

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2016 AMELIA LODGE NO. 47'S FORT CLINCH OUTDOOR MASTER MASON DEGREE

Brothers of Amelia Lodge have been conferring the Master Mason Degree for over 3 decades inside the fort that is located on the north end of Amelia Island.

In 1842, the United Stated government purchased a tract of land on the northern end of Amelia Island, at the Florida-Georgia border. A military installation was to be built on the property to guard the mouth of the St. Mary's River, protect coastal and interior shipping, and defend the deep water port of Fernandina, Florida. Construction began in 1847 on Fort Clinch, named in honor of General Duncan Lamont Clinch, a respected officer who fought bravely in the Second Seminole War.

Master Masons from both sides held meetings inside the fort according to fort records. To keep that tradition alive, the Degree Team performs the Degree in Civil War attire, so feel free to wear yours.

Supper will be served at Amelia Lodge from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. After supper, meet at the fort inside of historic Fort Clinch State Park! Park admittance and parking is free to Brothers attending the Degree. Bring your current dues card, bug spray, folding chair, and a light jacket.

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Friday Night Social at The Surf

Lots of things to do around town on Saturday

Supper at the Lodge from 3 – 5 pm

Gavel raps at 6 pm

Memorabilia on Sale

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... W.: Stanley L. Hudson, Grand Master Date: August 27, 2016