

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

TRESTLE BOARD

JULY A.L. 2012

MASONIC SPOTLIGHT: BR. JOSEPH OLBRYNS

Brother Joseph "Jerry" Olbrys was born on September 16, 1963, in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He attended elementary and high school in Bridgeport before graduating from Southern Connecticut State University in 1998. Brother Olbrys earned a Bachelor's Degree in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences with Minors in Education, Communication and Computer Science. While living in Connecticut, he enjoyed hiking, mountain climbing and a good game of billiards. He moved to Florida in 2005, and was employed by the Hillsborough County School Board as a substitute teacher.

Brother Olbrys was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in 2003, at Ansantawae Lodge No. 89 A.F. & A.M. in Milford, Connecticut. After his move to Florida, he became a dual member at Hillsborough Lodge in 2008, and was appointed the Assistant Tyler in 2011. His contributions to our Lodge have been quite extensive: he removed the large exhaust fan during kitchen renovations, pressure washed the front door and sidewalks before Table Lodge, dismantled and removed the piano from the upstairs common area, cleaned the air conditioning ducts, replaced locks and hardware on hallway doors, and repaired our sign-in book stand. In addition, he assisted in installing the brass plates on the Lodge chairs and installing the window tint for the Morgan Street office.



Brother Jerry Olbrys is a truly outstanding member of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25. He is always ready to lend a hand wherever he is needed, and he gives his time generously for all Lodge projects. His dedication and contributions set an excellent example for our Brothers, young and old alike.

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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,

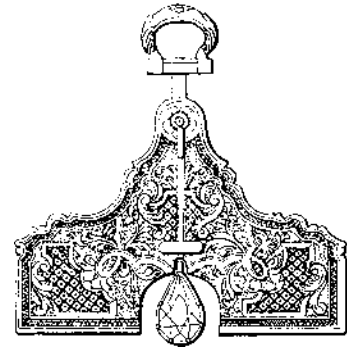
On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress, composed of representatives from each of the 13 colonies, voted in favor of independence from Great Britain. The Declaration of Independence, drafted by Thomas Jefferson, was adopted on July 4th, 1776. Since 1941, the United States has recognized the 4th of July as a federal holiday which serves as a reminder of the freedom that we enjoy. Thank you to all of the Brothers who have served, and continue to serve, this great country toward the preservation of that freedom. It is through your unselfish giving, remarkable sacrifice, and determination in the face of peril that I have the luxury of expressing my thoughts in this *Trestle Board*. May the Supreme Architect bless you, your family, and all currently active military servicemen & women throughout the world.

Congratulations to R·W· John D. Hooker, Past Master 2011, for his appointment as the District Deputy Grand Master of the 22nd Masonic District. I'm looking forward to his official visit to our Lodge on September 11, 2012.

I am happy to report that through the efforts of Brother O'Hair, our Lodge has secured the benefit of a Historical Preservation Grant. We will be discussing the details of this matching grant at the Stated Communications on July 10th and July 24th. As we continue our labors, we will be honoring the recipient of the Joseph Moore Scholarship award at our Family Night on July 31st, 2012. Make plans to attend, and help show our community support. The 12th Annual Table Lodge will be held on September 4th, 2012. Customary to previous years, a six course meal, traditional toasts, and presentations by honored guests are some of the highlights of this event. I welcome all Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts and Master Masons to attend. Table Lodge will begin at 6:30 p.m. sharp and tickets are now available by contacting the Secretary or any Officer of the Lodge.

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FROM THE WEST



My Brothers,

The 2012 Lodge year is half-way completed, and your officers have been working steadily throughout the year to ensure that the Lodge keeps running smoothly. In recent weeks, the A/C units have been inspected & repaired and are in good working condition. This will certainly be felt during the summer months as we have a cool comfortable place to meet every week. The next major project to be completed will be the refurbishment of the stained glass above the stairs. This project will take place in several steps because we will also be replacing the rusted out skylight above as well. When this project begins, please be careful around and underneath any areas where work is being done.

While the projects being completed throughout the building have been budgeted and approved, keep in mind that these repairs require sufficient finances to be completed properly. I encourage every member to take part in the Lodge's fund raising programs. Currently, Brothers can still purchase Lodge-Room chairs. If you would like to purchase one of the brass nameplates you have seen affixed to seats in the Lodge, please see Brother Billy Schmidt for details. We also have another program which I would like to resurrect. We have a "Tree of Life" in our Lodge. If you would like to make a donation and have a leaf placed on our tree, please contact me for details.

Finally Brothers, I hope every member and guest of this Lodge has seen and experienced the changes being made at Hillsborough Lodge No. 25. Not only the physical changes, but the changes that are less likely to be easily noticed. Your Lodge is once again your sanctuary. A place to come where no contention exists among Brothers. We have been working hard to construct an atmosphere conducive to "Brotherly Love and Affection" and we are very proud of the progress being made.

