

TRESTLEBOARD

Clearwater Lodge No. 127 F&AM

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From the East



Brethren,

September - School's back in session and so is YOUR LODGE. We've had some responses from the PLEDGE/DONATION LETTER but we have not

reached our goal.

It is planned that the amount will be raised by December, the we'll start the roof after the rainy season is over.

We'll be installing some NEW OFFICERS to fill the vacant chairs in the line on September 16th. The Officers would appreciate a nice support of visitors. There will be a supper at 6:30 and a public installation at 7:30. Come show your support for all the officers.

We had some WORK DETAILS in June, July and August to prepare the building for the new roof.

We are using CORELLE dishes, not throw away for all our meals. If you know of any that may be available let us know. The pattern, style or design does not really matter. It's just really nice to eat on dishes and the food does taste better.

The first fry/tenderloin dinners are again starting up on Friday nights. They will be on September 12th, October 10th, November 14th and December 12th from 5 to 7 PM for \$8.00 per person.

We will also be having Ladies and Brothers Night Out on the 3rd Thursday at the Lodge at 6 PM on September 18, October 16th and on November 20th which will be a Special Thanksgiving Dinner for brothers, sisters, family and friends. Tickets will be \$12.50 per person presold. More on this in a SPECIAL MAILING with tickets enclosed. December 18th, Ladies and Brothers Night Out will be the Lodge Holiday Dinner for all. This will also be AWARDS NIGHT to recognize the people that have gone the extra mile this year.

2008 - We'll make it GREAT!! Remember T.G.I.F.

With Love for the Fraternity,
W.: Jon Vonderau P. M.
Worshipful Master

From the West



Brethren,

The vapor of the salty seawater hit his face and brought tears in his eyes, or was there any other cause? Looking west, staring at the horizon he saw nothing else but the sea, hearing the monotone sound of the powerful engines below. He was wandering if he had the firepower and the trained man aboard, he could have won his country's independence. Where will the future take him, that was unknown, but he knew the past well. The present was carrying him to London from Turkey aboard the U.S.S. Mississippi which was sent to him by the U.S. government. He was a Mason, but only in his heart since young hood, without knowing what Freemasonry is all about. His name was Kossuth Lajos (Louis Kossuth), at age 35 imprisoned by the Austrian government for political reasons. Three years in prison, he taught himself English, after his release he became the editor of a daily newspaper expressing his views of Hungary's independence. His efforts and influence caused significant constitutional changes, resulted in the bloodless revolution in 1848. He became the financial minister, later the governor, was responsible for the elected Parliament. The dethroned Habsburgs with the help, and 300,000 men army of the Russian Czar ended Hungary's independence. In exile Kossuth stayed in Turkey and London, 1851 journeyed to America, addressed both Houses of Congress by invitation. In 1852 one of his dearest dreams came true, in the Lodge #133 Cincinnati Ohio was initiated, passed to Fellowcraft, raised as Master Mason. He addressed numerous Lodges, at the Gran Lodge of Massachusetts worded "It will be the great aim and effort of my life to walk worthy of the character of a Master Mason and to fulfill the Masonic duties which devolve, according to his ability and rank, upon every member of our noble institution" As his popularity showed, a town was named after him in Mississippi, two Lodges in the US, one in Argentina, has a bust of him in the United States Capitol. He is known to his country as George Washington to the USA. I cherish his memory as one of my Brothers, one of our Brothers.

With Brotherly Love,
Joseph Gondos
Senior Warden

From the South

Brethren,



Welcome back, it's been a nice summer break and now it's time to get back to lodge. There were a

couple of working parties over the summer and we will have a couple more coming up in the next couple of months.

School is back in session so please be careful of the kids in the morning walking to school and at the bus stops, and plan ahead, leave a couple minutes earlier in the morning in case you get behind one of those school buses, they can make you late for work.

Masonic education and our website. We have a new page on our website dedicated to educating our brothers. Once there you will find downloads for Handbook of Floorwork Procedures, Digest of Masonic Law of Florida, Master Mason Exam's I, II and III and many others. If there is a form you are looking for, or a non-copyrighted piece of material you would like to see there, drop me a link and we'll get it added. Have some Masonic trivia to pass on, send it. Better yet if you have a question and would like it answered, drop us a line at clearwaterlodge127@yahoo.com and stay tuned to www.clearwater127.org and let's get educated together.

