

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM


# TRESTLE BOARD

MARCH A.L. 2012

## MASONIC SPOTLIGHT: W.: HARRY CUMBER

W.: Harry Cumber was born in May 1934 in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, and grew up in Northeastern Wisconsin. Shortly after graduating from his local high school, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. His twenty years of service to our country included deployment overseas, shipboard assignments, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam War. He received advanced infantry training at Camp Pendleton and was awarded the honor and distinction of the Bronze Star with V for Heroic Valor, and Combat Action Ribbons. He retired and was honorably discharged with the rank of Captain in the U.S. Marine Corp.

Upon retirement, he moved to Tampa, where earned an Associate Degree from Hillsborough Community College and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of South Florida. He began a second career as a Correctional Counselor with the Florida Department of Corrections, after which he retired a second time after 15 years of service.

W.: Cumber was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in July 1990 at Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 and served as Worshipful Master in 2004. He is an active member of The Order of the Eastern Star, Tampa Chapter #11; The Scottish Rite, Valley of Tampa; Egypt Temple Shrine, Legion of Honor & Past Masters Unit; the National Sojourners, Tampa Bay Chapter No. 252; and Heroes of '76. In addition to his Masonic involvement, he is also a member of The American Legion, The Marine Corps League, Military Officers Association, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is married to the love of his life, Gail, and together they enjoy their five children, eight grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. 



**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



Brethren,

What is the origin and meaning of Right Worshipful or Right Honorable? Here is one interpretation of Right Worshipful:

“Right” is an honorific prefix that is traditionally applied to certain dignitaries of the UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the Anglophone Caribbean and other Commonwealth Realms. It is frequently applied in many Jurisdictions of the United States to all Grand Officers below the dignity of a Grand Master. The term “Worshipful” stems from 18th century English usage, when Freemasonry in its present form was being organized. The term has nothing to do with religious worship but is an old synonym for “honorable” or “respected.” The use of “Most” and “Right” in Masonic titles seems a direct descent from the Church of England.

Honorable is term used to signify a person who is deserving of, or winning honor and respect; bringing distinction or recognition; possessing and characterized by honor; consistent with honor or good name; distinguished; illustrious; attended by marks of recognition and honor; and used as a title of respect for certain high government officials in England or the United Kingdom. Hence the terms “Right Worshipful” and “Right Honorable” are used to distinguish Brother in our fraternity, whom by their efforts and labor have earned this particular distinction.

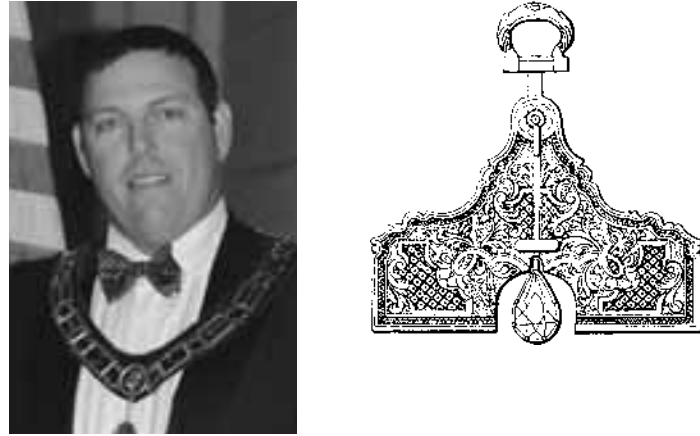
I ask for the attendance of all our Brothers on the following dates, as there is important business for us to attend to in March:

March 13th is the official visit of the District Deputy Grand Master, R· W·. Tom Edwards. He has labored tirelessly in support of our District, our Lodge and Officers; it would only be appropriate to show him that same level of respect and support.

March 27th, we will have several important decisions

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## FROM THE WEST



My Brothers,

One of the beauties of Masonry is the fraternal bond created by the indissoluble chain of sincere affection which all Masons share. As the year progresses, I have been fortunate to have so many Brothers whose interest lies in getting the job done. I am truly blessed to be a part of such a great Lodge. With a continued focus on what is best for our Lodge, I am confident that we are moving forward with a purpose and clear direction which begins with Worshipful Gonzalez and continues through your entire line of officers.

