

# THE TRESTLE BOARD



## PINELLAS DAYLIGHT LODGE, No. 385 F&AM

CHARTERED MAY 16, 1984

STATED COMMUNICATIONS 10 A.M. 2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

Meetings at Selama Grotto, 3000 16<sup>th</sup> St. N. St. Petersburg, Florida, 33704

*"Your frequent appearance at our Communications is earnestly solicited."*

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### Officers for 2017:

Worshipful Master: Matthew B. Winters  
Senior Warden: Louis I. Thomas  
Junior Warden: Ralph E. Vaughan  
Treasurer: William B. Garrett Jr.  
Secretary: William B. Garrett Sr.  
Appointed Line officers:  
Chaplain: Claud Cheshire  
Marshal: Nils Bengston  
Senior Deacon: Alton Millis  
Junior Deacon: John R. Gum  
Senior Steward: Reed G. Rue  
Junior Steward: Whitney U. Baker  
Tyler: Kenneth J. Lane

### STANDING COMMITTEES:

Board of Relief: All Elected Officers  
Budget and Finance: Louis Thomas, William Garrett Jr  
William Garrett Sr.  
Masonic Education: John Gum, Charlie Cheshire, William  
Garrett Sr.  
Charity: John Gum, William Garrett Jr, Whitney Baker  
Petitions and Investigations: all Master Masons  
Vigilance: Ralph Vaughan, Reed Rue, Ed. Street  
Lodge Property: John Gum, Charlie Cheshire, William  
Garrett Sr.

### PAST MASTERS

*Donald J. Minor PDDGM	1983_1984 UD
*Harold R. Hayes	1985
Harry E. Greene PDDGM	1986
Richard C. Daniel PDDGM	1987
David J. Mason	1988
Claud C. Cheshire	1989_2004_2005
Ronald L. Morris	1990
Gary L. Edenburn	1991
*Harry L. Michelson	1992
*L. Kelly Dougherty, Sr.	1993_2003
*Raymond D. Paine Sr.	1994
Roger R. Webb	1995
*Richard M. Levy	1996
Robert G. Kirkpatrick	1997
W. Bruce Steube, III	1998_2002
Alton E. Millis	1999
*Donald W. Upton	2000
*John W. Lovelace Jr.	2001
Nicholas S. Cutts	2006
William B. Garrett Jr. PDDGM	2007
William B. Garrett Sr.	2008_2009
Thomas W. McVeigh	2010_2014
Ronald B. Watson	2011
Frederick Kalkbrenner Jr.	2012
F. Ed Street PDDGM	2013_2016
Whitney U. Baker	2015

*\*Absent until the day Breaks and the shadows flee away!*

## November/December 2017

### From Wisdom: Distinguished Brothers,

**Greetings! Your lodge has been really busy over the past couple months. Just this week we passed and raised Bro Shawn Garrett (2 r's and 2 t's) and William Davis to the sublime degree of Master Mason. This was a joint effort with Nitram Lodge. During our Stated Meeting in October at Pinellas Daylight we had the Fellowcraft Degree for them and then the following Thursday at Nitram was their raising. A lot of practices were had before the Degree and it was fantastic seeing all the Brothers flex their ritual muscles to get this done. In the end, There wasn't a dry eye at Nitram when we saw 3 generations of Master Masons in the same room and Bro. Davis get raised by our M.W. Grand Master Richard G. Hoover for the second section. It was a long time coming and we are so very proud of both of them.**



**Next up, I had the privilege of presenting a 50 year service award to Bro. Dorcey Moats of Acacia Lodge No.157 from West Virginia. W. David Hillegas joined me for this one and it was fantastic! A great time was had by all and I hope each and everyone of us make it to 25 and 50 years.**

**Additionally, your Lodge made a donation to Nina Harris and Miss Ela's special education class. The donation will go a long way in providing supplies for the class. Well done Brothers and thank you for making a difference in the community.**

**Finally, It is almost November and we are in the home stretch of 2017. Elections are coming up in December. To that end, if you would like to run for a elected position, you must put in your paperwork by the November meeting. Remember, if you wish to be Junior Warden Master Mason I, II, and III must be completed and**

**verified in the Grand Lodge records. If you have any questions please contact W.: William Garrett our Secretary.**

**In closing, I wish each and every one of you a happy and safe holiday season. We have had a very good year at Pinellas Daylight and we have many things to be thankful for. Have a great day and I look forward to seeing you in Lodge!**

**Fraternally,**

**Matthew Winters, PM  
Worshipful Master**

**From Strength: Brothers,**

**If you missed Master Mason degree for Shawn Garrett, you missed a very emotion time; Billy was wonderful in his expression of thanks and gratitude; He waxed eloquently. I wish that I could speak as well!**



