

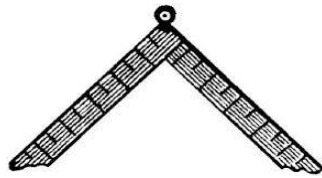
# St. Petersburg Lodge No. 139 Free and Accepted Masons

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## 2014 Lodge Officers

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Tyler	Charles D. Clinker, PM	727-735-4952
Organist	Bob Davidson, PM	727-392-7518



## FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brothers,

As the 2014 year is slowly drawing to a close, we still have a lot of labor ahead of us Brothers. One more EA Degree scheduled for November 4<sup>th</sup>, Masonic Education to complete, Ritual practice for everyone, especially those interested in moving up next year, and speaking of moving up, we have our election of Lodge officers on Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We also have many Brothers still working on their Catechism "Who need each of us to help" and still the possibility of one more Master Mason Degree this year. There is other work yet to be completed as well Brothers, but it takes us "ALL" working together to make anything happen.

I would also again like to personally thank Irene Clinker for all she has done for St. Petersburg Lodge No 139 this year in preparing and cleaning up from many "WONDERFUL MEALS." Without you Irene it would have been cold cuts, pizza, or Publix chicken. I also want to be sure and thank our Eastern Star for their labor of love in the extra special cleaning of our kitchen and for the upgrade in the cabinet hardware, this is something that will last and give back to our Lodge for years to come.

I also want to thank all of the Officers and Brothers from the bottom of my heart who were able to attend our Stated meetings/Degrees/workshops and supporting not only me, but your Lodge and the Fraternity throughout this year. I hope that 2015 will find more of you ready to participate and express your ZEAL for our time honored Fraternity not only in the Degree work, but ready to help move our Lodge into a new and even more solid foundation of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Also keep a lookout for our new website in November!

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the Brothers of St. Petersburg Lodge, and I hope to be of Help, Aid, and Assistance to our Lodge for a long time to come. Please remember "When the politics begin to place Principle in the shadows" it is time to sit down and take a good look at the whole picture and remember why we became a Mason. God Bless you all and your families over this upcoming holiday season, and may the New Year brings you all Health, Happiness, Contentment, and Prosperity!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Your Humble Servant/Worshipful Master, Thomas Quay

## YOUR 2014 LODGE OFFICERS



Left to right front row: W.: David Rosenthal, Installing Chaplain, R.:W.: William B Garrett Jr. Installing Marshal, W.: Charlie Clinker, Tyler, Nick Mamalis, Junior Warden, Thomas Quay, Worshipful Master, John Ferguson, Senior Warden, W.: John Livingston, Secretary, Tom Weber, Junior Steward, R.:W.: Alan Rosenthal, Installing Officer, W.: Anthony Griffon, Chaplain. From right to left second row: John Sloat, Senior Deacon, Clyde Clause, Junior Deacon, W.: Mike Mignone, Treasurer, Steve Hillis, Senior Steward. Not pictured W.: Jeff Morris, Marshall and W.: Bob Davidson, Organist.



## **From the West-Looking Forward**

Over the past few years we, as a Lodge seem to be attracting new members who are younger and younger. They usually find us by searching on the internet, most commonly finding us on the Grand Lodge website and contacting us via email. These men are searching for something that is missing in their lives. Many are looking to connect with and carry on the tradition of their Father, Grandfather or other relative who was a Mason others who have heard good things about Masons and want to find out more about our fraternity. These men come from different backgrounds and for different reasons to our doors.

One of our recent Entered Apprentices, who works in downtown St. Petersburg, remarked to me that he thought that our Lodge was a vacant building, as there were no signs of life. The marquees beside the front doors were covered in blue paper and nothing ever seemed to change about the building. We are fortunate in having a downtown location that is growing in popularity and street traffic. We have a great opportunity to reach out to those young men living in the downtown area and passing our doors in the daytime, as well as in the night. We need to let these young men know that we are here and that our Lodge is vibrant and alive. In order to secure our future.

The Worshipful Master, this year established the first Technology Committee comprised of a number of our newer Brothers who are professionals in the areas of website design, social media, search engine optimization, programming, hardware and software and project management. This team of knowledgeable Brothers have been developing a new website for our Lodge that not only tells the outside world that we are here, but also exemplifies our rich and long history as a Lodge as we celebrate our 120th anniversary year. But the website is only the beginning. We have to be able to proactively reach out to young men using the technology that they use in everyday life on social media such as Facebook, Youtube, Twitter and other website platforms.

