



# TAMPA BAY LODGE No. 252



## OCT/NOV *Trestleboard* 2015

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### FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

I would like to take a moment to thank all the brothers who put on a great degree in my absence.

My back surgery has gone well and my recovery is moving along and I am grateful for everyone stepping up to fill in for me.

I would like to thank our secretary for having the south wall fixed as well the extensive time and efforts in keeping up with the lodge. A special thank you to Brother R. H. Jim Rocha for the great picture that was donated to the lodge.

Our Jr. Warden has provided us with great meals and all that have attended the meetings have given many compliments about them. I would also like to thank my Senior Warden for taking care of the lodge in my absence. The lodge will



greatly prosper from having these brother's taking over next year.

My prayers go out to our Brother Mike Harwick and his son's unfortunate accident and ask that everyone please also keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

As always thanks to our brother R.H. Mike Rhoades

for all the work he puts in at the lodge. Our D.D.G.M. will be visiting with his committee men on the October 20th stated meeting.

We will also have a F.C. degree on October 24th @ 9:00 A.M. Please come out and show our brother's how much we care about their progress.

The year is winding down and it seems as though it will be busy till the end. God bless you all and I'm always proud to be part of such a great lodge and brother's.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Timothy(Duke)Pierce WM



## FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

I hope everyone had great summer. This year has gone by so fast and will soon draw to a close. Everyone is doing such a phenomenal job; this has so far been a wonderful year. I would especially like to thank Bro Stephen Beke. Bro Beke really stepped up this year when we needed a Junior Warden and is filling his new role very nicely. I hope everyone is planning to attend the Annual Shrimp Boil. The lodge really counts on your support for this fundraiser. While on the topic of fundraisers, we will be looking for some "fresh meat" to replace Bro

Rhoades and Bro Thomas as cooks for the Steak Dinner in April. If you're interested please see Brother Julius Santiago (SD). In July we had a step-up degree for the initiation of Alex Ellis and Louis Ange. Those who participated had to learn new ritual work and did an outstanding job, particularly Bro Mike Hartwick. This was Bro Hartwick's first time as Senior Deacon and I want to commend him for taking on such a difficult role and he did very well. As we head into the final months of 2015 and the Holiday season, please everyone be safe. Cherish this time with your families and reach out to your Brethren. The

Holidays can be difficult for some and it is important that those whom can't be with their families know they have a family right here in Masonry who will always be here for them.

Fraternally,

Bro. Chris Adkins, SW



## STATUS OF NEW APPLICANTS, EA, FC, MM

<u>Awaiting Candidates:</u>	<u>Youngest EA Brothers:</u>	<u>Just Passed to FC:</u>	<u>Recently Raised to MM:</u>
	Bro. Alex Ellis Bro. Jay Minier, II Bro. Louis Ange		Bro. Emilio Santiago Bro. Aaron Cardenas

## !!SECRETARY'S CORNER!!

Brothers,

Please be sure to visit our new and improved website at <http://www.tntpc.com/252>

You can find useful information at our website, and when you see him, be sure to thank Bro. Christopher Watts for his hard work on our Lodge website.

Also, if you would like to **save the Lodge money** by getting the electronic version of the Trestleboard emailed to you, please email R:H: Mike Rhoades at **WMY2K7@gmail.com** and put "Electronic Trestleboard" in the subject line. We can save a bundle on postage and printing costs!!!

## FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings from the always sunny South – its high noon and time for refreshment!

Welcome back! We might have been dark for July and August, but the “Lights” burned bright within TBL. Our degree team initiated our newest EA Brothers Louis Ange and Alex Ellis and congratulations to them both.

I'm happy to report that our “Best Ever Steak Dinner” in April was a tremendous success due to the cooperative Masonic spirit from our own legendary pit masters and volunteers; we couldn't have done it without them.

