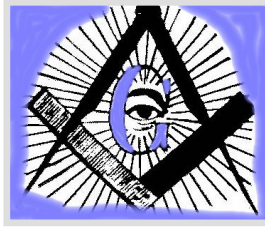


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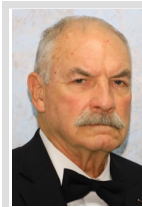
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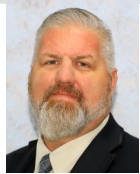
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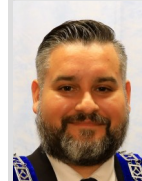
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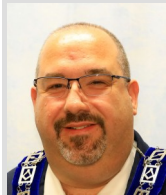
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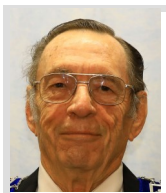
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Marshall

W∴ Daniel Allen
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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. 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*	2025-.....Daniel Allen
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 *	

**SECRETARY'S CORNER****Why Three Triangular Dots? ∴**

A great question came to me recently as to why there are three triangular dots after a Masonic title, and I had to look it up. It is known as the "therefore" sign in mathematic but is also used in other context in Hebrew diacritics, geometry and of course Freemasonry.

In Masonry it represents an abbreviation of the title the person is holding, such as W∴M∴ would represent the title Worshipful Master. It is not a symbol, but a mark of abbreviation. To read more go to: esquaremagazine.com.

DeSoto Lodge Current Membership: 205

Recent Losses to Celestial Lodge Above
William James Gilbert, 26 July 2026

Petitions for the Dual Membership

**Stanley Joseph Prokop, Black Mountain Lodge No. 845,
San Diego, California**

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DeSoto Lodge Secretary
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De Soto Lodge's September Birthday Brothers!

Happy Birthday to:

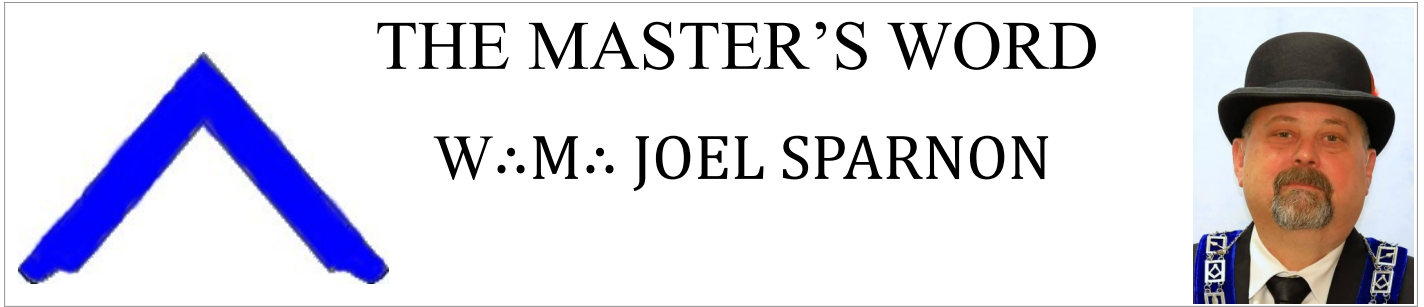
Clifford Cooper	Alex Kuriga	Richard Shelly
Derek Doughty	Vern Little	Todd Vanderbilt
Paul Evancoe	Charles Manley	Richard Vinson
Louis Fisher	Kenneth Monague	Miguel Viruet
John Gray	Reuben Myers	
Randy Killebrew	Jason Plum	
Charles Knox	Richard Shelly	

*We wish you and happy birthday filled
with family, friends and brotherly love.*

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

**2025
MASON
OF THE YEAR
PAUL EVANCOE**





Welcome to September. Can you believe that we are already this far through 2026? What a great year we have had so far! We have 9 men this year either be raised to the degree of Master Mason or in the process of working through the degrees. One of the most important things we do as Masons is to make new Masons. Luckily we have a dedicated group of men here at DeSoto that spend a great deal of time with degree work, catechism instructing, and mentoring. With a large amount of gratitude and appreciation I can report that we are doing good work and helping good men progress on their masonic journey. I want to thank the brothers involved for their great work,

In August, during the primary election as is our tradition, we passed out hot dogs and water as a token of thanks to our neighbors as they utilized their right to vote in our dining room, Thank you to our Junior Warden and the team he assembled to make this happen.

