

Clermont Lodge No. 226

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

TRESTLE BOARD

July 2020



CHARTERED JANUARY 21, 1914

Stated Communications
1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00pm
865 West DeSoto Street
Clermont, Florida 34712

Clermont Lodge No. 226

July 2020 Calendar

July 6th.....Dark

July 20th at **7:00pm**.....Stated Meeting
(Dinner—at 6:00pm—by OES)

15th Masonic District

School of Instruction

July 8th at 6:00pm.....Peninsular Lodge No.85
(Open Books at 6:00pm)

Masters & Wardens Meeting

July 15th at 7:00pm.....Leesburg Lodge No. 58
(Dinner at 6:00pm)

Order of the Eastern Star No. 118

June—July—August—September.....Dark
No Meetings—Masonic Lodge Dinners only

August 25th.....Rob Morris Observance
& Family Night Dinner
Corelli's—Rt 50 —Clermont, FL

Masonic Leadership Training (MLT)

The Grand Lodge of Florida developed this comprehensive course of study to instruct Brothers on the proper procedures and responsibilities of each Lodge Officer, and how to conduct the important business of their particular Lodge. Courses are presented by the District and a certificate is issued upon successful completion of all 15 modules.

Schedule of upcoming Classes
At Penninsular Lodge No. 85

July 18th, 8am-Noon.....Modules 6—10
September 19th, 8am-Noon.....Modules 11—15
November 21st, 8am-Noon.....Modules 1-5

MLT training required for WM, SW, and JW. If you will be sitting in one of these seats soon or in the near future (SD, JD, Stewards, etc.), please plan to attend training.

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FROM THE EAST



Greetings from the East,

Brothers,

It felt very good to be able to meet again. I personally missed the fellowship of the lodge.

As we move forward, If you feel sick or uncomfortable being in public, we understand.

As a reminder, we are dark July 6th, August 3rd and September 7th. See the trestle board for details.

I would like for you to mark your calendars for Friday, November 13th. This will be our Grand Master's official visit to the 15th District. I would hope that we have a strong showing from our lodge and help our own RW Gamache host this event. Spouses Welcome. You will be notified once a venue has been secured.

I hope to see you in lodge very soon. Stay safe and may our God bless you all.

Fraternally Yours,

**R.:H.: John (Dale) Doucet
Worshipful Master**

FROM THE WEST



Greetings from the West,

Brethren,

By the time you read this, our JW will have sat in the East for our Fellowcraft Degree on June 29th. Congratulations to him for what I expect was a fine degree.

And, Congratulations to our EAs who have been passed to the degree of Fellow Craft in that ceremony—Brothers Gary Landry and Andrew Jarrett. We look forward to seeing these guys advance on the Master Mason by the fall. Due the timing, I hope we will have pictures in the next Trestle Board.

The Lodge approved installing a new upstairs Air-Conditioning System at our June 1st meeting. The committee charged with the task of finalizing bids, choosing a vendor and scheduling the work is currently finalizing bids. It is the committees hope to make a final decision on the vendor, and proceed with the install this summer. Hopefully coordinating the install during our “dark” weeks.

Remember, my Brothers, to continue to help your fellow citizens and brothers in what is still a tense and trying time for many. Remember—Charity IN and OUT of the Lodge.

Fraternally,

Lee F. Mueller
Senior Warden

“No one has ever become poor by giving.” — Anne Frank

FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings from the South,

It is good to be back in Lodge, and we had a busy June! I want to share a piece of Masonic History that is near and dear to my heart, the story of the Forget-Me-Not.



Masonry has long used symbols to teach its valuable and important lessons. Every Mason is familiar with their usage. One of the most recent symbols that are associated with Masonry is the blue Forget-Me-Not flower. During the early 1930s, this delicate, little, five-petaled flower, which is similar to the common violet, became a symbol of Freemasonry in Nazi Germany and exemplified the spirit, dedication, and courage of men who literally held to their Masonic principles and beliefs in the face of gravest danger.

Shortly after Adolph Hitler came to power in 1933, he issued two decrees. One provided for Nazi control over the educational process. The second made membership in a Masonic Fraternity a crime. Hitler viewed Freemasonry as part of "the Jewish conspiracy" and wanted it eradicated. At that time there were 85,000 Masons in good standing in Germany. Adolf Eichman, who would later play an important role in Hitler's "final solution," raided the Grand Lodge of Germany and confiscated all of their records including the names and addresses of 80,000 German Masons. Lodge property was confiscated and Eichman secretly issued orders that Masons should be put to death. His orders were followed.

The remaining 5,000 German Masons whose records were not found, immediately went underground hiding their records, lodge paraphernalia, and identifying jewelry. Active Freemasonry in Germany ceased to exist.

