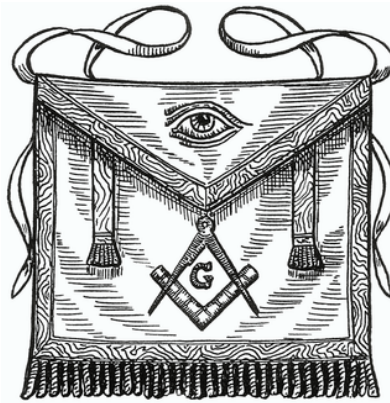


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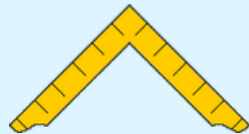
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Monthly Messages



From the East



Hello Brothers and Sisters,

It's April already!!! In March we had Brother Tony Busby complete his EA Catechism and he is anxious to move upward. We will be taking him to Winter Park Lodge on April 21st to become a Fellow Craft. Please come out and support him. Additionally, we had three new Brothers (Keith Kelly, Juan Leon and Timothy Watson) become Entered Apprentice's on March 21st. I want to thank the Degree team for their dedication and practice, Great job!!! I am overly excited about the new Brothers and am looking forward to helping them advance in Masonry.

We had our second by R.: W.: Catello on March 12th, 2026. He was pleased with our Lodge and the way we are progressing.

Sadly, we lost a great Brother and Man in March. Brother Bill MacIntosh passed to the Celestial Lodge Above. He will be missed ALOT. I will always have memories of him being Santa for the kids. Please keep his family in your prayers.

I want to let everyone know that we will be continuing our tradition of feeding the First Responders with our Fourth Annual First Responders Breakfast on May 13, 2026 at 0800-1000. Please come out and assist us in the kitchen and enjoy the fellowship. We will be there early to start meal prep at about 0530ish. Coffee will be brewing!!!!

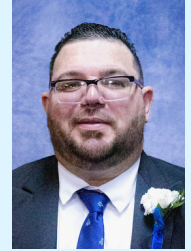
Finally, I want to Thank you all again for trusting me as Worshipful Master to guide the Lodge. It wouldn't be as prosperous without the Brothers supporting me and each other. I know we are in good hands for years to come looking at our line.

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

Fraternally,
Ernie Paton
407-427-4896



From the West



Brethren,

As we enter the month of April 2026 a season marked by renewal, growth, and awakening I invite each of you to pause and reflect upon the enduring virtues that define our Craft: Faith, Hope, and Charity. These are not merely words we recite, but living principles that shape the character of a Mason and guide us in our daily walk.

Faith is the foundation upon which we build our spiritual temple. It is not blind belief, but a steady trust in the Great Architect of the Universe, even when the path before us is unclear. Faith strengthens us in times of trial and reminds us that our labor is never in vain.

As Masons, we are called to nurture this faith not only within ourselves, but also within our Brothers, offering encouragement and light when darkness surrounds them.

Hope is the anchor of the soul. It is the quiet assurance that tomorrow holds promise, even when today feels uncertain. In the Lodge and beyond, hope inspires us to persevere, to improve ourselves, and to uplift others. Let us be bearers of hope, men who see beyond present difficulties and help our Brothers envision a brighter future. Hope is what transforms challenges into opportunities for growth.

Charity, the greatest of these virtues, is love in action. It extends beyond almsgiving; it is kindness, compassion, and understanding in every interaction. Charity calls us to see the divine spark in every Brother and to act with empathy and generosity. It is through charity that we truly demonstrate the teachings of our Order by caring for one another, supporting those in need, and building bonds that transcend differences.

Brethren, as we labor together in this sacred space, let us recommit ourselves to these virtues. Let our faith be unwavering, our hope unshakable, and our charity abundant. In doing so, we not only strengthen our Lodge but also become better men, husbands, fathers, and members of our communities.

From the West, I encourage each of you to reflect deeply this month:

How does your faith guide your actions?
How does your hope inspire your journey?
And how does your charity touch the lives of others?

May we continue to walk uprightly, act justly, and love mercy.

Fraternally,
Bro. Angel A. Cardona
Senior Warden

Monthly Messages



From the South



Brothers,

I would like to congratulate Brother Busby on completing his EA Degree catechism. We will be taking him to Winter Park on April 21st for his Fellow Craft Degree. Also, we have three new EA's, I look forward to seeing you all in lodge and working on your degrees with all of you.

To the rest of the craft I am enjoying tremendously serving as your Junior Warden and look forward to the rest of the year and beyond. Next meetings meal will be chili made mild with a side selection of hot sauces to allow everyone to spice things to their own level. Later in the month the meal will most likely be tuna noodle casserole.