On September 19th we will have our Past Masters' Lunch. I look forward to seeing our past masters and having the opportunity to honor their service to Desoto No. 105.

We would love to see all brothers in lodge. We are still business casual for lodge meetings for the summer months. We look forward to seeing brothers back in the seats.

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

All Seeing Eye



It is also known as the Eye of Providence or the Masonic Eye.

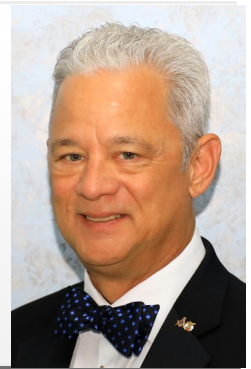
In Freemasonry, the All-Seeing Eye is a symbol used to remind members that the [Great Architect of the Universe](#) (God) is observing all deeds, actions, and human thoughts.

The symbol first appeared as a Masonic icon in 1797 in the publication of the *Freemason's Monitor or Illustrations of Masonry* by Thomas Smith Webb





From the West **TONY GARCIA**



We are now entering the last quarter of 2026. The year has been flying by. Of course, time fly's when you're having fun. (or as we get older)

With 2027 just around the corner, we should be looking ahead to what our plans may be for the lodge as well as ourselves. Many of our brothers are moving through the degrees and are studying hard for the next phase. While they progress in the first and second degrees, those of us holding the Third Degree should not lose sight of what we are doing.

Not everyone has aspirations of being the Grand Master. There are other positions within the lodge that are just as important. From Worshipful Master to Junior Steward, each has a role about the lodge; not just in time and labor, but in degree work as well.

Everyone has a part to play in the degrees, some larger than others. But everyone who participates in degree work is contributing in a major way to each candidate's and/or brother's Masonic experience. These are times that we can all remember and the dedication and effort of the degree teams should be firmly implanted in our memory.

Each one of us who sits in a "Chair" has a role in the day-to-day function of the lodge. However, we often move to different positions during degree work. Most of us have sat in different positions during degrees, even if we weren't sitting in that spot during the year. Many Brothers sit in different chairs in the degrees, even if they are not an official officer.

I encourage all of the brothers to volunteer for the degree teams. It is a lot of fun and there are added benefits. It gives you a chance to relive your experiences when you were initiated, passed and raised. It also gives you an opportunity to relearn the parts and language that you may have long forgotten.

Trust me, I know. I was out of the loop for a while and I forgot a lot of different language that our brothers in AF&AM use. It was a lot of fun working my way back into it.

In closure, I would hope that you would consider joining one of the degree teams. It is a good time and it helps continue to cement hundreds of years of tradition.



From the South PAUL EVANCOE



Masons are travelers - traveling east, toward the Light. Let's put that in perspective. The Earth spins on its axis like a top, rotating eastward, around an imaginary line that runs from the North Pole to the South Pole through the center of our planet. Earth completes one full rotation every 24 hours, with a spin speed of about 1,000 miles per hour at the equator.

The big picture: While Earth is spinning on its axis, it's also orbiting around the Sun along with the other 8 planets (counting Pluto) in our solar system. It takes one year for Earth to complete one full orbital revolution around the sun and wind up back where we started. Earth hurtles along its orbital path around the sun at a speed of 67,000 miles per hour.

The bigger picture: Our solar system is one of billions composing the Milky Way Galaxy (a spiral galaxy) which is spinning around a massive black hole at its center. Based upon our location in the spiral, our Solar System's orbital speed around the center of the Milky Way Galaxy is *approximately 490,000 mph*. Because our galaxy is so massive, it takes our solar system an estimated 225 to 250 million years to complete one full rotational orbit around its galactic center.

The quantum picture: The Milky Way Galaxy is speeding through an expanding universe at an astonishing rate of about 1.3 million mph. This massive movement has a trajectory in the direction of the constellations Virgo and Leo (both also speeding away), relative to the Cosmic Microwave Background (think point of Creation/The Big Bang). If you recall your FC Degree and the signification of the letter G, it all makes sense. We are all Travelers. May we all continue our Masonic journey toward the Light!

"Every day see's humanity more victorious in the struggle between space and time."