I recently met with members of the technology committee and had an opportunity to see the prototype of the new Lodge website and I was very excited with what I saw. The committee presented a list of ideas on how to reach future members of our Fraternity and inform the general public that we are alive and well. But they went further. They also identified ways in which technology can be used within our Lodge to make technology available to our members while in the building and to bring Brothers and their families together to build strong bonds of men and Masons. I look forward to the future, as I think it will be bright and rewarding for us as a Lodge and I congratulate



## **From the West-Looking Forward**

**(Continued)**

the Worshipful Master on his foresight and vision in bringing this group of knowledgeable Brothers together to help forge a path for the future.

Fraternally,  
Brother John Ferguson  
Senior Warden



## **From the South**

Dear Brothers, as this year is coming to an end, I'm going to leave you with some things to think about. I would like for you reading, to consider closely the following questions and when finished, take your answers and go out there and make something better.

1. How did your Masonic year go?
2. Did you learn something new this year?
3. Did you try something new this year, perhaps a new part in a degree?
4. Did you help someone this year?
5. Cable tow permitting, did you do all you can to be at Lodge and support you brothers?
6. What would you have done differently?
7. Finally, what will you do next year?

Keep these questions in mind and just know, you, no matter who you are or how old you are, are the future of this lodge. We all work together to create success so let's put more thought into each other and our lodge for 2015.

Thank you Worshipful Tom Quay for a great job this year, Brother Ferguson and all the officers and thank you to all the brothers who come and support us.

Be safe and HAPPY HOLIDAYS!  
Brother Nick Mamalis



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**SENIOR**



**DEACON**

As the Senior Deacon I have enjoyed and learned much about our Fraternity. I have seen new Brothers come and join the Craft and hope that they become as involved as I have. Like every other Fraternity there are going to be things you are or are not comfortable with, but ask the others Brothers and they will help as much as they can. Have a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year

Senior Deacon  
John D. Sloat

## **MASONIC HUMOR**

One evening after a brother had been a guest at an installation, he had partaken of too much wine, and his host was very worried, as he did not want him to drive home in his present state which was some distance away, so insisted that he stay the night at his house, and travel home the next morning, and after much persuasion this is what he did.

When he got home the next morning, his wife was furious with him because he had forgotten to phone, and she did not believe his story about staying with a brother because of the state he was in, but wondered if he had been with another women, however she pretended to believe him, by asking how the ceremony had gone, and asked how many other brethren had been there and all the regular questions that wives do ask, and he told her that it had been an excellent Lodge meeting and that 65 brethren had turned up, etc.

However at the next Lodge meeting when the secretary rose to read out correspondence, he read a letter from the wife asking if the brother where her husband had stayed the night after the last lodge meeting would please write to her and confirm his story that he had stayed the night at his house because he was unfit to drive home.

The next day in the post she received 64 letters.

## CHARITY IN THE COMMUNITY



St. Petersburg Lodge No. 139 had also adopted the Art Class at Skyview Elementary. W.:M.: Tom Quay presents a check for \$300.00 to Mrs. Cathi Addison who has been the art teacher at Skyview Elementary for 37 plus years, and our donation will touch every student at this school.



# **MASONIC SERVICES ASSOCIATION**

R:.W:. Earl Ray, PDDGM has spent a lot of time and diligent efforts with the Masonic Services Association (<http://www.msana.com>) to raise funds and assorted items needed by our Veterans who are receiving care at the various VA Medical facilities in Florida. R:.W:. Ray has delivered boxes to each of the Lodges throughout the district for the collection of various items including: phone cards, new tee shirts and underwear, socks, flip-flops, sweat shirts and sweat pants, toiletry items, etc. They also have need of items that can be best purchased from the general fund and provided to the Veterans, such as \$5 canteen books, phone cards, wheelchair gloves, etc.

Donations of items can be made at each stated or called communication in the box located in the dining room or check contributions can be made as follows:

Please make checks payable to:

Bay Pines Healthcare Systems, MSA Donation  
Memo line: Mr. Nathan Witt, MSA Donation

Address:

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Bay Pines VA Healthcare System  
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Bay Pines, FL 33744  
Attn. Dir. Volunteer Services Mr. Nathan Witt

Thank you Brothers and have a great summer!

