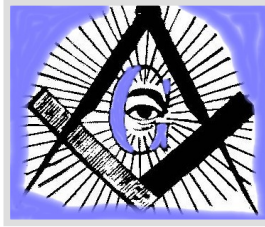


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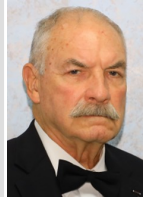
# Desoto Lodge No.105 Officers for 2026




**Worshipful Master**  
∴ Joel Sparnon  
704-779-0730



**Senior Warden**  
Tony Garcia  
860-625-4557



**Junior Warden**  
Paul Evancoe  
240-888-1468



**Treasurer**  
R∴W∴ Steve Williams  
813-743-5739



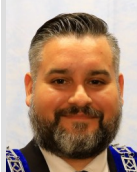
**Chaplain**  
Russell Gavlak  
603-566-8710




**Secretary**  
W∴ Troy DiVito  
813-598-7087




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Mark Barthle  
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**Junior Deacon**  
Adrian Porrata  
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Steve Maslin  
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**Lodge Instructor**  
R∴W∴ John Grey




**Jr. Steward**  
Richard Resto  
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813-493-3768



**Historian**  
W∴ Steve Wilson  
813-758-6174



**Marshall**  
W∴ Daniel Allen  
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**DESOTO HONOR ROLL of PAST MASTERS**

\* =Deceased + = Past DDGM

- 1888-.....B.N.Mathes\*
- 1889-.....A.H.Meeks\*  
.....Lodge first met  
.....in the Meeks Store
- 1890-.....B.N.Mathes\*
- 1891-.....O.P.Buzbee\*
- 1892-.....L...Buckholtz\*/+
- 1893-.....J.R.Brooker\*
- 1894-1913-...Dr G.H.Symmes\*/+
- 1914-1915-.....B.H.Emerson \*
- 1916-1917-.....L.G.Scofield \*
- 1918-.....J.W.Williams \*
- 1919-1920-.....E.P.Blanton \*
- 1921-.....F.Ray Hearn \*
- 1922-1925-.....W.T.Williams \*/+
- 1926-.....J.E.McLean Sr. \*
- 1927-.....A.Kirkpatrick \*
- 1928-.....J.W. McLean \*
- 1929-.....D.H.Williams \*
- 1930-1931.....E.J.Bryant \*
- 1932-1934.....C.Friedling \*
- 1935-.....C.Pelt \*
- 1936-1937-.....L.D.Patterson \*
- 1938-.....T.H.Brown \*
- 1939-.....C.P. Remling \*
- 1940-1941.....A.O.Moody \*
- 1942-1943.....M.Linder \*
- 1944-.....G.L.Pritchard \*
- 1945-.....J.S.Meadows \*
- 1946-.....H.W.Meadows \*
- 1947-.....E.E.Doub \*
- 1948-.....J.E.McLean Jr. \*
- 1949-.....J.W.Thompson \*
- 1950-.....D.C.Graves \*
- 1951-.....W.J.Gallana \*/+
- 1952-.....Wm.E. Hegeman \*
- 1953-.....J.P.Massicotte \*
- 1954-.....J.A.Bailey Jr. \*
- 1955-.....W.Willis \*
- 1956-.....R.M.Ekker\*
- 1957-.....A.Vasquez\*
- 1958-.....A.Ekker\*
- 1959-.....RW/G. Cooley 33+\*
- 1960-.....H. Smallwood +\*
- 1961-.....H. Rice\*
- 1962-.....J.R. Hamrick, Jr\*
- 1963-.....V. Linder\*
- 1964-.....H.B. Wilder\*
- 1965-...../.....A.L. Frisbie\*
- 1966-.....W.A. Thompson\*
- 1967-.....W.L. Shurtleff\*
- 1968-.....W.W. Jay\*
- 1969-.....J.D. Fletcher\*
- 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 \*
- 1978-.....M. Beardsley +/\*
- 1979-.....D.R. Packard\*
- 1980-.....W.B. Ellis 33°\*
- 1981-.....E.E. Oglethorpe\*
- 1982-.....J.D. Fowler\*
- 1983-.....G.J. Davis
- 1984-.....W.J.Wiggins\*
- 1985-.....G.W.Fears\*
- 1986-.....A.E.Baker\*
- 1987-.....J.M.Williams
- 1988-.....R.S.Varney\*
- 1989-.....R. "Gene" Horne\*
- 1990-.....J.H.McDaniel
- 1991-.....R.M.Hardy\*
- 1992-1993.....E.L.Swilley, Jr.\*
- 1994-.....T.A.Berry
- 1995-.....F.R.Hudson\*
- 1996-.....D.M.Little
- 1997-.....RW:F.E.Lowe+\*
- 1998-.....R.E.Kennedy\*
- 1999-.....David G. Watson Sr.\*
- 2000-.....Dennis Owenby\*
- 2001-.....Bob Boose
- 2002-.....David G. Watson Jr.
- 2003-....."Skip" Franklin\*
- 2004-.....James Hiller\*
- 2005-.....David "Doc" Rivera\*
- 2006-.....Ronald J. Brimmer\*
- 2007-.....Robert Dishon
- 2008-.....Mark Titzel
- 2009-.....Howie Angeloni
- 2010-.....Don Campbell
- 2011-.....Greg Wynn+
- 2012-.....Hoyt "Al" Lawson
- 2013-.....Adam Barsoum
- 2014-.....Troy DiVito
- 2015-.....Bill Tracy
- 2016-.....Steve Wilson
- 2017-.....William Miller
- 2018-.....Stephen Williams+
- 2019-.....David St. John
- 2020-.....Richard Vogt+
- 2021-.....Peter Loach
- 2022-23.....Miguel Viruet
- 2024-...George Grosskopf, Sr.
- 2025-.....Daniel Allen



