

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM


# TRESTLE BOARD

MARCH A.L. 2014

## GRAND MASTER DECREES MARCH AS MASONIC YOUTH MONTH

M.: W.: Danny R. Griffith, Grand Master of Masons of the State of Florida, has declared the month of March, 2014, as Masonic Youth Month.

We are called to help, aid, assist, support and mentor all of our Masonic Youth Organizations. The Order of DeMolay is an organization of young men aged 12 to 21; The International Order of Jobs Daughters and The International Order of Rainbow Girls is for young women aged 11 to 20. These groups teach love of parents, patriotism, courtesy and fidelity while contributing to the well-being of others less fortunate. Members of these organizations are the future leaders of our Great United States and Masonic Fraternity. As Masons, we must provide positive influence, consistent support and leadership by example to these young men and women. We should strive to teach responsibility, faith and charity to its members and extend a helping hand each and every time they ask. In this endeavor, we will help them realize their goals and enjoy prosperity for many years to come.

Brothers, it is easy to get involved and support the Grand Masters directive. Simply contact the Lodge and ask "How can I help?" If you attend Lodge, the Worshipful Master or Bro. Bill Cobb will be happy to point you in the right direction to utilize your talent and labor. Remember, "Together We Can Accomplish Anything." 



*Paul Revere Chapter of the Order of DeMolay meets at Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 every Monday night at 7pm. Thank you to Bro. Bill Cobb for his outstanding dedication to our Masonic Youth organizations.*

**Degrees on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays**  
**Stated Communications on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays**  
**Masonic Instruction every Thursday**  
**Eastern Star meets on 1st and 3rd Saturdays**  
**DeMolay meets every Monday**

## FROM THE EAST



Greeting Brothers,

In February, it was my privilege to attend two installations at Hillsborough 25. First, the installation of Officers of the George A. Stear Manor, Order of the Squires of the Round Table. David Reynolds was installed as the Master Squire.

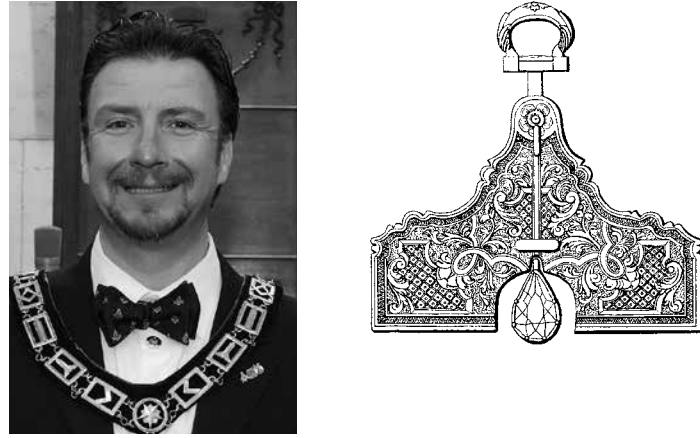
I also attended the installation of Officers of the Paul Revere Chapter, Order of DeMolay. Jonathan D. Clements was installed as the Master Councilor. This was the first DeMolay function I've attended and it made me realize how many great things I've missed in our fraternity. Our youth organizations are building great leaders for the future of our fraternity. Many Brothers from Hillsborough 25, like Brother Bill Cobb, have volunteered countless hours educating and instructing our Masonic youth.

On the same day of the DeMolay installation, I attended the non-denominational service at the Masonic Home prior to the board meeting. The message delivered at the service was centered on works, specifically works pleasing to God. In short, the message was to labor in a manner pleasing to Him, to do for others and help make the world a better place. Our fraternity offers many service opportunities, including helping our youth, helping our elderly at the Masonic Home, and many others. Whatever your passion, find the right lane for yourself and help others. Make it happen. As Albert Pike said, "What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others lives on and is eternal." Hope to see you in Lodge in March and keep up the great works.

