

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

TRESTLE BOARD

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MASONIC SPOTLIGHT: R.:H.: BRIAN MANNE

R.:H.: Brian Manne was born on February 20, 1952, in St. Louis, Missouri. He attended St. Genevieve School of Fine Arts where he worked as a book binder preserving rare books. Brian also attended Concordia Seminary and Washington University. In 1980, he moved to Tampa and continued pursuing his passion for carpentry, becoming an expert in the field of historic in restoration. Brian has also plied his skills at metal work and ornamental plaster and worked on such restoration projects as the University of Tampa, Centro Asturiano, the Italian Club and United Methodist Church. Brian has been a Real Estate associate since 1996, and his enthusiasm for architecture and historic preservation has carried over to his Masonic career.

R.:H.: Manne was initiated into our honorable fraternity in November, 1992, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in March, 1993, at A.W. Windhorst Lodge No. 185 F. & A.M. He entered the Officers line, and was elected from the Senior Deacon chair to the Worshipful Master in 1998. R.:H.: Manne continued his quest for light in Masonry by becoming a Scottish Rite Mason in the Spring of 1994. He was bestowed the honor of 32° Knight Commander, Court of Honor in 2007 and is currently the Preceptor in the Scottish Rite Consistory, Valley of Tampa. Among R.:H.: Manne's many Masonic accomplishments are: 2005 District Instructor of the 23rd Masonic District, Grand Lodge

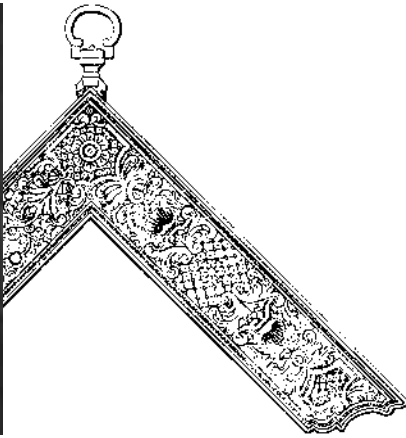
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R.:H.: Brian Manne is an incredible resource and mentor for the Brothers of Hillsborough Lodge. As a Gold Card holder and Past District Instructor, Brian can always be relied upon to fill in whenever a Brother needs help with ritual or a lecture.

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,

As we continue our journey to light, I present you this excerpt from a Winding Stairs interpretation:

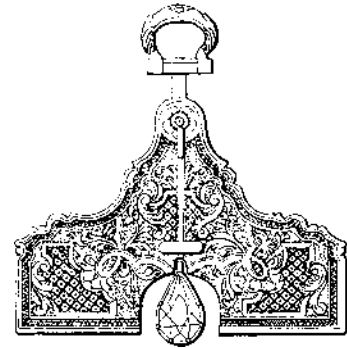
The Mason is, from the moment of his initiation as an Entered Apprentice to the time at which he receives the full fruition of Masonic light, an investigator—a laborer in the quarry and the Temple—whose reward is to be TRUTH. All the ceremonies and traditions of the Order tend to this ultimate design. Is there light to be asked for? It is the intellectual light of wisdom and truth. Is there a word to be sought? That word is the symbol of truth. Is there a loss of something that had been promised? That loss is typical of the failure of man, in the infirmity of his nature, to discover Divine truth. Is there a substitute to be appointed for that loss? It is an allegory which teaches us that in this world man can approximate only to the full conception of truth.

Hence there is in Speculative Masonry always a progress, symbolized by its peculiar ceremonies of initiation. There is an advancement from a lower to a higher state, from darkness to light, from death to life, from error to truth. The candidate is always ascending; he is never stationary; he never goes back; each step he takes brings him to some new mental illumination: to the knowledge of some more elevated doctrine. The teaching of the Divine Master is, in respect to this continual progress, the teaching of Masonry, "No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of heaven." And similar to this is the precept of Pythagoras: "When traveling, turn not back, for if you do, the furies will accompany you."

It struck me that perhaps this is one reason why we always travel East. As the sun always rises in the East, such is the promise of a new day, a new beginning, new hope, and a new opportunity to improve ourselves in Masonry, society, and our personal lives.

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FROM THE WEST



My Brothers,

Greetings from the West. By the time you receive this issue of the *Trestle Board*, your elected officers will have arrived home from this year's Grand Lodge Communication in Orlando. It is indeed an honor to represent Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 and we, the officers, do so with our Brothers, the fraternity and the Lodge's best interests in mind.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am to see so many of our younger Brothers taking active roles at the Lodge. For the last several degrees held at our Lodge, the elected officers have had the opportunity to sit on the sidelines and watch the fine degree work being performed by these Brothers. It is clear that many of you not only practice while at the Lodge, but on your own time as well. This dedication to the Lodge and to Masonry is evident in your knowledge and fine work. Keep it up!

