

TRESTLEBOARD

Clearwater Lodge No. 127 F&AM

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From the East



Brethren,

The year has come to an end we will be electing the New Master on Tuesday, December 11th and the new elected Officers for 2008.

It has been a year of ups and downs. We replaced the deep freeze, hot water heater, and had our new fellowship hall floor installed. We have said good by to some of our members but have welcomed new Brothers to our Craft. I would like to Thank my wife for supporting me throughout the year along with my elected and appointed officers and the Craft.

On October 30th we welcomed Egypt Shrine Temple who had the Potentates Master Mason degree. For the first half of the degree W.: Michael Rhoades sat in the East. If the name sounds familiar it is our very own District Instructor R.: W.: Tony Rhoads son who is sitting Master at Tampa Bay Lodge No. 252. During the second half R.:W.: Rick Hoover from Nitram Lodge presided as King Solomon. Clearwater had a record number of Brothers for this degree. Our Secretary made an outstanding meal. Our sisters from O.E.S. Chapter No. 4 worked especially hard to serve all the Brothers. We could not have had a successful meal without there help. We thank Egypt Shrine for allowing Clearwater Lodge NO. 127 host this year's degree.

On October 23rd Karen and Ben from Moss Feaster Funeral Home gave a seminar and provided us with our evening meal we had over forty Brothers, Friends, and Family members attend, the night was a total success. We still have several packets of information available at the Lodge.

In closing I would like to invite Families and Friends to our public installation of our 2008 elected and appointed officers to be held Saturday January 5th 2008. Dinner will be at 6:30 PM with the installation following at 7:30 pm. All are welcome.

On The Square,
W.: James Eubanks P.M.
Worshipful Master

From the West



Brethren,.

December has arrived with all the busy schedules, Holidays and other social obligations. December 11th (2nd

Tuesday) is election night for the five elected officers of the Lodge. This should be the most attended meeting of the year. It is your right and obligation to cast a ballot. The Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer and Secretary all need to know that all the Brothers will stand behind them and show their support for the Lodge.

The ballot is one of your most binding and sacred obligations and every Mason should fulfill that obligation. The January Trestle Board will be out early. There will be scheduled fund raising events all year with the first being January 17th 2008. This is normally Ladies and Brothers night out. We will have a dinner and Entertainment at the Lodge because that is also the 116th anniversary of our Lodge.

More information to follow. Please plan on attending.

With Love for the Fraternity
W.: Jon P. Vonderau, P.M.
Senior Warden

From the South

Brethren,



There are several movies and books which highlight Freemasonry in a favorable light. Below are just a few. National Treasure: Book of Secrets The 2004 movie National

Treasure was a box office success and is now being followed by National Treasure: Book of Secrets to be released December 21st 2007. It promises to be an action packed film involving such scenes as treasure diving in the Dry Tortugas and looking for a city of gold under Mt. Rushmore.

Freemasonry, particularly the Scottish Rite, will play a role in the film. The trailer describes the plot of the movie as: Treasurer Hunter Benjamin Franklin Gates (Nicholas Cage) looks to discover the truth behind the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, by uncovering the mystery within the 18 pages missing from assassin John Wilkes Booth's diary.

There are also apparent references to an organization known as the "Knights of the Golden Circle." (See next article) Knights of the Golden Circle

This order was apparently formed in 1861 and had links to the Confederacy. Its purpose was to influence the outcome of the Civil War. Legend has it that a vast fortune was accumulated and guarded by its members known as Sentinels. There is a book, released in 2003, titled Shadow of the Sentinel by Warren Gelter and Bob Brewer, which deals with this subject.

Dan Browns new book:

Still one of the best kept secrets is any information about the new book by Dan Brown. We understand the title, The Solomon Key, has been changed and no publication date has been released. There are rumors the book might be available in the Spring of 2008. We also believe the plot will involve Washington, D.C. and have a Masonic connection.