Brother John Ferguson  
Lodge Charity Committee Chairman

# **MASONIC EDUCATION**

## **THE LANDMARKS RECOGNIZED BY THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF FLORIDA.**

- A belief in the existence of one ever living and true God.
- A belief in the immortality of the human soul and a resurrection thereof to a Future Life.
- The Volume of the Sacred Law, open upon the altar, is an indispensable furnishing of every regular Lodge while at labor.
- The Legend of the Third Degree.
- Secrecy, which includes: The necessary words, signs and tokens, whereby one Mason may know another to be such, 'in darkness as in light,' that every regular Lodge must be tyled while at labor; that every visitor seeking admission to the Lodge must be examined and prove himself a Mason, unless duly and properly avouched for; those other matters which cannot be written in any language.
- The symbolism of the Operative Art.
- Every candidate for Freemasonry must be a man, free born, of lawful age, being under the tongue of good repute and well recommended, and, unless Dispensation is granted by the Grand Master, having no maim or defect of body that may render him incapable of learning the art or of being advanced to the Several Degrees.
- The division of Ancient Craft Masonry into three (3) classifications, namely, Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts and Master Masons, out of which classifications grew the present Three Degrees of Craft Masonry.

# MASONIC EDUCATION

## THE LANDMARKS RECOGNIZED BY THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF FLORIDA.

### (CONTINUED)

- The government of the Fraternity by a presiding Officer who, since the advent of Speculative Masonry, has borne the title of Grand Master and been elected from the body of the Craft, and the prerogatives inherent in that office, among which are:

The prerogative of the Grand Master to enter into and preside over every assembly of Masons within his jurisdiction and, corollary thereto, to supervise and regulate the affairs of Masonry within that jurisdiction, between Communications of the Grand Lodge, subject to the Constitution and lawful Regulations duly enacted by the Grand Lodge. The prerogative of the Grand Master to grant his Dispensation. The prerogative of the Grand Master to make a Mason at sight in the body of a regularly constituted Lodge and by trial of the ballot.

- The necessity for Freemasons to congregate in Lodges.

The recognition of the above as Landmarks shall not be construed to mean or imply that this Grand Lodge is in any wise prohibited from recognizing, from time to time, hereafter, by appropriate amendment hereto, other principles, precepts, practices or tenets of Freemasonry as being Landmarks, nor is this Grand Lodge prohibited from reconsidering and, if deemed proper, withdrawing, this recognition of any of the above.



**MASTER MASON DEGREE  
SEPTEMBER**



Welcome Brother Darin White  
**FELLOW CRAFT DEGREE  
OCTOBER**



Congratulations to Brothers Andrew Shain, Valentino Pine, and  
Jon Anderson

## **APRON PRESENTATION OCTOBER**



Brother Darin White receives his Master Mason Apron from  
W.: Tom Quay

### **THE LAMBSKIN AUTHOR UNKNOWN**

It is not ornamental, the cost is not great, there are things far more useful yet truly I state, that of all my possessions, there's none to compare with the white leather apron that all Masons wear.

As a young lad I wondered just what it all meant when Dad hustled round and so much time was spent on shaving and dressing and looking just right Until Mother would say, It's the Masons tonight. Then some nights she'd say what makes you go away up there tonight in the sleet and the snow you see the same things every month of the year. And Dad would reply, yes I know it my dear.



**THE LAMBSKIN**  
**AUTHOR UNKNOWN**  
**(CONTINUED)**

For years I have seen the same things it is true, and tho they are old, still they seem new. For the hands that I clasp, and the friends that I greet seem a little bit closer each time we meet. Years later I stood at that very same door, with good men and true, who had entered before. I kneeled at the altar, and there I was taught that virtue and honor can never be bought. That the spotless white lambskin, all Masons revere if worthily worn grows more precious each year.

That service to others brings blessings untold that men may be poor, tho' surrounded by gold. I learned that true brotherhood flourishes there, that enmities fade 'neath the compasses and square. That wealth and position are all thrust aside, as there on the level men meet and abide. So, honor the lambskin and may it remain Forever unblemished and free from all stain, and when we are called to the great Father's love, May we all take our place, in the Grand Lodge above

**MASONIC HUMOR**

It seems that another Mason, Master of his Lodge, went to Heaven and met with St. Peter. He identified himself as a member of the Craft and St. Peter asked, "What Lodge?"

Proudly the Master replied, "Old Adage Lodge #1."