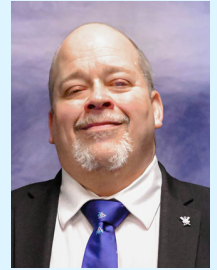
Come out and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Fraternally,

Wes Harley



From the Secretary



I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. Our year is well underway, and I am thrilled to announce that the 197th Annual Grand Lodge Communications will be held at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, Florida. The event will commence on Monday, May 25th, 2026, and continue until the business is completed, typically by the 27th.

Please note that registration is required to attend this event. If you would like me to handle your registration, I am more than happy to assist, saving you the time and effort of standing in line. Alternatively, you may choose to register yourself, Registration will be available in the foyer of the Rosen Plaza Hotel, starting Sunday morning, around 9:00 a.m. If Sunday is not convenient, you can also register on Monday morning at 8:00 a.m. before the Grand Lodge Communication begins. However, I advise arriving early as the lines tend to be long, and it takes some time to process all attendees. Please bring your current years dues card and a valid picture ID! Deadline for pre-registration is April 30th, 2026! After that date you will need to register in person.

I strongly encourage all member to try and attend this year's Grand Lodge Communication. This event offers a unique opportunity to meet and connect with brothers from across the state, the country, and indeed the world, as many travel great distances to be part of this significant gathering. Additionally, your participation supports our lodge when our 16th District RWDDGM, Michael Catello, takes the rolls every morning. Show your pride and dedication to St Cloud Lodge No. 221 by attending this year's 197th Annual Grand Lodge Communication.

We're all looking forward to seeing you there!

May God watch over you and your families, bringing peace to a world that desperately needs it.

Fraternally,
Kenneth Stichter, PM, Secretary
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Monthly Messages



From the Treasurer

Our Building Fund

Freemasons are builders – literally. Throughout our long and glorious history, the Craft has become known for our beautifully adorned buildings. Whether built of stone, wood or glass, these structures need to be maintained and modified from time to time. Often, the Lodge can lean on the skills and experiences of its members and perform this work themselves. But too often, the maintenance required is beyond the scope of the members ability, and experts are required – this takes money.

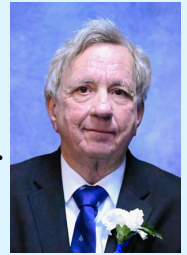
For the last year, St. Cloud Lodge has encouraged members to donate extra, at either the Lodge meetings or in our annual dues payment, to be dedicated to the “building fund”. These donations are earmarked for a war chest that the Lodge can dip into in cases of scheduled or unexpected building maintenance. Case in point, the Lodge experienced a significant and unplanned HVAC expense last year. The Lodge was able to absorb that unexpected cost, but it highlighted that we should formally plan for a funding source for maintenance and improvement of the Lodge building.

We encourage the members to continue to donate their time and energy for the improvement and beautification of the Lodge building and its grounds. In recent months, we have had Brothers step up and maintain the yard and landscaping, as well as adorning the exterior wall with new Square and Compasses signage. This “sweat equity” is appreciated by all of our members. We also encourage members to make monetary donations, specifically for the building fund, when able. This fund will ensure that the building will be maintained for the Brothers who are currently using it, but also establish an enduring legacy for the Brothers of the future who will join St. Cloud Lodge No. 221.

Fraternally,
Wor, Jeff Hall, Treasurer



Chaplains Corner



Brothers,

This month we lost our brother, Bill McIntosh. He was called home by his almighty Father, the Grand Master of the Universe. His sudden death put life in perspective for me. How fast life can change for each of us.

The grim reaper with his scythe is the personification of death used in the Middle Ages and during the black plague. The scythe is a symbol taken from agriculture practices during the 14th century. It was used to reap crops that were ready to be plucked from the earth. The same can be said when we die. We are plucked from the earth by death.



Our fraternity uses the scythe as an emblem of time which cuts the brittle threads of life and launches us into eternity. If we make it through childhood and youth, we will be cut down by the scythe of time. We will follow our brothers that have preceded us. The lesson here is to keep our actions and words in check.

Be ready to be called home at any time.

Fraternally,
David Smith



Looking Back



ALAS MY BROTHERS

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
Bill Macintosh



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.



