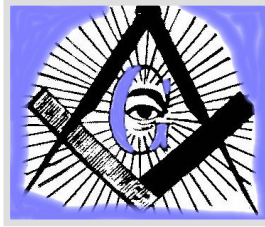


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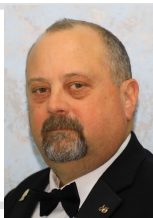
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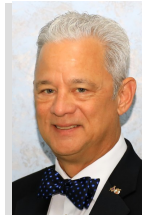
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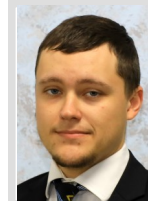
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DESOTO HONOR ROLL of PAST MASTERS

* =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. Ogleshorpe*
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*	
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 *	

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★ **DeSoto** ★

★ **Lodge No.** ★

★ **105** ★

★ **2024** ★

★ **MASON** ★

★ **OF THE** ★

★ **YEAR** ★

★ **OSCAR GRIFFIS** ★

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SECRETARY'S CORNER



Final Dues Notifications

Fall is quickly approaching and we still have about 35 members who have yet to pay their 2025 dues. Please do not wait until the last month of the year to do so.

The administrative impact on the lodge officers for pending dues is more than you think as we keep an eye on membership, projecting budgeting and more. The lodge operates off the dues paying members.

Final notification letters have been sent in October. Thank you. Feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

DeSoto Lodge Current Membership: 211

Recent Losses to Celestial Lodge Above:

W.: Willaim Lloyd Stanford, 03/17/2025

W.: Troy DiVito
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De Soto Lodge's
September Birthday Brothers!

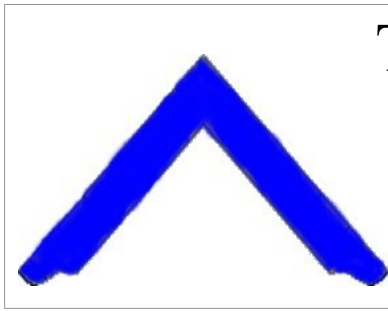
Happy Birthday to:

Clifford Cooper	Alex Kuriga	Richard Shelly
Mike Denney Sr	Vern Little	Treyce Thompson
Paul Evancoe	Charles Manley	Todd Vanderbilt
Donald Fisch	Kenneth Monague	Richard Vinson
Louis Fisher	Reuben Myers	Miguel Viruet
Randy Killebrew	Jason Plum	
Charles Knox	Jeffery Richards	

*We wish you and Happy Birthday filled
with family, friends and brotherly love.*







THE MASTER'S WORD

W::M:: Daniel Allen



Greetings to the Brothers, Families, and Friends of Desoto Lodge No. 105. I trust that you are all faring well and maintaining good health during these warm summer months. The lodge has been diligently engaged in *renovation efforts*, and we extend a warm invitation for you to join us as we approach the completion of these projects in September. I would like to express our sincere gratitude to Brandon Lodge for their generosity in allowing us to utilize their building and lodge room during our renovations over the past month. The teams have been working assiduously to prepare our return to our Lodge. Therefore, I encourage you to visit, experience the refreshed appearance of the lodge room, and partake in enjoyable moments of fellowship.

It is truly heartwarming to share that our community's collaboration with the **BIG RED BUS** has been remarkably successful. To provide a brief update, over the past eleven years, DeSoto Brothers, friends, and family have generously contributed 456 units of blood, which has resulted in the potential *saving of 1368 lives!* This is a truly commendable achievement, and our recent pancake breakfast drew 14 donors. It is through such acts of community service that our fraternity and Riverview continue to thrive.

As we begin the month of September, which also marks the height of hurricane season, I kindly urge all Brothers, Sisters, Family, and Friends to ensure their hurricane preparedness kits are assembled. Please gather your essential documentation and have everything ready in case a storm approaches. Hopefully, we will be spared, and it remains a calm season. We are all aware that last year presented us with considerable challenges. Nevertheless, it is crucial to remain prepared and vigilant, so we are not caught off guard at the last moment. If you require assistance in determining what you need, please do not hesitate to reach out, and we will gladly provide you with a list.