--Guglielmo Marconi (inventor of the radio)

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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

\$10.00



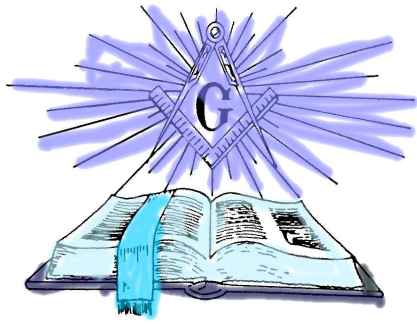
EVERY FOURTH SUNDAY

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



At its core, Freemasons are a group of likeminded men fully helping each other to the extent of their individual gifts. We are bound and guided by our core values of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Truth: Using Knowledge and Understanding to Improve Ourselves, Our Families and Our Communities

As Freemasons, one of the first lessons we are taught is to be men of honor and integrity. We believe that justice is owed to each man, woman, and child because they are part of the human family under the fatherhood of God. We believe that in human endeavors, there is right and wrong, good and bad, just and unjust. For the Mason, truth ultimately is a divine attribute and the very foundation of virtue and civility and faith. We expect each Mason will act according to his understanding of Masonic teachings. In our modern, fast-moving and often isolating society, it is more important than ever that Masons seek and share these basic truths and put them into action through a life that informs, influences and inspires others.

Brotherly Love: Caring for Each Other and Our Communities

Masons regard all humans as one family. As members of that family, Masons take an oath to act with respect and understanding toward others and to aid and support those who are in need. As Masons, we understand that everyone has their own path and their own obstacles. We aid and whisper wise counsel where we can, and offer support and protection when necessary. Freemasons take responsibility for their communities and care for the people in them. Communities are not limited by geography, and a Mason is a member of many communities through his career, faith and interests.

Relief: Humbly Assist Those in Distress

As Freemasons, we should help others to negotiate the obstacles in their path, if not remove them altogether. Relief can be as simple as a well-needed kindness at the right time, or an entire lodge banding together to assist a Brother's family. Most Masonic Relief is anonymous and rarely, if ever, talked about. It can manifest in very direct and personal ways: A mother who has to transport her child to a hospital three times a week for cancer treatments will find an envelope in her mailbox containing gas cards. A veteran in a restaurant, when asking for the check, finds that his meal has already been paid for. Or it may be as simple as stopping to assist a family with a flat tire on the side of the road. As Masons, we do not seek applause for our Relief work, because we believe that offering Relief is not a rare circumstance to be celebrated. It is the way we are supposed to behave and conduct ourselves.



AUGUST 25, 2026

MEET OUR NEWEST FELLOWCRAFT MASON



JW Paul Evancoe was in the East for the ceremony; Derrick Todd; and WM Joel Sparnon



JW Evancoe with Derrick Todd and WB Steve Wilson, who gave the Lecture



Brother Derrick Todd being congratulated by WB Wilson

A GREAT TURNOUT FOR OUR FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE!



It was a great night and it will be remembered for a long time by Derrick Todd! If you missed it, maybe you can come to our next degree night.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES FROM DESOTO LODGE
DELIVERED BY BROTHER MARK SELAND
TO THE RIVERVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



September 2026

Sun

Mon

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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	5 8 am Catechism Prac
6 3:00 P.M. DeMolay Advisory Council Meeting 4:00 P.M. DeMolay Meeting	7 LABOR DAY	8 7:00 P.M. Officers' Meeting	9 6 pm Catechism Prac 7 pm Degree Practice	10	11 PATRIOT DAY	12 8 am Catechism Prac
13 8:45 am DeSoto Lodge Clay Shoot	14 7:30 PM OES Meeting	15 FAMILY NIGHT 6:30 Dinner 7:30 Meeting	16 6 pm Catechism Prac 7 pm Degree Practice	17	18	19 12:00 Past Masters' Luncheon
20 4:00 P.M. DeMolay Meeting	21 7:00 pm DISTRICT SCHOOL at BRANDON LODGE 6 to 7 Open Books	22	23 6 pm Catechism Prac 7 pm Degree Practice	24	25	26 Open Books 9 am to 12 pm at John Darling Lodge 8 am Catechism Prac
27 8 am -12 pm PANCAKE BREAKFAST \$10.00 Bloodmobile here	28 7:30 PM OES Meeting 6:30 PM Master Masons Meeting at the Egypt Shrine	29	30 6 pm Catechism Prac 7 pm Degree Practice	<i>Attention Brothers!!</i> Come join us for a monthly "Clay Shoot Social" at 8:45 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)		