



## 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 HELD AT SELAMA GROTTTO, 3000 16<sup>TH</sup> ST. N. ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA 33704

### ELECTED OFFICERS 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 Benston

Senior Deacon: Alton Millis

Junior Deacon: W. Shawn Garrett

Senior Steward: Whitney Baker

Junior Steward: TBA

Tyler: Kenneth Lane

### STANDING COMMITTEES

Board of Relief: All Elected Officers

Budget and Finance: Ralph Vaughan,

William Garrett Jr., William Garrett Sr.

Charles Cheshire.

Charity: Ralph Vaughan, Mathew Winters,

William Garrett Jr., Louis Thomas

Petitions and Investigations: All Master Masons

Vigilance: Gary Roane Ed Street

Trestle Board: Ralph Vaughan, William Garrett Sr.

Work and instruction: Ed Street and Charles 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	996
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. Edward Street PDDGM	2013_2016
Whitney U. Baker	2015
Mathew Winters	2017

## From The East.

Grand Lodge Convention will be held at The Rosen Hotel with meetings on Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday May 30<sup>th</sup>.



I am very excited to go to the Convention and vote on all the new legislation.

We spent a good deal of time in our April 14<sup>th</sup> Stated meeting going over many of the legislations and will be able to complete the process at our Stated meeting May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Our Senior Warden, Ralph Vaughan, did a great job handling the legislative notes that we handled.

I was very disappointed that nobody is going to the convention but Myself.

Because of the time constraints we needed to handle proxies by the April Stated meeting and there were no other members going but myself and Worshipful Matt Winters, who won't be arriving until Tuesday. Therefore, we were not able to have any proxies for the Senior and Junior Wardens positions.

Clearwater Lodge no. 127 was at our stated meeting with members to pick up the Traveling Gavel. They made for a very lively luncheon. It was nice to have a new group of brothers to converse with.

June 9<sup>th</sup> will be our next stated meeting after Grand Lodge and we should have interesting news about the legislation and new Grand Officers!

There will be an MLT class available at Clearwater Lodge on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April.

Remember that this is your opportunity to work on your plan for Your Year as Worshipful Master, so you should try to go and let myself and the Secretary know that you attended. I haven't seen the whole schedule of MLT workshops, but it would be very useful for you to have the Masonic Leadership Training manual, because this is where the information comes from.

Also you can take the Master Mason Exams I, II, and III exams on line and they will eventually be required for you to have completed before your year as Worshipful Master!

Junior Warden, Gary Roane has volunteered to work on our Website with Glen Bishop's assistance.

Pictured right, is R/W Roy (Porky) Worden presenting a 2 B Cane to Worshipful Master Louis I. Thomas. It is always a pleasure to have our visiting New York Mason with us. His handcrafting is remarkable !



## From the West

# The Silent Summons

A member of a certain Lodge, who previously attended meetings regularly, had stopped going. After a few months, The Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening, and the Worshipful Master found his brother at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for the Worshipful Master's visit, the brother welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The Worshipful Master made himself comfortable, but said nothing.



In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After several minutes, the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. His host watched all of this in quiet contemplation. As the one, lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow, and its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master glanced at his watch and chose this time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately, it began to glow once more, with all the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the Worshipful Master reached the door, the host said, with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your fiery summons, my brother. I'll be back in our Lodge next meeting."

## Will you?

-Author Unknown

As Grand Lodge is fast approaching, your officers and or their proxies will be attending in Orlando Florida. Your lodge officers will be going over the legislation to be presented during Grand Lodge. They need your input as to how to cast their ballot. Please plan on attending Lodge to be aware of what is planned.

## From the South,

It was Sunday, so of course my cousin and I were sent to get fried chicken from Popeye's in downtown Ruston, Louisiana. Sitting at an intersection 2 blocks from lunch, a beat up Chevy Caprice with mailbox letters on the door pulled up into the turn lane, right next to us. My cousin John and I noticed the letters on the door spelled out "Roane Taxi Service". I looked at the driver, an African American man about 50, smiled and waved politely as the light turned green and we parted ways.



"Did that say..." said John, to which I was already saying, "Did you see...?" We discussed this topic to great length among the church goers in Popeye's and subsequently the entire way home, even swinging by the family cemetery, just out of curiosity. Coming to no real conclusion, we didn't feel the topic good discussion for Sunday lunch, and shelved our bewilderment for chicken and mashed potatoes.

We were visiting because my Grandfather was dying. I was fortunate enough to sit with him in the carport a few days later and asked him if he could explain what we saw. It was a beautiful, but hot, day and thankfully he was lucid. He explained how our family had owned slaves, and when slavery was abolished,

my relatives gave their last name to the newly freed men, against the grain of their neighbors and sadly, much of the south. I cannot begin to understand the plight of any individual during those times in our history, yet hearing this, I was proud to be from our family. I'll say it again, "Acting Right."

I hope the takeaway from these lessons is as simple as writing it, participate. Be there with your family, not on your cell phone or mobile device. Whatever, go to Lodge, for that matter, at least go outside, talk to one person you don't know, it is truly exhilarating. Participate in life, be something, do something, go somewhere. I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Gary R. Roane

From the Secretary

### **FREEMASONS AND FREEMASONRY – THEN AND NOW**

What the earliest Freemasons did was truly mystical. They went to work in rock quarries, carved huge stones and then they transported them to build, i.e. cathedrals and other such buildings that defied gravity – all through the mysterious art of geometry – that have stood for centuries, wondrous, magical and even how they did it remains a secret".



Yes, Freemasonry has been around for a very long time. Since biblical times to modern day society of human kind. And yet Freemasonry has changed very little. Television, VCR's, DVD's video games, school activities sporting events and programs agendas, and counting/updating our technology has played a role in eroding our potential new members.

The other troubling change has been the replacement of manners, morals, and personal faith along with governmental or legal lawsuits.

What people did was decent, respected and the right thing to do! Somehow and now it is done by laws and governmental intervention.

Freemasonry was developed and grew during and immediately after times of political/religious turmoil's; the American Revolutionary War, the War Between the States (Civil War) and World Wars I and II are but a few that history has told us about. It should be noted here; especially, in these times; Freemasonry seems to have grown when society is at a point of chaos or major change –when people long for a sense of UNITY!!

My Brothers, we have taken an obligation, an oath, and pledge to help and assist not only from with but to humankind. I carry a petition or at least where to obtain one – to oldest and greatest fraternal organization world – thus making it and all good men better!

Looking forward to see you in Lodge – any 2nd Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. – for good fellowship, lunch, and to establish better relations with your Brother(s).

## UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

April 28/18 Masonic Leadership Training 9AM til 1PM @ Clearwater Lodge No. 127

May 12/18 Pinellas Daylight Lodge Meeting @ 10.00 AM Stated Communication

The 189<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge Communication will take place on May 28<sup>th</sup> thru 30<sup>th</sup> in Orland Fl. Most Worshipful Richard G. Hoover, presiding.

Fraternally:

William B. Garrett P.M.

Secretary



Clearwater Lodge 127 F&AM visited Pinellas Daylight Lodge 385 F&AM for the purpose of taking the Traveling Gavel back to their home Lodge. A delightful lunch was served by the Junior Warden Gary Roane, and the Brothers parted in Peace and Harmony.