To date, the Finance/Property Committee has met twice, and our next meeting is scheduled for March 15th. I encourage all interested Brothers to attend and be part of our discussions and progress. In our first meeting the committee discussed important issues concerning dues, necessary repairs to the Lodge, solutions to getting the full warranty on our new roof and repairing the skylight, which was broken in an attempted break-in as well as necessary repairs to the exterior wall on the North side of the Lodge building. In our most recent meeting, we discussed a proposal, which pertains to our property and an additional source of income to the Lodge. I would personally like to thank the Brothers who have taken their time to obtain estimates for work on our building.

On March 27th, we will be voting on important proposals from the Finance/Property Committee concerning Lodge property and our dues. I ask all Brothers to be in attendance on this date for the benefit of our Lodge and to ensure that we continue moving in the right direction. Notices will be mailed shortly with the details of these proposals.

I hope to see you at Lodge soon.

Fraternally,

*Steven Silvers*

Senior Warden

## FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings, Brothers,

February was a busy month with our first family night of 2012 (actually January 31st), a joint BBQ with John Darling Lodge, a District School of Instruction where Hillsborough No. 25 performed the Fellow Craft degree, raising four new Master Masons, and entertaining numerous visiting Brothers, the furthest traveling all the way from South Korea.

March will also be an exciting month with the official visit from R· W·. D.D.G.M. Tom Edwards on the 13th, please make every effort to attend. For all the Brothers who have never visited the Masonic Home, try to make it for the board meeting on the 18th, or just go by and tour the wonderful facilities at your leisure. I have been to quite a few nursing homes in Florida and North Carolina, and the Masonic Home of Florida is the best by far.

I sincerely offer my thanks to all the Brothers who have helped me in the kitchen with food prep, serving, and especially cleaning the kitchen after the meetings. Any Brother wishing to cook a meal or suggest a meal they would like, please write it down on the note pad I leave in the kitchen.

Finally, thanks are in order to our Worshipful Master Joseph Gonzalez for dispensing with the meeting on Valentines Day; I know my wife appreciated it, and I am sure there are many other wives and girlfriends who feel the same way.

*“For no tower of pride was ever yet high enough to lift its possessor above the trials and fears and frailties of humanity.”*

— Albert Pike

Fraternally,

*David Liniger*

Junior Warden

## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Brethren,

March 6th will be an Entered Apprentice Degree for Messrs. Robert Joseph Davis Jr., Rodney Wayne Kohler, and Rafael Lazaro Pizano. March 20th will be a Master Mason Degree for brothers Jose Edgardo Coll, Edward William Collins, and Brian David Maddux.

On April 3rd, we will conduct a Master Mason degree for brother Travis Van Buren. Since he is active military, that will also be a night that Hillsborough Lodge will honor all military, active, retired, reserve, etc. Wear your uniform, and if that uniform no longer fits, then wear your ribbons or medals, but let's all turn out to say thanks to those who are serving or have served in our military.

If you have not paid your 2012 dues, they are due. You can go on line and pay them through the web site at [www.hillsborough25.org](http://www.hillsborough25.org) and make your payment through PayPal. It is secure and the money will be credited to the lodge. Please, when you pay your dues, don't forget to include the \$7.30 to the Masonic Home of Florida.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Thomas C. Newton*

Thomas C. Newton, PM, PDI

# MARCH

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## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MARCH MEETING

Please mark your calendars!

**March 13th - D.D.G.M. Official Visit**  
 Official visit of the District Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Tom Edwards.

MARCH 2012						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				 1 Masonic Education Ritual Practice 6:30 p.m.	2	 Chapter 11 1 p.m.
4	 5 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 EA 6 Robert Joseph Davis Jr., Rodney Wayne Kohler & Rafael Lazaro Pizano  Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	7 <b>DISTRICT SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION</b> John Darling Lodge No. 154 • 7 p.m. 4601 N. Habana Ave. Tampa, FL	 8 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	9	10
11	 12 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 13  Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	14	 15 Masonic Education Ritual Practice 6:30 p.m.	16	 Chapter 11 1 p.m.  <b>MASONIC HOME PILGRIMAGE DAY</b> 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. 3201 1st Street NE St. Pete, FL
18 <b>MASONIC HOME BOARD MEETING</b> 11 a.m. 3201 1st Street NE St. Pete, FL	 19 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 MM 20 Jose Edgardo Coll, Edward William Collins & Brian David Maddox  Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	21	 22 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	23 <b>MASTERS &amp; WARDENS MEETING</b> Fellowship Lodge No. 265 • 7 p.m. 306 N. Lincoln Ave. Tampa, FL	24
25	 26 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 27  Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	28	 29 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	30	31

