



TAMPA BAY LODGE No. 252



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FROM THE EAST

Brothers,

Hello, I know it has been awhile since we last spoke and I apologize but we continue to stay busy with our newest brothers plugging along with their catechism work. I encourage anyone who would like to help or even just come by some Tuesday or Thursday for some fellowship. We are "dark" for July and August but will still be working just no stated meetings.

We will be having an EA Degree on Thursday July 8th @ 7pm so please do your best to stop by for what I expect to be a great degree. We have just about all the chairs filled so come fill the sidelines

so we can show our newest soon to be brother what a great lodge we are.

I would also like to thank all the brothers for their great support this year as we are creeping up on the half way point. My WM Project this summer will be to replace our ancient hot water heater that presently sits up in the attic. We are working on details and may need some help. I also want to clean out our back room and do some overall tidying up and will follow-up with more details on how and when you can help. Thanks again and have safe and happy summer.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Jim Messier
Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST

While the sun has set in the west for the next two months that should not be taken to

suggest that we are totally dark. We have (or had) an Entered Apprentice degree on

July 8th and have three working on their catechism. There will be someone at the Lodge

every Tuesday and Thursday. If the lights are on someone is working so stop in. We can

always find something to talk about or something to do

I trust that your summer is going well and that the rest you are getting will have you in

top form when we start up again in September. We will be starting up with Fellow Craft

and Master Mason degrees shortly after being called from refreshment. It is important

that we not only have all of the parts filled but the sidelines should always be filled as

well. The memory of seeing a full house when being brought to light lasts a lifetime.

Let's do our part to make that memory happen.

See you in September.

STATUS OF NEW APPLICANTS, EA, FC, MM

<u>Current Candidates awaiting the EA Degree:</u>	<u>Youngest EA Brothers:</u>	<u>Just Passed to FC:</u>	<u>Recently Raised to MM:</u>
Mr. Thomas Farkas	Bro. Keith Gardner	Bro. Matthew Gordon	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

6	Tues,	6pm-8pm	**FINAL PRACTICE** for the EA Degree on Thursday!!
8	Thurs.	7pm	EA Degree.
13 and 15	Tues, Thurs	6pm-8pm	Practice (catechism, degree etc....)
16th	FRIDAY		Grand Master's Official Visit at the Masonic home from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Tiled Grand Masters Meeting at St. Petersburg Lodge No. 139 7:30 - 9:30pm
20 and 22	Tues, Thurs	6pm-8pm	Practice (catechism, degree etc....)
27 and 29	Tues, Thurs	6pm-8pm	Practice (catechism, degree etc....)

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Because I am a Freemason...

I believe that freedom of religion is an inalienable human right and tolerance an indispensable trait of human character; therefore, I will stand in my Lodge with Brothers of all faiths, and respect their beliefs as they respect mine, and I will demonstrate the spirit of Brotherhood in all aspects of my life.

I know that education and the rational use of the mind are the keys to facing the problems of humanity; therefore, I will bring my questions and my ideas to my Lodge, and strive to advance the growth of my mind alongside my Brothers.

I know that the rich tradition of Freemasonry and its framework of Ritual are important platforms for growth and learning; therefore, I vow to stand upon these platforms to improve myself as a human being, and I vow to help in the mission of the Craft to provide tools, atmosphere, challenges and motivation to help each Brother do the same.

I know that charity is the distinguishing human virtue, and that personal community service is the best demonstration of one's commitment to humanity; I acknowledge that words without deeds are meaningless, and I vow to work with my Lodge to provide service to the community, and to promote charity, friendship, morality, harmony, integrity, fidelity and love.

I know that my obligation to community extends beyond my local sphere and is partly fulfilled in my patriotism: love of my country, obedience to its laws and celebration of the freedoms and opportunities it symbolizes.

I know that leadership is best demonstrated by commitment to serving others; I will therefore participate in, and help work at improving individual leadership skills, and serve the Brothers of my Lodge to the best of my ability.

I know that friendship, fidelity and family are the foundations of a well-lived life; I therefore vow to be a faithful friend to my Brothers, as I expect my Lodge to respect my personal obligations, and to treat my family as though my family were their own.

I know that the last great lesson of Freemasonry -- the value of personal integrity and the sanctity of one's word -- is a lesson for all people in all times; I therefore vow to be a man of my word.

I know that Masonry's power is best exercised when its Light is shared with the world at large; I therefore vow to bring the best of myself to my Lodge, in order that my growth might be fostered and nurtured, and to present myself to the world as a working Freemason, on the path to building a more perfect temple.

Because I am a Freemason, these values and aspirations are guideposts for my progress through life.

True Pearls of Wisdom

"Find a Lodge whose Master and other officers are leaders in the true sense of the word, and you will find a Lodge in which the Brethren value their membership, participate in the activities of the Lodge, keep their membership active, and through their actions, in and out of the Lodge, attract other good men to petition for the Degrees."

— M.W. Houston A. Brian, PGM, Grand Lodge of Arkansas

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