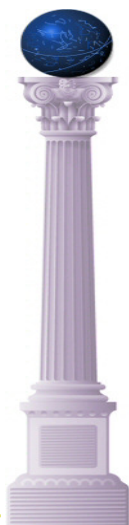


# TAMPA BAY LODGE No. 252



DECEMBER

## Trestleboard

2014

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### FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

I want to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season with joy and prosperity for you and your family in the New Year.

At our September meeting we had the official visit from our D.D.G.M R.:W.: Ray Vance and his committeemen. Brother James C Burgess did a great job giving back his proficiency examination for the Master Mason Degree, and was presented his Bible and Apron. Brother Peter J Solitro also did a great job giving back his proficiency examination for the Fellow Craft Degree. Our S.W. Brother Duke Pierce arranged to have the outside of the Lodge painted and a new Square and Compasses emblem painted on the side of the building which is a beautiful piece of artwork.

In October we had an Entered Apprentice Degree for Mr. Hector Valdes. Congratulations to our new Brother. Brother Valdes has been working hard studying his catechism. We had our annual Shrimp Boil which was a successful event thanks to the hard work of our J.W. Brother Chris Adkins and all the Brothers that assisted in that event.

On November 8<sup>th</sup> Brother Peter J Solitro was 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. As always I want to thank all of the participants who took part in this degree. At our November 18<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting I had the honor of presenting Brother Frank Curtis Sorrells his 50 year pin on behalf of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. I also want to welcome Brother Dallas Adkins who transferred his membership from St. Cloud Lodge to our Lodge.

On Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup> we will have an Entered Apprentice Degree for Mr. Aron Michael Cardenas, Emilio Michael Santiago and Thomas Allen Drain. The last Stated Meeting of the year is on December 16<sup>th</sup>, this is election night and I encourage every member to be in attendance to vote on the incoming Officers. The election of Officers is an important part of the future of the Lodge.

As the end of the year is upon the horizon, so is my term as Worshipful Master of Tampa Bay Lodge 252. I want to thank the Craft for the honor you bestowed upon me to serve you. It is a memory that I will cherish for the rest of my life. Every Worshipful Master goes through the feelings of relief and remorse when he writes the last Trestleboard article of his term. I am extremely grateful to the Officers for the faithful service and support they have provided to me and our Lodge.

Finally I want to thank R.:H.: Mike Rhoades and W.: Ron Bart for their support over the past six years as I traveled to the East.

Fraternally,  
Bill Kelm W.: M.:  
[bkelm26@gmail.com](mailto:bkelm26@gmail.com)

## FROM THE WEST

Greetings Brethren,

This year has been flying by much too fast. Our lodge once again has seemed to be the talk around town as new visitors are becoming more frequent. The Worshipful Master has done a great job with the lodge this year a lot of good changes have come about. I look back at how much I have seen and been through in my short journey as a Mason thus far. I can only hope that what I have learned so far will give me the leadership skills I need to keep such a great Lodge moving forward when the responsibility rests on my shoulders. I

would also like to thank our secretary duke350@tampabay.rr.com for taking the time out of his own very busy schedule to deliver award pins to well deserved Brother's. Please if your cable-tow allows come to the Entered Apprentice degree on December 13th. It helps to impress our new brother's when they see and experience the Fellowship and Brotherly Love that our great Fraternity has to offer. The installation of Officers for 2015 will be on Dec. 27, at 1 p.m. please come if you are able .

Fraternally,

Bro. Timothy (Duke) Pierce 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>
Mr. Aron Michael Cardenas, Mr. Emilio Michael Santiago Mr. Thomas Allen Drain	Bro. William Ayers Bro. Robert S. Hill Jr. Bro. Mark Timothy Kaspar Bro. Hector Valdez		Bro. Peter Joseph Solitro

### !!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,

This has been a wonderful year for Tampa Bay Lodge. We've seen many new faces and more of our Brothers getting involved. The building received a very much needed paint job with a fabulous new mural. Our roof repairs were finally completed including aluminum soffit. We brought back, at the request of our Brethren, Family Dinner Night and the few we managed to have were a great success. I would hope that we make this one of our traditions and continue it in the future. I would very much like to thank Bro. Cesar Blanco for a virtually seamless transition as our new

Secretary. He had very big shoes to fill and it wasn't easy. There were many late nights and long Sundays and he executed his duties with almost no complaining. I would also like to thank all the Brethren that assisted me in my duties throughout the year.

