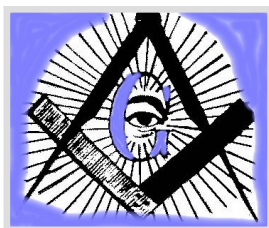


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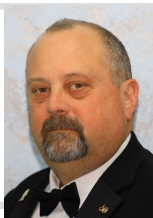
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Junior Warden

Tony Garcia
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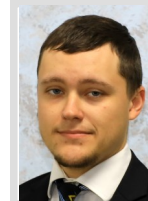
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* =Deceased + = Past DDGM

1888-.....B.N.Mathes*	1978-.....M. Beardsley +/*
1889-.....A.H.Meeks*	1979-.....D.R. Packard*
.....Lodge first met	1980-.....W.B. Ellis 33°*
.....in the Meeks Store	1981-.....E.E. Oglethorpe*
1890-.....B.N.Mathes*	1982-.....J.D. Fowler*
1891-.....O.P.Buzbee*	1983-.....G.J. Davis
1892-.....L. Buckholtz*/+	1984-.....W.J.Wiggins*
1893-.....J.R.Brooker*	1985-.....G.W.Fears*
1894-1913-...Dr G.H.Symmes*/+	1986-.....A.E.Baker*
1914-1915-.....B.H.Emerson *	1987-.....J.M.Williams
1916-1917-.....L.G.Scofield *	1988-.....R.S.Varney*
1918-.....J.W.Williams *	1989-.....R. "Gene" Horne*
1919-1920-.....E.P.Blanton *	1990-.....J.H.McDaniel
1921-.....F.Ray Hearn	1991-.....R.M.Hardy*
1922-1925-.....W.T.Williams */+	1992-1993.....E.L.Swiley, Jr.*
1926-.....J.E.McLean Sr.	1994-.....T.A.Berry
1927-.....A.Kirkpatrick *	1995-.....F.R.Hudson*
1928-.....J.W. McLean *	1996-.....D.M.Little
1929-.....D.H.Williams *	1997-.....RW:F.E.Lowe+*
1930-1931.....E.J.Bryant *	1998-.....R.E.Kennedy*
1932-1934.....C.Friedling *	1999-.....David G. Watson Sr.*
1935-.....C.Pelt *	2000-.....Dennis Owenby*
1936-1937.....L.D.Patterson *	2001-.....Bob Boose
1938-.....T.H.Brown *	2002-.....David G. Watson Jr.
1939-.....C.P. Remling *	2003-....."Skip" Franklin
1940-1941.....A.O.Moody *	2004-.....James Hiller*
1942-1943.....M.Linder *	2005-.....David "Doc" Rivera*
1944-.....G.L.Pritchard *	2006-.....Ronald J. Brimmer*
1945-.....J.S.Meadows *	2007-.....Robert Dishon
1946-.....H.W.Meadows *	2008-.....Mark Titzel
1947-.....E.E.Doub *	2009-.....Howie Angeloni
1948-.....J.E.McLean Jr. *	2010-.....Don Campbell
1949-.....J.W.Thompson *	2011-.....Greg Wynn+
1950-.....D.C.Graves *	2012-.....Hoyt "Al" Lawson
1951-.....W.J.Gallana */+	2013-.....Adam Barsoum
1952-.....Wm.E. Hegeman *	2014-.....Troy DiVito
1953-.....J.P.Massicotte *	2015-.....Bill Tracy
1954-.....J.A.Bailey Jr. *	2016-.....Steve Wilson
1955-.....W.Willis *	2017-.....William Miller
1956-.....R.M.Ekker*	2018-.....Stephen Williams+
1957-.....A.Vasquez*	2019-.....David St. John
1958-.....A.Ekker*	2020-.....Richard Vogt+
1959-.....R/W/G. Cooley 33+*	2021-.....Peter Loach
1960-.....H. Smallwood +*	2022-23.....Miguel Viruet
1961-.....H. Rice*	2024-...George Grosskopf, Sr.
1962-.....J.R. Hamrick, Jr.*	★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★
1963-.....V. Linder*	★ DeSoto Lodge No. ★
1964-.....H.B. Wilder*	★ 105 ★
1965-...../.....A.L. Frisbie*	★ 2024 ★
1966-.....W.A. Thompson*	★ MASON ★
1967-.....W.L. Shurtleff*	★ OF THE ★
1968-.....W.W. Jay*	★ YEAR ★
1969-.....J.D. Fletcher*	★ OSCAR ★
1970-.....R.F. Tatum*	★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★
1971-.....A.W. Fenzau*	
1972-.....W.L. Stanford	
1973-.....R.W. Smith*	
1974-.....H.J. Clausen*	
1975-.....C. Repp +*	
1976-.....O.H. Elmore*	
1977-.....J. A. Brown *	