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



Past Masters

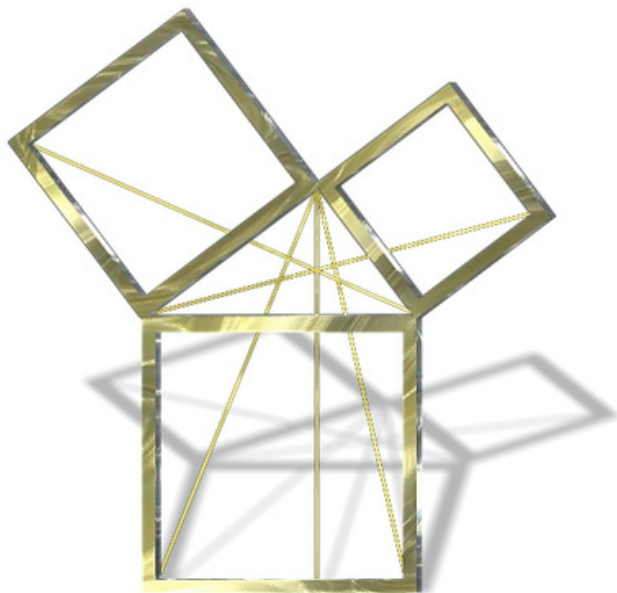
Davis H. Gill 1912/13**	John B. Phelps 1973**
W.N. Garner 1914/15 **	Harris Rumsey 1974**
E.E. Livermore 1916**	Russell V. Zimmerman 1975**
Sam Brammer 1917/18/53 **	James L. Swogger 1976**
W.M. Hall 1919**	Robert J. Breese 1977**
Lovie C. Riddle 1920**	Robert Carlyon 1978**
Ives E. Diefendorf 1921**	Raymond R. Lackey 1979
Otto R. Bleach 1922**	Danny K. Cripe 1980/93**
A. Earle Cowger 1923**	Frank T. Hopkins 1981
Sidney W. Porter 1924**	Robert O. Bell 1982**
Calvin P. Parker 1925**	James E. Jones 1983**
Dan E. Armstrong 1926**	Marshall H. Brown 1984++
Holmes E. Crawford 1927**	Robert K. Bumgardner 1985**
Lloyd C. Herringer 1928**	Gerald L. Durbin, PDDGM 1986**
Ralph G. Reynolds 1929**	Jay R. Young, Jr. 1987**
L.U. Zimmerman 1930**	Eddie C. Williford 1988**
Robert H. Johns 1931**	Frank S. Mazzei 1989**
William H. Dodds 1932**	Jack D. Lethenstrom, PRRGC **
M. Percy Tindall 1933**	1990/2001/2007 **
Frank Garside 1934**	Barry L. Taylor 1991 **
James W. Sage 1935**	Ernest N. Elliott 1992**
William J. Thurber 1936**	Ted R. Smith 1994
Henry L. Godwin 1937**	Michael E. Rigsby 1995
Groves M. Mosses Jr. 1938++	Allen R. Van Horn 1996/2000
John B. Mills 1939**	Jerry W. Little 1997
Harvey L. Hersey 1940/43**	David W. Stanyon 1998**
Floyd E. Davidson 1941**	Larry A. Montesi 1999 **
John E. Hale 1942**	Joe Parham 2002 **
John R. Rotundo 1944++	Alvin R. Sharp, Jr. 2003**
Ross E. Jeffries 1945**	Jack V. Miller 2004 **
Albert Depew 1946**	Michael Hemphill 2005**
O. Frank Kirby 1947**	Allen Antoniac 2006**
Fred M. Loring 1948**	Bob Shonyo 2008**
Horace Y. Smith 1949**	Joe Moore 2009/10 /13
William E. Spencer 1950**	John Cuttitta 2011 **
Jay B. Johnson 1951**	John Reger 2012/24
Curtis J. Bock 1952++	Donald Goolsby 2014
Norman Mallet 1954**	Wendel Tomimbang 2015
James H. Young 1955**	William Waggoner 2016
S. Robert Lackey 1956**	Sidney Mills 2017
Robert H. Chamberlin 1957**	John Whitehead 2018
William R. Godwin II 1958**	Gerald W. Newland, Jr. 2019
Russell J. Depew 1959**	Kenneth A. Stichter 2020
Lloyd Stalvey 1960**	Jason Walters 2021
William S. Byrd 1961**	Nigel Mills 2022
Laurence Wheeler 1962**	Harry Mapes 2023
Edward Cowley 1963**	Ernie Paton 2025
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	

