



# TAMPA BAY LODGE No. 252



## JULY/AUG *Trestleboard* 2014

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### FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

Time is really flying by, summer is here, and the Lodge will be dark July and August. We will still be having Degree and Catechism practices on Tuesday and Thursday nights. We have had a busy and productive year thus far. There has been an increase in attendance at the Lodge Meetings and we have already done three Degrees and have a forth coming in August. The roof leak in our storage room has been resolved. Brothers Cesar Blanco and Jim Burgess donated and installed the two new toilets in our Lodge Bathrooms. Thank you Brothers Blanco and Burgess.

At our April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting we had the Official visit from our D.D.G.M R.: W.: Glen Bishop. Brothers David A Blanco and James C Burgess did a great job giving back their proficiency examinations for the Entered Apprentice degree. W.: Ron Bart gave his mentors report to the Lodge and all is going well with the program. We had our annual Steak Dinner which was a successful event thanks to the hard work of our J.W. Brother Chris Adkins and our Grill masters Mike Rhoades and Dale Thomas who always do a great job grilling the steaks.

At our May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting I had the Honor and Privilege of presenting R.: W.: Marvin Gerhard and W.: Glen Banks their 50 year pins. Thank you Brothers for your 50 years of service



to our beloved Fraternity. May 26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> we attended the 185<sup>th</sup> Grand Communication in Orlando where a lot of important Legislation was passed that will benefit us in the future.

At our June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting I had the Honor and Privilege of presenting R.: W.: James J Rocha with his 25 year pin. Thank you R.: W.: Rocha for your 25 years of dedication and service to our beloved Fraternity. We had three proficiency examinations that night. Brothers David A Blanco and James C Burgess gave back their proficiency for the Fellow Craft Degree and Brother Peter Solitro gave his proficiency for the Entered Apprentice Degree. All three Brothers did an excellent job. I wanted to try something new this year with our first Family Day BBQ at John Chestnut Park. It seemed to be well received by the Brothers and Family members that attended. What made this new event a

success, was the hard work of our J.W. Chris Adkins. Thank you Chris.

On July 12<sup>th</sup> Brothers David A Blanco and James C Burgess were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The members of Tampa Bay Lodge are proud of our Degree Work, this is due to the hard work and dedication of our cast members. I want to thank all of the participants who took part in this degree, we all owe a big debt of gratitude to R.:H.: Mike Rhoades for his dedication to our Lodge. Without his instruction we would not be able perform the degrees as well as we do.

We will be having a Fellow Craft Degree on August 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am for Brother Peter Solitro. Please come out and enjoy the fellowship and peace and harmony with your Brethren.

Our Next Stated Meeting will be on September 16<sup>th</sup> and is the Official Visit of our D.D.G.M. R.: W.: Ray Vance and his committeemen.

As always thank you in advance for your continued cooperation and support!

Fraternally,  
Bill Kelm W.: M.:  
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## FROM THE WEST

Greetings Brethren,

This year is moving swiftly and I hope all is well. I would like to say to the craft that I hope they are pleased with the changes that are happening in and about the lodge. I would like to thank the two brother's who donated the brand new toilets. We have a fellowcraft degree on Aug.9 at 9:00 a.m. If you have not been to a degree in a while please take the time to attend. The brothers and myself have put a lot of time and effort into making it a good one, so please come and see how we are doing. See if maybe it is like you remembered when you your-

self were in a chair or on the sidelines just enjoying. Our attendance seems to be on the rise which I believe is a sign of doing good. Every year, as I move a little further on with this great lodge and the great mentors, it has come to me now that a fine brother like Ron brought me here year's ago and said this is a perfect place to start my journey and I thank him still to this day.

Fraternally,

Bro. Timothy (Duke) Pierce SW

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## STATUS OF NEW APPLICANTS, EA, FC, MM

<u>Awaiting Candidates:</u>	<u>Youngest EA Brothers:</u>	<u>Just Passed to FC:</u>	<u>Recently Raised to MM:</u>
	Bro. William Ayers Bro. Robert S. Hill Jr. Bro. Richard J Cumming- Bro. Mark Timothy Kaspar	Bro. Peter Solitro	Bro. David Blanco Bro. James Carl Burgess

### !!ATTENTION!!

Brothers,

Please be sure to visit our new and improved website at <http://www.tntpc.com/252>

You can find useful information at our website, and when you see him, be sure to thank Bro. Christopher Watts for his hard work on our Lodge website.

Also, if you would like to **save the Lodge money** by getting the electronic version of the Trestleboard emailed to you, please email R:H: Mike Rhoades at **WMY2K7@gmail.com** and put "Electronic Trestleboard" in the subject line. We can save a bundle on postage and printing costs!!!

## FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

I hope this Trestle board finds everyone doing well. Every man who comes into Masonry comes of his own free will and accord. He is not invited to join the Fraternity. He must knock upon the door for admittance. With this important privilege came responsibility; Responsibility to the LODGE, COUNTRY, GOD, our FELLOWMAN, and to OURSELVES. Our Masonic responsibilities can really be summed up in one word, "PRACTICE." We have the responsibility of living out Masonry before the world. Every Master Mason is charged with the practice of Masonic ideals and principles as taught in Masonry's degrees. Every Master Mason must realize the gravity of his responsibility as a Mason,

and practice, in his everyday life, the principles taught at the Altar of our Lodge.. One of the most tragic truths I know is that Masonry means so little to so many who call themselves Masons. Can you imagine the impact if suddenly every Lodge member would become a Mason in deed as well as in word; if suddenly every Lodge member would become what he professed to be; if suddenly every Lodge member would do what he is obligated to do; if suddenly he should practice what he preaches; if suddenly he should measure up to his Masonic Responsibilities. Masonry is not a privilege alone, it is a way of life which only can be lived to the fullest responsibility. It is unnecessary to seek out more members, but to reinforce our own individual strength. In the multitude of members and ad-

ministrative rulings we drown our individual most sublime strength. We the individual have the privilege to develop ourselves on a personal basis to become better. Better in our private professions and together better in seeking of the true light of Masonry

A Mason is not necessarily a member of a lodge. In a broad sense, he is any person who daily tries to live the Masonic life, and to serve intelligently the needs of the Great Architect

Fraternally,

Bro.

