

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

TRESTLE BOARD

MAY A.L. 2012

MASONIC SPOTLIGHT: R.:H.: THOMAS C. NEWTON

R.:H.: Thomas Charles Newton was born on March 20th, 1951. He attended Plant High School in South Tampa and graduated from Sanford Naval Academy in 1969 with the rank of Ensign. He continued on to college at The Citadel in 1972, ranked as a Private. Upon his return to Tampa, he graduated from USF. He has been employed by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, Florida Power, Henkels & McCoy, and for the past 15 years at Harris-McBurney. His community involvement in professional and youth soccer leagues is unparalleled, as he has been a very active member of the Florida State Referees Association for over 30 years.

R.:H.: Newton began his Masonic career at a very early age in DeMolay. He was a member of the Paul Revere and Owen A. Coile Chapters. He served as Master Counselor, Chapter Scribe, and received a number of recognitions including P.M.C.M.S.A., R.D., Top Hat, and the Legion of Honor. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 on March 20th, 1973, entered the line, and was elected as the Worshipful Master in 1985. His 39-year Masonic career includes being a member of the Valley of Tampa, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, the Egypt Temple Shrine, and a



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R.:H.: Thomas C. Newton is extremely active in the Lodge and is an invaluable resource.

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,

The 2012 Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Florida will be held in Orlando on May 27th thru May 30th, at the Rosen Plaza Hotel. In addition to the installation of Grand Lodge Officers, there will be several pieces of legislation and resolutions presented for vote. This year, we will vote on only nine of them. Some of the legislation pertains to games of chance and beverage service at particular Masonic events. I know in past the Craft has elected for the Officers to vote their conscience; however, I would like to hear your position with respect to these resolutions. Therefore, at our Stated Communication on May 22nd, these resolutions will be presented and input taken from the Craft. The Officers of the Lodge will be at Grand Lodge to represent you, so please take time to attend this meeting and let us know what you think!

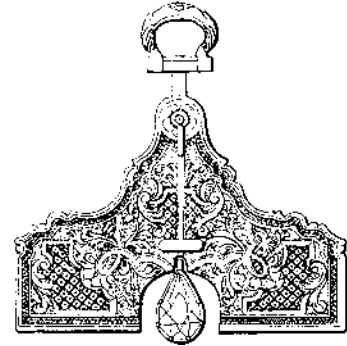
Last year, the District Instructor instituted an award to be given to particular Lodges for the highest number of Brothers in attendance at each District School of Instruction. I am very happy and proud to announce that Hillsborough Lodge is now in possession of the "Column Under Construction." In addition, we also regained the Traveling Gavel from Holyrood Lodge No. 257 on April 12th. There has been only two other times that a particular Lodge in this District has been in possession of both!

As in previous months, we will be honoring our Brothers who have been raised in the Month of May at our Stated Meeting on May 22nd. Come down to the Lodge, meet with some old friends, and help us welcome these Brothers back.

Fraternally,

Joseph Gonzalez
Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST



My Brothers,

As we progress through the year, your Officers have been very busy running the Lodge. In the past month, the Lodge adopted two resolutions and saw those resolutions passed by a 3/4 majority vote of the Brothers present.

The first was our resolution to increase dues. Beginning in 2013, the new dues for Hillsborough Lodge will be \$180.00 per year. This amount includes Grand Lodge per capita, but does not include your voluntary donation to the Let Your Pennies Make Good Cents program. The suggested donation to LYPMGC is equal to 2 cents per day or \$7.30, which goes to the Masonic Home located in St. Petersburg. I would like to thank all of the Brothers who were present to help pass this important resolution. This dues increase was indeed necessary for the benefit of our Lodge and all of the Brothers we serve.

The second resolution passed was to approve the use of our facilities by High Twelve Lodge No. 317 F&AM. For those who may not be aware, High Twelve Lodge was constituted in downtown Tampa and originally met at Hillsborough Lodge. I would like to be the first to welcome this Lodge back home and hope that their transition goes smoothly. They will begin meeting in this building on May 12th.

At the end of this month, your elected officers, as well as many other interested Brothers, will be traveling to Orlando to attend Grand Lodge. This year, there are only nine pieces of new legislation being brought before the Craft. It will be an honor to once again represent our Lodge on your behalf. I look forward to seeing you at the next regularly scheduled Stated Communication.