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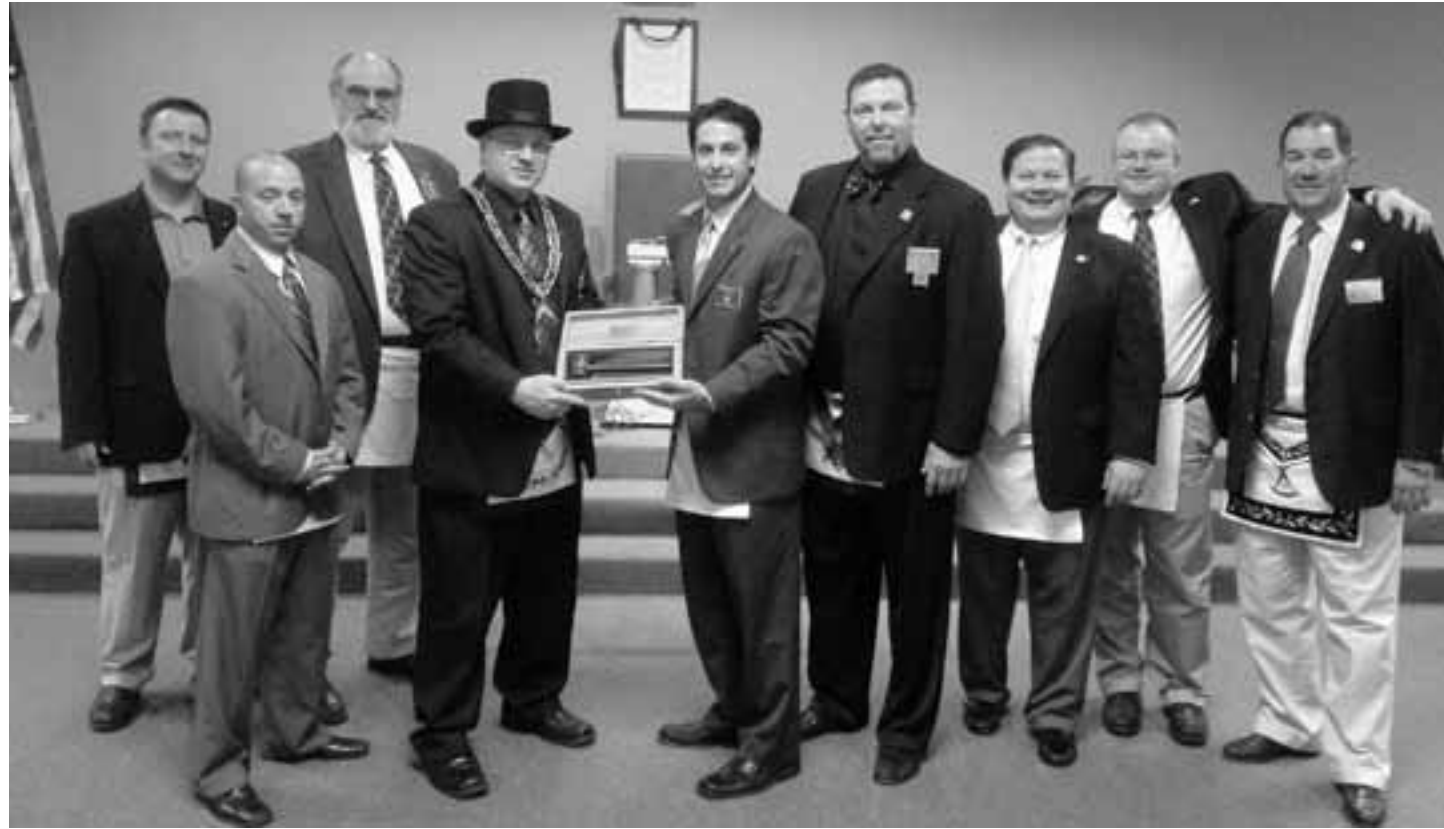
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



*Pictured from left to right: Bro. Clifford Allen, Bro. Brian Morales, Bro. Joshua Sussman, Worshipful Master Stephan Korda, Worshipful Master Joseph Gonzalez, Bro. Steven Silvers, Bro. Ken Skillman, Bro. Billy Schmidt, and W.M. Joseph Citro. The Traveling Gavel was given to Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 by Holyrood Lodge No. 257 at their Stated Communication on February 9th, 2012.*

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before the Lodge to cast a final vote upon. They revolve around our current dues structure and Lodge property, and should by no means be overlooked.