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SECRETARY'S CORNER



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Please go the App store and put this on your phone. Amity is a "Global" tool/network that need to add today.

DeSoto Lodge Current Membership: 210

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De Soto Lodge's July Birthday Brothers!

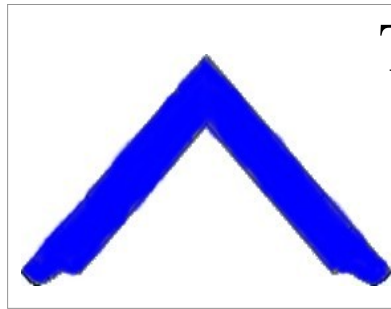
Happy Birthday To:

Adam Barsoum	Ron Copher	J.P. Greene	David St. John
Joe Casaccia	Gary Davis	Nathan Hays	Justin Zinke
Jeffrey Cole	Russell Gavlak	Housam Moursi	Happy 4th of July!
Clifford Collins	Gary Gill Sr.	Marak Seland	



We wish you a happy birthday and a safe and healthy July 4th filled with family and friends.





THE MASTER'S WORD

W.:M.: Daniel Allen



Hello, brothers from the East. The first half of the year has been exceptionally successful, marked by numerous engaging activities at the lodge. We have hosted a variety of events, and our membership continues to experience consistent growth each month, which is encouraging. I would like to extend an invitation to those who have yet to attend a regular meeting or family night to join us and participate in the enjoyable atmosphere. The presence of brothers traveling throughout the district was highly encouraging, with five brothers attending the Brandon lodges' regular stated meeting in June. Active participation and travel are vital for the fraternity's well-being and expansion. Strengthening inter-lodge relationships is paramount, as is maintaining unity within our fraternity to achieve our shared objectives.

We are pleased to announce a significant project planned for the summer. As many of you have received notification, we are undertaking a comprehensive remodel, with the goal of updating the lodge room to align with the rest of our beautiful building. I eagerly anticipate seeing you at the initial meeting in July, where we can discuss this further. If you have any inquiries or concerns regarding the letter you received, please feel free to bring them up. This endeavor will be a collaborative effort involving all members, including brothers, sisters, and other organizations that utilize our lodge room for fundraising, and your support in funding the renovations is greatly appreciated.

As we approach our nation's birthday on the Fourth of July, it presents a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate and come together. Let us also remember and honor those who continue to defend our freedoms, enabling us to celebrate in peace and harmony. To all the brothers and sisters who have fought to secure our freedom, I extend my heartfelt gratitude. It is your sacrifices that have allowed America to flourish as a truly great nation.

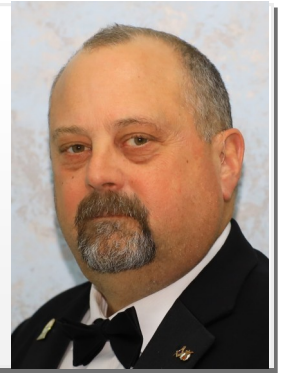
It was truly delightful to have our annual family picnic this past month. It was wonderful to see everyone who attended and participated in the food and games, especially cornhole. It was a pleasure for everyone to gather at the lodge once more and share in the fellowship and camaraderie. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our SW, Joel, and all the other brothers for their assistance in organizing and making this event such a success.

