



# 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."*

## THE TRESTLE BOARD

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### Elected Officers for 2018:

Worshipful Master Louis I. Thomas  
 Senior Warden: Ralph E. Vaughan  
 Junior Warden Gary Roane  
 Treasurer: William B. Garrett Jr.  
 Secretary: William B. Garrett Sr.  
Appointed Line officers:  
 Chaplain: Mathew Winters  
 Marshal: Nils Bengston  
 Senior Deacon: Alton Millis  
 Junior Deacon W. Shawn Garrett  
 Senior Steward: Whitney U. Baker  
 Junior Steward: TBA  
 Tyler: Kenneth J. Lane

### STANDING COMMITTEES:

Board of Relief: All Elected Officers  
Budget and Finance: Ralph Vaughan, William Garrett Jr  
 William Garrett Sr.  
Masonic Education: R/W Ed. Street, Claud Cheshire  
Charity: Ralph Vaughan, Mathew Winters, William  
 Garrett Jr, Louis Thomas  
Petitions and Investigations: all Master Masons  
Vigilance: Gary Roane, Reed Rue, Ed. Street  
Lodge Property: Shawn Garrett, Charlie Cheshire,  
 William Garrett Sr.  
Trestle Board: Ralph Vaughan, William Garrett Sr.  
Web Masters:, Mathew Winter, William B. Garrett Sr.  
Work and Instruction: Ed. Street, Claud Cheshire

### 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. Garett Jr. PDDGM	2007
William B. Garett Sr.	2008_2009
Thomas W. McVeigh	2010_2014
Ronald B. Watson	2011
*Frederick Kalkbrenner J*.	2012
F. Ed Street PDDGM	2013_2016
Whitney U. Baker	2015
Mathew Winters	2017

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

## **March-April 2018**

### **WORSHIPFUL MASTER**

Brothers, As you are aware, our most critical need is to bring new and younger members into the Lodge. One problem that this will solve is the opportunity for us, to sharpen our ritual abilities in the three Degrees of Freemasonry. The next challenge is where to find these candidates. If you have had a neighbor or close friend ask you about Freemasonry, hand them a petition along with a booklet about the Fraternity or direct their attention to [gflmason.org](http://gflmason.org) for more information. There are several booklets available which explain what the Lodge is all about. If we have one or more interested individuals, we can hold an open house for the interested parties and their families at the Lodge with light refreshments.



Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Richard G. Hoover has declared Pilgrimage Day on March 17, 2018 at the Masonic Home of Florida. Please plan to attend if possible. Our youth groups need our support. If you have the opportunity to attend one of their meetings, please do so. They will love having you there. I look forward to seeing you in Lodge on March 10, 2018, our next stated meeting.

Fraternally,

Louis I. Thomas, PM, Worshipful Master

### **SENIOR WARDEN:**

*Many of us have attempted to describe something not going well or especially irritating to us as "going against the grain". Those of you that are woodworker know that when a plane is used, it must always be used in the direction of the wood grain for smooth results. If you go against the grain, the results will be very rough, rather than nice and smooth. ( thanks to "Why we say what we say" compiled by Larry Romig )*



The same goes for our everyday lives within the bounds of work and play. As some must lead, and some must follow, we need to keep going with the grain instead of against it. These same principals apply within the bounds of Freemasonry. Harmony among the Brothers is going with the grain, but constant bickering will only tend to roughen the grain of Fellowship and Brotherly Love. Yet, we must not be "Yes Men". The purpose of Freemasonry is to "Make Good Men Better" and we need to start right inside the Lodge. Teamwork is all that is needed to achieve the end result.

"The Level demonstrates that we are descended from the same stock, partake of the same nature, and share the same hope; and, though distinctions among men are necessary to preserve subordination, yet no eminence of station should make us forget that we are Brethren".

Fraternally; Ralph E. Vaughan, On the Level!

**FROM THE SOUTH:**

**“Pick it up” said my Grandfather. “It’s dead. You’re a good shot, but why did you kill my Blue Jay?” Standing under the shadow of a huge pine tree, a .22 rifle slung over my shoulder, I struggled to come up with a plausible answer that wouldn’t get me into trouble. To this very day, I can’t, and he knew it. We had a very long discussion about the importance of life and the choices we make that can affect that while I dug a hole in the back yard. The stone I dug out of the creek and placed over my Grandfather’s dead Blue Jay is, to the best of my knowledge, in the exact same place I set it almost 40 years ago.**



**Those of you that know me understand the masonic lessons my Grandfather taught me, both directly and indirectly. Being responsible for your actions, regardless the out-come, was a sign of maturity, granting you the opportunity to not “plant” an Old Timer pocket knife for one year. Return it one year later, get a bigger one and the same chance. You guessed it, I still have a 38 year old pocket knife, but moreover a respect for many things we don’t see much anymore.**

**Treating everyone the same or on the level, “acting right” is the southern saying that applies to the plumb, all the while, squaring our actions so we can live with those consequences.**

**My daughter gave birth to my first Grandson yesterday, Feb. 09/18 and I am sincerely excited for the opportunity to be a good Grandfather. I feel I had a great example growing up and know from lessons learned my greatest contribution is to give back what I was given.**

**By the Plumb,**

**Gary Roane**

**FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY:**

**My Brothers,**

**As you can well imagine, as Lodge Secretary, this time of year is one of those busiest times, i.e., closing paperwork from the previous year and getting ready or not into the business of the current year. While there are many and various duties of the officers, and then there are some members who choose just to attend Lodge whether it is a (Called or Stated) meeting. All of which, is obtainable by each member to seek fellowship and better relations with others. Because, we are only known to others in the way we conduct ourselves as Friends and Brothers of this great and fraternal organization.**



**This leads me to the discussion of Masonic Etiquette a very important part of our being – of who and what we are inside and outside the Lodge. Yes, there are times that our actions and reactions can speak louder than words. We can forgive and move forward from that**

experience for the better or improvement from any given situation. Remember, the lesson learned by the Perfect and the Rough Ashlars as they are instruments to all of us, of those commendable virtues – Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.



I invite you to come to Lodge on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month starting at 10:00 am and spend a couple of hours with some great fellowship and a fine lunch too.

**SEE YOU IN LODGE!**

**Fraternally, William Garrett**

**Past Master**

**Secretary**

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## **ACACIA**

### **William "Ray" Fischer**

**The Acacia tree is found in the area known as Palestine during ancient times Today it is found all over Africa. Acacia looks like the mulberry tree, can grow to well over one hundred feet high, and is a hard wood. The gum obtained from it is known as Arabic.**

**Acacia is a sacred Hebrew wood known in the scripture as "Shittah." The Ark of the Covenant was made from it.**

**Acacia is part of our initiation as Master Masons and represents the immortality of the soul, as the soul lives on after our bodies have been put to rest.**

**Acacia can be a bush, tree, or a grove of trees. If you cut it down it grows back, if you burn it, it grows back. If you try to dig it up and leave one root it will grow back. Acacia can live through floods, droughts, and bad soil conditions. There is little doubt to the reason Acacia is our symbol of immortality.**