 1983**

Marshall H. Brown 1984++

Robert K. Bumgardner 1985**

Gerald L. Durbin, PDDGM 1986**

Jay 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, Jr. 2003**

Jack V. Miller 2004 **

Michael Hemphill 2005**

Allen Antoniac 2006**

Bob Shonyo 2008**

Joe Moore 2009/10 /13

John Cuttitta 2011 **

John Reger 2012/24

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

Legend:

(**) DECEASED

(++) UNAFFILIATED



RAISED IN DECEMBER

Lodge Committee Chairmen

Finance: W.M.: Ernie Paton
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. Angel Cardona
Mentor's: W.M.: Ernie Paton



DEC 2ND

JAMES DANFORTH
MITCHELL LISS



DEC 5TH

KEVIN MC LAUGHLIN
TED SMITH

DEC 11TH

DONALD WETHERINGTON

DEC 17TH

WILLIAM MCINTOSH
CARLOS RODRIGUEZ



2025 OFFICERS





DECEMBER

1ST
JASON WALTERS

2ND
HAROLD SHACKELFORD JR.

3RD
DONALD GOOLSBY

7TH
ALAN LACKEY

8TH
KENNETH RIFE

23RD
BRUCE GREEN JR

27TH
GUY CARPENTER II

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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 Girl*
- *A Place for Grace*
- *Hopkins Heros*



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

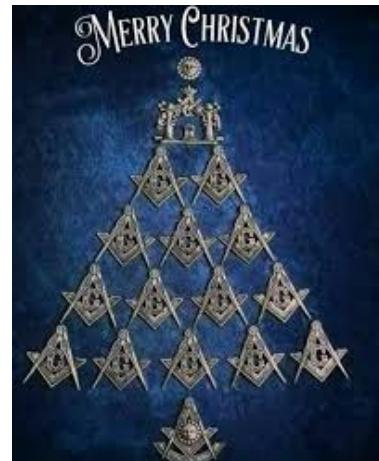
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future Ballots / Votes

- **Balloting on Brother Pedro Moreira for dual membership on December 11th.**

Upcoming Meetings

- Masters and Wardens Dec 13th at Winter Park Lodge No. 239 @ 9am
- **NO TRAINING** in December !!!
- Stated Communication on Dec 11th, 2025 (Supper 6:30 / Meeting 7:30 p.m.) (ELECTIONS)
- Stated Communication on Dec 27th 2025 we will be **DARK**. Next meeting will be on January 8th, 2026.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !!!

- PLEASE check centralfloridamasons.com/calendar for more events.



First Meeting:

**Second Meeting:
DARK**

2026 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 \$190.00.

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.....



Dues Notice:

You can now pay your dues on AMITY. There is an additional fee. If you do not have AMITY follow this link:

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Calendars

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Famous Mason of the Month

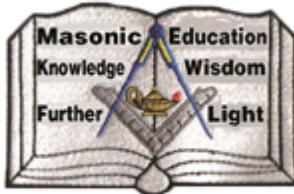
General James Harold "Jimmy" Doolittle

General James Harold "Jimmy" Doolittle was a pioneering pilot, aeronautical engineer, Scottish Rite Freemason, and military leader. Brother Doolittle served our nation in active duty for nearly 50 years; both the Grand Lodges of California and Louisiana issued special dispensations to accommodate his military service.

He is best known for his courageous raid in the Pacific Theater during the onset of World War II. Doolittle led a daring bombing effort over the Japanese mainland in 1942, marking the first American attack on the Japanese mainland. His 16 planes dropped their bombs and then, lacking fuel to return to their carrier, flew on to crash-land in China and the Soviet Union.

General Jimmy Doolittle's Masonic record includes being a Master Mason raised on August 16, 1918, and later achieving the 33rd Degree of the Scottish Rite. He was a member of Lake Charles Lodge No. 16 in Louisiana, Hollenbeck Lodge No. 319 in Los Angeles, and also became a Shriner.





WHICH OF THESE ARE YOU?

SOME MEMBERS KEEP THEIR LODGES STRONG,
WHILE OTHERS JOIN AND JUST BELONG;

SOME DIG RIGHT IN, SOME SERVE WITH PRIDE,
SOME GO ALONG, JUST FOR THE RIDE.

SOME VOLUNTEER TO DO THEIR SHARE,
WHILE SOME LAY BACK AND JUST DON'T CARE;

ON MEETING DAYS SOME ALWAYS SHOW
WHILE THERE ARE THOSE WHO SELDOM GO.

SOME ALWAYS PAY THEIR DUES AHEAD,
SOME GET BEHIND FOR MONTHS, INSTEAD.

SOME DO THEIR BEST, SOME BUILD, SOME MAKE,
SOME NEVER GIVE, BUT ALWAYS TAKE,

SOME DRAG, SOME PULL, SOME DON'T, SOME DO.
CONSIDER, WHICH OF THESE ARE YOU?



You Know Him

**William J Thomas, PGM,
wjthomasnyc@gmail.com
407-927-8400**



You've seen him before. He doesn't look for recognition.
He never asks for applause. But he shows up, again and again.
He's the one quietly guiding a new Brother through his first degree,
answering questions with patience and never making him feel small.
He's the one who notices when someone's drifting and offers a gentle word
and a hand back to the path.
He visits those who can't make it to Lodge, checks in on widows,
and always seems to know when someone could use a call.
You'll find him helping at community programs, supporting youth,
and stepping in wherever a need appears.
He gives when no one asks.
He serves without ceremony.
He is steady in the Lodge and present in the lives of those around him.
He doesn't preach the Masonic values; he lives them.
And that's what makes the difference.
It's not his year in the East, not his years of service.
But the quiet consistency of a man committed to building something better.
We each have a version of this Brother in mind.

The question is: Are you becoming him?



Past Master Photo Project

I have been trying to update the Past Master photos for some time now. 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>	<u>Years</u>
William N. Garner	1914
E. Edward Livermore	1916
Sam Brammer	1917/18
W.M. Hall	1919
Love C. Riddle	1921
Ives 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

Food For Thought

The numbers 3, 5, and 7 are progressive stages of moral and intellectual instruction encountered during the Fellow Craft degree ceremony:

- **3 (Three steps) Symbolizes the three principal officers of a lodge and the three stages of human life (youth, manhood, and old age). It represents a moral foundation, discipline, and devotion to learning.**
- **5 (Five steps) Refers to the five human senses (by which man apprehends the world), the five points of fellowship, and the five orders of architecture. It signifies the disciplined growth of the mind and the training of human faculties.**
- **7 (Seven steps) Represents completeness and the seven liberal arts and sciences (grammar, rhetoric, logic, arithmetic, geometry, music, and astronomy). This final set of steps leads to the culmination of knowledge and wisdom in the "Middle Chamber".**