Peace, Brothers,

*David S. Liniger*  
Worshipful Master

## FROM THE WEST



My Brothers,

Greetings from the West. The year is off and running, with much positive movement in and about the Lodge. We've been practicing degree work every Thursday evening, and it is a great time to spread friendship and Brotherly love.

There is plenty of activity going on in and around the building. All Lodge rental properties are occupied and renovations will begin inside the Kennedy office by our new tenants, the Tampa Bay Area Building Association. Also, we are beginning to take bids for the restoration of the ladies restroom, which is located inside the Order of the Eastern Star room upstairs. This project should only take one or two weeks to complete once it begins.

In conclusion, we are one band of brothers and anyone who would like to attend the next building and finance meeting is welcomed. It will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2014, in the Past Master Conference Room at 6:00 p.m. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please send them to me first so I can get it on the meeting agenda.

Sincerely & Respectfully,

*Clifford M. Allen*

Senior Warden

## WE'RE BUILDING

The Hillsborough Lodge website is getting a facelift! To improve communication with members, Facebook and Twitter accounts will be available soon.



## FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings, My Brothers,

Now that we are approaching the end of the first quarter, the year is in full swing, and the kitchen is firing on all eight cylinders! Several Brothers have offered to cook meals, so I think we are all in for a nice variety of refreshments this year.

We have several classes of Entered Apprentice Masons quickly approaching catechism proficiency, which means the next few months will be filled with a Called Communication in every Degree. I want to commend those Brothers who have been working so hard on their catechism classes to advance to the next Degree. Keep up the good work! We owe a debt of gratitude to the catechism instructors, past and present, who generously give their time each week to teach our new Brothers many of the important tenets of Freemasonry. W.: Terry McLaughlin deserves special recognition for his many years of dedicated catechism training. Also, please welcome Bro. Joey Davis, our newest instructor. We appreciate your participation.

I am planning to conduct a Master Mason I, II & III course this year. We will probably hold it on a Thursday night or Saturday morning, and go through all three parts on the same day. I will be announcing the date soon.

Thanks to those Brothers and their families who attended the George Washington Picnic at John Darling Lodge. A good time was had by all!

Finally, please mark your calendars for the Masonic Park and Youth Camp Annual Spring Dinner on March 22nd from noon until 3 p.m. Tickets are available from any Lodge Officer. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

*Kenneth R. Skillman*

Junior Warden

## SECRETARY'S DESK



My Brothers,

This year seems to be flying by, and part of that has to do with the fact that the annual report to Grand Lodge had to be filed. Many thanks to W.: Terry McLaughlin for spending several hours checking the membership rolls to insure all Lodge member information was correct.
















We do have new concerns. The fire marshal inspected the Lodge and found several things to be corrected. As a result, we are having new 'Exit' lights installed in the Lodge room and second floor lobby. Additionally, our electrician will service and repair batteries in the emergency lights that were not working. We want to keep our historic Lodge beautiful and safe for all members and visitors. Several other issues will be addressed as a result of the inspection and will be corrected very soon.

R.:W.: Stephen Jacobson and R.:W.: C. Donald Prosser are working on the Worshipful Master's project to, which is to recognize Lodge members coronated 33° Scottish Rite Masons. They've found thirty so far and continue to search for additional members.

Unfortunately, we have suspended 30 members this year due to nonpayment of dues. A list of these Brothers is available in the Secretaries office. If you have any time to call any of these Brothers, please come by and I'll be more than happy to give you contact phone numbers or addresses. Our membership rolls have decreasing over the years, partially due to brothers passing to the Celestial Lodge above. Let us try to keep those brothers who have been suspended as part of this great fraternity.