Your lodge is selling some new pins, My Lodge, My Country. I'm Part of it, I'm Proud of it! With the America flag and Square and Compass. There \$6.50 each and you can get them for only five dollars if you buy 10 or more, what a bargain! What are they for you might ask, you guessed it, to help replace the roof over our heads.

2008 - We'll make it Great!!!

Semper Fi,
Glen Bishop
Junior Warden

OFFICERS

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TRUSTEE BOARD

1971	W.: Steiner Humerick, P.M.	531-4527
1995	R.:W.: George Benham, P.D.D.G.M	480-1527
2001/06	R.:W.: Sam Lampson, P.D.D.G.M.	443-3554
2003	W.: Frank Verderame, P.M.	531-0077
2006	W.: Arthur Barker, P.M.	446-4210
2008	W.: Jon P. Vonderau, P.M.	586-2304 / (260) 409-3050

RECYCLING CANS AND NEWSPAPER

Clearwater Lodge is pleased to support a program of collecting Aluminum cans. The Lodge turned in 65 lbs, and the owner donated extra funds to help our Lodge. Please rinse cans prior to bringing them to the Lodge and place them outside the back door of the Kitchen for collections. Remember also to bring your newspapers, phone books, magazines, office paper and leave them in the bright **RED** container in the parking lot. Funds collected from Aluminum cans and Newspapers help pay for repairs to parking lot.

From the Secretary Desk

Brethren,

It doesn't seem possible that the summer is over. We continue to raise funds for our roof. The response has been great. Several Brothers have told me that the way our Worshipful Master Jon asked for contributions made it easier for them to donate to the Lodge. I am talking about spreading out the donations over time. I hope that soon we will be able to replace the roof.



Most Brothers have paid their dues for 2008 we currently have only 19 who have not met their obligation to the Lodge this number is significantly lower than in previous years. I Thank you for your timely response to your Lodge. For those Brothers who have not met their obligation please contact me and see if we can work something out.

On Tuesday September 23 our current D.D.G.M. R.: W.: James Rocha will be making his official visit to Clearwater Lodge. his topic will be a Master Mason reading. I have the pleasure of being appointed as the Committeeman for the Child ID program this year. I encourage all members to come out and show R.:W.: Rocha that Clearwater Lodge supports him.

At the 179th Annual Communication held in Orlando there was significant resolutions passed that have a direct affect on the Lodge. A resolution was passed to allow the Lodge to admit 18 year olds. It was also passed that we do criminal background checks on all new candidates, suspended and demitted Brothers who seek readmission to the Craft. The Grand Lodge of Florida has entered on an agreement with a company to do the checks for \$15.00. This will be added to the initiation fee.

During the summer break we have admitted Bro George and Norma Foster to our Masonic Home. Also Brother and Mrs. Turvy have been approved and are waiting on adjoining rooms before admission. If you haven't been to our fine Masonic home lately I encourage you to visit and have lunch with one of our sponsored Residents. The food we serve is on par with fine dining.

In Peace and Harmony
Russell LeMar , Secretary

PAST MASTERS OF CLEARWATER LODGE NO. 127

1961 RICHARD E. DUPUY	2001 SAM LAMPSON, P.D.D.G.M.
1967 LELAND BEEBE	2002 MEL HINKLEY
1971 STEINER M. HUMERICK	2003 FRANK VERDERAME
1974 JAMES H. DIEPHUIS, P.D.D.G.M.	2004 JOSEPH W. DUHAMEL
1975 JAMES T. OGLE	2005 MARK BIRENBAUM
1976 DAVID A. MARTIN	2006 SAM LAMPSON, P.D.D.G.M
1977 ROBERT L. TROGLEN	2006 ART BARKER
1981 JERRY COLE	2007 JAMES EUBANKS
1982 WAYNE PELLE	

AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS

1983 THOMAS C. LITTLE	1967 JOHN CAREY
1984 BRYANT S. DAVIS	1973 WILLIAM RITTERBUSCH
1985 RONALD LOHR	1977 EDWARD PHERO, P.D.D.G.M.
1986 MARTIN A. RYAN	1978 RONALD J. EVANS
1988 JAMES H. DIEPHUIS, P.D.D.G.M.	1980 BEN KEITEL
1989 GRANVILLE T. LEMAY	1981 JAMES EUBANKS
1990 LUDVIG C. CHRISTENSEN	1983 JON P. VONDERAU
1991 RICHARD J. CORNWELL	1995 MARK LEMACHER
1993 JACK STABLER, P.D.D.G.M.	1995 PETER GOEBEL
1994 MICHAEL LAFOLLETTE	1995 REED RUE P.D.D.G.M.
1995 GEORGE D. BENHAM, P.D.D.G.M.	1997 EDWARD AVANCE
1996 LEE HAMILTON	1998 RONALD J. EVANS JR.
1997 RONALD G. LOHR	1999 JOE SIPOS
1998 ROY W. BAKER	2001 JOHN BRIMSON
1999 LARRY BOWLING	
2000 PAUL NEWMAN	

All deceased Past Masters are show on the Past Masters Board in the lodge

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

BRO ROBERT	ROCKHOLD	1
BRO WILLIAM	APPLET	2
BRO JAMES	DAVIS	3
BRO ALBERT	WILCOX	3
BRO ALLAN	MILLARD	4
BRO JACKIE	KELLER	9
BRO RICHARD	MITCHELL	9
BRO ROBERT	DUKE	11
BRO STEVEN	WILENSKY	11
BRO THOMAS	FELKINS	12
BRO JOSEPH	GONDOS	13
BRO HERBERT	WOODARD	15
BRO TRACE	MEEK	16
BRO DANIEL	DAVIS JR	19
W.: JAMES	EUBANKS	19
BRO ROGER	KENYON	19
BRO FRANK	KUNCZ JR	20
BRO JOSEPH	CAPARELE	21
BRO JOHN	KENNEDY	21
BRO RICHARD	KEISEL	25
BRO RAYMOND	CARLSON	26
BRO PAUL	SMITH	27
BRO CURTIS	EBERT	28
W.: JOHNNY	WALKER	28
BRO MILTON	DECKER	30
BRO EARNEST	RUCKER	30



W.:M.: Jon P. Vonderau and Bro. Glen Bishop visited with Bro. Russ and Sis. Velma Turvy. At the Mason Home while attending the 2008 Warden's Workshop for Zone 6.



Help Support your Lodge.

Purchase a pin for \$6.50.
Purchase 10 or more for just five dollars each.

All proceeds go to replacing the roof above our heads.

Please contact the Worship Mason or Secretary for more information



GIFT STORE:

Come see Additional new selection of new items available in our Gift Shop to buy. If you have not had the opportunity to stop by the Gift Counter recently, please do so and see the larger selection of Masonic and Eastern Star merchandise that can be purchased. Gift Shop Hours when Lodge is open. *Brother Paul Smith*

IN MEMORIAL

BROTHERS RAISED TO THE SUPREME LODGE ON HIGH
 BRO. RICHARD CLUTTER 7/8/2008
 BRO. JAMES GREEN 7/8/2008
 BRO. DENNIS BERG 7/19/2008

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SEPTEMBER 2008 EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day	2 Degree or Officer Practice 6:30 pm	3	4	5	6 Fellowship Breakfast 7a-10a
7	8	9 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm Dinner 6:30 pm	10 OES 7:30 pm	11 D.D.G.M. Visit Tarpon Lodge No. 112 7:30 pm Topic - FC Reading	12 Fish Tenderloin 5-7	13 Fellowship Breakfast 7a-10a White Shrine 7:30 pm
14	15 D.D.G.M. Visit Pearl of the West Lodge No. 146 7:30 pm Topic - Coaching/Grand Lodge	16 Degree or Officer Practice 6:30 pm	17	18 Brother and Ladies Night out 6 PM	19	20 Fellowship Breakfast 7a-10a
21 Masonic Home Board Meeting 11am	22 Autumn Begins	23 D.D.G.M. Official Visit 7:30 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Topic—MM Reading	24 OES 7:30 pm	25	26	27 Fellowship Breakfast 7a-10a
28	29	30 Rosh Hashanah Degree or Officer Practice 6:30 pm				