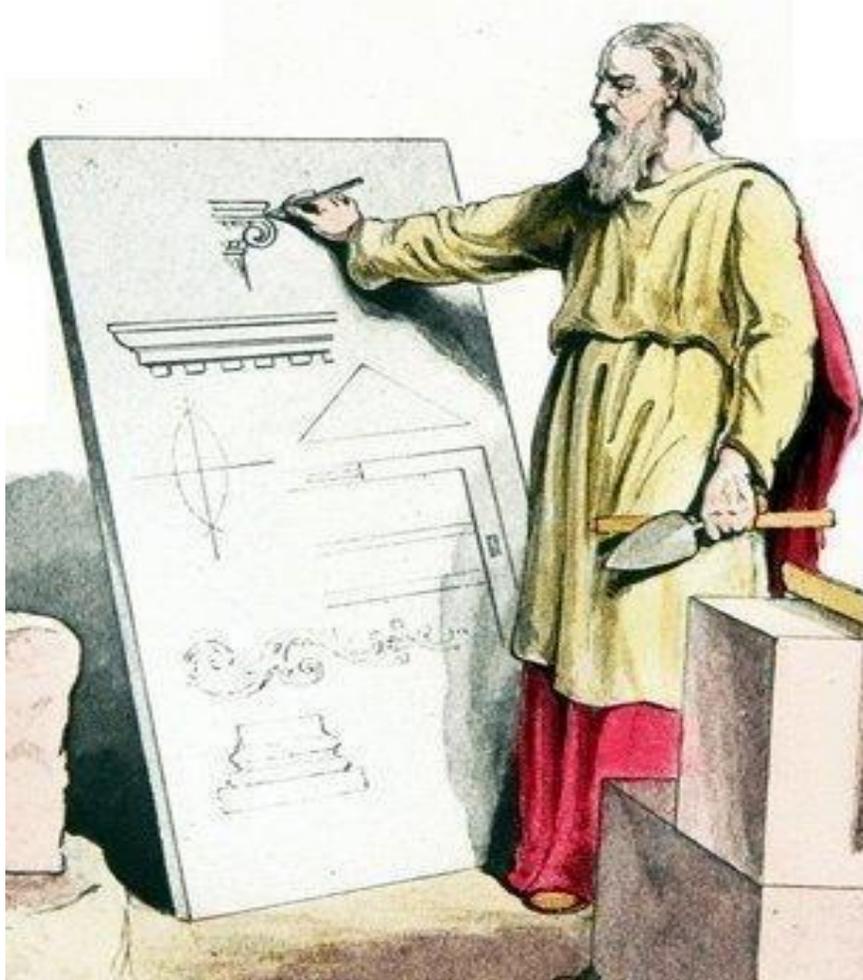


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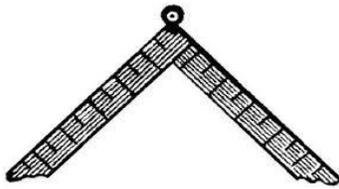
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FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brothers, March and April have proven to be two extremely good months for St. Petersburg Lodge, No. 139. We balloted on five petitions in March, and received two new petitions as well. In April we balloted on two more petitions, and received two other new petitions. We also have three Fellow Crafts in the pipeline that should be ready for their Master Mason Degree in June.

I would like to personally thank Irene Clinker, wife of our Past Master Charlie Clinker for providing us with the most wonderful dinners. Irene had come forward and asked if she could assist the Lodge with her talent, and how could you say no to her marvelous meals. I would like to ask each of you to be sure to thank Irene when you see her for all that she has done and continues to do for St. Petersburg Lodge No. 139.

