

THE TRESTLE BOARD

PINELLAS DAYLIGHT LODGE, No. 385 F&AM

CHARTERED MAY 16, 1984

STATED COMMUNICATIONS 10 A.M. 2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

Meetings at Selama Grotto, 3000 16th 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 Mills

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. Mills	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!*

July - August 2017

From Wisdom: Greetings! I trust this communication finds all of you well. A lot has been going on in your Lodge and I would like to share some of the highlights. First, we have a new



Grand Master! It is a privilege to say that Richard G. Hoover is now our Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Florida. We are all so proud of him and wish him the best of success along with Robyn Hoover our First Lady. They have an incredible year planned so come out to the different functions and show your support.

Grand Lodge was a blast and we had lots of fun. The voting on Digest Changes was made by electronic "fob" and was very smooth. Instead of waiting for paper ballots to be counted, it took 2 minutes electronically to get the results. What a time saver!!!! Thank you to Bro. SW Lou Thomas and RW Reed Rue for representing the Lodge and our Craft so well. Additionally, I would also like to congratulate RW Billy Garrett Jr. for being installed as Grand Tyler for the Grand Lodge of Florida. Congratulations Buddy!

In closing, we will have our RWDDGM Official Visit on July 8th. If you are able to attend that would be great! I'm sure it will be an enlightening meeting. Stay cool over the summer and if you need anything please let myself or any of the other Officers know.

Fraternally,

Matthew Winters, PM
Worshipful Master
Pinellas Daylight Lodge No. 385

From Strength: Brothers, Let's go out and get some candidates to sign up to be Masons. Please carry an application in your pocket; the size is ridiculously small, but do it anyway. Don't forget



the authorization for credit report. We can then get some practice putting on degrees. We are one of a few lodges that are NOT dark during the summer. Oops, I looked at the Suncoast Master Mason's Association calendar and there are quite a few open in the summer.

We had a great time at the Masonic Home Board meeting on Father's Day, we got to see and hear M.:W.: Rick Hoover in his first Masonic Home Board Meeting and to see our wonderful R.:W.: Billy Garrett get installed as Grand Tyler. You should see the size and grandeur of his Tyler Sword. Wow! I wouldn't want to carry that thing around!

In July, we have Independence Day on July 4th.

In August, we have no special days. So, we can go around to lodges that are open for some fun and see what they are doing to get new members.

The Trestle board is one of our methods of communication, but we need to get better about communicating and maybe having some special meetings on our second Saturday so that the Selama Grotto doesn't take it away from us. Also, David Douglas has been attending our Stated Meetings recently; he is a member soon to be the Monarch. He wants to remind you that on the first Friday they have a dinner and then play cards etc. The admission is to bring an item for dinner or pay \$5; the main course is provided. They would like to see some of us attend. Also, Dave mention that he is interested in the Grotto and our lodge to do a Rusty Nail Degree. If we do that we would need to pick parts and practice the toasts and what gets said. North Side did one this year so maybe we can get a script from them.

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

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

From Beauty: As we are approaching the second half of our term as officers of our Lodge, we should reflect back on what has been done to keep the wheels turning. 1) The members of



your Lodge voted to raise our dues to help keep our finances on an upward turn. This should come into effect after our By-Laws change is approved by the Grand Lodge, for the 2018 year. 2) With the blessing of a Resolution from the Grand Lodge of Florida, we are able to hold a "short time" E. A. and or Fellow Craft Degree for those that have been dropped due to not starting or finishing their degrees in a timely manner. 3) Your Lodge officers (or Proxies) attended Grand Lodge and were diligent in casting their ballots on those Legislations that were presented to the membership, and report back the outcome of the same. 4) As membership is always at the top of our list, the Lodge is happy to report that we have increased our numbers by one so far this year with the addition of a Plural Member.

I am pleased to report that our lunches after our meetings are being appreciated by those attending. I must thank my Lady Fay and Lady Cheshire, Lady Mills and Lady Lane for their un-dying support in preparing and serving.

Please Celebrate our July 4th Holiday responsibly and we hope to see you all at our next meeting on July 8th 2017 when R.:W.: Richard R. Witmyer and his committee-men will pay us a visit and inform us of the plans of the M.:W.: Grand Master of Florida, Richard Hoover.

**Fraternally
Ralph E. Vaughan
Junior Warden**

Secretary's Comments: FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY

PINELLAS DAYLIGHT LODGE EXTENDS OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO ALL ELECTED AND APPOINTED GRAND LODGE OFFICERS FOR THE MASONIC YEAR 2017-18.



At the 188th Grand Communication – All the 13 Masonic Lodges in Pinellas County are now in the 18th GREAT and LUCKY MASONIC DISTRICT AND ZONE 4 OF THE GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA.

