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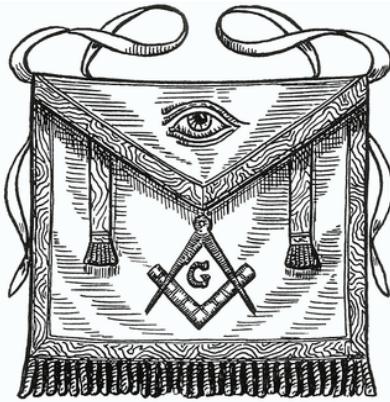
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*Chartered January 21, 1914*

District 16, Zone 5

Meetings at 7:30 p.m. and Supper at 6:30 p.m.

Second and Fourth Thursdays

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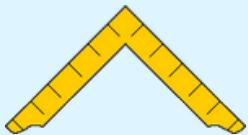
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## Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master:	Ernie Paton (PM)	(407) 427-4896
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Secretary:	Kenny Stichter (PM)	(813) 424-6637
Marshall:	Tim Hossler (PM)	
Chaplain:	David Smith	(410) 432-4490
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Senior Steward:	Wilson Ng	
Junior Steward:	William Kelly	
Tyler:	Richard Realmuto	
Historian:	Jason Walters (PM)	
Musician:		

# Monthly Messages



## From the East



Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Well here we go again. Another year in the East. I thank you all for your trust and faith in me to run this Lodge and continue to grow it for the future. I will continue to do my best for the Craft.

### Congratulations to the 2026 Officers

Ernest Paton (PM), W.: M.:  
Angel Cardona, S.W.  
Wes Harley, J.W.  
Kenny Stichter (PM), Sec.  
Jeff Hall (PM), Tres.  
Ron Lacson, S.D.  
David Bautista, J.D.

Wilson Ng, S.S.  
William Kelly, J.D.  
David Smith, Chap.  
Tim Hossler (PM), Mar.  
Richard Realmuto, Tyler  
Jason Walters (PM), Hist.

We have three new petitioners and are planning an Entered Apprentice Degree on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026. If you are interest in being on the Degree Team, please let me know.

If you have any ideas for this year in the Lodge, please make them known. I want to have functions that will bring this Lodge together, both Brothers and families. I have made an Events Committee just for this purpose. They are responsible for generating the ideas, planning and funding of the events.

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

Fraternally,  
Ernie Paton  
407-427-4896



## From the West



My Brothers,

As my term as your Junior Warden comes to a close, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for the honor and privilege of serving this Lodge during the 2025 Masonic year.

This has truly been a good year one filled with meaningful labor, shared travels, and countless opportunities to come together in fellowship. From visiting other lodges to welcoming Brothers at our own gatherings, I have been reminded time and again of the strength of our fraternity and the bonds that unite us beyond the walls of our Lodge.

Serving as Junior Warden has deepened my appreciation for the principles we uphold and the commitment each Brother brings to the Craft. I am grateful for the support, guidance, and friendship shown to me by the officers and members alike. Every meeting, every degree, and every moment of fellowship has contributed to a year I will always value.

As I lay down the working tools of this office, I do so with pride in what we have accomplished together and with confidence in the continued success of this Lodge. I look forward to continuing to labor alongside you as a Brother, ever striving to support our Lodge and our Fraternity.

Thank you for your trust, your camaraderie, and the memories of a truly rewarding year.

Fraternally,  
Angel A. Cardona



# Monthly Messages



## From the South

Brethren,



## From the Secretary



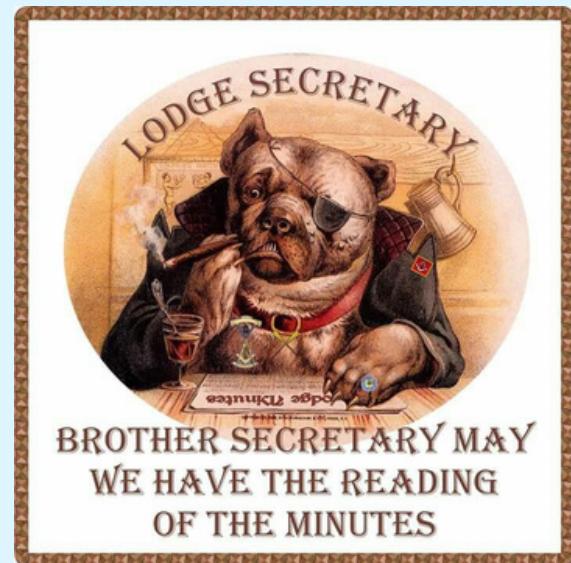
From the Secretary's desk,

As we welcome the New Year, we are excited to announce the installation of our new officers. This significant event is scheduled for January 31st, 2026. We will begin with a luncheon at 12:00 p.m., followed by the installation ceremony at 1:00 p.m. We warmly invite you to join us in supporting our Lodge and celebrating this special occasion with your brothers. Your presence will undoubtedly contribute to the camaraderie and spirit of our Lodge.

I eagerly anticipate the opportunity to connect with both our longstanding members and new faces. Let us come together to mark the beginning of another promising year.