My dear brothers, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for a truly wonderful first half of the year and for the remarkable support we have received from all the groups that gather at DeSoto Lodge. It is our shared aspiration to continue fostering the growth of the DeSoto family and to extend our reach into the community. We hope to collaborate with them in creating a safer environment for raising our families. Furthermore, I extend my best wishes to our DeMolay Chapter for a safe and joyous conclave this summer. I am certain that you will achieve great success in the many competitions, and I eagerly anticipate your return to share your accomplishments with the lodge. I wish you the very best of luck and a truly enjoyable conclave.





From the West **JOEL SPARNON**



Welcome to July Brethren. We are halfway through the year now and it has been an exciting year so far and I look forward to the continued activities for the rest of the year.

My article this month is a little bit of a broken record from last month; we have slowed down through the summer months on our donations to ECHO.

Remember ECHO supports families and members of our community locally that are in crisis and helps them get back on their feet. The contributions of food and clothing stay here locally and support folks in Hillsborough County in crisis. If you can contribute nonperishable food items and bring them to the lodge it would be greatly appreciated. If you can't get to the lodge, let us know and we will pick up any donations or send us a financial donation and we will purchase food items to donate for you.

Remember our core values of **brotherly love, relief and truth** and consider giving as you can to this great charity.

Upcoming Events:

August 2nd Past master's luncheon

Sept 14th OES Spaghetti Dinner

October 11th, OES Murder Mystery Dinner

December 6th Widows Luncheon

Stay tuned for Wardens Fundraiser being scheduled for the Fall

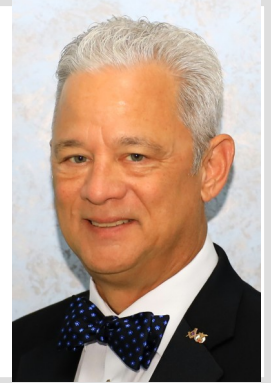
Come out and support these events; we look forward to seeing you back at the Lodge.

Have a great month.





From the South **TONY GARCIA**



Greetings from the South my Brothers. I hope that you all are doing well at this midpoint in the year. So far, all has been well for me in the South. Stressful sometimes, but I think it is a good experience.

I attribute that to the Brotherly aid and assistance from those who choose to help. I am forever grateful. On that note, I am looking for additional brothers to join in. It's not how long you can stay to help it's about helping at all. As I have said before, it benefits all of the Brothers, the Lodge and Masonry as a whole.

There are quite a few events coming up in the next few weeks. Be sure to keep an eye on the calendar.

Don't forget that we are still actively seeking donations of food items for the ECHO food pantry. We are "competing" against other lodges to bring in the most food.

I won't get too philosophical this month. I'll save that for another time.

I would just like to wish all of you a safe and happy summer season. Take the time to come by the lodge. We'd all love to see you and share in good fellowship.

God bless you.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

PANCAKES - SCRAMBLED EGGS - BACON - SAUSAGE- GRITS-ORANGE JUICE - HOT COFFEE

\$10.00



EVERY FOURTH SUNDAY

FROM 8:00 AM TIL 12:00 PM

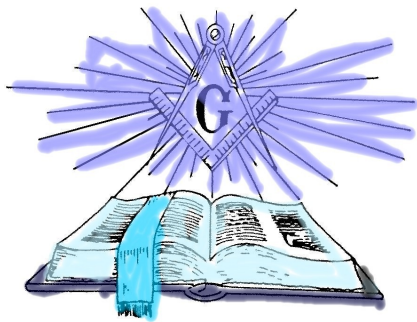
Come support your Lodge while you enjoy some good Masonic Fellowship. You are also encouraged to bring your friends & neighbors and those whom you would like to have as Brothers.

