

TRESTLEBOARD

Clearwater Lodge No. 127 F&AM

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FROM THE EAST



Brethren,

The Trestelboard for June will be the last communication until September. During the summer months we will be sprucing up the lodge as we do every summer. I will be calling on brothers who can help out on our work parties. We are actively getting estimates on replacing the fellowship hall floor. We are still in need

of donations for this project.

On the Weekend of May 1st our lodge was vandalized along with Star Lodge in Largo. This is the same time as last year that we were vandalized. Bro. Paul Smith made a motion to form a committee to look into our options for security cameras. W.: Frank Verderame, Bro. Russ LeMar and myself cleaned all the spray paint off of the building. Thanks to W.: Frank for all the pressure washing of the building.

Congratulations to our newly obligated Brothers Glenn Bishop, Jorge Morales, and John Lialios. Welcome to our Fraternity. I would also like to welcome back Bro. John Rawlings. Our

E.A. degree held on May 16th was performed by our degree team who did an excellent job. Thanks also to R.: W.: Bill Petrey for the lecture and W.: Jim Eubanks for his job in delivering the charge.

Sadly the Acacia committee has been busy this past month they have officiated at 3 Masonic funerals. Five Brothers were Raised to the Supreme Lodge on High. Bro's. Grover Moore, Paul Lucas, Lewis Scruggs, Earl Goodman, and Robert Gober. Our Thoughts and Prayers are with their families.

Your delegates to the Grand Lodge were W.: Arthur Barker, W.: Jon Vonderau, and Bro. Russ LeMar we will

be discussing the results of Grand Lodge legislation at our June 13th stated meeting. I hope to have a large turn out for this meeting.

Clearwater Lodge No. 127 will be closed for the months of July and August. I would like to wish all our members and their families a safe and happy Summer.

I will see you all in the Fall.

Fraternally,
W.: Arthur Barker
Worshipful Master

NEWS FLASH!! CLEARWATER LODGE NO. 127 TAKES 2ND PLACE IN STATE DEGREE COMPETITION! SEE PAGE 3!

FROM THE WEST



I would like to congratulate newly obligated Brothers Glen Bishop, George Morales, and John Lailios. My wish for you is to

continue seeking light in Masonry. Once again our degree team did an outstanding job under direction of R.: W.: Ed Phero. Our lecture was presented by R.: W.: Bill Petrey who did an excellent job.

My Brothers this is a three part series on the history of Freemasonry in Florida.

The earliest record of the existence of Freemasonry in Florida that we can trace, is that a Lodge of Ancient York Masons was organized in the city of St. Augustine, under a warrant granted by the Grand Lodge of the state of Georgia, about the year 1806 to St. Fernando Lodge. But no certain information can be obtained on the subject from the records of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, as part of the archives of that Grand Lodge, form 1805 to 1817 were destroyed by the great fire which occurred in the city of Savannah about the year 1818. This lodge worked and made Masons until the year 1811, when it was suppressed by a

mandate of the Spanish government. Notwithstanding this pointed opposition to Masonry, a few faithful spirits cherished in their hearts a love for the institution, and in the year 1820 obtained from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina a warrant for a Lodge to work in the city of St. Augustine, under the style of "Florida Virtues Lodge No. 28." But such was the still prevailing hostility of the Spanish authorities, and from other causes its existence was not long preserved. The next Lodge of which we have any knowledge was a Mark Masters Lodge, called "Union Mark Lodge" established in St. Augustine in 1822 under a warrant

from the Hon. DeWitt Clinton, General Grand High-Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. This Masonic body worked for a short time only owing perhaps to the fact that there was no symbolic Lodge in that city to furnish it with material to work; and to the further fact that Masonry at that time had not recovered form the effects of the church prejudices and influences. I will continue this study in our next Trestleboard.

On the Level,
W.: James Eubanks,
Senior Warden Pro-Tem

FROM THE SOUTH



Brethren,
My wife Marita and I do not belong to the Order of the Eastern Star. My Father belonged to 42 Masonic organizations and my Mother to 18 at the time they each passed away.

A Mason belongs to the oldest and longest fraternal organization in the world. Today there are over 2 million Freemasons in

the United States alone.

Queen Ester Chapter No. 4 O.E.S. meets at Clearwater Lodge No. 127 the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. They are an active group and have several fund raisers to help defray the costs of running Clearwater Lodge. I believe as a Family we need to help each other. One of there current and ongoing fund raiser is a bake sale without the sweets. All you have to do is send in monies that you would have used to bake a cake or pie or other sweet. Or if

you are buying a sweet just pretend and send in the money helping the Chapter is the sweet reward. On October 27th the Chapter will be having an all you can eat chili night with the cost a small \$7.00. You can't beat that. On November 3-4 there will be a huge Yard Sale here at the Lodge sponsored by O.E.S. Chapter No. 4.