May God watch over you and your family's, bringing peace to a world that's so desperately needs it.

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

# Monthly Messages



## From the Treasurer



## Chaplains Corner



Brothers of St. Cloud Lodge,

This is my first attempt at being an officer in a group.

I would like to thank the Worshipful Master Ernie Paton and Kenny Stichter for their confidence in me and asking me to serve as the chaplain for the year 2026.

As Chaplain this year I would like to do 2 things.

1: I would like to reach out to Brothers that we have not seen or heard from in the last 4 months and check on them. I'll be reaching initially by calling them, but, anyway I can get them will work.

2: I would also like to reach out to any Brother who is sick or in need. I will then report back on their condition so we can include them in our prayers.

Both of these can be done with the help of all the Brothers working together. As you are traveling around the masonic family, keep me informed when you hear of Brother sick or in need and we can do our best to help.

My cell is 410-442-4490.

Fraternity Yours,

David Smith  
Chaplain



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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

Ernie Paton 2025

### Legend:

(\*\*) DECEASED

(++) UNAFFILIATED



## Lodge Committee Chairmen

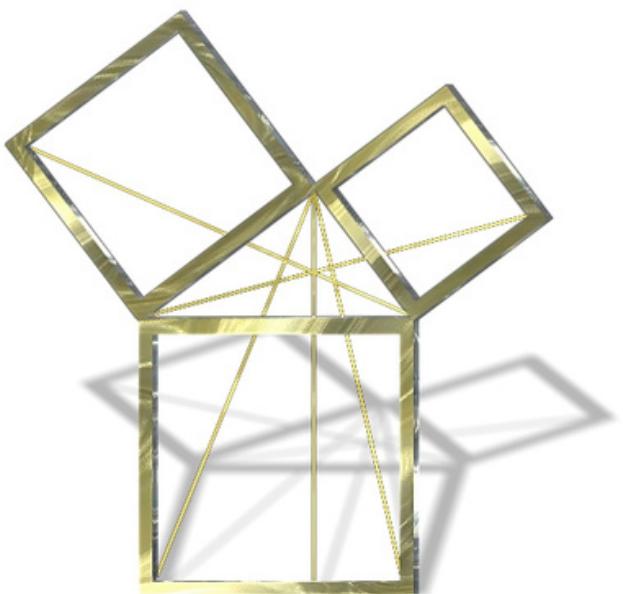
Finance: Angel Cardona, S.W.  
Vigilance: Wesley Harley, J.W.  
Petitions: W.: Kenny Stichter  
Education: W.: Jason Walters, Historian  
Board of Relief: W.M. and Wardens  
Investigations: As Needed  
Charity: All Masons  
Lodge Property: Wesley Harley, J.W.  
Mentor's: W.:M.: Ernie Paton  
Events: Angel Cardona, S.W.



## RAISED IN FEBRUARY

12TH  
**DAVID SHREVE**  
**JEROME BENNETT**

18TH  
**KEVIN DURHAM**  
27TH  
**HARRY MAPES**





## FEBRUARY

4TH

JAMES MCKINLEY

10TH

DONALD WETHERINGTON

12TH

HARRY WALLING JR.

13TH

STEVE MOORE

14TH

PAUL MEAKINS JR.

18TH

CLARK EGERTON

JERRY LITTLE

19TH

DAVID NICKLOW

23RD

JAMES ROBINSON

25TH

JAMES RICHTER

27TH

DAVID DURGIN

DAVID MINOR



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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 !!!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Future Ballots / Votes

- **Ballot for reinstatement of Bill Cocoran**

### Upcoming Meetings

- Feb 7th: Masters and Wardens at Orange 36 (Breakfast at 0800/Meeting 0900)
- **TRAINING (EA Degree)**
  - Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6 p.m.
  - Feb 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m.
  - Feb 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m.
  - Feb 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m.
- Stated Communication on Feb 12th, 2026 (Supper 6:30 / Meeting 7:30 p.m.)
- Stated Communication on Feb 26th, 2025 (Supper 6:30 / Meeting 7:30 p.m.)
- PLEASE check [centralfloridamasons.com/calendar](http://centralfloridamasons.com/calendar) for more events.



### 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.

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### Calendars

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[Grand Lodge of Florida Calendar](http://Grand Lodge of Florida Calendar)





## **Famous Mason of the Month**

### **John Hancock**

As the son and grandson of ministers, John Hancock was destined for the ministry. His life took an abrupt change, however, when his father died. He along with his mother, brother and sister went to live with his grandparents in Lexington, Massachusetts. Hancock's stay in Lexington was, however, brief. Hancock's grandfather sought better schooling for his grandson to prepare him for Harvard College, and made arrangements for John to move to Boston and live with Uncle Thomas and his wife Lydia. Thomas Hancock one of the richest merchants in Boston and lived in a grand mansion atop Beacon Hill. He and Lydia had no children.

