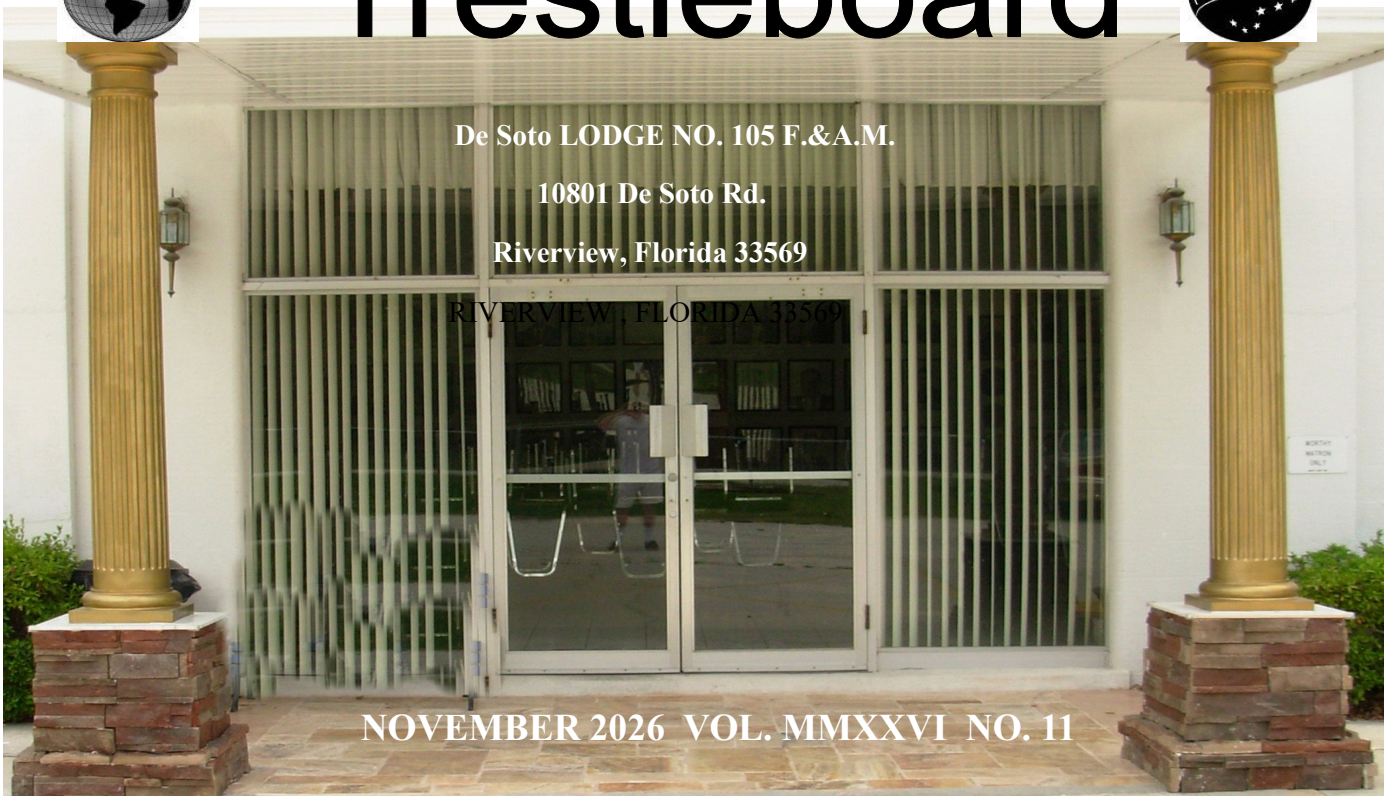
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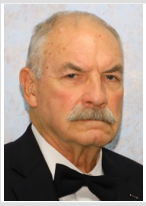
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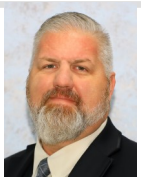
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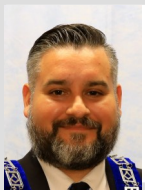
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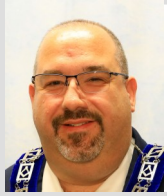
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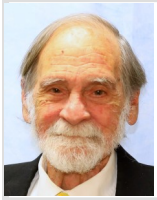
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1888-.....B.N.Mathes*
1889-.....A.H.Meeks*
.....Lodge first met
.....in the Meeks Store
1890-.....B.N.Mathes*
1891-.....O.P.Buzbee*
1892-.....L.…Buckholtz*/+
1893-.....J.R.Brooker*
1894-1913-…Dr G.H.Symmes*/+
1914-1915-.....B.H.Emerson *
1916-1917-.....L.G.Scofield *
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 *
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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-…...R\W\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*
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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 33º*
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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. Brimner*
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

Payment Changes

We are working on some changes in the upcoming months to provide more options to provide payments to the lodge electronically, be it for dues payments, pancake breakfast or any upcoming events.