**SECRETARY'S CORNER**  
**Mid-Year Dues Notifications**



It's that time of year! I have mailed the mid-year delinquent dues notifications to members who have yet to pay their 2026 dues. If you have not, please do so as soon as possible by a check made out to Desoto Lodge No. 105 or by using the Amity App on your phone or device. The Amity App is a "Global" tool/network where you can pay your dues and much more. You can also learn about the Craft, vet visitors to your lodge and locate lodges anywhere. It is also your personal digital dues card.



**DeSoto Lodge Current Membership: 202**

**Petitions For Membership**

Ronald Castro, Wimauma, FL

Devin E. Parrinello, Wesley Chapel, FL

W.: Troy DiVito  
divitotd@aol.com  
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DeSoto Lodge Secretary  
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**De Soto Lodge's  
June Birthday Brothers!**

*Happy Birthday to:*

David Binning	Anthony Gardner	Don Kierce	Emory Newsome
Robert Boose	Randal Gray	Robert Krowl	Mark Proctor
Kenrick Conrad	John Johnson III	Stephen Maslin	Joel Spanon
Daniel Dixon Sr.	Pierre Joly	David Mahalshick	Anthony Stewart
Ira Exum Sr.	Hamilton Jordan	Spencer Mosley	William Tracy

**We wish you and happy birthday  
and a safe and healthy summer  
filled with friends and family.**

DeSoto Lodge No. 105  
F. & A.M.

**2025  
MASON  
OF THE YEAR  
PAUL EVANCOE**



# THE MASTER'S WORD

W.:M.: JOEL SPARNON



Wow! It is June, what an awesome year so far. The amount of team effort we have in all our activities has been fantastic this year. I truly appreciate everyone's support this year, we succeed as a team, and I feel we are succeeding.

I will share some thoughts from 2 senior masons in the state of Florida that I heard recently that is worth sharing. First, from RW Jack Hampton "We need to focus on quality, not quantity" this was regarding membership, I agree we need to be concerned with the growth of our fraternity but be cognizant that quality of new brothers is more important than growth of membership numbers just for growths sake. Secondly from the monthly article from our Senior Grand Warden R.W. Frederick R. Wendling, Jr. about Mentoring in Freemasonry:

*"Effective mentoring accomplishes several critical goals: 1) Retention of new members: A brother who feels known and supported is far more likely to remain active. 2) Understanding of Ritual and symbolism: Ritual gains depth when explained through conversation and reflection. 3) Integration into Lodge Culture: Customs, expectations, and traditions are best learned through personal connection. 4) Development of Leadership: Mentoring fosters confidence and competence in future officers. 5) preservation of values: The principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth are lived, not lectured."*

Desoto 105 does a great job of welcoming new folks to our lodge family, we do a great job supporting new brothers through the three degrees, we can continue to grow our mentoring of new brothers as they continue their masonic journey. Mentoring does not need to be a formal process, it can be showing a good example as a mature Mason.