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FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings, Brothers,

I am writing this after having just finished a huge Fathers Day meal with my children. I hope all of my Brothers had a wonderful Fathers Day with their families as well.

Since my last submission I had the privilege of attending my first Grand Lodge Communication in Orlando. It was a blast and an outstanding opportunity to fellowship with Brothers from around the state and from our own Lodge. I would highly recommend it to any Brother who has not been before to try and make it next year, I'm certain you will not be disappointed.

The kitchen has been running pretty smoothly, and I would like to thank all the Brothers who offer their assistance every week. The guys who volunteer make my job so much easier and have my sincerest thanks. Keep up the good work around the Lodge and our Masonic community, and please continue to use the "My Attendance" link on our web site to track your work. If any Brother would like to cook a meal, or offer any suggestions whatsoever, please feel free to e-mail me at davidliniger@gmail.com.

*"That which causes us trials shall yield us triumph:
and that which makes our hearts ache shall fill us with
gladness. The only true happiness is to learn, to advance,
and to improve: which could not happen unless we had
commenced with error, ignorance, and imperfection.
We must pass through the darkness, to reach the light."
— Albert Pike*

Peace, Brothers,

Dave Liniger

Junior Warden

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Brothers,

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.

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

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JULY MEETING

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July 31st - Family Night
Presentation of Awards.

JULY 2012						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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"A family is a place where principles are
hammered and honed on the anvil of
everyday living."

—Charles R. Swindoll

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	3  EA Messrs. Gerald Creadon, Jr., Joel Ray Mackison, II & David M. Kuljv Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	4 	5  Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	6	7  Chapter 11 1 p.m.
8	9  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	10  Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	11 DISTRICT 22 SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION John Darling Lodge No. 154 • 7 p.m. 4601 N. Habana Ave. Tampa, FL	12  Masonic Education Ritual Practice 6:30 p.m.	13	14
15 MASONIC HOME BOARD MEETING 11 a.m. 3201 1st Street NE St. Pete, FL	16  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	17  EA Messrs. Richard J. Bonilla, Spencer M. Green & Patrick L. Henry, Jr. Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	18	19  Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	20	21  Chapter 11 1 p.m.
22	23  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	24  Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	25	26  Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	27 MASTERS & WARDENS MEETING Fellowship Lodge No. 265 • 7 p.m. 306 N. Lincoln Ave. Tampa, FL	28
29	30  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	31 FAMILY NIGHT Presentation of Aprons & Awards Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.				

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MASONIC EDUCATION

EFFECTIVE RITUAL DELIVERY By John P. Riddell

Freemasonry is seriously indebted to those dedicated members of our Fraternity who labor for months and years in learning the various elements of ritual. I have often observed however, that the effort and valuable time spent in memorizing and perfecting these magnificent moral lessons is not always fully exploited; surprisingly, this is not the result of faulty or halting memory, but rather ineffective delivery. How do we measure the effectiveness of delivery? Quite simply. Effective delivery is achieved whenever the candidate (audience?) has been able to hear clearly and to reasonably understand the information presented by the speaker.

There are five elements of delivery or speech (the terms are literally synonymous) — they are: knowledge of the subject, the speaker's conviction of his message, audibility, pronunciation, and articulation. This might sound like some complex literary exercise, but it really isn't. Surely, every speaker should know instinctively if he is prepared, if he has adequately memorized and perfected his presentation, and that he himself is committed to the principles of his message; he must also know if he is speaking loud enough, and pronouncing his words correctly. When then, contributes most to poor speech or delivery? It is articulation. The mechanics of articulation, except perhaps for professionals, is rarely, if ever, obvious to most casual speakers. But, lack of attention to this vital element of speech can distant the information and, at times, make it almost unintelligible.

Articulation — what is it? It is a term that refers to the movements of the lips, tongue, jaw, and soft palate to form speech sounds. Good articulation involves production of sounds that are clear and distinct, without being overly precise. Don't confuse pronunciation with articulation. Pronunciation is combining speech sounds into recognizable words. A speaker might survive pronunciation that is unacceptable to an audience; poor articulation however, makes a speaker much more difficult to understand, affecting both the attention and comprehension of his listeners. Poor articulation leaves out sounds, distorts sounds (most often by running them together), substitutes one sound for another, and occasionally adds strange sounds. Remember, in a conversation, if poor articulation makes you difficult to understand, the listener can stop you and ask, "What did you say? I didn't understand that." But, when you're delivering a lecture, charge, or verse of scripture, that isn't possible. If you aren't understood, the idea is lost because there are no instant replays for the lecturer.