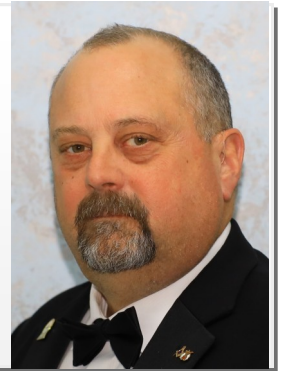
During the past month, students returned to school. This year, both Desoto Lodge and the OES Chapter generously provided school supplies to Riverview Elementary, assisting the teachers with the necessary items for the school year. The principal and administrative staff at Riverview Elementary expressed their sincere appreciation for the donation and the contributions made to their school. We extend our gratitude to everyone who donated and participated in the school drive.

I wish you all a happy and healthy September. And please stay safe and dry.





From the West **JOEL SPARNON**



Welcome to September

I hope everyone has survived the heat so far this season. The level of support we have from all of you so far this year has been overwhelming. I know I can speak for the Worshipful Master and myself: we are deeply humbled by your support. With the remodel of the lodge room, we are appreciative of your patience and flexibility as we live through the chaos of the remodel. It will be exciting to see the finished product. I want to thank the building committee for their continued efforts through the remodel and their guidance as we navigate this evolution.

Our ECHO food drive continues. We appreciate your continued support of this years-long charity. Let's not back off on this now, let's continue to donate to this important charity that supports families in crisis in the Riverview area. They have indicated that there is a real need for things like peanut butter and jelly to help feed the kids in need during the school year. If you can contribute nonperishable food items and bring them to the lodge, it would be greatly appreciated, or if you can't get to the lodge, let us know and we will pick up any donations. Or send us a donation and we will purchase food items to donate for you. Our last donation raised our year-to-date total to 959 lbs. of food.

We had another successful annual donation to Riverview Elementary for our annual school drive. We were able to donate a large number of backpacks, ear buds, Clorox Wipes and other school supplies to support the students and teachers in need at the school. As most of you know, our support of Riverview Elementary goes back to the earliest days of the lodge. To those that donated this year we appreciate your support. Special shout out to Brothers Mark Seland and Fred Browning for their facilitation of this event.

Remember our core values of brotherly love, relief and truth.

Upcoming Events:

- Sept 14th OES Spaghetti Dinner
- Sept 16th, Family Night, (Special Honoring Past Masters)
- October 11th, OES Murder Mystery Dinner
- December 6th Widows Luncheon

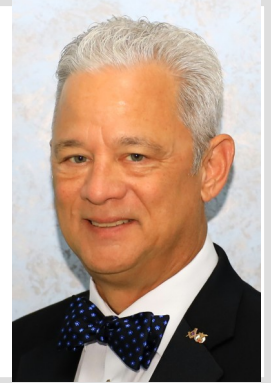
Come out and support these events, we look forward to seeing you back at the lodge

Have a great month





From the South TONY GARCIA



Brothers All,

We are now coming into the final quarter of the year, and with it come changing responsibilities. Often times we are faced with additional changes to our personal and professional as well as our Masonic lives.

Kids are back in school, work demands last quarter performance, and don't forget the holidays. We need to look forward to our roles as Masons during this time and for the upcoming year.

Those of us who are Officers, elected or appointed, need to be thinking about our expected duties for next year. We need to examine our current level of commitment. As each of us is aware, each step toward the East requires a little more dedication and commitment. Those who are considering joining the line, must be thinking about this as well.

I've droned on about participation and assistance in many of these articles. For me, I cannot emphasize it enough. We receive from Masonry what we put into it. Yes, my Brothers, I am tired. My cable tow is as short as anyone's, but it is the kind of tired that you feel when you compete a strenuous task. There is also the deep sense of satisfaction that comes with that feeling.