It's an excellent opportunity to "show off" our Lodge.



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

R.: W.: GREG WYNN



“It is for God and omnipotence for to do mighty things in a moment, but by degrees to grow to greatness is the course that He hath left for man.” Albert Pike (Morals and Dogma)

The question was asked in a recent lodge meeting, “What is a Mason?” It excited my imagination and planted a seed for further thought. Perhaps the answer is found in Freemasonry’s slogan: We take good men and make them better. So, a true Mason could be a “better man.” Yet gentle reader be cautious not to fall victim to haughty pride. As we meet, act, and part, treating each other as equals – our growth in Masonry necessarily leads us to treat all others likewise. Because we understand the truism, “There is no virtuous man without some vice and no bad man that is without some virtue.” “WE,” are not better than, “THEM.” Treat each individual as a divine creation.

The “better man” is not better than his brother, but better than himself. Everyone is born in possession of the same divine spark. “Know Yourself,” and fan the divine spark in your breast into a flame. In the book, *Morals and Dogma*, Albert Pike writes about Morality and Virtue. His advice is to, “study one and practice the other.” Our fraternity offers many opportunities for philosophical inquiry, real-world observation, and personal reflection. It is evident that morality isn’t just something to study – it is something to live.

Practicing virtue isn’t just knowing what’s right, it’s doing what is right. It is choosing it, consistently, habitually, even when it is hard. So many virtues are contained in the various lessons in our great fraternity, gentle reader, it is you who must decide which to cultivate. Remember our sacred vows, think upon historical or fictional people who embody these values, surround yourself with good company. Let these examples guide you until virtue becomes second nature.

“What is a Mason?” Look around you and you will see. “True Masonry within, must be morality without ... It must become imminent morality.” Becoming a Mason might be as simple as attending an initiation ceremony, but ***becoming a good and true Mason is a lifelong process***, not a checklist. May the world see your Masonry in your work, and in your play. It is hard to describe, but unmistakable in the moment.





June 17, 2025

Worshipful George Grosskopf, Sr., received his
Certificate of Completion
for Lodge Officer training Module No. 2 from his son, George Grosskopf, Jr.,
District Committeeman on Lodge Officer Training.

June 17, 2025

Worshipful David Mason received his **50 YEAR PIN** and certificate from Worshipful Master Daniel Allen. He was pinned by his wife, Katie Mason



June 17, 2025

Associate Matron Dawn Allen and Worthy Matron Michelle Wilson presented a check to the Lodge for \$100.00 in appreciation of the support they receive from DeSoto Lodge No. 105.

July 2025

Sun

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Sat

		1 STATED MEETING 6:30 Dinner 7:30 Meeting	2 6 pm Catechism Prac 7 pm Degree Practice	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 7:00 P.M. Demolay Meeting	5 9 am Catechism Prac
6	7	8 7:00 pm Officers Meeting	9 6 pm Catechism Prac 7 pm Degree Practice	10	11	12 9 am Catechism Prac
13	14 7:30 P.M. OES MEETING	15 FAMILY NIGHT 6:30 Dinner 7:30 Meeting	16 6 pm Catechism Prac 7 pm Degree Practice	17	18 7:00 P.M. Demolay Meeting	19 9 am Catechism Prac
20	21 7:00 pm DISTRICT SCHOOL at Brandon Lodge OPEN BOOKS at 6:00 pm	22	23 6 pm Catechism Prac 7 pm Degree Practice	24	25	26 Open Books 9 am to 12 pm at John Darling Lodge
27 8 am—12 pm PANCAKE BREAKFAST \$10.00 Bloodmobile	28 OES: see you in September 6:30 p.m. MASTER MASONS ASS'N MEETING AT EGYPT SHRINE	29	30 6 pm Catechism Prac 7 pm Degree Practice	31		



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