We have many new Brothers who have really stepped up this year to make our Lodge more successful in many ways, ritual work, sitting in chairs, working in the kitchen, coaching and more. I cannot say thank you enough in regards to the support and wise council I have received personally so far this year from many Brothers and of course our Elected and appointed officers. I would also like to reiterate my motto for the year "Principle over Politics." I will not allow the Principles of our time-honored fraternity to be over shadowed by politics. I am doing my best to please everyone, but we all know that this is not truly possible. I just ask those who may have any questions to please direct them to me for discussion.

Our Lodge also had a major decision to make at our last stated communication. As you all are aware we have been putting Band-Aids on our air conditioning units for quite some time which also means we have been spending a lot of money on these Band-Aids. The Officers of the Lodge did their due diligence and completed a lengthy quoting process to replace the unit as it is, I have been told almost thirty years old.

Ironically the air conditioning was not working during our April stated meeting when we presented the quotes and information to the Brothers present. After some discussion a motion was made and seconded to replace the air conditioning units, and the motion was passed. Not all present were pleased with the decision, but Brothers if we had chosen to wait the cost would have only risen. We also would have only continued to patch the units and pour out more money on repairs. Not to mention that in the year 2020 the R-22 refrigerant needed to charge our units will no longer be available.

Our Lodge is still endeavoring to educate our Brothers this year through the Grand Lodge's Masonic Education Program. We have almost completed Lodge Officers Training Course I and are hoping to complete all three Modules before the end of this year. Remember Brothers an educated Mason is a dedicated Mason.

I hope to see more of you at upcoming Degrees, Stated meetings, and practices. I have only met about 15% of our membership, and look forward to hopefully at least talking to each of you before the end of the year. God Bless you all!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
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

Here we are through the first quarter of the year and we are just starting to see what an important year is ahead of us. Most importantly, the new air conditioning system replacement. The Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren have spent many hours working with contractors to secure bids and outline the scope of the retrofit and he deserves our thanks and admiration for such a splendid job of keeping the project focused and moving forward.

As with any project of this magnitude, it is important that we, the Officers and Brethren of St. Petersburg stand behind the Worshipful Master and all show our support. It represents a great financial challenge that we must all rally around to make these important and essential repairs to our Lodge's infrastructure.

Breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House

St. Petersburg Lodge No. 139 will again be preparing and serving breakfast for the families of patients at All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg. This event will take place on Saturday, May 31. We plan to meet at the Lodge at 6:30 am and car pool to the Ronald McDonald House at 7:00am. This is always a great event and is very much appreciated by the guests at the facility. Please plan to join us if your cable tow allows.

With Brotherly Love and Affection,
Bro. John Ferguson



From the South

As the spring months roll on and the cooler weather helps us enjoy what we truly have around us, before summer ravages our tan-less bodies, we need to remember that when summer comes around and we long for the cool weather again, remember exactly what it is we have now versus what we had. Live in the present and work toward a future for when that future does come, it'll be the one we want and worked for. The same goes for your lodge and your Masonic life. Enjoy what you have now, work towards a better future and of course as we all enjoy the summer each other, we do the same with our brothers regarding our Lodge, each other and the Grand Architect of the Universe. During this Easter season, remember our purpose on this earth and do what He does and you will never go wrong. From the South, I say thank you for being a part of this fraternity and family and continue being you. See you at Lodge!

Fraternally,
Bro. Nick Mamalis

MASONIC HUMOR

A new initiate returns home to his wife who is naturally curious to know what went on. The conversation goes something like this:

She) Well how'd it go?

He) Very well - most interesting

She) What did go on?

He) I'm not really sure if I can tell you about it.

She) Well is there anything you *can* tell me?

He) Well it seems there are 3 classes of men in the Lodge -walkers, talkers and Holy men.

She) What do they do - if you can tell me?

He) The walkers walked me around the lodge. The Talkers talked to me and to the walkers as I was led around

She) And the Holy men? What of them?

He) They seem to be a special class of men - all in dark blue and gold aprons and gauntlets. They just sit on the benches around the lodge with their heads in their hands chanting repeatedly - "Oh My God Oh My God !"