Chris Adkins  
JW



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Note: The Lodge will be open every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6:00 - 8:00pm for instruction/practice.**

### JULY:

12th - Steak Dinner @ Tampa Bay Lodge serving dinner from 4-6PM  
15th - Stated Meeting - DDGM Official Visit.

### AUGUST:

9th - FC Degree. Degree starts at 9am

### SEPTEMBER:

16th - STATED MEETING. DDGM visit. Dinner @ 6:30PM, Meeting @ 7:30PM

# Tampa Bay Lodge 252 Annual Shrimp Boil



Saturday October 11th, 2014

Phillippe Park Shelter # 2

2:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

**\$ 15 ALL YOU CAN EAT**

All the trimmings included



Hot Dogs available for the kids!!!

**Bring your family and  
friends!**

# THE LAMBSKIN

- Author unknown

It is not ornamental; the cost is  
not great,

There are other things far more  
useful, yet truly I state,

Tho of all my possessions,  
there's none can compare,

With that white leathern apron,  
which all Masons wear.

As a young lad I wondered just  
what it all meant,

When Dad hustled around, and  
so much time was spent,

On shaving and dressing and  
looking just right,

Until Mother would say:" it's the  
Mason's tonight."

And some winter nights she  
said:" what makes you go,

Way up there tonight thru the  
sleet and the snow,

You see the same things every  
month of the year."

Then Dad would reply:" yes, I  
know, my dear.

Forty years I have seen the same  
things, it is true.

And although they are old, they  
always seem new,

For the hands that I clasp, and  
the friends that I greet,

Seem a little bit closer each time  
that we meet."

Years later I stood at that very  
same door,

With good men and true who  
had entered before,

I knelt at the altar, and there I  
was taught

That virtue and honor can never  
be bought.

That the spotless white lambskin  
all Masons revere,

If worthily worn grows more pre-  
cious each year,

That service to others brings  
blessings untold,

That man may be poor tho sur-  
rounded by gold.

I learned that true brotherhood  
flourishes there,

That enmities fade' neath the  
compass and square,

That wealth and position are  
thrust aside,

As there on the level men meet  
and abide.

So, Honor the lambskin, may it  
always remain

Forever unblemished, and free  
from all stain,

And when we are called to the  
Great Father's love,

May we all take place in that  
Lodge up above.

—If any Brother has any informa-  
tion about the author or the his-  
tory of this poem, please contact  
W:. Mike Rhoades PM

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 1931 L.B. Booth  
 1932 A.M. McMullen  
 1933 George Woodell  
 1934 T.P. Walton  
 1935 Thomas Bates  
 1936 Abraham Lasher  
 1937 W.J. Strickland  
 1938 Glen O. Petree  
 1939 Bryan Mizell  
 1940 S. G. Moore  
 1941 Monroe Booth  
 1942 Lee McMullen  
 1943 William Neese  
 1944 Harry Smith  
 1945 D. Lame  
 1946 D. Lame  
 1947 Robert McMullen  
 1948 Dwight Shower  
 1949 R.H. Blanchard  
 1950 Gary Linton  
 1951 W.M. Zur  
 1952 W.J. Strickland  
 1953 Harry Kindred  
 1954 James Lashbrook  
 1955 Vernon Mixter  
 1956 Ross Gambel  
 1957 Daniel Gladstone  
 1958 Austin Roberts  
 1959 S.Z. Douglas, Jr. \*  
 1960 Elmer Phillips  
 1961 Dwight Shower, Jr.  
 1962 John Atkinson  
 1963 Allen McMullen  
 1964 Allan Dinsmore  
 1965 Howard Kramer  
 1966 Fred Richards  
 1967 Frank Denby  
 1968 F. Richardson  
 1969 Fritz Kocka  
 1970 Bobbie Dean Woodall  
 1971 Ronald Nicodemus  
 1972 C. Kramer  
 1973 Howard M. Smith  
 1974 Dennis Distin  
 1975 Bruce Davis  
 1976 Truman W. Cole  
 1977 S.Z. Douglas, Jr.\*  
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 1980 Robert F. Heil  
 1981 Dennis G. Smith  
 1982 Cyrus W. Cole  
 1983 Richard U. Granthum  
 1984 Scott Shimer

1985 Charles A. Melling \*  
 1986 Marvin W. Gerhard \*  
 1987 Ralph H. Swanker  
 1988 Jacob J. Krawiec  
 1989 Jay (Doc) Holliday  
 1990 Richard J. Whalen Sr. \*  
 1991 Norman M. Sutherby  
 1992 Andrew M. Nicholson  
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 2000 Anthony E. Rhoades^\*  
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 2007 Mike Rhoades ^  
 2008 Darryl Ambler  
 2009 Lee Edmonds  
 2010 Jim Messier  
 2011 Ron Bart  
 2012 Jon B. Coats  
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\* P.D.D.G.M.

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**Tampa Bay Lodge No. 252 - - Officers 2014**



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 William Kelm



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