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 APRIL

4TH

JEFFORDS MILLER

15TH

WENDELL TOMIMBANG

21ST

JASON BASS

WILLIAM CLARK JR

JASON MACARTHUR

26TH

GERALD DURBIN

28TH

CARL FSADNI

DANA KING

RONALD KREGER II

SIDNEY MILLS

STEVEN WATKINS





APRIL

1ST
ANGEL CARDONA

2ND
MARK RIFE

3RD
TERRANCE LANDRY

5TH
JOHN BRUMER

9TH
MICHAEL O'DELL

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Future Ballots / Votes

None to Mention at this time

Upcoming Meetings

- Apr 4th: Masters and Wardens at Oviedo No.243 (Breakfast 0800 / Meeting 0900)
- **Training / Officer Meeting**
 - Apr 7th @ 6 p.m.
 - Apr 14th @ 6 p.m.
 - Apr 28th @ 6 p.m.
- Stated Communication on Apr 9th, 2026 (Supper 6:30 / Meeting 7:30 p.m.)
- **Fellow Craft Degree on Apr 21st 2026 at 7 pm for Tony Busby at Winter Park.**
- Stated Communication on 23rd, 2025 (Supper 6:30 / Meeting 7:30 p.m.)
- PLEASE check centralfloridamasons.com/calendar for more events.



First Meeting:

Second Meeting:



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 because of the fees we get charged by PayPal.

Please use the QR code below.....



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April Pix



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DDGM Second Visit



EA Degree Visit at Winter Park



Entered Apprentice Degree



2026 Officers



Famous Mason of the Month

Thomas P. Stafford

Thomas Patten Stafford (September 17, 1930 – March 18, 2024) was an American Air Force officer, test pilot, and NASA astronaut, and one of 24 astronauts who flew to the Moon. He also served as Chief of the Astronaut Office from 1969 to 1971.

After graduating from the United States Naval Academy, Stafford was commissioned in the United States Air Force, flying the F-86 Sabre before becoming a test pilot. He was selected to become an astronaut in 1962, and flew aboard Gemini 6A in 1965 and Gemini 9A in 1966. In 1969, he commanded Apollo 10, the second crewed mission to orbit the Moon. Here, he and Gene Cernan became the first to fly an Apollo Lunar Module in lunar orbit, descending to an altitude of nine miles (fourteen kilometres).

Masonic Affiliations

- **Lodge Membership:** Stafford was a member of Western Star Lodge No. 138 in Weatherford, Oklahoma.
- **Rite:** He was a member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.
- **Recognition:** In 2017, he was mentioned as a participating member of a degree team for the United Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction's annual session.





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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Restoring the Heart of Our Lodge

As members of the Craft, we must ask ourselves: What is the true purpose of our Lodge? While the common answer is “to raise Master Masons,” our mission goes much deeper. Our Lodge should be a place of education and inspiration, where rituals are not just performed but understood. For example, instead of simply conferring degrees, we can dedicate time during meetings to discuss the symbolism of the square and compass, explore the lessons behind the working tools, and reflect on the meaning of charity and brotherly love. These discussions transform routine gatherings into opportunities for genuine growth and understanding.

In recent years, the drive to increase membership has sometimes led to shortcuts. Rituals may be rushed, and candidates are often told to read about symbols in the Monitor, rather than having those symbols explained in person. Imagine if, at each meeting, we took a few minutes to talk about the significance of the apron or the pillars—members would leave with a deeper appreciation for our traditions. When candidates are not required to invest time or effort, the experience loses its meaning.

Masonry is fundamentally about self-improvement. Members are encouraged to reflect on their actions, strive to be better than they were yesterday, and show kindness to those with differing views. For instance, Lodges can host workshops on leadership, invite speakers to discuss Masonic philosophy, or organize charity events that put our values into practice. These activities not only strengthen our bonds but also reinforce the principles we hold dear.

Younger Masons are seeking the authentic experience their fathers and grandfathers enjoyed. They are willing to invest time and resources if the Lodge offers real value. A memorable initiation, ongoing mentorship, and opportunities for learning will help them feel connected and motivated to stay involved. For example, pairing new members with experienced mentors or organizing study sessions on Masonic history can make a lasting impact.

Freemasonry is unique and should maintain its traditions. The Grand Lodge provides the administrative framework, but it is up to each Lodge to deliver meaningful education and experiences. Let’s commit to restoring regular instruction—such as study sessions, open discussions, and mentorship programs—so every member can truly benefit from the Craft.

As Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Jeffrey M. Williamson reminds us:

“Freemasonry is not just about making good men better; it’s about inspiring men to make a difference—in themselves, in their Lodges, and in their communities.”

Let us take responsibility within our own Lodge to make meetings more engaging and educational. By sharing knowledge, fostering discussion, and upholding our values, we ensure that Freemasonry remains a vibrant and meaningful journey for all members. The Grand Lodge may set the standards, but it is in our hands to bring those standards to life. Let us stand out—not just as Freemasons, but as stewards of a living tradition.

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".