2027 Dues Notifications

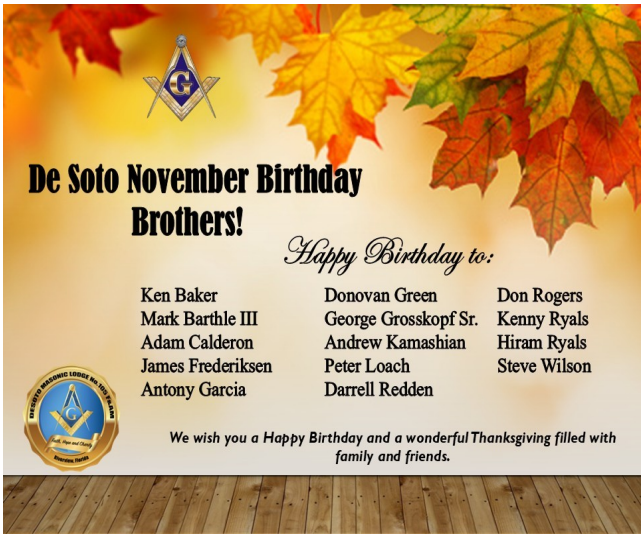
The 2027 Dues notification will be in the mail as soon as I receive them from the Grand Lodge. I'm getting them out a little later this year and I hope this does not cause any inconvenience. Please **do not** pay using the AMITY App until you receive the notification by mail.

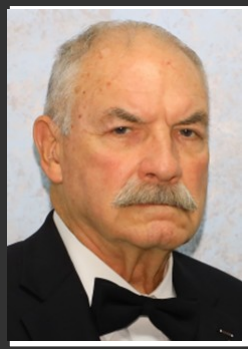
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2025
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PAUL EVANCOE

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THE MASTER'S WORD

W∴M∴ JOEL SPARNON



Welcome to November DeSoto No.105 Family, November is the start of the holiday season and is the month that I use to remind myself of the things that I am thankful for in my life.

Some of things I am thankful for: let's start with my personal life. I am thankful for healthy children and their spouses, also my grandchildren that are healthy and thriving and most importantly I am thankful for my wife Karen, whose support has helped insure that our family is happy and healthy.

From the lodge side of my life, I am thankful for the group of brothers and their families that are engaged and involved in our lodge activities. Without their hard work and efforts our lodge would not continue to flourish and grow.

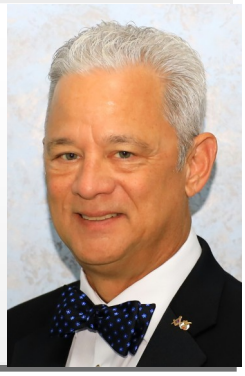
We are continuing with the tradition started by WB Allen by participating in the "**Brandon Parade of Lights"** on Saturday, December 12th, and we have invited all the masonic bodies in Brandon and Riverview to participate with us on the float. If you are interested in participating in this fun event, please contact myself or the Senior Warden.

Our November Family Night will be the last family night of the year. We will have a presentation reviewing the activities of the lodge over the past year and the meal will be provided by the Walter Fishbach DeMolay Chapter and **will be a Turkey Dinner**. Come out and participate in the fellowship that we have enjoyed the pleasure of all year.

I still will sing from the same song sheet as I have all year! If you are not coming back to lodge and are not participating, you are missing out. We are having fun, fellowship, and most importantly we are growing in our masonic journey together.

Thank you for your support so far this year, let's continue to have fun, help our community, and make new masons.

From the West
TONY GARCIA



Brothers,

The year is rapidly passing by us. It will be nearly Thanksgiving by the time you read this. I know that we all have lots to be thankful for: Friends, Family and our Fraternity among others.

This year has brought us many new brothers and friends. Our activities have expanded and our circle has widened. It certainly has been interesting and fun, to say the least.

I am thankful that I have had a chance to meet new brothers and solidify my relationship with those I have known for a while. I am thankful that I undertook this journey 15 years ago. It has been fulfilling beyond my expectations. I hope all of you feel or will feel the same.