Fraternally,

Steven Silvers
Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings, Brothers,

April was a busy month. Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 won the broken column from the District 22 School of Instruction and the travelling gavel from Holyrood Lodge at R·W· D.D.G.M. Tom Edwards' last Official Visit.

Our Junior Deacon Clifford Allen sat in the East for an Entered Apprentice degree on the 17th and did a great job. Also sitting in chairs for the first time: Brother Scott Barrish as Junior Deacon and lecturer, Brother Billy Schmidt as Junior Warden, and Brother Chris Hutchinson as Senior Warden. All the Brothers in the degree were outstanding and are a wonderful example for the newer Masons to follow.

Thanks are in order for W· Denham for providing a sheet cake for the recognition of the Brothers Raised in April and to Brother Sussman for the books he donated to the library. Please remember to use the "my attendance" on our website when you attend any functions in the Masonic community. Keep up the good works, Brothers.

"The Word of God is the universal and invisible Light, cognizable by the senses, that emits its blaze in the Sun, Moon, Planets, and other Stars."
— Albert Pike

Fraternally,

David Kniger
Junior Warden

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Brethren,

May 1st will be Fellow Craft Degree for 10 Brothers! These Brothers are: Theodore Francis Ball, Charles Joseph Corces, Aaron Patrick Criswell, Andrew William Dempsey, Brian Eric Fulton, Ronald Richard King, Jr., Jesse James Knafla, James Francis Mungovan, James Heed Neely, and Rafael Lazaro Pizano.

May 15th will be an Entered Apprentice Degree for Messrs. Justin Wayne Franke, Michael Gonzalez, and Luis Robert Then.

June 5th will be a Master Mason Degree for Brothers Theodore Francis Ball, Jesse James Knafla, and Rafael Lazaro Pizano.

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 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.












If you hear that any of our Brothers who have passed to the Celestial Lodge Above, please inform the Secretary's Office right away so that we can make Masonic Funeral arrangements, if desired by the family, and send out the Widow's Kit. And as always, please remember your Masonic Home in your wills and gifts.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas C. Newton
Thomas C. Newton, PM, PDI

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

Our Junior Warden, Brother David Liniger, continues to prepare delicious meals week after week. If any Brother has special dietary needs, meal suggestions, or would like to volunteer to prepare a meal, please contact Bro. Liniger.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		 FC 1 Theodore F. Ball, Charles J. Corces, Aaron P. Criswell, Andrew W. Dempsey, Brian E. Fulton, Ronald R. King Jr, Jesse J. Knafla, James F. Mungovan, James H. Neely & Rafael L. Pizano Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	2 DISTRICT 22 SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION John Darling Lodge No. 154 • 7 p.m. 4601 N. Habana Ave. Tampa, FL	 3 Masonic Education Ritual Practice 6:30 p.m.	4	 5 Chapter 11 1 p.m.
6	 7 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 8 Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	9	 10 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	11	12 SPRING REUNION Tampa Scottish Rite 5500 Memorial Dr. Tampa, FL 33634
13	 14 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 EA 15 Justin Wayne Franke, Michael Gonzalez & Luis Robert Then Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	16	 17 Masonic Education Ritual Practice 6:30 p.m.	18	 19 Chapter 11 1 p.m. SPRING REUNION Tampa Scottish Rite
20	 21 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 22 Special Ceremony to Honor Our Brothers Raised in the Month of May Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	23	 24 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	25	26 MASTERS & WARDENS MEETING Fellowship Lodge No. 265 • 7 p.m. 306 N. Lincoln Ave. Tampa, FL
27 MASONIC HOME BOARD MEETING as part of 183rd GRAND COMMUNICATION Rosen Plaza Hotel Orlando, FL	28 Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the State of Florida 183rd GRAND COMMUNICATION Rosen Plaza Hotel Orlando, FL	29 Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the State of Florida 183rd GRAND COMMUNICATION Rosen Plaza Hotel Orlando, FL	30 Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the State of Florida 183rd GRAND COMMUNICATION Rosen Plaza Hotel Orlando, FL	 31 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.		

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



For the second time this year, Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 has brought home the Traveling Gavel, securing it once again from Holyrood Lodge No. 257. The meeting was also the last Official Visit of R·W· Tom Edwards, and in case you were wondering, the remote-controlled flying fish was courtesy of R·H· Houston White. Earlier in the month, we brought home the "Column Under Construction" from the District 22 School of Instruction, and we are only the third Lodge to hold both the column and gavel simultaneously. A big thanks to all the Brothers who turned out to help us win these two trophies!