During the second half of this year, we will begin some of the projects and repairs necessary for our building. One such repair will be the replacement of a small A/C unit for the Morgan St. office. I expect this job to be completed by the end of this month. Another of the more challenging repairs is that of refurbishing the stained glass in our skylight. While the actual work may not take very long, the logistics of this repair along with the replacement of the deteriorated skylight on the roof, have brought to light just how challenging this type of work can be in an 85 year old building. Never-the-less, this work will be completed in the proper manner. Our Brother Brian O'Hare has been diligently working on attaining a grant from the Tampa Preservation society and we hope that we will be receiving this grant in the near future. It will certainly help in our efforts towards the improvement of our facilities.

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FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings, Brothers,

May was another busy month for the Brothers of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25. The 277th reunion of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry was held May 12th and 19th. The event was well attended by our Brothers, and Hillsborough No. 25 conferred the 18th Degree. R·W·C. Don Prosser, 33° is director of work for the Scottish Rite and Degree Master in the 18th Degree. I encourage all Brothers who are not members of the Scottish Rite to get a petition in before the next reunion. Our Brother Clifford Allen is the Hillsborough No. 25 Ambassador to the Scottish Rite, and he will be happy to answer any questions that interested Brothers may have.

Brother Ken Skillman sat in the East for the first time for an Entered Apprentice degree May 15th, and Brothers Coll and Maddux sat as Stewards for the first time. All gave an outstanding performance and should be congratulated for their hard work learning the ritual. The kitchen is running smoother now thanks to our Senior Warden, Brother Steven Silvers. I appreciate you getting the pilot lights fixed. (And the thermostat in the near future!) If any Brother is interested in cooking a meal for a Tuesday meeting, let me know, and I will mark it in my calendar.

"Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal."
— Scottish Rite Creed

Fraternally,

David Sniger

Junior Warden

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Brothers,

The year is half over, and there are still some brothers out there who have not paid their dues for 2012. If you are among those few, please make an effort to get your dues into the lodge. I really hate to have to inform brothers that they have been suspended for Non Payment of Dues.

Do you have a Perpetual Membership? If you do have one, great. If you don't, consider getting one now. The cost of a perpetual membership will increase next year in 2013. Applications for perpetual membership are available in the secretary's office. You don't have to pay it all at once, there is a payment plan and we have the forms for that as well.















By the time this is published, Grand Lodge will be over, and we will have a new Grand Master and a New District Deputy Grand Master. When the DDGM comes to the Lodge, make plans to attend and support him because our new DDGM is Worshipful John Hooker, PM 2011.

The Paul Revere Chapter, Order of DeMolay, is sponsoring a "Squires of the Round Table" chapter for young men between the ages of 8 and 11 years old. This will get those young men who want to become DeMolays involved and will give them their own organization to work within until they are eligible to join Paul Revere Chapter. If you know a young man who would be interested in the Squires, contact Brother Jerry Meguiar at his e-mail address which is jmmloh@aol.com.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas C. Newton

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2  Chapter 11 1 p.m. |
| 3 | 4  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m. | 5  MM Jesse J. Knafla & Rafael L. Pizano Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m. | 6 DISTRICT 22 SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION John Darling Lodge No. 154 • 7 p.m. 4601 N. Habana Ave. Tampa, FL | 7  Masonic Education 6:30 p.m. | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m. FLAG DAY Tampa Scottish Rite 5500 Memorial • 5 p.m. | 12  Presentation of Grand Lodge Communications Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m. | 13 | 14  Masonic Education Ritual Practice 6:30 p.m. | 15 | 16  Chapter 11 1 p.m. |
| 17 MASONIC HOME BOARD MEETING 11 a.m. 3201 1st Street NE St. Pete, FL | 18  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m. Cornerstone Laying for Hillsborough Lodge June 18, 1928 | 19  FC Theodore F. Ball, Aaron P. Criswell, Ronald R. King, James F. Mungovan, James H. Neely Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m. | 20 | 21  Masonic Education 6:30 p.m. | 22 MASTERS & WARDENS MEETING Fellowship Lodge No. 265 • 7 p.m. 306 N. Lincoln Ave. Tampa, FL | 23 |
| 24 | 25  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m. | 26  Special Ceremony to Honor Our Brothers Raised in the Month of June Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m. | 27 | 28  Masonic Education 6:30 p.m. | 29 | 30 |

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.

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MASONIC EDUCATION

ANCIENT SYMBOLISM

Two features of Freemasonry are particularly prominent, its teachings of morality by means of symbolism, and the antiquity of its symbols.

A ritual was used in the Ancient Mysteries which many Masons believe to be predecessors of the Freemasonry of today, and from which many of our forms and ceremonies may have been either directly or indirectly derived. It contained a dialogue, darkness, light, death and resurrection. In the times in which the Ancient Mysteries flourished, the most important truths of science as well as morality were taught to the qualified and were veiled from the multitude by symbolic teaching.