Well...we have one more to go –

our Annual Shrimp Boil at Philippe Pk Shelter #2 from 2-5pm (“all the shrimp you dare to eat” plus sides-drinks-cake-hot dogs for the kids at last years price of \$15). I'm asking one and all to show that spirit again to help defray our looming AC replacement cost. Even if you cannot attend, please consider a very welcomed donation. I will also need volunteers from 8am (at the lodge) to 6pm to help prep, serve and clean up. Whatever amount of time you can spare would be greatly appreciated. Gosh.. a JW that doesn't ask for too much!

**PLEASE** make it a frequent habit to view our online **Calendar of Events**, which will be our way to communicate activities planned for

our families and us.

By the Plumb with Peace and Harmony,  
Bro. Stephen Beke, Jr., JW  
727 461-2871



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Note: The Lodge will be open every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6:00 - 8:00pm for instruction/practice.**

### **OCTOBER:**

10<sup>th</sup> – Annual Shrimp Boil

20<sup>th</sup> – **Stated Meeting:** refreshment at 6:30pm, labor begins at 7:30pm; visit DDGM RW Frank Gaughen

24<sup>th</sup> – Fellow Craft Degree: refreshment at 8:00am, labor begins at 9am

### **NOVEMBER:**

17<sup>th</sup> – **Stated Meeting:** refreshment at 6:30pm, labor begins at 7:30pm

### **DECEMBER:**

15<sup>th</sup> – **Stated Meeting:** refreshment at 6:30pm, labor begins at 7:30pm

# Tampa Bay Lodge 252 Annual Shrimp Boil



Saturday October 10th, 2015  
Phillippe Park Shelter # 2  
2:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

**\$ 15 ALL YOU CAN EAT**

All the trimmings included



Hot Dogs available for the kids!!!

**Bring your family and  
friends!**

# Because I am a Freemason...

I believe that freedom of religion is an inalienable human right and tolerance an indispensable trait of human character; therefore, I will stand in my Lodge with Brothers of all faiths, and respect their beliefs as they respect mine, and I will demonstrate the spirit of Brotherhood in all aspects of my life.

I know that education and the rational use of the mind are the keys to facing the problems of humanity; therefore, I will bring my questions and my ideas to my Lodge, and strive to advance the growth of my mind alongside my Brothers.

I know that the rich tradition of Freemasonry and its framework of Ritual are important platforms for growth and learning; therefore, I vow to stand upon these platforms to improve myself as a human being, and I vow to help in the mission of the Craft to provide tools, atmosphere, challenges and motivation to help each Brother do the same.

I know that charity is the distinguishing human virtue, and that personal community service is the best demonstration of one's commitment to humanity; I acknowledge that words without deeds are meaningless, and I vow to work with my Lodge to provide service to the community, and to promote charity, friendship, morality, harmony, integrity, fidelity and love.

I know that my obligation to community extends beyond my local sphere and is partly fulfilled in my patriotism: love of my country, obedience to its laws and celebration of the freedoms and opportunities it symbolizes.

I know that leadership is best demonstrated by commitment to serving others; I will therefore participate in, and help work at improving individual leadership skills, and serve the Brothers of my Lodge to the best of my ability.

I know that friendship, fidelity and family are the foundations of a well-lived life; I therefore vow to be a faithful friend to my Brothers, as I expect my Lodge to respect my personal obligations, and to treat my family as though my family were their own.

I know that the last great lesson of Freemasonry -- the value of personal integrity and the sanctity of one's word -- is a lesson for all people in all times; I therefore vow to be a man of my word.

I know that Masonry's power is best exercised when its Light is shared with the world at large; I therefore vow to bring the best of myself to my Lodge, in order that my growth might be fostered and nurtured, and to present myself to the world as a working Freemason, on the path to building a more perfect temple.

Because I am a Freemason, these values and aspirations are guideposts for my progress through life.

## **True Pearls of Wisdom**

"Find a Lodge whose Master and other officers are leaders in the true sense of the word, and you will find a Lodge in which the Brethren value their membership, participate in the activities of the Lodge, keep their membership active, and through their actions, in and out of the Lodge, attract other good men to petition for the Degrees."