St. Peter immediately took him to the Masonic Clock Room. The Master, in puzzlement, looked around the room which was filled with clocks. Each clock had a Lodge's name on a brass plate and, strangely enough, each clock was at a different time.

He asked why and St. Peter informed him that the hands only moved when someone in that Lodge made a mistake in the Ritual.

The Master then asked where his Lodge's clock was as he couldn't see it.

St. Peter replied, "Why, it's in the kitchen, of course."

"The kitchen," said the Master?

"Yes, you see, we needed a new fan."

## **SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Nov 4th** ... EA Degree Dinner 6:30 P.M. Meeting 7:30 P.M.

**Nov 11th**... Officers Meeting 6:30 P.M. Masonic Education MMII and first half of MMIII...7:00 P.M.

**Nov 16th** ... Masonic Home Board Meeting, Chapel Service 10:00 AM  
Board Meeting 11:00 AM. Breakfast Served at Northside Lodge

**Nov 18th**... Stated Communication... Dinner 6:30 P.M. Meeting 7:30 P.M.

**Nov 25th**... DARK for the Thanksgiving Holiday week

**Dec 2nd** ... ELECTION of 2015 Officers

**Dec 9th**... Officers Meeting 6:00 PM/Ritual Practice 7:00 PM

**Dec 16th**... Stated Communication... Dinner 6:30 P.M. Meeting 7:30 P.M.

**Dec 21st**...Masonic Home Board Meeting, Chapel Service 10:00 AM Board  
Meeting 11:00 AM. Breakfast served at Northside Lodge

**Dec 23rd**... DARK for Christmas Holiday week

**Dec 30th**... INSTALLATION PRACTICE????

**REMEMBER UPCOMING LODGE WORK DAYS TO BE  
ANNOUNCED FOR BOTH NOVEMBER AND  
DECEMBER!!!**



# BIRTHDAYS



Terry	Bennett
Michael	Burckure Sr
Richard	Dedek
Millard	Eatman
Charles	Ellison
Albert	Hammacher Jr
Thomas	Jones
John	Shrive
Matthew	Strouse
Curt	Tingley
Jonathan	Anderson
Christopher	Thompson
Steven	Aspinall
Stephen	Bierce
Donald	Carson
Walter	Culotta Jr
Jamy	Donnelly
Woodrow	Ellison
James	Hassel
Alan	Hays
John	Hilton Jr
Gary	Long
Charles	Newcomer Jr
Ronald	Newton
Felix	Nunez
James	Pittman Jr
John	Sloat
James	Thobe
Andrew	Shain

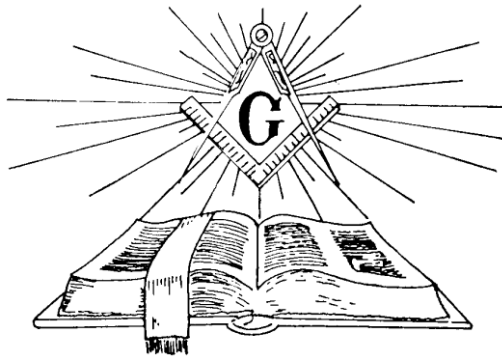
## **MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES**

John	McGaughey Jr
Steve	Swinsinski Sr
Lewis	Feulner
Richard	Green
Jeffrey	Morris
Michael	Robbins
Gregory	Gray
Jeffrey	Feulner
Donald	Langmyer
Robert	Ashe Jr
William	Miller
Kenneth	Silkie
James	Farnum Sr
Terry	Bennett
David	Molyett
Daniel	Spencer
Michael	Hippert
Robert	Kirkpatrick
Scott	Sylar
Kevin	Hudson
Michael	Jernigan
Maynard	Hardin

