



# TAMPA BAY LODGE No. 252

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## Trestleboard

2015

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### FROM THE EAST



Brethren,

Let me start by saying I hope all is well with you and your family. I would like to also say thank you for having the confidence in electing me Worshipful Master of this great lodge. It is with great hope that I will make the correct decisions in all matters and affairs that my come my way. My first meeting was a great step in trying to grasp what it really means when you hear the words Worshipful Master. I would like to say it was an honor at the meeting to present Bro. Charles Eugene Trulock his 60 year pin and to hear the kind words spoken about a brother from our lodge most of us had not had the pleasure to meet and is a testament to the kind of Brothers this lodge has drawn to it. Congratulations are in order for Brother Aaron Michael Cardenas for giving back a great EA Catechism and to Bro. Emilio Michael Santiago for a great fellow craft Catechism. All due to the coaching and time they all put into it. Also It is sad to hear that our brother Glen Banks is dealing with the passing of his wife, Ruth. Please keep the entire Banks Family in your thoughts and prayers. Brothers , remember to check our calendar for all up com-



ing events. We have a Fellow Craft degree scheduled for Tuesday February 24th at 7p.m. We also have a Master Mason degree scheduled for March 28th at 9a.m. If you have not been to a degree in a while please try and carve out the time, your will certainly not regret it. The Jr. Warden is always making something good for us to enjoy.

Please brothers also remember this year's Grand Communication is swiftly approaching, do not forget

to make your reservations early. If you have never been to a Grand Communication, you should try and make it, it is worth the time. The fellowship is outstanding the stories are a great memory you will treasure forever.

A thought for some people:

Everybody really knows what to do to have his life filled with joy. What is it? Quit hating people; start loving them. Quit being mad at people; start liking them. Quit doing wrong; quit being filled with fear. Quit thinking about yourself and go out and do something for other people. Everybody knows what you have to do to be happy. But the wisdom of the test, lies in the final words; **If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.**

Fraternally  
Timothy "Duke" Pierce W.M.

## FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

I hope this first Trestleboard of 2015 finds everyone well and in good health. It is always a challenge for me to decide on a topic for these articles. This one is no exception. The evening prior to writing this article was the first Family Dinner Night of 2015. Hosted by Bro. Beke, our Junior Warden, at the Sunset Grill in Clearwater and six members attended with their families. Not a large crowd by any means but it made me aware of one important thing. Brotherhood is the number one reason that members join and is the number one reason that they stay active. We are a very diverse lodge. Not just in race, creed, color, and religion but also in character and personality. So how is it that an organization as old as Masonry has lasted for so many years with such different people? I recently had a good friend and brother who was frustrated with our recent increase in dues that was considering not renewing his membership. He gave reasons like I really don't go anymore and questioned what he got out of the organization. He became a Mason

many years ago because of a good friend who was already a Mason. The two attended meetings together regularly up until the friend passed away. He no longer attended meetings but still maintained a favorable opinion of Masonry and recommended me on my petition. His son is a Mason as well as other close family members. So it really perplexed me that how is it that someone who spoke so highly of an organization would just choose not to be a member any longer. The answer is brotherhood. Feed the brotherhood and this fraternity lives forever. Forsake it and it will wither and die. I came across an online article by Erick Rheam titled "The Power of Brotherhood". The following is an excerpt of his article.

"Brotherhood is powerful because it is a foundational life giving formula for success and prosperity. Try to tackle the world alone and you will wither and die in mediocrity, confusion, and frustration, but lock arms with the one standing with you and life bows at your feet. We are not meant to face life on our own. God planted the desire for commu-

nity in our hearts. You become who you hang out with and the group's identity shapes your value system, which is why I know my future has always been bright, because of my friends. Who is standing next to you? More importantly does your association with your group of friends elevate and challenge you? Life is too fragile to go at it alone, and too messy to hang out with the wrong group of people. Luckily for me, I discovered the perfect band of brothers and for that, I am forever grateful."

Fraternally yours,

Bro Chris Adkins SW



## 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. Thomas A. Drane Bro. Hector Valdez	Bro. Emilio Santiago Bro. Aaron Cardenas	Bro. Jim Burgess Bro. David Blanco Bro. Peter Solitro

## !!ATTENTION!!

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](mailto:WMY2K7@gmail.com) and put "Electronic Trestleboard" in the subject line. We can save a bundle on postage and printing costs!!!

## FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings from the always sunny South – its high noon and time for refreshment!

This year's goal is to rededicate and redouble the effort to make our dining room a place of ever increasing fellowship. Crossing the threshold means leaving the cares and vicissitudes of daily life outside the door and into a Masonic sanctuary where everyone is greeted with a warm smile and firm handshake. We will continue to uphold the tradition that TBL is the friendliest lodge on Old Tampa Bay and in the district as well.