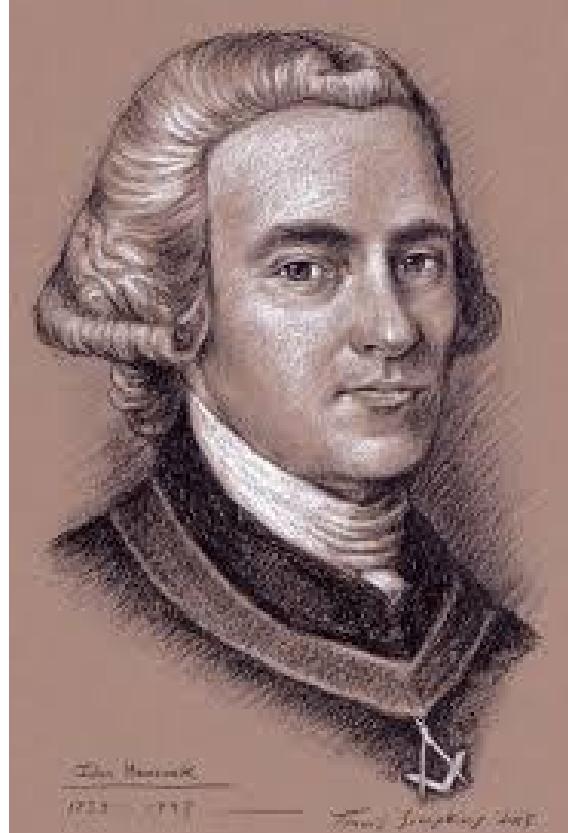
Hancock attended Boston Latin School and graduated from Harvard in 1754. Instead of following the career path of his father and grandfather, Hancock returned to Beacon Hill to his Uncle's enterprise. When Uncle Thomas died in 1765 Hancock inherited his entire fortune. Hancock loved politics more than business. In 1765 he was elected a selectman of Boston. His election came at a moment when colonial resistance to the Acts of Parliament was intensifying, and Hancock allied himself with the Boston Whigs.

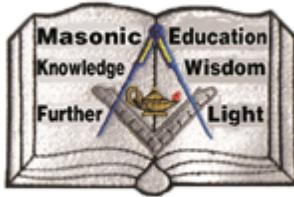
Hancock's popularity guaranteed him election to every political post he sought, and in 1774 he was chosen as a member of the Massachusetts delegation to the First Continental Congress. In 1775 he returned as a member of the Second Continental Congress which elected him President. He presided over the chamber during the discussion concerning the appointment of a commander in chief for the Continental Army. It is likely that he saw himself as a candidate for the post and was deeply disappointed when both John Adams and Samuel Adams rose to nominate George Washington. Hancock remained president during the debate over independence and famously signed the Declaration with his bold signature.

Hancock returned to Boston in 1777, and in 1780 he was elected first governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. As a politician eager to defend the rights and powers of his state, Hancock was unsure about the Federal Constitution. Although he presided over the state ratifying convention he and Samuel Adams, who held similar views, remained silent during the debates. When it became clear, however, that ratification might fail, the two "Old Revolutionaries" spoke in support of the Constitution and it was approved by a narrow margin (187 to 168). Legend suggests that some suggested to Hancock that while Washington most certainly would become President it was likely a New Englander would be selected as Vice President and that he was a logical choice.

The people of Massachusetts continued to elect Hancock as their Governor. On October 24, 1789 Washington, as part of his tour of the eastern states, arrived in Boston. Nearly the whole town turned out to greet him except the Governor. Asserting his position as governor, he felt that protocol required the President should come to him. Hancock quickly realized his political mistake and later visited Washington, claiming that illness had prevented him from arriving sooner. Hancock remained governor until his death in 1793.

John Hancock was a Freemason, initiated in Merchants Lodge No. 277 in Quebec in 1760 and later affiliating with Boston's Lodge of St. Andrew, joining many other Founding Fathers who were also Masons, including George Washington and Benjamin Franklin. He was one of nine signers of the Declaration of Independence confirmed to be Freemasons.





## 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?



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## **Not Every Man Should Be A Mason**

Some men are just after "secrets," not Light.

Before you hand them a petition, or worse, your recommendation, watch for these warning signs:

1. They think it's a secret club.

If "mystery and power" are what they're after, they'll be disappointed by minutes, dues, and dishwashing duties.

2. They expect instant enlightenment.

Freemasonry isn't Hogwarts. It's patience, participation, and personal work.

3. They can't keep a schedule.

If they can't make time for meetings, degrees, or service, the Lodge will become just another forgotten commitment.

4. They're hooked on conspiracy videos.

Those obsessed with "Illuminati secrets" crave attention, not illumination.

5. They think it's a business network.

Masonry isn't LinkedIn with aprons. Brotherhood is the reward, not the return.

6. They gossip about others.

If they talk about brethren before they talk with them, they'll poison harmony.

7. They treat ritual as performance.

Rituals are sacred lessons, not theater for applause.

8. They're chasing titles.

Rank means nothing if the character underneath is unpolished.

9. They bring politics or religion into Lodge.

That's how division begins. Masonry unites what the world divides.

10. They say, "I already know what it's about."

If they've stopped seeking Light before even knocking, they're not ready to enter.

## **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.

Past Master Years

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".**