Above King Solomon's chair in our Lodge rests the insignia of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 F & AM, and is inscribed with the year 1850. It's hard to grasp that one hundred and sixty two years have passed, and comprehend the perseverance and dedication of our Past Masters and Brothers. A rough and rugged road has been traveled by them, and a new one has been paved for us to follow. We will be the only ones to blame if there is less of a Lodge to pass on to our future Brothers.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers R.W.C. Donald Prosser and Brother Christopher Di Stefano.

I hope to see you all in Lodge soon.

Fraternally,


*Joseph Gonzalez*  
Worshipful Master

## MASONIC EDUCATION

### AN ANCIENT DOCUMENT

In tracing the genealogy of Freemasonry we eventually arrive at the date 1390 A.D., when the Regius Manuscript, the oldest known and most important version of the Old Charges, is supposed to have been written.

Traditions lead back to the creation of the world, and include most of the great teachers of mankind as Masons; but to those who insist upon applying the approved methods of historical research to the study of Freemasonry, the Regius Manuscript affords a starting point in cumulative documentary evidence relative to the direct ancestry of the fraternity.

The Regius Manuscript, as it is known, is a poem written on sixty-four pages of vellum, handsomely bound. It was presented to the British museum by King George II, in 1757. It was at first catalogued as a poem of Moral Duties, and this may have caused its tardy discovery in 1839 as a Masonic document. 

# ORDER OF DEMOLAY

## Paul Revere Chapter



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

#### What is DeMolay?

DeMolay is the world's largest fraternal organization dedicated to preparing young men to lead successful, happy, and productive lives. Basing its approach on timeless principles and practical, hands-on experience, DeMolay opens doors for young men aged 12 to 21 by developing the civic awareness, personal responsibility and leadership skills so vitally needed in society today. DeMolay combines this serious mission with a fun approach that builds important bonds of friendship among members in more than 1,000 chapters worldwide.

#### DeMolay precepts:

- Filial Love
- Courtesy
- Comradeship
- Reverence for Sacred Things
- Fidelity
- Cleanness
- Patriotism

#### Why haven't I heard of DeMolay?

Often DeMolay Chapters become so involved in planning, organizing and enjoying their activities, they overlook promoting their Chapter within a community as they should. Additionally, in this television and Internet age, the news would rather focus on the bad acts of young people rather than those concerned about themselves and their communities — like DeMolay members.

If you have not heard of DeMolay, perhaps you have heard of some of the persons who were DeMolays as teenagers. These famous alumni include Walt Disney, actor John Wayne, president William Clinton, comedians Tommy and Dick Smothers, pro-football quarterback Frank Tarkenton, Dan Rather, Willard Scott, owner of the San Diego Chargers Alex Spanos, Governor Reubin Askew, Lieutenant Governor Jeff Kottkamp and news legend Walter Cronkite. Many of these individuals and other community leaders credit part of their success to DeMolay. More to come next month.

For more information, contact: Bill Cobb at 813-835-1793

# ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



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

*From the Desk of Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron 2012-2013 Tampa Chapter #11:*

By the time you read this newsletter, we will have already been installed as the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, and we will have made it through the planning preparation and the installation. I am sure we will have lots of good days and lots of challenges, but we are ready to begin!

I am thrilled to be working with our Mason Brothers of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25, lending them support and also supporting our community. On Feb. 28th our Chapter delivered food to the Fisher House for the veterans' families that stay in the house. On March 17, the Chapter will be meeting and carpooling to the Masonic Home Pilgrimage Day Event. I attended last year, and it was a wonderful experience...I cannot wait to go again! I am sure you will feel the same, once you too are able to attend.

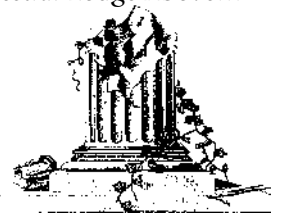
Sincerely,

Sally Leon, Worthy Matron • 813-393-7490  
Joseph V. Citro, Worthy Patron • 727-412-4053

*Bro. Harold Richard Haffner, Jr. passed to the Celestial Lodge Above on February 9, 2012. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on March 29, 1954 — 58 years ago this month!*

*Rest in Peace, our Brothers in the Celestial Lodge Above...*

*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 Widows' Certificate.*





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- Joshua Sussman . . . . . Senior Deacon
- Cliff Allen . . . . . Junior Deacon
- Ken Skillman . . . . . Senior Steward
- Billy Schmidt . . . . . Junior Steward
- Michael St. James . . . . . Marshall
- Kermit Hines . . . . . Chaplain
- Drew Baldwin . . . . . Tyler
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