**It was also a good speech by Shawn; I don't know if he can talk as eloquently as his Dad, but there is hope!**

**It was wonderful to see the Most Worshipful Grand Master in the East for the Second session; it was excellent., R.: H.: Bill Sundquist was excellent as Worshipful Master of the first session, as expected, he went slow enough for the brothers to follow.**

**R.: W.: Ed Street did an excellent job with the Master Mason Lecture and I saw what were to me new slides.**

**Interesting Dates for November and December:**

**Friday November the 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 AM. Is Pinellas Scottish rite meeting.**

**Sunday, November the 5<sup>th</sup> is Fall Back Day for our time zone, don't forget to change your time!**

**Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> is election day, don't forget to vote!**

**Friday November 10th is the USMC Birthday, "OOrah!"**

**Saturday, November 11th is Veterans Day, remember our veterans and those who gave all for our country.**

**Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> is also Pinellas Daylight Lodge No. 385 meeting at 10:00 AM. We can thank all of our Vets then.**

**Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> is Scottish Rite Day.**

**Wednesday, 22nd is Open Books at Gulf Beach Lodge.**

**Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> is Thanks Giving Day when can thank the Grand Geometrician of the Universe for such a day!**

**Friday, December 1st at 10:00 AM. Is Pinellas Scottish rite meeting**

**December 9<sup>th</sup> is Pinellas Daylight Lodge No. 385 from 10:00 until 1:00PM. See you there! I also believe it is election Day.**

**December 11<sup>th</sup> is Scottish Rite Night.**

**December 13<sup>th</sup> Hanukkah begins.**

**December the 20<sup>th</sup> a Wednesday is Open Books at Clearwater Lodge. Get some practice on Degrees and Catechisms and Lectures.!**

**December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> are Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, have a Merry Christmas.**

**Brothers please go out with petitions in your pockets and get new candidates to sign up for Three Degrees in Free Masonry. We need candidates for EA, Fellow Craft and Master Mason. The petitions are now on the Grand Lodge Website under the Tab Forms, but they are not available in legal size. New candidates will give us the opportunity to practice our Degrees.**

**Please help us to lead this Lodge into more good times by your hard work.**

**Fraternally**

**Louis I. Thomas, P,M,**

**Senior Warden**

**From Beauty: As we near the end of our year we must give thanks to those who have fought and those that have made the ultimate sacrifices defending our country. Remembrance Day is November 11 and we should all have a moment of silent prayer at eleven o'clock for those that have fallen. Next comes nomination day at Pinellas Daylight Lodge also on November 11. We need members to step up and hold office, so if you have thought about getting into line, this would be a great time to do so. Thanksgiving is also coming and we all should be thankful for the many blessings we have.**



**December brings the thought of family huddled around the Christmas Tree, opening the many gifts, the turkey roasting in the oven. So, from my house to yours, and on behalf of my Lady Fay, may you all have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and to our Jewish Brothers, Happy Hanukah.**

**I have enjoyed serving as your Junior Warden this year and look forward to assisting next year.**

**Fraternally**

**Ralph E. Vaughan P.M.**

**Junior Warden**



## **FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY**

**My Brothers: Have you started to get ready for 2018—well, if you haven't....You have about 10 weeks remaining in 2017**



**The Craft have remained somewhat stable during 2017 - In summary we have lost four Brothers due to death, three pending suspension for non-payment of dues, 1 has resumed his labor in the “quarry” – with**

**one more pending. I would really like for us to see to get the word out as to who we are as a fraternity and as men and Masons.**

**It certainly would be nice to see a membership increase during 2018!**

**Now, I wish to direct your attention to some up and coming goings on**

### **NOVEMBER 1st - 2018 DUES NOTICES – TO BE MAILED OUT**

**11th- Veteran’s Day - Lodge Business/Stated Communications @ 10 am**

**15th- Master Mason Association Meeting (location pending)**

**23rd –Thanksgiving Day**

**DECEMBER 2nd – GRANDMASTER’S OFFICIAL VISIT – DISTRICT 18 Masonic Home – Registration at 5 pm**

**Supper @ 6 pm followed by tyled meeting@ 7 pm**

**Ladies Program @ Northside Lodge No. 283 @ 7 pm**

**(Business Attire Required and a Current Dues Card)**

**9th –Lodge Business/Stated Communication @10 am**

**2018 Proposed Budget – to be voted upon.**

**Election of 2018 Lodge Officers**

**25th – Merry Christmas!**

**JANUARY 1st – WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY VERY  
HAPPY, HEALTHY AND SAFE NEW YEAR!**

**See YOU in Lodge**

**Fraternally,**

**William B. Garrett, Past Master**

**Secretary**

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**My Brothers:**

**Our principals of profession are “Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth”. These are what we said that we expected as Masons to live by in our daily lives. For those Brothers that live local; your attendance is strongly encouraged; 2 to 3 hours a month to enjoy friendship with your Brothers. For those Brothers out of the area; drop us a line, we surely would love to hear from you from time to time. The article below is what your Lodge has been striving to achieve. We have implemented some but it takes all of us for this to be achieved and be successful.**