MASONIC EDUCATION

The Level



The great meaning of the Level is that it teaches equality. Our Declaration of American Independence tells us that all men are "created equal" but not many have tried to think out what the words really mean.

Born of the fact that all are made of the same dust, and sharers of the common human lot, moved by the same great faith and fears, hopes and loves. The Level teaches unity in diversity and equality in difference.

The Plumb



The plumb is an instrument used in architecture by which a building is raised in a perpendicular direction; and it is figurative of an upright and true course of life. It typifies care against any deviation from the Masonic upright line of conduct!

The Twenty Four Inch Gauge



The 24" Gauge is a symbol of "Time as wealth". The twenty-four inch gauge impresses us with the importance of the allotment of time for various activities.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

The Common Gavel



The Common Gavel is an important instrument of labor, without which no work of manual skill can be completed; from which we learn that skill without industry will be of no avail. For the heart may conceive, and the head devise in vain, if the hand be not prompt to execute the design. It is that tool which is meant to break off the rough parts of your character in order to smooth the edges and form a more perfect self.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2rd ... Relay for Life American Cancer Society, Carillon Center Feather Sound
5:30 P.M. – 7:30 AM come out and do what you can!

May 6th ... EA Degree NORTHSIDE LODGE No Dinner Arrive by 7:00 P.M. Degree at
7:30 PM

May 13th ... EA Degree NORTHSIDE LODGE No Dinner Arrive by 7:00 P.M. Degree at
7:30 PM

May 20th ... Stated Communication...Dinner 6:30 P.M. Meeting 7:30 P.M.

May 27th ... Grand Lodge Orlando... Lodge will be Dark, but come to practice anyway!

May 31st ...Ronald McDonald House...Meet at Lodge 6:30 A.M.

June 3rd ... First half Master Mason Degree rehearsal...7:00 P.M.

June 10th Second half Master Mason Degree rehearsal...7:00 P.M.

June 17th ... Stated Communication... Dinner 6:30 P.M. Meeting 7:30 P.M.

June 27th ... Master Mason Degree Dinner 6:30 P.M. Meeting 7:30 P.M.

Brothers, please keep in mind that that are many events going on throughout our District. Please check the Suncoast Masters and Wardens calendar for a more complete list of all of the events.

<http://www.localendar.com/public/MastersAndWardens>

MASONIC HUMOR

A small Lodge had had a string of bad luck. It was preparing to initiate a candidate on a steamy evening in June and its air conditioner had stopped working. After sweating their way through part of the work, the Master had asked the candidate what he most desired. The candidate replied "a beer". At this juncture the WM., being startled, whispered "light" to the candidate. "OK," the candidate replied, "a lite beer."

Have you heard of the Lodge that was holding its meetings in the ball room of the local hotel while its building was undergoing renovations? One night a traveling salesman asked the desk clerk who all those men going into the room were. The desk clerk replied: "Oh, those are the Masons." The salesman said: "Oh, I've always wanted to join that lodge. Do you think they would let me in? "Oh, no," said the clerk. They're awful exclusive. Why, you see that poor guy standing outside the door with a sword? He's been knocking for six months and they still won't let him in!!!!"

MASONIC POETRY

“FROM ONE OF OUR OWN”

“The Night That I First Asked”

The night that I first asked for the Light
The Senior Deacon that stood at my right
Said “Our ways are ancient, now do you still
Seek to follow this road of your own free will?”
Grandfathers of mine this way had come
To work with the level, the square, and the plumb.
So I said “I do.” And he said “Prepare.”
And my whole life changed at that altar there.
Where I knelt and felt that now I found
My brothers there all gathered around.
And though then I was blind I now see that it’s true
Those gathered there were just like you.
Now each way is different and each quest is unique.
Let each man find what he shall seek.
But I’ll tell you this, it fills my heart
Whenever I watch or just play a small part
Whenever a man comes through that door
As all the brothers have come before
And kneels in due form for an ancient vow
It thrilled me then and it thrills me now
To know that another now sees the Light
A new brother shares our road tonight
A traveling man, brothers, like you and like me
May God bless us all. So mote it be.