The square and compasses used in China 500 B.C. as emblems of morality, and the tools of Speculative Masonry, found in the foundation of Cleopatra's Needle, are evidences of the age of Masonic symbolism. The Masons may have borrowed the symbolism of the original users and adapted it to the present as well as they could with limited knowledge of its original significance, or it may have come down to them through unbroken sources. 

ANNOUNCEMENTS




R·W· C. Don Prosser is presented his Grand Lodge 40-Year Certificate and Pin by W· Joe Gonzalez. Congratulations, C. Don, on this important milestone!

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Arrangements Committee 2002 thru 2008, Chairman Perpetual Membership Committee 1999, and becoming a York Rite Knights Templar 2006. The greatest of his accolades is that he is both a Gold and Brown Card holder, of which there are but very few in the State of Florida!

R·H· Brian Manne is a member of Hillsborough Lodge where his continuous presence has been nothing short of inspiring. In addition to serving on the Building and Grounds Committee, he has used his skills to hang the Trestle Board on the wall in the Lodge room, temporarily repair the skylight, glue and secure the several officers' chairs in the Lodge, and reposition the seat cushions on the bottom row of the Lodge sideline chairs. Brian attends nearly every meeting and degree and is always willing to help at a moment's notice wherever he is needed. R·H· Brian Manne, for your tremendous support and contributions, thank you from the Brothers and Officers of Hillsborough Lodge.

R·H· Manne lives in Seminole Heights and has two grown children—Elizabeth, age 36, and Joshua, age 25. 

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On June 12th, at the Stated Communication, a summary of the 2012 Grand Lodge Communication will be presented to the Craft, including the results of legislative voting. Please keep W· Robbins Denham in your prayers as he continues his recovery. Hope to see you all in Lodge soon!

Fraternally,

Joseph Gonzalez
Worshipful Master

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We hope that you will take the time to come to your Lodge soon, where you will enjoy a fine meal and camaraderie among your Brothers. The air is cool and the Lodge is comfortable. We hope to see you soon.

Fraternally,

Steven Silvers

Senior Warden

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ORDER OF DEMOLAY

Paul Revere Chapter



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

DeMolay History – The Beginning, Part III

When we left off, the boys had just picked a name for their new club, DeMolay, after the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar.

March 24, 1919 was the day in history that launched the Order of DeMolay. During the next few years, however, the date of March 18, the date in the past that had witnessed the death of Jacques DeMolay, came to be more frequently used.

During the next few months, the group grew in numbers, in activities and interest. Then a fear came to some that they were growing into too large a club. Someone suggested that a committee talk with Mr. Land and endeavor to convince him that membership should be limited to 75. Land neither criticized nor admonished the committee. In fact, they didn't know whether he had agreed or disagreed with their suggestion.

Later, when the meeting was called to order, the chairman reported and moved that the membership of DeMolay be limited to 75. The motion quickly received a second and was unanimously adopted. It was then that Dad Land rose from the back of the room where he had been more or less out of sight for he wasn't the type to take the spotlight, or the forefront in their meetings. He wanted them to conduct their own meetings.

Dad Land proceeded to tell them how selfish and how inconsiderate they were. He told them that they were operating and thinking absolutely contrary to every idea that he had in mind for this organization. He said that if it was good for one boy, it must be good for all eligible boys. The motion to limit membership to 75 was rescinded. It was then that DeMolay was permitted to grow and develop.

And grew it did. DeMolay continued its growth initiating new members and instituting new chapters in all states of the continental USA. DeMolay then crossed the oceans and the organization was developed in many foreign countries. Thousands upon thousands of young men have had their life enriched by the rescinding of the motion to limit the Order of DeMolay to just 75 members.

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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



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

Tampa Chapter No. 11 would like to congratulate the following members of our Chapter who have received appointments from the Grand Chapter of Florida!

- Sister Georgia Deshong – Grand Representative to the District of Columbia in FL
- Sister Elaine Brandl – Grand Representative to Indiana in FL
- Sister Claudine Rogers – Grand Representative to Texas in FL
- Sisters Sylvia Olson – General Fund
- Sister Sandra Johnson – Credentials Committee
- Sister Gail Cumber – District 18 Chairman of ESTARL
- Brother David Meade – District 18 Chairman of SHEAF

We would also like to welcome our newest members: Sister Patricia Brewer, Sister Jessica McCormick, Brother Brian Manne and Brother David Meade.

For more information about Tampa Chapter No. 11 or the Order of the Eastern Star, please contact:

Sandra Johnson, PM, Secretary
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Brother Roderick Scudder has passed to the Celestial Lodge Above. Please remember his family in your prayers.

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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