I do want to remind you that Lodge dues for 2014 are now due. You can send a check to the Lodge, pay your dues in person, or take advantage of the web site to pay online. It's easy and convenient, just go to [www.hillsborough25.org](http://www.hillsborough25.org) and click on the membership tab, online payments. The

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						 Chapter 11 1 p.m.
2	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 FC Br. Jose Luis Estrado, III Br. Billy Dale Scott, III Br. Richard Travis Wise Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Degree 7:15 p.m.	5 <b>District 22 SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION</b> John Darling Lodge No. 154 • 7 p.m. 4601 N. Habana Ave. Tampa, FL	 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	7	8 <b>HIGH TWELVE LODGE NO. 317</b> Lunch at 11 a.m. Meeting at Noon
9	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	12	 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	14	 Chapter 11 1 p.m. <b>MASONIC HOME PILGRIMAGE DAY</b> 3201 1st Street NE St. Pete, FL
16 <b>MASONIC HOME BOARD MEETING</b> 11 a.m. 3201 1st Street NE St. Pete, FL	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m. <b>HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY</b>	 EA For Brothers who are prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Degree 7:15 p.m.	19	 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m. <b>FINANCE &amp; PROPERTY</b> Meeting at 6 p.m.	21	22 <b>A DAY AT THE MASONIC YOUTH PARK LUNCH</b> In Memory of Joy Ford 18050 US Hwy 301 S. Wimauma, FL 33598
23 30	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	26	 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	28 <b>MASTERS &amp; WARDENS MEETING</b> Fellowship Lodge No. 265 • 7 p.m. 306 N. Lincoln Ave. Tampa, FL	29 <b>SPRING REUNION SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY OF TAMPA</b> Petition Today to be a Master of the Royal Secret 5500 Memorial Hwy Tampa, FL 33634



Meet our newest Entered Apprentice, Brother Julian Weber, initiated February 4th 2014, A.L. 6014, with Worshipful Master David S. Liniger presiding in the East for the Degree.

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# MASONIC HOME PLEDGE



Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 continues to support the Masonic Home resident of the month at the January Board Meeting. From left to right: W.: Joseph A. Gonzalez, Bro. Kenneth R. Skillman, W.: Steven J. Silvers, Bro. John A. "Drew" Baldwin, Masonic Home Resident Bro. Jim Monahan of J. Edwin Larson Lodge No. 361, Worshipful Master David S. Liniger, Bro. Clifford M. Allen, R.:W.: John D. Hooker, and R.:H.: Thomas C. Newton.

**In 2013, Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 contributed over 400% of its LYPMGC goal and over 95% of all funds for the MH-100 program in District 22. Congratulations Brothers!**

# MASONIC EDUCATION

## Military Culture & Freemasonry: Parallel Lines

by Bro. Jose E. Coll, Hillsborough Lodge No. 25

Historically, Freemasonry has attracted men from different sectors of society. Our culture is as diverse as our professions and encompass such Brethren as the great General George Washington, Winston Churchill, Jose J. Marti, General George Marshall, Theodore Roosevelt, Harry Truman, and Lewis Wallace. Their leadership has shaped nations and our Masonic history. These Brethren share a common fraternity with many Masons, which is that of having served in uniform and leading brave men into combat. These Brothers volunteered to serve in a military fraternity that mirrors Freemasonry with its long tradition, symbolism, ritual, and obligation.

A culture is comprised of the values, beliefs, traditions, norms, perceptions, and behaviors that govern how members of a group act. Exploring military culture, we find that no matter the branch, or era of service, common threads shared by veterans are reflected in the indoctrination or socialization of military core values. These values include honor, courage, loyalty, integrity, and commitment. They help guide service members in the highest ethical principles through creeds

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such as "I will bear true faith and allegiance," "I will obey my orders," and "Semper Fidelis."

Freemasonry too has a unique culture. First, we must recognize that freemasonry is itself a culture of good men who through their obligation seek to become better men. As a system of morality, freemasonry has developed like other cultures with verbal and non-verbal symbolic gestures. Similar to the young soldier who seeks a greater significance, freemasonry provides an opportunity and commitment to seek further light. Our core values echo those in the military and are guided by tenets such as "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth," and are based on a fundamental principal that we all seek to live life with integrity, honesty, and compassion.