In memory of Silas Ballanger

W.: Bill Paul PM

May & June Anniversaries

05/05/2005	Matthew	Heinly
05/06/1971	David	Douglas
05/07/1970	Edmund	Olson
05/07/1996	Charles	Traubert
05/07/2013	Stephen	DeWitt
05/07/2013	Stephen	Hillis
05/07/2013	John	Sloat
05/08/1951	Charles	Deuel III
05/08/1973	William	MacKeeman IV
05/08/1973	Bruce	Shuerger
05/09/1961	Richard	Hoskins
05/09/1961	Harold	Pearce
05/11/1965	John	Shrive
05/14/1946	Richard	Dunkel
05/16/1996	Arnold	Bertoncini
05/23/2009	Mark	Nach
05/24/2011	Jamy	Donnelly
05/24/2011	John	Edds
05/24/2011	Albert	Goree Jr
05/26/1958	Richard	Dedek
05/28/1984	Michael	Zones
05/30/1995	Dennis	Bolender
05/31/1997	Charles	Clinker
06/01/1965	David	Howard
06/05/1969	Kenneth	Jobson
06/05/2001	Michael	Tillner
06/11/1953	Robert	Berry
06/11/1985	Fred	Gunn
06/22/1976	Floyd	Dupes
06/22/1976	Jon	Dupes
06/22/1976	Roger	Girard
06/22/1976	William	Sineath Jr
06/22/2010	Nicholas	Mamalis
06/22/2010	Thomas	Martin III
06/23/1966	Wilburt	Blair
06/24/1969	Glen	Bredbenner
06/24/2008	Gregory	Baez
06/24/2008	Albert	Hammacher Jr
06/24/2008	Felix	Nunez
06/25/1962	Dennis	Thompson
06/25/1975	John	Livingston
06/28/2011	Sergio	Rodriguez



May Birthdays

1st Albert "Griff" Goree, Jr
7th James Farnum, Sr
8th Charles C. Lambeth
10th Richard Otis Bradford
11th Walter Jacques, Jr.
13th Russell White
22nd Mark Nach & Roger Webb
29th Roger Tucker

June Birthdays

2nd Charles Traubert
3rd George R. Gaston
6th Robert Kline
7th Charles F. Lambeth
10th David Rosenthal
13th Fred Gunn
16th Chave Aspinall
17th Edmund Olson & Paul Nemitz &
John Edds
18th Samuel Surratt
20th William Smith
22nd Richard Hoskins
23rd Kenneth K. Jobson
24th Hugh Prine, Sr. & Walker Howard, Jr.
30th Piero Magliulo & Raymond Sylvia

Masons during the Civil War

Written by: John Howey

One of the first acts of Masonic Charity to occur in the American Civil War occurred at the First Battle of Manassas or Bull Run on July 21st, 1861. This act was reported in the Boston Masonic Monthly which started publishing in November, 1863, and was edited by Edward L. Mitchell.

Colonel W.H. Raynor of the 1st Ohio left his command and in the company of two sergeants went to fetch water at a nearby creek. Suddenly, as they neared the stream, they heard the yell that eventually became known as the Rebel Yell and the thundering hoofs of hundreds of horses. Colonel Raynor

instinctively raised his pistol just as a buckshot from a pistol hit the instep of his foot and numbed it. Finding a large tree nearby he dropped upon his knees behind it and watched the battle rage around him. A horseman fired his pistol at Raynor and missed and then as he passed by struck Raynor with his sabre. Lights flashed through Raynor's brain and he fell to the ground senseless looking almost dead.