# St. Petersburg Lodge No. 139 Past Masters

1894-95	W. W. Coleman*	1951	E. B. Tully*	1998	Edwin Smoak
1896-97	G. L. King*	1952	W. B. Griffith*	1999	G. Robert Gaston
1899	H. W. Hibbs*	1953	C. G. Robinson*	2000	Chave S. Aspinall
1900	W. A. Sloan*	1954	J. E. Burke, Jr. *	2001	Steven W. Aspinall
1901-02	D. Murray*	1955	C. E. Curtis*	2002	Alan S. Rosenthal, PDDGM
1904	H. Miner*	1956	F. R. Dunham*	2003	William D. Paul
1906-09	W. B. Pope*	1957	S. B. Hettig*	2004	Michael A. Mignone
1910-11	E. C. Howard*	1959	J. E. Burklew*	2005	Ronald C. Newton
1912	W. H. English*	1960	J. A. Barnes*	2006	Alan S. Rosenthal, PDDGM
1913	G. Presstman*	1961	J. R. Fulkerson*	2007	James F. Bradbury, Jr
1914	H. D. Edwards*	1962	G. B. Low, Jr. *	2008	Charles D. Clinker
1915-16	W. W. Birchfield*	1963	M. S. Haines*	2009	V. Timothy Long
1917	F. B. Duryea*	1964	R. A. Lampe*	2010	Earl C. Ray, DDGM
1918	C. H. Bon*	1965	F. J. Kaufman*	2011	Anthony Griffon
1919	C. D. Scroggs*	1966	K. T. Gage*	2012	David Rosenthal
1920	A. H. White*	1967	C. R. Newcomer, Jr.	2013	Jeffrey J. Morris
1921	T. D. Orr*	1968	O. Bradford*		
1922	W. D. Brinker*	1969	E. E. Willy*		
1923	L. D. Lambert*	1970	L. L. Feulner		
1925	G. V. Lingle*	1971	William B. Regenhart*		
1926	R. R. Walden*	1972	Roy L. Bryan*		
1927	T. C. Weaver*	1973	William C. Shadley, Sr.*.		
1928	R. J. Black*	1974	Leland M. Daniels*		
1929	L. D. Stallcup*	1975	James E. Bryan*		
1930	L. F. Beard*	1976	William C. Shadley, Sr. *		
1931	G. Bush*	1977	Robert L. Brownell*		
1932	W. B. Tippetts*	1978	G. Joe Gray		
1933	C. W. Major, Sr.*.	1979	Robert A. Marino*		
1934	J. Dickinson*	1980	Don G. J. La Spina*		
1935	P. L. Bartow*	1981	Charles L. Black		
1936	L. D. Goheen*	1982	Jon E. Dupes		
1937	C. B. McCartney*	1983	John W. Harris*		
1938	C. F. Molt*	1984	James W. Thomas		
1939	P. R. Marsh*	1985	William G. Smith		
1940	N. B. Ellison*	1986	William E. Johnson		
1941	C. W. Major, Jr. *	1987	Richard E. Hugel		
1942	C. B. Strickland*	1988-89	Richard A. Aarts		
1943	W. W. Reichelderfer*	1990	Stanley H. Szemer		
1944	H. L. Sauers, Jr. *	1991	Richard E. Hugel		
1945	F. E. Graham*	1992	James W. Thomas		
	L. E. Williams*,				
1946	PDDGM	1993	Fred P. Gunn		
1947	R. E. Strawn*	1994	Dennis J. Thompson		
1948	A. A. Vahldiek*	1995	A. Curry Hopper, Jr. *		
1949	R. Ed Goodale*	1996	V. Timothy Long		
1950	R. P. Hamblin*	1997	John B. Livingston		





## Sickness and Distress

The following Brothers, Sisters, and Family need your Prayers. No matter what seeming illness or Dis-Ease may be presentation itself we hold in truth that there is power in prayer and the spoken word.

R.: W. : Billy Garret, Brother Richard Green, Beverly Newton, W.: Bob Davidson, Bro. Tom Weber, Christina Quay, William Burk, W.: Charlie and Irene Clinker, and their family, R.: W.: Earl Ray, Brother Brock Murch, his family and more so his son Ryan Murch.

Brother Craig Carrico passed to the Celestial Lodge above on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:02 AM. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers during this time of transition. There will be a Masonic Service at our November Stated meeting, the family and friends will be welcome to attend the Service. God Bless and God Speed Brother Carrico...

Brothers, please submit any reports of sickness or distress that you would like to put out to the Craft for Prayer.

## PLEASE HELP US HELP YOU

Brothers,

Note that the online version of the new Trestle Board has much more information than our mailed version. Please contact the Worshipful Master, Tom Quay via e-mail at [tquay1@verizon.net](mailto:tquay1@verizon.net), or contact the Lodge Secretary with any submissions or suggestions. Also to those of you have sent in your updated contact information and e-mail address, we thank you. For those whose cable tow has not allowed this to happen, we look forward to hearing from you.

*Use of An E-mail Trestle Board saves your lodge money in the cost of printing and mailing and frees up more funds for the Lodge's use.*