We are having our 4<sup>th</sup> annual family picnic and corn hole tournament on June 13<sup>th</sup>, please come out and enjoy the community and enjoy our way to thank the families for their support through the year.

Thank you for your support so far this year. Let's continue to have fun and help our community.





## From the West **TONY GARCIA**



Brothers,

As summer approaches, we look at time ahead to spend with our friends, family and others. We will share holiday time this year with special meanings.

As always, Memorial Day is a time of remembrance and reflection. We remember those who gave all for our liberty and freedom. Those who we remember in our hearts will never truly be gone.

July the 4<sup>th</sup> is especially significant this year. It was 250 years ago this year that our nation was formed. We as Americans are unique in the history of the world. Our founding fathers (Many of whom were Masons) established something that had never been attempted in the history of the World. We should all be proud to be a part of this and that we are living in this place in history.

On a sadder note, it is also the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Many of us can remember where we were, or what we were doing when we heard the news. We should bow our heads and pray for all of those people who we lost on that day. Some of us even know someone who perished that day. I do.

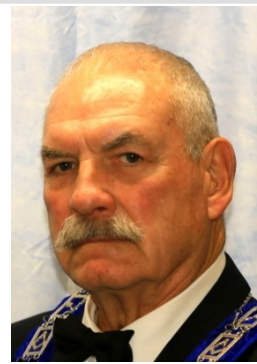
Throughout our history, we can list times of great accomplishment and tragedy. But for all of the good and bad, we as Americans have endured. Some of those things have created traditions and special remembrances for all of us.

Freemasonry has its own history, traditions and remembrances. We also have endured. Freemasonry teaches us to help, trust and honor each other as brothers and friends. We extend that beyond the fraternity to our communities, State and the Country. Our fraternity is inextricably bound to the fabric of this country.

I am proud to be an American. I am proud to be a Freemason. God Bless the United States of America. God bless all of you.



# From the South PAUL EVANCOE



When I went through Army jump school in 1967 at Ft. Bragg, the Army drill instructors (DI's) kept continually yelling at us, "What are you?" The training company would unanimously reply, "Airborne!" And since I was a Navy guy in an Army school, all of us "Frogs" would yell, "Airhorn!" That would trigger the wrath of the DI's and usually result in 50 push-ups. We had already completed BUD/S training and there was nothing the DI's could do to hurt us. It was great fun and the DI's knew it was a game for us.

We are Master Masons. When we're asked, "What are you?" what is your answer? Specifically, the question is "What are you?" not "Who are you?" It's actually not a difficult answer if you remember your working tools. That said, how many of us can name the working tools and their purpose? Our degree teams can, but how about those who rarely attend degrees, much less Lodge meetings? So - what are you?

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"Kids don't remember what you try to teach them. They remember what you are."

Jim Henson

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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

**\$10.00**



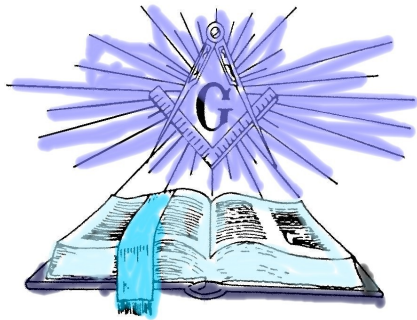
EVERY FOURTH SUNDAY

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.**





## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### RUSS GAVLAK



It's surprising how many Freemasons I know have stories in their background of major conflicts with their fathers. There are masons who grew up adopted wondering why their biological father gave them up, those whose fathers were physically or emotionally abusive, those who had problems with alcohol, or just neglectful fathers who weren't really there. Relationships with a father like that tend to leave lasting negative impressions on these men, and later in life many of their actions, habits, and emotions are impacted by those formative experiences.

This isn't to say that most or all of them have issues in their relationship with their father. That definitely isn't so. I also know many Freemasons who have great relationships with their fathers and credit their father for getting them into the Craft. This is so common as well that many jurisdictions created Lewis Jewels to represent father/son pairs in Freemasonry.

Still, just in my experience – I see men with troubled father relationships in Freemasonry more often than in my non-masonic relationships. Part of this is simply that we form closer friendship relationships in lodges. Men are more willing (over time) to open up and talk about what happened to them in their past.