As a Marine Corps Veteran, I have searched many places but have found Masons to be the only Band of Brothers who share common core values and beliefs. This camaraderie found in Blue Lodge and appendant orders is what bonds our culture. Even during times of war, freemasonry has allowed us to relieve a suffering Brother in need, even when knowing him to be opposing "Friend to Friend." **TM**

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online payment will be sent to the Lodge and your dues card will be issued to you via U.S. mail. For younger Master Masons in the Lodge, I encourage you to purchase a Perpetual Membership to save money in the long run. A Perpetual Membership is twenty (20) times the annual dues, and can be paid in installments over 5 years. I will be happy to assist you with the paperwork, and the Lodge will continue to benefit long after you have passed.

Remember your Masonic Home when paying your dues. The \$7.30 voluntary contribution to the Masonic Home helps support our Brothers and Sisters who are the residents. Please keep in mind your obligation, and that you may need the Masonic Home later in life.

If you haven't been to lodge in some time, come down and meet new brothers who are working hard to make Hillsborough Lodge the finest Lodge in the State of Florida and the United States. We get lots of Brothers from other countries that have heard of our Lodge and are always impressed when they visit.

One last item: please notify the Lodge of your change of address, phone number or email address. We do have quite a few Brothers to contact regarding their 25, 40, and 50 year awards. We will continue to try and contact these Brothers to encourage them to come to our first family night on April 29th and receive their awards.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Thomas C. Newton*

Secretary, PM, PDI

# ORDER OF DEMOLAY

## Paul Revere Chapter



**Meets at Hillsborough Lodge every Monday at 7 p.m.**

For more information, please contact:

**Brother Bill Cobb**

Personal Representative, Executive Office of DeMolay  
813-835-1793

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# ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



**Meets at Hillsborough Lodge 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 1 p.m.**

Congratulations to the newly elected officers installed on February 22, 2014 for the 2014-2015 year.

Worthy Matron, Barbara Sarner

Worthy Patron, Terry McLaughlin, PGP

Associate Matron, Maudelene McCleary

Associate Patron, Paul Barber

Secretary, Sandra Johnson

Treasurer, Elaine Brandl

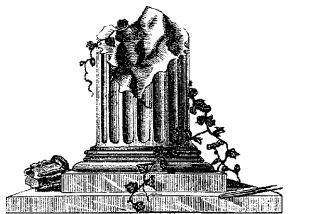
Conductress, Jamie Falconer

Associate Conductress, Claudine Rogers

Don't forget, we have a working elevator. If you would like to attend a meeting, but need a ride, please contact:

**Sandra Johnson, PM, Secretary**  
P.O. Box 9046 • Tampa, FL 33674-9046  
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If you hear of a Brother who has passed to that Celestial Lodge Above, please inform the Lodge Secretary so he can send out the Widow's Certificate.



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- Clifford M. Allen. . . . . Senior Warden
- Kenneth R. Skillman . . . . . Junior Warden
- W.: Joseph A. Gonzalez. . . . . Treasurer
- R.:H.: Thomas C. Newton . . . . . Secretary
- Billy D. Schmidt . . . . . Senior Deacon
- John A. "Drew" Baldwin. . . . . Junior Deacon
- Michael St. James. . . . . Senior Steward
- Jose E. Coll . . . . . Junior Steward
- Donald R. Valverde . . . . . Marshall
- Christopher Hutchinson. . . . . Associate Marshall
- Joshua Sussman . . . . . Chaplain
- Robert J. "Joey" Davis Jr. . . . . Tyler
- R.:W.: C. Donald Prosser . . . . . Historian
- W.: Thomas Johnson . . . . . Treasurer Emeritus



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