Perpetual membership program is another great way to support the Lodge. It cost 20 times annual dues. The Grand Lodge has many attractive financing plans

available. It is a forgone conclusion that dues will be going up. Our current dues cover just 40% of our annual budget.

I will be going to Indiana after Grand Lodge to sell my home. I have arranged to have meals prepared for our June Stated Meetings. While I am gone in June the Lodge will go dark in July and August I will see you again in the fall. Have a Happy and Fun Summer

With Love for the Fraternity,
Jon P. Vonderau, PM, Junior Warden

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PAST MASTERS OF CLEARWATER LODGE NO. 127

1892* W. F. White	1935* John C. Polhill, PDDGM	1978* Travis McLemore
1893* C. F. Thompson	1936* Arthur C. Griselman	1979* William Kurtz
1894* Joseph J. Eldridge	1937* Will C. Rodgers, PDDGM	1980* Jerry Patterson
1895* J.M. Matchett	1938* Herbert Grice	1981 Jerry Cole
1896* John H. Warlick	1939* W. Paul Harris	1982 Wayne Pelley
1897* H. L. Snyder	1940* J. Merle Kellogg	1983 Thomas C. Little
1898* W.Y. Wilson	1941* James C. Roberts	1984 Bryant S. Davis
1899* H.L. Snyder	1942* Forrest Scarlott	1985 Ronald G. Lohr
1900* W.Y. Wilson	1943* Grady Sullivan	1986 Martin J. Ryan
1901* Joseph J. Eldridge	1944* Watson Ricks	1987* Arden F. Fleisher
1902* Joseph J. Eldridge	1945* Kenneth Lippincott	1988 James H. Diephuis, PDDGM
1903* W. D. Kimball	1946* William L. Randolph	1989 Granville T. LeMay
1904* W. D. Kimball	1947* Otis McFarland	1990 Ludvig C. Christensen
1905* W. D. Kimball	1948* Francis Middleton	1991 Richard J. Cornwell
1906* Leroy Brandon, PGM	1949* L. Lester Sellers, PDDGM	1992* Richard Coryell
1907* Leroy Brandon, PGM	1950* Glenn Allen	1993 Jack Stabler, PDDGM
1908* R. H. Padgett	1951* J. Cohen Hardy	1994 Michael LaFollette
1909* R. H. Padgett	1952* Lester Plumb, PDDGM	1995 George D. Benham, PDDGM
1910* R. W. Hines	1953* Lewis Scruggs	1996 Lee Hamilton
1911* Leroy Brandon, PGM	1954* Harold Wallace	1997 Ronald G. Lohr
1912* Leroy Brandon, PGM	1955* Paul Cassel	1998 Roy W. Baker
1913* S. N. Dillard	1956* Reginald Miller, PDDGM	1999 Larry Bowling
1914* S. N. Dillard	1957* Marvin Dyal	2000 Paul Newman
1915* J. P. Emerson	1958* Roy H James	2001 Sam Lampson, PDI, PDDGM
1916* Leroy Brandon, PGM	1959* Edward C. Calvin	2002 Mel Hinkley
1917* E. E. Copeland	1960* Gerald L. White	2003 Frank Verderame
1918* H. W. Bivens	1961 Richard E. DuPuy	2004 Joseph W. Duhamel
1919* H. W. Bivens	1962* Knute A. Oden	2005 Mark Birenbaum
1920* Louis Frank	1963* William F. Shurtleff	
1921* S. T. Wickens	1964* Fred J. Haslinger	AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS
1922* Joseph A. Wright	1965 Frank R. Colvin	1967 John Carey
1923* L.E. Johnson	1966* James J. Almony	1977 Edward Phero, PDI, PDDGM
1924* S. T. Wickens	1967 LeLand G. Beebe	1978 Ronald J. Evans
1925* Charles Shaw	1968* Harold A. Rodenberger	1980 Ben Keitel
1926* S. T. Wickens	1969* John S. Diamond	1981 James Eubanks
1927* Charles F. Mason	1970* Arden F. Fleisher	1995 Mark LeMacher
1928* Charles F. Mason	1971 Steiner M. Humerick	1995 Peter Goebel
1929* D. W. Culp	1972* Carl E. Elwood, 33°	1995 Reed Rue, PDDGM
1930* Nils A. Anderson	1973* N. Fisher Groves	1997 Ed Avance
1931* John M Gore	1974 James H. Diephuis, PDDGM	1999 Joe Sipos
1932* Evan H Jones	1975 James T. Ogle	2001 John Brimson
1933* William A Moree	1976 David A. Martin	
1934* B.T. Griffin	1977 Robert L. Troglen	* Denotes Deceased

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Brethren,
Summer is upon us our Northern Brothers have gone home and the Lodge is about to go dark for the months of July and August. The Lodge office will continue to remain open all summer on Monday's, Wednesday's, and Friday's 2:00 PM-6:00 PM. If you are in the area stop by for a visit. The Lodge Instructors will be busy all summer instructing our new brothers in their Catechism's.