I often speak of short cable-tows, but they are what often tie us to those obligations that make us who we are. Family, home, hobbies and the like keep us time-tied. Our usual vocations (albeit tedious sometimes) also mold us into who we are. We should be thankful for all of those as well.

Please take the time to really think about what you should be thankful for. Look around you. Really look hard. Too often we take things for granted - Food on the table, a roof over our head, a warm bed and those who are close to us. There are too many who do not have any of those things.

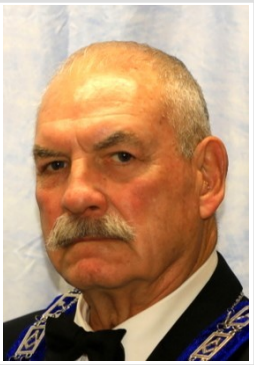
I am thankful that I have had the opportunity to be a member of DeSoto Lodge and serve in the Officer's line. I hope to continue as long as you will allow me. Thank you, my brothers.

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PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Installation of our 2027 Officers: Saturday, January 2, 12:00 P.M.

From the South
PAUL EVANCOE



Brothers, I've recently been questioned as to where our Sunday Pancake Breakfast and dinner proceeds go. I'd like to address that for those of you who may not know.

All proceeds received from our Sunday Pancake Breakfasts, Stated meeting dinners, and Degree dinners are deposited into a dedicated account solely managed by the Junior Warden. From this account the JW buys all the food and ingredients for cooking along with all the ancillary things like aluminum foil, paper plates, cups, paper towels, dish washing soap to include all kitchen and social hall cleaning materials, etc. This money is additionally used for miscellaneous purchases like cooking hardware and kitchen implements (as needed). The JW also funds and buys all the bathroom necessities like paper towels, hand soap, toilet paper, etc. The list, as you may imagine, varies from month to month.

All receipts for expenditures are kept and recorded along with all deposits. At the end of every month our secretary calculates the amount of sales tax we owe (based on our total deposits for that month) and the JW pays the sales tax to our secretary - who in turn pays it to the state. This tax figure is always announced at our Stated Meetings along with our other bills. However, sales tax is exclusively paid by the JW account, not the general Lodge operating account.

It should be obvious that the JW account profit margin is relatively slim. At the end of the year the JW closes out his account and any remaining funds are transferred to the general Lodge account, via our secretary. The typical amount at the end of the year has historically ranged from a few hundred dollars to as much as couple of thousand. This disparity is largely determined by fluctuating food costs and the number of participants who pay $10 a meal over the course of the entire year. It is never a predictable number for that reason. All end of year proceeds is used by the Lodge to augment Lodge budget shortfalls. It's that simple.

Any questions…..see the Chaplain.

"The secret to success is to do the common things uncommonly well." J.D. Rockefeller

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.

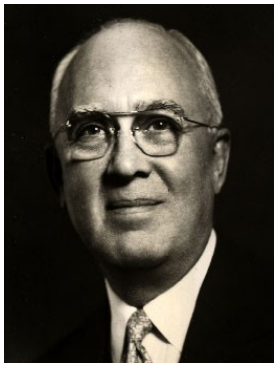
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RUSS GAVLAK



Each year on November 8th DeMolay honors its founder, Frank Sherman Land. I wanted to take a moment with my article to pay tribute to this Masonic Leader.



FRANK SHERMAN LAND

The Order of DeMolay was founded in 1919, in Kansas City, Missouri,by a young man named Frank S. Land. Land was a community leader who, at the age of 28, already had a successful business career as a restaurateur behind him.

The main event that led to the founding of the DeMolay movement was World War I. This was a time when the nation was caught up with a passion and desire to bring democracy to the world. When the United States joined in the fight against German power, every resource of men and materials was poured into the war effort. America suffered not only the loss of its men who had fallen in battle, but on the homefront as well. A positive response to this critical situation came about with the development of many charitable organizations. Frank S. Land was selected to act as the director of the Masonic Relief and Employment Bureau of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. This charity would come to help hundreds and hundreds of families.

Near the end of the war, Land became concerned with the problems of boys who had lost their fathers. He thought "how lonely it must be for a boy not to have a man to talk with, or a man to provide some type of inspiration and direction." Frank decided there was a need for an organization where boys would have the opportunity to associate with other boys, a place they could share common interests, learn responsibility and other skills that would benefit them throughout their lives. His ideal model for this organization included having business or professional men, Masons, taking interest in the young people, being a friend to them, advising them, and perhaps even providing them with employment opportunities.