I want to especially thank all of you who have assisted with the meals. Between the lodge and my cable tow, I haven't been present as much as usual. That will be back to normal by the time you read this. I'm looking forward to completing my year in the South. It does not mean that I am not going to participate in the kitchen. We have had strong brothers with good ideas and results in the kitchen and I hope to continue to assist keeping that going.

Thank you, my Brothers.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

PANCAKES - SCRAMBLED EGGS - BACON - SAUSAGE- GRITS-ORANGE JUICE - HOT COFFEE
\$10.00



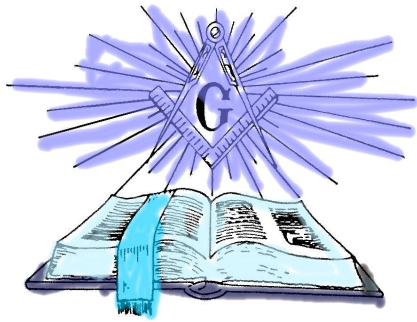
EVERY FOURTH SUNDAY

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

R.: W.: GREG WYNN



School is in session. I feel compelled to report it, in case you didn't notice the army of miniature people wearing backpacks standing on street corners or the swarm of yellow buses that have magically appeared on the roadways. There is a story about the very first day of school for a young boy. He returned home in an irritable mood and his parent asked, "What did you learn in school today?" The boy answers, "Not enough ... I have to go back tomorrow." It may be a cute story, but how many of us likewise expect to grasp all the teaching of Freemasonry after only attending a few ceremonies.

A brother shared these verses recently and they contain great instruction, and a second translation is included to aid in understanding their clear direction:

Titus 2:6-8 (KJV)

⁶ Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. ⁷ In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, ⁸ Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

Titus 2:6-8 (New International Version)

⁶ Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. ⁷ In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness ⁸ and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.

While visiting a dear friend in the hospital, he profoundly declared that over his long life, he had learned many things. He also confided that he had no desire to learn anything else. Within mere days, he died. All of us, his family and friends, were of course devastated, but he had accepted his mortality and passed to the hereafter with the utmost grace and dignity. While we remain, let us all, "learn something new each day." School is in session. Today's lesson: the best way to encourage self-control in others is to exemplify it in your own life. While the symbolic lessons of Freemasonry provide the necessary tools, it is our job to sharpen them, and properly apply them. We look forward to seeing you back in the quarry soon.



September 2025

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	1 LABOR DAY	2 STATED MEETING 6:30 Dinner 7:30 Meeting	3 7:00 pm SPECIAL OFFICERS' DO'S AND DON'TS SEMINAR 6 pm Catechism Prac	4	5	6 9 am Catechism Prac
7 7:00 P.M. Demolay Meeting 7:00 P.M. Visit to Prince Hall Lodge in Brandon	8	9 7:00 pm Officers Meeting	10 6 pm Catechism Prac 7 pm Degree Practice	11	12	13 9 am Catechism Prac
14	15 7:00 pm DISTRICT SCHOOL at BRANDON LODGE 6 to 7 Open Books	16 FAMILY NIGHT 6:30 Dinner 7:30 Meeting	17 6 pm Catechism Prac 7 pm Degree Practice	18	19	20 9 am Catechism Prac
21 7:00 P.M. Demolay Meeting	22 7:30 P.M. OES Meeting WELCOME BACK See Note	23 7:00 P.M. EA DEGREE DINNER BETWEEN PARTS	24 6 pm Catechism Prac 7 pm Degree Practice	25	26	27 Open Books 9 am to 12 pm at John Darling Lodge 9 am Catechism Prac
28 8 am—12 pm PANCAKE BREAKFAST \$10.00 Bloodmobile Here	29	30	SPECIAL NOTE: 09/22 - 7:30 P.M. Master Masons Association Meeting at the Egypt Shrine.			