Congratulations to our new E.A. Brothers; John lialios, Glen Bishop, and Jorge Morales who were obligated May 16th 2006. The Degree Team did an excellent job. Welcome back to Bro. John Rawlings who will be resuming his Masonic education. Our goal is to have a Fellow Craft Degree this month.

We are in the process of researching the cost of replacing the Fellowship Hall floor. Several flooring companies will be giving us their estimates. It is time for us during the summer months to spruce up the Lodge. We will be having several work parties during the summer. We are in need of your time and talents. The Kitchen

needs to be deep cleaned including pressure washing the stove vents. The Lodge itself needs to be pressure washed and as always gardening out front if you are able to help out please let the office know. The Dates have not been set but they are always on Saturdays.

There will be a motion made at our June 27th Stated Meeting to increase our annual dues to \$100.00 starting in 2007. This is an important decision affecting all members and I would strongly encourage you to attend. If you have contemplated a perpetual membership now is the time. If the motion carries you have till Jan. 1st to secure our current perpetual membership fee of \$1500.00. After Jan. 1st the fee will go up an extra \$500.00. Our membership dues cover 40% of our operating budget for maintaining our Lodge. We raise the rest through fund raisers. The Grand Lodge offers several financing options for perpetual memberships contact the Lodge office for more information.

Have a safe and healthy summer and we will see you in September.

Fraternally,
Russell LeMar , Secretary

SATURDAY BREAKFAST

The Breakfast committee would like to Thank our Patrons for your support. We look forward to seeing you in the Fall after our summer break. Our first breakfast when we resume meetings will be Saturday September 2nd. Have a safe and happy summer.

I would like to Thank my son, Zack a future Mason for all his help during our breakfasts.
Brother Scott McCauley

IN MEMORIUM

The following brothers recently passed to the Supreme Lodge on High: Bro. Grover C. Moore Jr., 1/30/06. Bro. Earl G. Goodman, 4/27/06. W.: Lewis E. Scruggs P.M., 5/06/06. Bro. Paul R. Lucas, 5/06/06. Bro. Richard H. Gober, 5/13/06.

GIFT STORE

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 & W: Johnny Walker



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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

ALEX R GUEVARA	1
LAWRENCE A LUNDEEN	2
HARRY A MARLAND JR	3
STEVEN C ANDERSEN	3
MARK A GUERIN	4
JON P VONDERAU	5
RICHARD G FLEMING	5
JOHN W MC CALL	8
ROBERT W WILSON	8
CLYDE H LONG JR	9
THOMAS S WILSON JR	10
SAMUEL F MILLER	11
EDGAR E HERING	12
JAMES C HILL	15
LARRY W BOWLING	15
LAVERNE F BOWLEY II	15
OSWALD D PHILLIPPY	15
JAMES M HOMAN JR	17
MILNER A CUMMINGS	17
CHARLES G BELL	18
RICHARD A RINK	18
RONALD J SERIG	18
JOHN S BROWN JR	19
MICHAEL B WAMPLER	20
MORRIS F DIXON	20
DAVID H RHONE	21
JACOB F STOWERS	21
JOHN J BURCHILL	21
THOMAS D DIXON	21
JOHNNY W COX	25
WILLIAM J CASTAGNA	25
CLARK D WAGAR	26

JULY BIRTHDAYS

FRANK P VERDERAME	2
JOHN E STANSKY	2
WILLIAM H FAIRCLOUGH	3
EDWARD E PHERO	4
PAUL A NEWMAN	4
CONRAD J DOEBECKER	5
HAROLD E CURRY	7
JAMES G NICHOLS	7
FRANK N BEYER JR	8
CRAIG E KNIGHT	9
ERNEST C TOKARSKY	9
EDWIN A REDMER	11
JAMES M BURNS JR	14
DONALD H KEMMERLE	15
EDWARD C AVANCE	15
DAVID A MARTIN	16
JAMES H PHILLIPS	17
RICHARD F KNOWLES	17
THOMAS R SUPULSKI	18
WILLIAM T TRAUTWEIN	19
JOHN W HOMER	20
SILAS F MC GHEE JR	21
WILLIAM C WARREN JR	21
GLENN S PULASKI	22
MARLIN J MARSH	22
JOHN A GIBSON	24
CARNEY R BARKER	26
GERALD D BENNETT	26
HOWARD L CHAMBERLIN	27
WILLIAM B DUKE	28
MIHALIS Z LEVER	29
THOMAS G FOX	29
VERNON A VON WERDER	29
FRANK A PELUSIO	30

**CLEARWATER LODGE NO. 127 DEGREE TEAM WINS
 2ND PLACE IN STATE COMPETITION!**

Clearwater Masonic Lodge No. 127 came in 2nd place at the state degree competition in Winter Park, FL on Sunday May 28, 2006 against 4 other Lodges out of over 300 Lodges prior to the beginning of the State Grand Communication Convention in Orlando, FL.