But a major part too is that I think Masonry serves the role of a replacement father, for some men. Masonry's Overlap with what a Father Provides

#### ***Elements of the institution really jump out:***

It strives to be a “society of friends and brothers” and orients lodges around wisdom, strength, and beauty.

Lodges contain hierarchical relationships with stationed officers including a Worshipful Master who is to rule and govern his lodge.

Masons are often assigned mentors, who is typically an older, more experienced Past Master

It strives to be men bound together for mutual intellectual, social, and moral development.

Really — all of that sounds to me like the same sort of positive masculinity that a man would ideally learn and experience through his father. It is a place to be a man in a positive way, and to take examples from more experienced men who will hopefully convey positive lessons.

The impact of fathers cannot be understated. Because humans learn by mirroring and emulating others, a key part of a person's emotional, social, and moral growth is tied to what crowd they hang out with. Small children do not know how to be adolescents or adults, and they are taught “how to be” by observing the people the most important people to them (their parents). The mother cannot teach a boy how to be a man.

Men never stop needing more experienced role models. Not in their 40s, not in their 60s. Some men weren't fortunate enough to have good fathers. And Freemasonry is not an actual father, yet still it has a role to play to give some of these men things they were missing, things that they need.



**TRESTLEBOARD JUNE 6026 A.L.**

**OUR NEWEST MASTER MASON**

**MAY 21, 2026**



Pictured left to right: SW Tony Garcia (in the East for first half), William Barthle IV, WB George Grosskopf, Sr. (in the East for the second half), and WM Joel Sparnon



**A VERY PROUD FATHER:**  
our Senior Deacon, Mark Barthle,  
with his son, William

**MAKING MASONS SINCE 5889 A.L.**

**THREE GENERATIONS OF MASTER MASONS!!**



Fred Browning, William Barthle IV, and Mark Barthle



The DeMolay was well represented as well

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**TRESTLEBOARD JUNE 6026 A.L.**

**MAY 21, 2026**

**MASTER MASON DEGREE**



There were quite a few men who came to the degree ritual. Are you pictured? If not, you missed a wonderful experience. Did you know that our newest Master Mason (William Barthle IV) is Fred Browning's great-grandson?



Can't you just imagine the caption for this one??

**MAKING MASONS SINCE 5889 A.L.**

# June 2026

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
		<p>STATED MEETING</p> <p>6:30 Dinner 7:30 Meeting</p>	<p>6 pm Catechism Prac 7 pm Degree Practice</p>			<p>9 am Catechism Prac</p>
<p>7 1 - 4 pm SPAGHETTI FUND RAISER 3:00 P.M. DeMaloy Advisory Council Meeting 4:00 P.M. DeMaloy Meeting</p>	<p>8 7:30 PM OES Meeting</p>	<p>9 7:00 pm Officers Meeting</p>	<p>10 6 pm Catechism Prac 7 pm Degree Practice</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 1 - 4 pm FAMILY PICNIC  9 am Catechism Prac</p>
<p>14 9:00 am DeSoto Lodge Clay Shoot</p>	<p>15 7:00 pm DISTRICT SCHOOL at BRANDON LODGE 6 to 7 Open Books</p>	<p>16 FAMILY NIGHT  6:30 Dinner 7:30 Meeting</p>	<p>17 6 pm Catechism Prac 7 pm Degree Practice</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 JUNETEENTH</p>	<p>20 9 am Catechism Prac</p>
<p>21 4:00 P.M. DeMolay Meeting  FATHER'S DAY SUMMER BEGINS</p>	<p>22 7:30 PM OES Meeting 6:30 PM Master Masons Meeting at the Egypt Shrine</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 6 pm Catechism Prac 7 pm Degree Practice</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Open Books 9 am to 12 pm at Brandon Lodge  9 am Catechism Prac</p>
<p>28 8 am -12 pm PANCAKE BREAKFAST \$10.00 1- 3 pm OES Ice Cream Social</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 7:00 PM EA DEGREE  Dinner between parts</p>	<p><i>Attention Brothers!!</i> Come join us for a monthly "Clay Shoot Social" at 9:00 am the second Sunday morning of each month. We meet at the FishHawk Sporting Clays, at 13505 Hobson Simmons Rd, Lithia., (813) 689-0490. For more information, contact our JW (see page 2)</p>			