With my Brotherly Love to all of you,

Bro. Joseph Gondos
Junior Warden

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| 1893 * C.F. THOMPSON | 1945 * KENNETH LIPPINCOTT | 1997 RONALD G. LORH |
| 1894 * JOSEPH ELDRIDGE | 1946 * WILLIAM L. RANDOLPH | 1998 ROY W. BAKER |
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| 1897 * H.L. SNYDER | 1949 * L. LESTER SELLERS, P.D.D.G.M. | 2001 SAM LAMPSON, P.D.D.G.M. |
| 1898 * W.Y. WILSON | 1950 * GLENN ALLAN | 2002 MEL HINKLEY |
| 1899 * H.L. SNYDER | 1951 * J. COHEN HARDY | 2003 FRANK VERDERAME |
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| 1904 * W.D. KIMBALL | 1956 * REGINALD MILLER, P.D.D.G.M. | |
| 1905 * W.D. KIMBALL | 1957 * MARVIN DYAL | |
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| 1907 * LEROY BRANDON, P.G.M. | 1959 * EDWARD C. CALVIN | |
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| 1915 * J.P. EMERSON | 1967 LELAND BEEBE | |
| 1916 * LEROY BRANDON, P.G.M. | 1968 * HAROLD A. RODENBERG | |
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| 1919 * H.W. BIVENS | 1971 STEINER M. HUMERICK | |
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| 1923 * L.E. JOHNSON | 1975 JAMES T. OGLE | |
| 1924 * S.T. WICKENS | 1976 DAVID A. MARTIN | |
| 1925 * CHARLES SHAW | 1977 ROBERT L. TROGLEN | |
| 1926 * S.T. WICKENS | 1978 * TRAVIS MCLEMORE | |
| 1927 * CHARLES F. MASON | 1979 * WILLIAM KURTZ | |
| 1928 * CHARLES F. MASON | 1980 * JERRY PATTERSON | |
| 1929 * D.W. CULP | 1981 JERRY COLE | |
| 1930 * NILS A. ANDERSON | 1982 WAYNE PELLEY | |
| 1931 * JOHN M. GORE | 1983 THOMAS C. LITTLE | |
| 1932 * EVAN H. JONES | 1984 BRYANT S. DAVIS | |
| 1933 * WILLIAM A. MOREE | 1985 RONALD LOHR | |
| 1934 * B.T. GRIFFIN | 1986 MARTIN A. RYAN | |
| 1935 * JOHN C. POLHILL, P.D.D.G.M. | 1987 * ARDEN F. FLEISHER | |
| 1936 * ARTHUR C. GRISELMAN | 1988 JAMES H. DIEPHUIS, P.D.D.G.M. | |
| 1937 * WILL C. RODGERS, P.D.D.G.M. | 1989 GRANVILLE T. LEMAY | |
| 1938 * HERBERT GRICE | 1990 LUDVIG C. CHRISTENSEN | |
| 1939 * W. PAUL HARRIS | 1991 RICHARD J. CORNWELL | |
| 1940 * J. MERLE KELLOG | 1992 * RICHARD CORYELL | |
| 1941 * JAMES C. ROBERTS | 1993 JACK STABLER, P.D.D.G.M. | |
| 1942 * FORREST SCARLOTT | 1994 MICHAEL LAFOLLETTE | |
| 1943 * GRADY SULLIVAN | 1995 GEORGE D. BENHAM, P.D.D.G.M. | |

AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS

- 1967 JOHN CAREY
- 1973 WILLIAM RITTERBUSCH
- 1977 EDWARD PHERO, P.D.D.G.M.
- 1978 RONALD J. EVANS
- 1980 BEN KEITEL
- 1981 JAMES EUBANKS
- 1983 JON P. VONDERAU
- 1995 MARK LEMACHER
- 1995 REED RUE P.D.D.G.M.
- 1997 EDWARD AVANCE
- 1998 RONALD J. EVANS JR.
- 1999 JOE SIPOS
- 2001 JOHN BRIMSON

* DENOTES DECEASED



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**NEW OFFICE HOURS MONDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY
8:00 AM-12:00 PM EVENING HOURS BY APPOINTMENT**

MASTER MASON EXAM I PART III



- 31) Does an officer who has been re-elected for the same office have to be installed a second time?
a) Yes b) No
- 32) The Election of the Officers shall be by?
a) Show of hands b) Acclimation
c) Secret written ballot d) Edict of the Grand Master
- 33) Which Officer below is not entitled to Grand Honors?
a) A newly installed Worshipful Master
b) The Senior Grand Warden
c) The Deputy Grand Master
d) A District Deputy not within his own District
- 34) What should the Lodge do if the Junior Warden moves from the state permanently?
a) The Worshipful Master immediately calls for a new election
b) The Lodge holds a new election
c) The Lodge requests a dispensation from the Grand Master and then holds a new election
d) The Senior Deacon moves up to fill the Office
- 35) What should the Worshipful Master do if a Brother becomes disorderly in the Lodge?
a) Expel Him b) Censure him before the Lodge
c) Instantly cease labor d) Bring Him to trial
- 36) Who presides in the absence of the Worshipful Master?
a) The Junior Past Master b) The District Deputy
c) The Junior Warden d) The Senior Warden
- 37) What determines the sufficiency of an avouchment?
a) A Committee of the Lodge b) At least one Brother present
c) A dues card d) The Worshipful Master
- 38) How are charges of unmasonic conduct brought into the Lodge?
a) Given verbally at a Stated Communication b) Filed with the Secretary of the Lodge in writing
c) Submitted first to the District Deputy d) Filed first with the Grand Master
- 39) During a Trial how is the Jury chosen?
a) By the Worshipful Master b) Composed of the three elected Officers
c) The Lodge is the Jury d) By the District Deputy
- 40) How should the voting be conducted during a Trial?
a) By a show of hands b) By a ball ballot
c) By majority vote d) By secret written ballot
- 41) A Blue Lodge serves cocktails at a function to raise money for a worthy cause
a) Permitted if for charity b) Permitted with permission of the Worshipful Master
c) Not allowed d) Permitted if by unanimous consent of the Lodge
- 42) Who is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home of Florida?
a) The Deputy Grand Master b) The Grand Master
c) The Administrator of the Masonic Home d) Elected from the Board itself
- 43) We recognize(_____) Landmarks of Freemasonry
a) Three b) Seven c) One d) Ten
- 44) When there is a consolidation of Lodges
a) The oldest Lodge retains the Lodge name
b) A new name is given and a new Charter issued
c) The Lodge names combine and both Charters are recognized
d) The Worshipful Master of the oldest Lodge decides which Charter is used
- 45) A Master Mason moves out of state. Which Lodge has Jurisdiction over Him?
a) The Lodge nearest to his new residence b) His home Lodge where he used to reside
c) The Grand Lodge of Florida d) He is considered an unaffiliated Mason
- 46) Which one of the following does not have the right to vote in a Lodge?
a) Chaplain b) Junior Deacon c) Marshal d) Visitor
- 47) A man has been rejected by one Lodge within a jurisdiction; another Lodge within the same jurisdiction:
a) May at once accept his petition without any delay
b) May award Him the first degree
c) May accept his petition after 90 days
d) May accept his petition after six months
- 48) A man has received the E.A. Degree. To advance to the Fellowcraft Degree
a) He must wait at least until the same Communication the following month
b) He must wait 60 days
c) He must wait three months
d) He must wait six months
- 49) When can the Worshipful Master spread the ballot on a petition?
a) At a Called Communication b) When first brought into the Lodge
c) At a regular Stated Communication after the Investigating Committee has reported
d) When the Petitions Committee has completed its work and given its report
- 50) Can a Member of a Lodge in Florida hold membership in more than one Lodge?
a) Yes b) No