In 1934, members of the German Grand Lodge of the Sun (one of Germany's pre-war Grand Lodges) began wearing the blue Forget-Me-Not instead of the traditional square and compass on their lapels as a mark of identity for Masons. This was a Masonic secret that was never broken. Throughout the whole era of Nazi domination, little blue Forget-Me-Nots appeared on lapels in cities and even in concentration camps,

worn by brothers whose love of freedom, learning, and Freemasonry remained strong even under repressive Nazi rule.

In 1947, when the Grand Lodge of the Sun was reopened in Bayreuth by Past Grand Master Beyer, a pin in the shape of a Forget-Me-Not was adopted as an emblem of that first annual convention by those who had survived the bitter darkness of the Nazi era and were now able to openly rekindle the light of Freemasonry.

In 1948, the first Convent of the United Grand Lodges of Germany also adopted the pin as an official Masonic emblem honoring those brothers who had been forced to shelter the light of Freemasonry within but dared to wear the little flower openly. The tradition of using the blue Forget-Me-Not as a tribute to those whose fidelity to the Fraternity sets them apart was also used by the Masonic brotherhood of the blue Forget-Me-Not that recognizes the contributions of Masonic educators.

Although Adolph Hitler was able to destroy the outward vestiges of Freemasonry by desecrating temples and imprisoning or murdering Masons, he was never able to completely eradicate Freemasonry in Germany. He was never able to understand that respect for individual rights and the love of liberty and learning will continue to burn in the hearts of some men, and that is the place where Masonry can endure even under the most repressive environment. Like the phoenix, Masonry rose out of the ashes of Nazi Germany (as it is also doing in several former communist block countries) as a tribute to the courage of man and the durability of those values and lessons that Masonry holds dear.

Callaway, Walter M., "Forget-Me-Not, A Masonic Symbol in Germany." California Freemason. P 168-69. "Das Vergissmeinnicht, The Forget-Me-Not" Square & Compass. P 19-20. Roberts, Allen. Explanation of the Masonic Brotherhood of the Blue Forget-Me-Not.

My mother and father met in Germany in the 1950's, and when my father became a Mason, he wore the Forget-Me-Not proudly in honor of those Brothers who suffered, and those Brothers who kept the light of Masonry alive.

**Fraternally,
Michael Blankinship
Junior Warden**





DDGM Gary J Gamache, Sr. Official Visit to Clermont Lodge No. 226 with his Committeemen and our Worship Master—RH Dale Doucet. A great meal was provided before the meeting by W McClure, as a “tasting” for a possible fundraiser, and served by Eastern Star, Clermont Chapter No. 118 on June 15th.

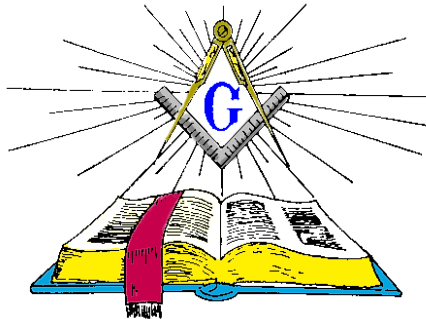
Also on June 15th, Gary Michael Landry (left) and Andrew Robert Jerrett (right) gave back their EA Catechism.



July Birthdays



- 2-Jul Alan Eugene Heist
- 8-Jul Robert Lawrence Bull
- 11-Jul Robert Dry Eyerly
- 13-Jul Doyle Ray Hodges
- 17-Jul Jose Ramon Caceres
- 17-Jul Lawrence Gerald Rubright
- 18-Jul Robert Jeffery Powell



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Larry Shouse

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R.:	H.:	John (Dale) Doucet	District Instructor

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FACEBOOK

Br. Jason D Becker

Attention Brothers

Would you like a Masonic Funeral after you go to meet the Great Architect of the Universe? Two things need to happen. One, your wishes should be made known to your family or those in charge of funeral arrangements and preferably be in writing. Two, a funeral can only be performed on a Mason in good standing (your dues must be current). Don't make assumptions. Plan ahead today!!

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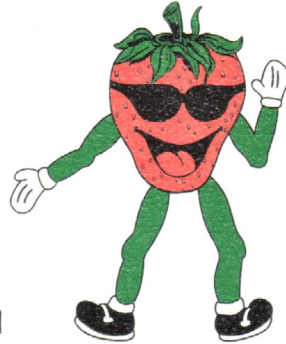
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Please contact me with content, additions, corrections, suggestions or to be added to the list to receive a Trestle Board via Email. All content received by the 15th of each month to be included in following month.
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