M.W. Richard G. Hoover, Grand Master has set the 'Craft' to labor with two very important programs – by issuing Executive Order No. 2, and by a Resolution. – both were also adopted by the Lodge at our Stated Communication on June 10th. They are – Restoring Masonic Membership to a Brother who has his Dues (N.P.D.) lapse. By Resolution- - "Short of Time Degrees" on September and October 2017 and February and March 2018 of this Grand Lodge year. This pertains to hold or participate who are E.A. and F.C. Masons.

My Brothers, you are encouraged to participate in these programs and work directly with the Lodge Secretary in handling of this matter correctly and properly – for Pinellas Daylight Lodge and Grand Lodge- we owe to those to be ONE of us again! Let us be the one to be one to RE-LIGHT THE FIRE OF HOPE, JOY and TO BE A PART OF THE MASONIC WAY OF LIFE! What a beautiful way to rebuild the temple.

Looking forward to hearing from YOU and or seeing YOU in Lodge! Our next scheduled Stated Communications/ Business meetings Saturday, July 8th and Saturday, August 12th both start at 10:00 a.m. (Fellowship, fun and good food).

Fraternally,

William B. Garrett, Past Master

Secretary

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Visit our Web-Page at www.pdl385.org . AWESOME!!!!!!



**M.:W.: Richard Hoover installing R.:W.: William Garrett Jr. As Grand Tyler,
Grand Lodge of Florida F.A.M**



**PDL 385 Officers attend Installation of Right Worshipful
William Garrett Jr as Grand Tyler 7/18/17**



ANNOS LUCIUS

Hugh H. Clements

Masonry is unquestionably one of the most challenging avocations a man can pursue. It is also one of the most humbling. Just about the time you think you're beginning to get a handle on things, something else comes along and puts you back to square one.

For example, I was made a Mason in the "year of light" 5952. This is demonstrated by the inscription on the frontispiece of a Masonic reference book presented to me by my dad. The occasion was my being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

The date reads June 11, 5952 a\l, my year of Masonic Light.

Over the years, I have no idea how many times I have read that inscription. Until very recently its numerical significance was just another Masonic curiosity. I accepted the fact that someone added 4000 years to 1952 a.d. and came up with 5952 a\l, but I didn't know why. Besides, Dad was the Masonic scholar in the family, and if he said 5952 was the year, well, Father knew best!

Recently, however, considering how important the symbolism of light is to our Craft, I determined it was time for me to learn more about this mysterious "year of light." What I learned added another of those fascinating nuggets of information to my treasure of Masonic lore that constantly reminds me of how little I know.

At this point a disclaimer is in order. Before I start sounding like a one-man Lodge of Research or even a well-informed Mason, I am neither. I am lucky enough to have been given a modest Masonic library and stubborn enough to follow up these fragments of Masonic tradition.

Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry (vol. I, p. 81), contains this definition: Anno Lucius. Latin, meaning, "in the year of the light." Abbreviated a\l, it is an indication of the date used in ancient Craft Freemasonry; found by adding 4000 to the Vulgar Era; thus $1930 + 4000 = 5930$.

The "Vulgar Era"? Read this as the "Common Era" or era after the birth of Christ. Now we have a starting point. Every Mason is familiar with the words contained in the first three verses of Genesis:

"And God said, Let there be light; and there was light." These words, revered by Hebrew and Christian alike, have a special place in the hearts of Masons.

My Masonic Bible uses as its text the King James version first published in 1611, the result of forty-seven Biblical scholars working several years on a new authoritative translation of the Bible.

Somewhere along the line, a chronology had been published by Christian theologians, which placed the birth of Christ 4000 years after the creation of the world. However, James Ussher (or Usher, 1581-1656) who later became Archbishop of Armagh in Northern Ireland authored a slightly different Biblical chronology which was printed in the margins of the King James version. This placed the creation at 4004 years before the birth of Christ.

However calculated, the Masonic usage of the "year of light" is not intended to convey the thought that our Order is as old as creation. Again, according to Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry (vol. II, p. 1126): "It is simply used as expressive of reverence for that physical light which was created

by the fiat of the Grand Architect, and which is adopted as the type of intellectual light of Freemasonry". The phrase is altogether symbolic.

Freemasonry continues to use the "year of light" for its official chronology. Once common, the designation Anno Lucius is largely restricted today to the dating of certain Masonic documents. The generally accepted practice of adding 4000 years to the present year prevails. However, as recently as 1802 our own Supreme Council, publishing its first circular, dated it 5806 a\l\

Now that we have shared the mystery of the "year of light," allow me to make this suggestion. The next time you have occasion to present a Masonic gift or make a talk to a group of Masons, refer to the Masonic date, for instance 5992 a\l\, Anno Lucius for 1992. You may do for one of them what my dad did for me. Provide a reminder that our search for Light is never ended! s

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