BIRTHDAYS

BRO	MICHAEL	PEASLEY	5
BRO	JEFFERY	STARR	5
BRO	WILLIAM	POWELL JR	7
BRO	JACOB	SOLGOVIC	7
BRO	CHARLES	IDELSON	9
BRO	HOVAKIM	HARUTHUNIAN	10
BRO	RICHARD	WHALEN	10
BRO	KENNETH	WILSON	10
BRO	ROEY	ROBINSON	11
BRO	MICHAEL	SNIDER	12
BRO	ROBERT	BECKER	13
BRO	WILLIAM	BAUMGARDNER	14
W:.	JAMES	OGLE	14
BRO	JOHN	ELKINS	15
BRO	THOMAS	MEACHUM	15
BRO	PAUL	OLESEN	16
BRO	TERRY	STOERMER	17
BRO	HARLAND	CLARK	22
BRO	MELVIN	ENGELKE JR	22
BRO	ROBERT	WALDO	22
BRO	JAMES	GOOCH	27
BRO	CLINTON	MITCHELL	27
BRO	RANDAL	EVANS	28
BRO	WILLIAM	MCCALL	28
BRO	CHRISTOPHER	COOPER	30
BRO	AARON	NALLY	30
W:.	RONALD	EVANS JR	31

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NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

MY BROTHERS I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL WHO HAVE HELPED MAKE OUR FUND RAISING SATURDAY BREAKFAST SUCH A SUCCESS. W.: STEINER HUMERICK, W.: JON VONDERAU, W.: ART BARKER, W.: BRYANT DAVIS, BROTHERS DAVID GRIFFIN, RUSSELL LEMAR, AND KEN BITTNER. A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO FORMER FIRST LADY HELEN BARKER OUR WAITRESS. AND ALL THE BROTHERS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WHO MAKE SATURDAYS AT THE LODGE FOR BREAKFAST A ROUTINE AFFAIR. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO RECOGNIZE BROTHER CRAIG KNIGHT AND THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE HAM RADIO CLUB. SATURDAY BREAKFAST'S ARE OUR MAIN FUNDRAISERS OF THE YEAR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEW YEAR

FRATERNALLY,
BROTHER MARLIN MARSH
KITCHEN MANAGER

In Peace and Harmony
Russell LeMar, Secretary



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DECEMBER 2007 EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
2	3	4	5 Competition Team Practice 7:30	6	7	8 Fellowship Breakfast 7a - 10a White Shrine 7 pm	
9	10	11 Stated Meeting Election 7:30 pm Dinner 6:30 pm	12 OES 7:30 pm	13	14	15 Fellowship Breakfast 7a - 10a	
16 Masonic Home Board Meeting 11am	17	18	19 Competition Team Practice 7:30	20 Brother and Ladies Night out Stacey's @ 6PM	21	22 Fellowship Breakfast 7a - 10a	
23	24	25 Christmas Lodge Dark	26 OES 7:30 pm	27 Saint John's Day	28	29 Fellowship Breakfast 7a - 10a	
30	31 New Years Eve Party Covered Dish TBA	CLEARWATER MASONIC RINGS! Made from stainless steel, Customized for Clearwater No. 127. Rings are \$100. Contact the secretary to place your order!					Dec1st Fellowship Breakfast 7a - 10a