In March, 1919, Land met with young Louis Lower. Louis' father had died, leaving the young man without a father figure in his life. Land took the time to listen to Louis, learn about his dreams, and to help him. He learned that others, like Louis, sought companionship, leadership, inspiration and competition. He asked Louis to invite some friends to a meeting, the original group of nine DeMolays: Louis G. Lower, Ivan M. Bentley, Edmund Marshall, Gorman A. McBride, Jerome Jacobson, William W. Steinhilber, Elmer Dorsey, Clyde C. Stream, and Ralph Sewell. At the second meeting, there was a total of 31 young men present. They were excited about their new club!

The group needed its own identity and its own name. After Dad Land related the story of Jacques DeMolay, the group decided to name itself for this historical figure connected with Masonry.

Dad Land, as he came to be called, provided the philosophy and principles to be embodied. As interest in DeMolay spread, Land answered many requests for information and authority to start chapters. Initiations and ceremonies took place in all locations. By the fall of 1920, Mother Chapter had developed activities for its members as well. These included an outstanding baseball team, a DeMolay marching unit, and even a 100-piece band!

By the end of 1921, Dad Land realized he had to devote full time to this new organization and become a full time DeMolay employee. As DeMolay chapters grew in numbers and strength, the organization as a whole grew in prestige. With this greater prestige, interest developed in the Masonic fraternity. Official recognition and approval by Masonic groups began giving their seal of approval to foster DeMolay in their states. Many distinguished organizations endorsed DeMolay including the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Grand Lodges, Knights Templar, etc.

A devoted champion of Freemasonry and of its teachings, Land would become a figure of international prominence within Masonry, eventually becoming Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America. He counted among his friends U.S. Congressmen, state governors, movie and radio stars, military leaders, leaders of industry, Presidents of the U.S. and a veritable legion of young men in their teens. Dad Land worked tirelessly for the Order of DeMolay until his death on November 8, 1959.

Hundreds of other devoted workers aided in the creation and extension of the Order of DeMolay, but looked to one man for guidance. Frank S. Land was the charismatic leader of the Order. Frank S. Land was truly a great man, a proud American, and a person who came to be known by millions, simply as "Dad". Frank Land's life touched, and continues to impact generation after generation of young people, young men looking to better themselves by emulating the lessons and examples by which he himself lived.

October 27, 2026:
FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE



Wonderfully attended! If you weren't there, you missed a great ceremony/ritual where five Entered Apprentices were passed to the Fellowcraft Degree. JW Paul Evancoe was in the East, ∴Gerard Solis gave the Lecture, and ∴Don Campbell gave the Charge.



Pictured left to right: Ronald Castro, Wayman Matthews, Westley Roberts, Daniel Ilias, and Devin Parrinello

Pictures by ∴Steve Wilson

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6:00PM-8:00PM
Taste, judge, and enjoy for a
$10 donation to benefit Hook-A-Hero!
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★ All lodges welcome to participate
★ 50/50 Raffle
★ For more information, reach out to
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November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 2:00 am Daylight Saving Time ends 3:00 P.M. DeMolay Advisory Council Meeting 4:00 P.M. DeMolay Meeting	2	3 **ELECTION DAY** **NO DINNER** **7:30 P.M.** **STATED MEETING**	4 6 pm Catechism Prac 7 pm Degree Practice	5	6	7 6 - 8 P.M. **Masonic Chili Cook Off** $10.00 8 am Catechism Prac
8 8:45 am DeSoto Lodge Clay Shoot	9 7:30 PM OES Meeting	10 7:00 P.M. Officers' Meeting	11 **VETERANS DAY** 6 pm Catechism Prac 7 pm Degree Practice	12	13	14 8 am Catechism Prac
15 4:00 P.M. DeMolay Meeting	16 **7:00 pm** **DISTRICT SCHOOL** at BRANDON LODGE 6 to 7 Open Books	17 **FAMILY NIGHT** 6:30 Dinner 7:30 Meeting	18 6 pm Catechism Prac 7 pm Degree Practice	19	20	21 8 am Catechism Prac
22 8 am -12 pm **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** $10.00 **Bloodmobile here**	23 7:30 PM OES Meeting 6:30 PM Master Masons Meeting at the Egypt Shrine	24 7:30 P.M. **EA Degree** 6:30 P.M. Dinner	25 6 pm Catechism Prac 7 pm Degree Practice	26 **THANKSGIVING DAY**	27	28 Open Books 9 am to 12 pm at John Darling Lodge 8 am Catechism Prac
29	30					

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