MASONIC EDUCATION

THE SQUARE

The square as an emblem is geometrical and not mechanical in its origin according to authorities, who trace it back to the ancient Egyptians, who in solemn processions carried the cubit of justice, by which perpendiculars, right angles and squares might be laid out, its form being that of one arm of a square, with the inner end cut to an angle of 45 degrees.

"The close analogy between justice and that which is perfectly upright is so obvious as to have become universal. The terms 'an upright man' and a 'just man' are in nearly all languages synonymous, hence the scriptural phrases: 'The way of the just is uprightness; thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just;' 'He that walketh uprightly' and the admonition 'to walk uprightly before God and man.' Besides this, the square was used in Egypt

to redetermine the boundaries of each man's possessions when, as frequently happened, the landmarks were swept away by the inundation of the Nile, thus recovering to every man his just rights. The Egyptian land-measure itself was an aroura or a square, containing one hundred cubits.

"The square representing the fourth part of a circle, has a direct allusion to division of the ecliptic and celestial equator into four equal parts, indicative of the solstitial and equinoctial points, and the division of the year into four seasons. By it we are also enabled to divide the circle of the horizon into quadrants, and by the aid of the sun in the south to correctly mark out the four cardinal points of the compass. In not only geometry, but astronomy also, the use of the right angle is indispensable.



ORDER OF DEMOLAY

Paul Revere Chapter



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

DeMolay History – The Beginning, Part II

When we left off, Brother Frank Land, a Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite Mason from Kansas City, MO had met and befriended a young man named Louis Lower. Louis had lost his father and was looking for a part-time job. After having Louis over for dinner one night, Frank Land had asked Louis, "How would you like to form a Club and meet here at the Temple?"

Louis thought the idea had possibilities and showed up the next week with eight other boys. That was February 19, 1919.

The boys came early that Wednesday evening and each in turn was introduced to Mr. Land by Louis Lower with, "I want you to meet Ralph Sewell, Elmer Dorsey, Edmund Marshall, Jerome Jacobson, William Steinhilber, Ivan Bentley, Gorman McBride, and Clyde Stream. There are nine of us."

It was a radiant group that gathered about the long table in one of the meeting rooms that night. There was no doubt that they should continue to meet as a Club. The only question was a name. One suggested they use Greek letters as the college fraternities did but this was instantly voted down as making them only a part of other organizations. The name must be distinctive and carry meaning. They turned to Land for suggestions. He pointed to a recent series of prints on the wall that showed the adventures of Sir Galahad and the Knights of the Round Table. There was a negative shaking of heads.

Nothing seemed to click until one of the boys, Clyde Stream, said "Mr. Land, tell us something connected with Masonry. They must have great names and we are meeting here in one of their buildings."

Frank smiled, "This year I am serving as the head of one of the Masonic Groups. I am the Commander for the DeMolai Council of Kadosh. There are many names and stories directly connected with Masonry, but I think I should tell you about the last leader of the Knights Templar. His name was Jacques DeMolay or as they say in history books, James of Molay."

The name stuck, but the Order almost stopped before it started. Find out how next month...


ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



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

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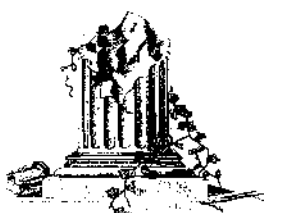
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Past President of Masters and Wardens. R·H· Newton became so active in the Masonic community and proficient with Degree work that he was selected to serve as the District Instructor for District 20 West (the current District 22) for two consecutive years — the first under M·W· George Hayes in 1987 and the second under M·W· Joseph Shurette in 1988. R·H· Newton had the distinct honor of presiding in the East to initiate, pass, and raise his son, Brother Geoffrey Charles Newton, in January 2009, and was also the catechism instructor for that class. R·H· Newton's passion and zeal for Freemasonry and Hillsborough Lodge is as strong today as years past. He continues to serve in his third term as Secretary of the Lodge, and in addition to his responsibilities, he is always willing to provide guidance and mentoring to Brothers who are eager to learn Degree work and the business of the Lodge. 

Brother Charles Downie passed to the Celestial Lodge Above on March 29, 2012.

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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