After a period of time Raynor, slightly becoming conscious, realized that someone was tugging at his clothes. Bewildered he leaned upon one elbow and realized that a Rebel soldier was stripping the dead. He had already taken Raynor's pistol, sword, canteen, and cap and was trying to take his coat. The robber, being startled at the resurrection of the man he was trying to rob, jumped on his horse and rode off.

Later coming completely to his senses, Raynor realized he was surrounded by the Confederate cavalry. Two cavalymen seeing him standing there grabbed him between their horses and dragged him off a considerable distance. Finally one lifted him and placed him in front of him on his horse. They rode till they came to a group of Rebel wounded. There he was placed upon the ground and a group gathered around him cursing him and calling him names. Being weak from the loss of blood and in considerable pain, he just laid back and ignored them. His being quiet caused even more of a commotion to the point that one angry wounded Confederate fired his pistol at Raynor but missed. Then the Southerners argued over this cowardly act. By this time, Raynor had almost wished that the ball had pierced his brain.

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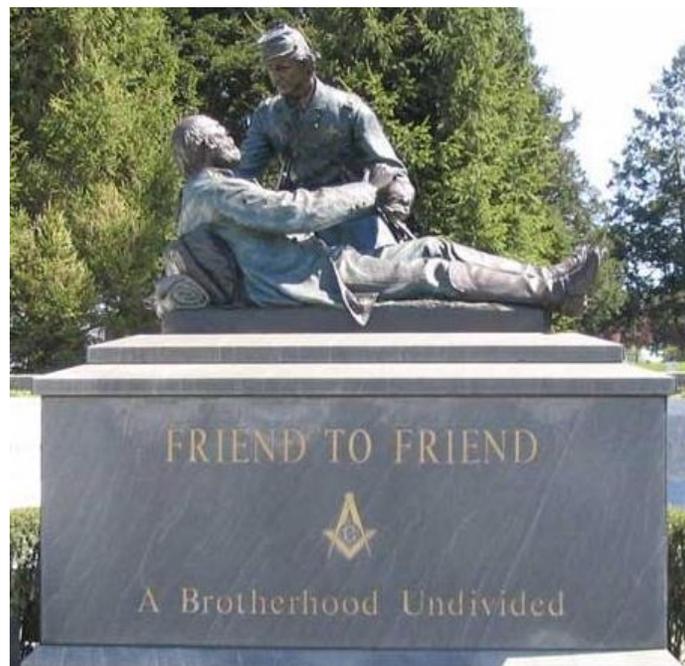
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Raynor was soon lifted behind a Rebel cavalryman and carried to the junction about four miles away. Here fresh Confederate troops were unloading and heading to the battle. Raynor was again met by verbal abuse.

It was now early evening and the Southern wounded from the front were being treated at the junction in a stable. Raynor was taken first to a surgeon who refused to treat him because he was a Yankee and who said that he had enough others to take care of from his own army. Finally another more compassionate surgeon was found and his wounds were taken care of. He was made as comfortable as possible. His guard, J.H. Lemon of Radford's Cavalry truly acted the part of the good Samaritan. Lemon somewhere found some ice and put it on the pounding head of Raynor and inquired if Raynor needed any money.

In response to Raynor's expressions of gratitude, pointing to the Masonic pin on Raynor's shirt, Lemon replied, "I can only hope to get the same treatment from your men if I ever fall into their hands. If you will relieve the distresses of a suffering Brother Mason when in your power, I shall be well paid." Lemon then mounted his horse and rode away.

The next morning Raynor was removed to a barn that contained 20 other Union officers, and he learned the full extent of the Confederate victory.



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. Regenhardt*		
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		
		1988-			
1942	C. B. Strickland*	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		

Events and Worthy Mention

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May 14th 7:00 PM at the Egypt Shrine in Tampa.

Congratulations to Nobel Clint Mitchell who is receiving his 50th Anniversary Award as Shriner. You are a light to all Brothers!



Sickness and Distress

No Reports at this time

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, 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.