**Fraternally,**

**William B. Garrett, Jr., PDDGM**

**Treasurer**

**Recipe for a Successful Masonic Lodge**

- 1. Be friendly, welcoming, and genuinely happy to greet your brothers**
- 2. Be EXCITED about Freemasonry and show your excitement to others**

3. Use only positive and uplifting words, avoid negative comments, speak positively around your members...they didn't come out to be brought down by negativity and sour comments
4. Assign one officer to stand at the front door (early) and greet each brother with a warm handshake and welcome (we use the Senior Warden).
5. Assign one brother to stay with any and all first time visitors throughout the evening so they are not left alone (does not have to be an officer)
6. **Be Friendly**
7. Provide the visitor a cup of coffee or cold drink when he arrives
8. Before Lodge opens walk first time visitors around and introduce them to the membership
9. A Steward (who arrives early) should walk around the hall and offer brothers a coffee or cold drink, as well as greet them with a handshake
10. Officers (especially the Tyler) should be the first to arrive at Lodge, at least 30 minutes early. Every Officer greets every brother upon his arrival at the Lodge
11. Officers do not congregate in "click like" groups, do that outside of Lodge
12. Officers mingle amongst the brothers and assure that NO brother is ever left sitting or standing alone
13. **Be Friendly**
14. When it is time to go into the Lodge room assign one officer (we use the Junior Deacon) to greet the brothers again with a warm handshake and welcome
15. Inside the Lodge room the Secretary circulates amongst the brothers welcoming them to Lodge and offering them a piece of candy from the candy bowl
16. Remember to recognize your first time visitors and return visitors, and thank them for attending. Remember their names and use it frequently, it will make it more personal. Instead of saying "welcome brother", say "welcome Brother Bill"
17. **Be Friendly**
18. Present the first time visitors with a small token to take home with them as a remembrance of the evening, such as a coin, lapel pin, or certificate
19. Capture the first time visitors mailing and email address and have the Secretary send them a welcome letter for their attendance, they will come back
20. Add the visitors to your email list and keep them apprised of your events, it doesn't cost a cent
21. Have the Secretary provide the Master a monthly birthday list and recognize brothers in attendance who have birthdays that week
22. Mail birthday cards out to the membership on their birthday
23. **Be Friendly**
24. Mail get well, sympathy and thinking of you cards out to your members
25. Send flowers to your members in the hospital
26. Annually phone EVERY member for a wellness check
27. The Chaplain or his designee must call on every sick, injured or home bound brother (preferably in person) and report at the next stated meeting

28. **Be encouraging, positive and welcoming to your new EA's FC's and MM's and get them involved immediately in all Lodge events (we get them started by assisting at our monthly breakfasts in the kitchen)**
29. **Be Friendly**
30. **Offer your members opportunities to be educated about Freemasonry by putting on study groups, providing a well-stocked library, and doing good Mentoring as prescribed by Grand Lodge**
31. **Make sure you let your Lodges light shine in the community by having a strong PR program and publicizing your events and activities**
32. **Make sure that your Lodge is a well-oiled machine, that all the logistical aspects of Freemasonry (ie: the Secretarial duties) are adhered to in the timeframe prescribed**
33. **Negative situations will arise in all organizations, Freemasonry notwithstanding, don't telescope these situations to your membership via gossip, negative comments or hearsay. Be positive at all times, speak from the positive rather than the negative, be brotherly.**
34. **Be Friendly**
35. **Have open communication at all times between members, many times feelings can be hurt due to miscommunication. Brothers should speak openly, honestly and truthfully with one another about their feelings. The Master should always attempt to 'smooth the waters' when there is a disagreement between members**
36. **Provide diverse activities for your membership, things that will interest all age groups in your lodge (example, the young members may like to go paintballing, while the older crowd may like to play cards) don't plan events for only one age group, leaving others out....card parties and shuffle board will likely not be of interest to your 20 somethings**
37. **Be friendly, welcoming, and genuinely happy to greet your brothers**
38. **And don't forget to BE FRIENDLY**

**BRING A BROTHER MASON TO LODGE**