Previously Clearwater Lodge advanced by winning 1st place in the region against other Masonic Lodges in degree competitions.

Competition instructor R. W.: Edward Phero's Degree team consisted of the following brothers: WM-R:W.: Sam Lampson, SW-W.: Arthur Barker, JW-Russell LeMar, SD-Zeke Lever, JD-Joseph Gondos, SS-W.: James Eubanks, JS-David Griffin, Chaplain-W.: Bryant Davis, Tyler-Edward Ballantyne, Asst Tyler-David Soderland. Scott McCauley played the Candidate.

All are members of Clearwater Lodge No 127. The degree team has been practicing since the fall of last year. This was the first time Clearwater Lodge No 127 won at the regional level and thus earned the right to compete at the state level.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

JOHN T KASTNER	2
SCOTT V MC CAULEY	2
VERNOR D BLOUGH	3
ROBERT M PITCHER	6
DAVID E HANSON	7
LESTER W DAVIS	7
LYLE G MITCHELL	8
THOMAS J RUFFE JR	8
ARTIE H JOHNSA	9
JOHN C CLEWLOW	9
JOHN C MARSCHER JR	9
WILLIAM P HAM JR	11
LARRY B WHITMAN	12
KENNETH R BENNETT	13
ERNEST B MORRIS JR	16
MARION S STREET	17
RONALD R HASKIN	19
JOHN R HUTCHINSON	20
KENNETH C ROBINSON	20
THOMAS C LITTLE	20
DALE C ERWIN	21
DAVID W GRIFFIN	21
DOUGLAS E CRUM	21
PHILIP J NUNEZ JR	22
KARL M PARDEE	24
ROBERT E MEARS	24
DAVID A RICHARDSON	26
KENNETH A FIETZ	26
ROBERT J BISHOP	26
GARY D PLYER	28
CRAIG A GIESEKE	30
LEONARD E SMITH	30
WILLIAM G NAHORODNY	31

Front row: Scott McCauley, Zeke Lever, R.W.: Edward Phero, R.W.: Sam Lampson, Edwin Ballantyne, Joseph Gondos, Arthur Barker. Back row: Russell LeMar, David Soderland, David Griffin, W.: Jim Eubanks, W.: Bryant Davis.

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 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.

EA DEGREE, MAY 16TH

John Lialios, Glen Bishop, R.W.: Sam Lampson, Jorge Morales.

Lecturer: R. W.: William Petrey

Charge: W.: Jim Eubanks





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The Clearwater Lodge No. 127 Degree Team places 2nd in State competition. See Page 3 for details!

JUNE 2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Reminder: The Lodge will be dark for July and August. Have a safe Summer.				1 EA INSTRUCTION All Master Masons welcome!! 7:00PM	2 EA INSTRUCTION All Master Masons welcome!! 7:00PM	3 Fellowship Breakfast at Lodge 7:00 - 10:00am EA INSTRUCTION All Master Masons welcome!! 10:00AM
4	5 EA INSTRUCTION All Master Masons welcome!! 7:00PM	6	7 EA INSTRUCTION All Master Masons welcome!! 7:00PM	8	9 EA INSTRUCTION All Master Masons welcome!! 7:00PM	10 Fellowship Breakfast at Lodge 7:00 - 10:00am White Shrine 6:00pm
11	12 EA INSTRUCTION All Master Masons welcome!! 7:00PM	13 STATED MEETING DINNER, 6:30PM MEETING 7:30PM	14 OES Queen Esther Chapter No. 4 7:30pm	15 BROTHER'S & LADIES NIGHT OUT STACEY'S BUFFET MISSOURI AVE ROOM 1 - 6:00PM	16	17 Fellowship Breakfast at Lodge 7:00 - 10:00am
18	19	20 CALLED COMMUNICATION FC DEGREE DINNER, 6:30PM DEGREE 7:30PM	21	22	23	24 Fellowship Breakfast at Lodge 7:00 - 10:00am
25	26	27 STATED MEETING DINNER, 6:30PM MEETING 7:30PM	28 OES Queen Esther Chapter No. 4 7:30pm	29	30	

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