This year had a very short cable tow for me and I could not have done it without all your help. This lodge has always been about Brothers helping Brothers. We hold no grudge for our differences but instead focus on the things that we all have in common and that's our love and affection for each other and for the fraternity. In the coming year keep close the reasons you became a mason and what

this fraternity is all about. Protect the future of this ancient brotherhood by being just and upright men and masons. Not only while in the lodge but when about in the world.

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.**

### DECEMBER:

13th - EA Degree @ Tampa Bay Lodge. Ceremony starts at 9am

**16th - Stated Meeting - \*\*ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 2015\*\***

20th - Safety Harbor Christmas Parade

25th - CHRISTMAS DAY!!

27th - \*\*\*INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2015\*\*\* starts @ 1PM

## 2015 Budget

	2014 Actuals To date	2015 Budget
<b>40000 INCOME</b>		
4010 Background Income	\$60	\$90
4020 Building Fund Income	\$98	100
4030 Degree Income	\$1,150	\$1,500
4034 Dues		
4035 Membership Dues	\$2,546	\$12,084
4036 Perpetual Inome	\$965	\$1,600
4040 Food Fund	\$784	\$800
4045 Fund Raiser		
4046 Steak Dinner	\$2,042	\$2,000
4047 Shrimp Dinner	\$1,840	\$1,800
4055 GM Charity		
4060 Interest Income	\$75	\$140
4065 Jewelry Case Income	\$36	\$30
4070 LYPMGC	\$342	\$850
4100 Trestleboard Sponshorship	\$50	\$50
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$9,988</b>	<b>\$21,044</b>
<b>6000 EXPENSE</b>		
6005 Background Checks	\$10	\$100
6015 Building Maintenance	\$1,347	\$800
6025 Charities		
6027 Thanksgiving Charity		\$250
6028 Christmas Charity		\$400
6029 Other Charities	-\$51	\$250
6030 Corporate Filing Fees	\$61	\$61
6040 District Expenses	\$292	\$300
6049 Utilitites		
6050 Electricity	\$1,345	\$1,450
6165 Water, Sewer, Gas	\$717	\$875
6055 Fund Raising		
6056 Steak Dinner	\$1,355	\$1,350
6157 Shrimp Boil	\$1,175	\$1,200
6060 Funeral Expense	\$330	\$300
6065 GM Charitable Expense	\$216	
6075 Grand Lodge Per Capita	\$1,816	\$2,860
6085 Installation		
6086 Outgoing Masters Apron		\$150
6090 Insurance	\$2,324	\$2,350
6100 LYPMGC Expense	\$902	\$850
6130 Postage		\$300
6135 Refreshments	\$404	\$1,000
6140 Secretary Supplies	\$208	\$400
6142 Security	\$152	\$480
6145 Supplies	\$724	\$300
6150 Telephone	\$89	\$100
6155 Trestle Board Postage	\$49	\$170
6160 Trestle Board Printing	\$81	\$250
6170 Equipment	\$158	\$350
Quickbooks (2015)		\$250
Roof Fund		\$3,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$13,704</b>	<b>\$20,146</b>
<b>NET PROFIT</b>	<b>-\$3,716</b>	<b>\$898</b>

# THE LAMBSKIN

Poem by Edgar A. Guest

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.

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1925 Earle A. Risbeck  
 1926 Willis Booth  
 1927 G.S. McMullen  
 1928 L.A. Morgan  
 1929 A.M. McMullen  
 1930 R.J. Knight  
 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 Mixer  
 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.\*  
 1978 George A Magoon  
 1979 George R. Sullivan  
 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  
 1993 Richard J. Whalen Jr.  
 1994 Donald E. Walker  
 1995 John E. Drewett \*  
 1996 Lynn F. Coleman  
 1997 Robert A. McGoldrick  
 1998 R. James Rocha^\*  
 1999 Edward V. Bethel  
 2000 Anthony E. Rhoades^\*  
 2001 Andrew Foster  
 2002 Bruce Moir  
 2003 David Woolley  
 2004 Robert Lutterman  
 2005 Kelfryn James  
 2006 Matt Thaisen  
 2007 Mike Rhoades ^  
 2008 Darryl Ambler  
 2009 Lee Edmonds  
 2010 Jim Messier  
 2011 Ron Bart  
 2012 Jon B. Coats  
 2013 Lawrence Wright  
 2014 William Kelm

\* P.D.D.G.M.

^ P.D.I.



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



**Worshipful Master**  
 William Kelm



**Senior Warden**  
 Timothy Pierce



**Junior Warden**  
 Christopher Adkins

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 Bro. Andrew Bennett

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 Bro. John Nagy

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 Bro. Julius Santiago

**Junior Steward**  
 Bro. Chris Watts

**Tyler**  
 Bro. Al Chabot

**Marshall**  
 W.: Larry Wright