— M.W. Houston A. Brian, PGM, Grand Lodge of Arkansas

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1925 Earle A. Risbeck  
 1926 Willis Booth  
 1927 G.S. McMullen  
 1928 L.A. Morgan  
 1929 A.M. McMullen  
 1930 R.J. Knight  
 1931 L.B. Booth  
 1932 A.M. McMullen  
 1933 George Woodell  
 1934 T.P. Walton  
 1935 Thomas Bates  
 1936 Abraham Lasher  
 1937 W.J. Strickland  
 1938 Glen O. Petree  
 1939 Bryan Mizell  
 1940 S. G. Moore  
 1941 Monroe Booth  
 1942 Lee McMullen  
 1943 William Neese  
 1944 Harry Smith  
 1945 D. Lame  
 1946 D. Lame  
 1947 Robert McMullen  
 1948 Dwight Shower  
 1949 R.H. Blanchard  
 1950 Gary Linton  
 1951 W.M. Zur  
 1952 W.J. Strickland  
 1953 Harry Kindred  
 1954 James Lashbrook  
 1955 Vernon Mixer  
 1956 Ross Gambel  
 1957 Daniel Gladstone  
 1958 Austin Roberts  
 1959 S.Z. Douglas, Jr. \*  
 1960 Elmer Phillips  
 1961 Dwight Shower, Jr.  
 1962 John Atkinson  
 1963 Allen McMullen  
 1964 Allan Dinsmore  
 1965 Howard Kramer  
 1966 Fred Richards  
 1967 Frank Denby  
 1968 F. Richardson  
 1969 Fritz Kocka  
 1970 Bobbie Dean Woodall  
 1971 Ronald Nicodemus  
 1972 C. Kramer  
 1973 Howard M. Smith  
 1974 Dennis Distin  
 1975 Bruce Davis  
 1976 Truman W. Cole  
 1977 S.Z. Douglas, Jr.\*  
 1978 George A Magoon  
 1979 George R. Sullivan  
 1980 Robert F. Heil  
 1981 Dennis G. Smith  
 1982 Cyrus W. Cole  
 1983 Richard U. Granthum  
 1984 Scott Shimer

1985 Charles A. Melling \*  
 1986 Marvin W. Gerhard \*  
 1987 Ralph H. Swanker  
 1988 Jacob J. Krawiec  
 1989 Jay (Doc) Holliday  
 1990 Richard J. Whalen Sr. \*  
 1991 Norman M. Sutherby  
 1992 Andrew M. Nicholson  
 1993 Richard J. Whalen Jr.  
 1994 Donald E. Walker  
 1995 John E. Drewett \*  
 1996 Lynn F. Coleman  
 1997 Robert A. McGoldrick  
 1998 R. James Rocha^\*  
 1999 Edward V. Bethel  
 2000 Anthony E. Rhoades^\*  
 2001 Andrew Foster  
 2002 Bruce Moir  
 2003 David Woolley  
 2004 Robert Lutterman  
 2005 Kelfryn James  
 2006 Matt Thaisen  
 2007 Mike Rhoades ^  
 2008 Darryl Ambler  
 2009 Lee Edmonds  
 2010 Jim Messier  
 2011 Ron Bart  
 2012 Jon B. Coats  
 2013 Lawrence Wright  
 2014 William Kelm

\* P.D.D.G.M.

^ P.D.I.



**Tampa Bay Lodge No. 252 - - Officers 2015**



**Worshipful Master**  
 Timothy "Duke" Pierce



**Senior Warden**  
 Christopher Adkins



**Junior Warden**  
 Stephen Beke, Jr

**Secretary**  
 Bro. Cesar Blanco

**Senior Deacon**  
 Bro. Julius Santiago

**Senior Steward**  
 Bro. Martin Baum

**Chaplain**  
 Bro. Tom Farkas

**Musician**  
 Bro. John Nagy

**Lodge Instructor**  
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**Treasurer**  
 W.: Kelfryn James

**Junior Deacon**  
 Bro. Matt Gordon

**Junior Steward**  
 Bro. Chris Watts

**Tyler**  
 Bro. Al Chabot

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 W.: William Kelm