One note of caution — don't make the mistake of thinking that you should precisely form every sound. Over-articulation is also poor articulation. Good speech or delivery doesn't call attention to itself. If you said "I went to the movie last night." and tried to precisely articulate every "t" in the sentence, your delivery would be unnatural, and call attention to itself. In addition, "the" should be the sound of "thu." To say "the" with the long "e" would overstress the word and would not be natural. By over stressing these sounds, the speaker loses the natural

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rhythms of speech, and creates the perception of insincerity — that he might be more concerned with his image than his message.

I suppose that some ritualists privately applaud themselves at the completion of a lecture, charge, prayer or scripture; there was nothing omitted and they managed to survive the ordeal. But, were they effective? Did the candidate and others who were listening hear clearly; did they reasonably understand the message? If not, it was probably due to poor articulation — speaking too rapidly, distorting words by running sounds together, over-stressing sounds, omitting sounds. It is difficult to understand a speaker under these conditions — especially during the period when a candidate is hoodwinked — he doesn't even have the opportunity to read the lips of the person speaking.

All of us are veteran Masons, and have been exposed to this "ritual stuff" many, many times. We've sat through the ceremonies of opening and closing lodges conferring the three degrees, installations, funeral services — much of this rendered almost unintelligible by sloppy speech — poor articulation. But this doesn't bother us because we've heard it so often that we can mentally fill in the gaps left void by careless speakers. But Brethren, can't you just imagine how some of this might sound to new candidates or Masons hearing it for the first time. Remember, if you are not understood, you've wasted your time in delivering the message, you've failed to take advantage of the time and effort in learning the work, and even worse, you've left thoroughly confused listeners. **TE**

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Brother Olbrys always lends a hand any time he's needed and never asks for anything in return. He continues to help with degrees and business meetings, assists in the kitchen and volunteers for petition investigations. We are very fortunate to have him as a member of our Lodge, as he is a great example for us to follow. He is a true Mason, and all of his hard work and dedication to our Lodge shows. Thank you, Brother Olbrys! **TE**

"From the East" continued from page 2

Please remember that the Lodge will be dark throughout the month of August. Catechism instruction will continue at the Lodge on Thursdays, with the exception of the last two weeks. Enjoy this time with your family and friends, and I hope to see you in Lodge in September.

Fraternally,

Joseph Gonzalez
Worshipful Master

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ORDER OF DEMOLAY

Paul Revere Chapter



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

The Squires of the Round Table

A fraternal organization for young men aged 8 to 11

The Order of the Squires of the Round Table was established in 1995 as a pledge group for the Order of DeMolay. Its mission is to allow young men from the ages of 8 through 11 to have an opportunity to participate in some of the fun activities with DeMolay, but not to be overwhelmed with the age differences and ritual work that is part of DeMolay.

The basic organization is called a "Manor." Each Squire Manor is sponsored by a DeMolay Chapter and under the control of the Advisory Council of the sponsoring Chapter.

There are up to seven Squire officers, three of whom are elected by their peers. Elected Officers are Master Squire, Senior Squire, and Junior Squire. Appointed Officers are Squire Chaplain, Squire Marshal, Squire Recorder, and Squire Treasurer.

During each term, the Master Squire should plan at least one fun activity and at least one fund raising activity.

The Squire Manor has a DeMolay who acts as their advisor. His title is the "Sir Knight," and he is appointed by the Master Councilor of the sponsoring Chapter and approved by the Advisory Council of the Chapter. His main job to be a big brother of the Squires.

A Dad or Mom Advisor, who is a member of the sponsoring Chapter's Advisory Council, must be present at all Squire meetings and functions. He or she should sit on the sidelines, and is mainly the advisor for the Sir Knight, allowing the Sir Knight and the elected officers to run the meetings.

The George A. Stear Manor, the first in Florida was established in April 2012 at Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 F. & A.M. and has Paul Revere Chapter Order of DeMolay as their sponsor.

If you know of a young man ages 8 to 11 who would like to become a member of The Squires of the Round Table please contact Brother Jerry Mequiar via e-mail at jmmlh@aol.com for an application.

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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



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

For more information about Tampa Chapter No. 11 or the Order of the Eastern Star, please contact: Sandra Johnson, PM, Secretary • P.O. Box 9046 • Tampa, FL 33674-9046 • (813) 500-3460

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to R.:W.: John D. Hooker, Past Master 2011, for his appointment as the District Deputy Grand Master of the 22nd Masonic District.

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As is my customary conclusion, I hope to see you at a communication in the near future. If you have not been to Lodge for a while, please come out to a meeting. If you cannot get to the Lodge, but would like to attend, please call us so that we may be able to arrange transportation for you. I hope everyone has a safe and happy 4th of July holiday.

Fraternally,

Steven Silvers

Senior Warden

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