**PLEASE** make it a frequent habit to view our online **Calendar of Events**,

which will be our way to communicate activities planned for our families and us. If you have any suggestions for a get together or a menu item, pass it along. We will try to have different style meals at our stated meetings and hot breakfasts for our degrees.

The first of our two important fundraisers – The Annual Best Ever BBQ Steak Dinner (with our own legendary Grill masters) – will take place on April 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00pm at the lodge. The cost will still be \$15 per person. We really need to get behind this one to help us meet our budget.

By the Plumb with Peace and Harmony,

Bro. Stephen Beke,  
Jr., JW  
727 461-2871



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

### **MARCH:**

**17th - STATED MEETING.** Dinner at 6:30, Meeting at 7:30

21st - Pot Luck Dinner at TBL starting at 5:30pm 'til the Sheriff shuts us down

28th - Master Mason Degree at 9:00am, breakfast served at 8:00am

### **APRIL:**

11th - The Annual Best Ever Grilled Steak Dinner at TBL from 4:00 to 6:00pm

**21st - STATED MEETING.** Dinner at 6:30, Meeting at 7:30

### **MAY:**

**19th - STATED MEETING.** Dinner at 6:30, Meeting at 7:30

25th to 27th - The 186<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Communication at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando

### **JUNE:**

27th – Family Day BBQ/Picnic, John Chestnut Pk, Shelter #10, from 1:00 to 4:00pm

**16th - STATED MEETING.** Dinner at 6:30, Meeting at 7:30



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**~~DINNER~~**

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**SATURDAY April 11, 2015 from 4-6PM**

**At Tampa Bay Lodge No. 252**

**354 Main St., Safety Harbor**





**The Influence of Masonry on My Life**

By W.: Bro. Steven Singleton, Past Master, Frontier Masonic Lodge #48

Most men who become Masons do not go around explaining their reasons to friends and neighbors. Maybe that is why our fraternal order is suffering through the pangs of lagging membership and interest. I hope by sharing my story, more men will step forward and explain the inner feelings of Masonry to others, and thereby spark an interest in what make this organization so special and separate from others.

I grew up in a Masonic home. My Dad had been a Mason as long as I can remember. When my brother and I were younger, he would disappear into a room with one of his Masonic friends to do "secret" stuff. Once every two weeks or so he would go down to the lodge for a meeting. We didn't know what he was doing, but he seemed to enjoy it.

When my brother and I were in our late teens, a DeMolay chapter started in our town and he took us to join. It wasn't a question of whether we wanted to join, we were going to join and experience it for ourselves before making judgment. It was a good move on his part. My brother and I had our first experience with a fraternity and have great memories of our time with the South Carolina DeMolays.

Time goes by and I go to college, then get commissioned in the Navy. Seeing the world was a great experience for a young man, but there certainly was no time to join an "old guys" organization like Masons. I moved around every two to three years for my entire career, knowing that even if I wanted to join, I would have to move on before I could get involved.

All that time, my Dad kept up his interest in the Lodge and was one of the leaders of Eastern Star along with my step-mother. My wife and I went to one of their installations a few years ago and thought how "funny" it was to listen to all those people ramble on about their love of their friends, etc, etc.

A few years later, my Dad was diagnosed with cancer. He battled this disease while I watched from a distance. I visited as often as I could and tried to enjoy every last, precious minute in a life I knew was coming to an end. It seemed that every time I visited, all the way up until my Dad's death, he had a buddy who was always there. Always. They had been in the lodge together, and being lodge brothers made them brothers of the heart. My Dad's friend spent every day of six months by my father's side. When my step-mother was exhausted from staying at the hospital, he was there. When something needed to be done at the house, he was there. When the final moments of my Dad's life slipped away, he was there. At my father's funeral, the chapel was filled with men who he had touched and who had touched him through Masonry.

Nine years have past and my Dad's closest Masonic brother is still there. Even though my step-mom is now in an assisted living facility, the brother checks up on the house and calls her to see how she is doing. All this, despite the fact that he recently lost a daughter and his own wife has been diagnosed with cancer.

Why did he do it? What drives this type of friendship and devotion? What bond existed between my Dad and these men that I never experienced in over 40 years of my life?

The answer was that they were Freemasons. They understood their obligation to worthy distressed Master Masons, their wives, widows and orphans. They were family and lived up to the Masonic ideals that permeate their obligations.

And what brought me to this revelation? I am now Past Master of Frontier Lodge #48 in Stillwater, Oklahoma. I am also a member of York Rite, National Sojourners, DeMolay chapter Dad, past Oklahoma DeMolay State Dad, and the proud father of a DeMolay. All of this still does not begin to repay the debt I owe this fraternity for the love and devotion they showed my father. I know where it came from, and only hope I can return the favor at some point in my life. That is the never-ending cycle of Freemasonry.

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 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  
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 1950 Gary Linton  
 1951 W.M. Zur  
 1952 W.J. Strickland  
 1953 Harry Kindred  
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