

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

# TRESTLE BOARD

SEPTEMBER A.L. 2012

## MASONIC SPOTLIGHT: ILLUSTRIOUS BRO. ALBERT PIKE, 33°

Bro. Albert Pike was born December 29, 1809 in Boston, Massachusetts. He attended school in Newburyport and Framingham until he was 15. In August 1825, he passed entrance exams at Harvard University, though when the college requested payment of tuition fees for the first two years which he had successfully challenged by examination, he chose not to attend. He began a program of self-education, later becoming a schoolteacher.

In 1831, Pike left Massachusetts to travel west, first stopping in St. Louis, later moving on to Independence, Missouri, and then settling in Arkansas in 1833. He began to study law and was admitted to the bar in 1837. Pike wrote on several legal subjects and continued producing poetry, a hobby he had begun in his youth in Massachusetts. His poems were highly regarded in his day, but are now mostly forgotten. Several volumes of his works were self-published posthumously by his daughter. In 1859, he received an honorary Master of Arts degree from Harvard.

When the Mexican-American War started, Pike joined the cavalry and was commissioned as a troop commander, serving in the Battle of Buena Vista. He and his commander had several differences of opinion. This situation led finally to an "inconclusive" duel on July 29, 1847 near Fort Smith, Arkansas. Although several



*Pictured here in a portrait by famed Civil War photographer Mathew Brady, Bro. Pike had too many titles to list and was honored throughout the world as a man and Mason. Pike is the only Confederate military officer or figure to be honored with a statue in Washington, DC.*

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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,

"...the blind fold is removed, and as my eyes adjust to the light, I see men standing to my left and right. I'm not sure what to do, or what is about to happen, but I've been told that this is one of the most important nights of my life. A man continues to speak, but I can't help thinking that I'll never forget this night."

Who said this? No one in particular. While sitting in the East during the last degree, I couldn't help remembering what it was like to be a candidate who had just become a Brother. As this degree continued, I wondered what our new Brothers may have been thinking, both good and bad. I thought back to the moment that I first saw light in the Lodge and the journey that was ahead. As with many Brothers before me, I venture to guess that the feelings are similar, and the desire to learn both great and positive. Why am I telling this you? Simple: the next time you're considering coming to Lodge for a degree, think back to the memory of your first light and then decide what you should do.

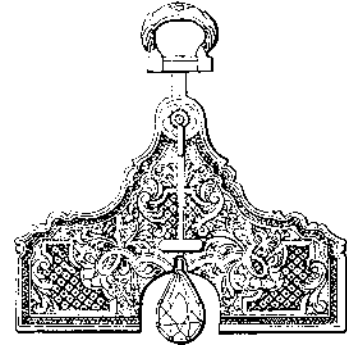
As labor resumes, the Outdoor Degree will once again be at the Masonic Youth Park on October 13th, 2012, starting at 10 a.m. Directions can be obtained by contacting the Lodge, or by viewing the October calendar at [www.districtnews.org](http://www.districtnews.org). I will be sitting as King Solomon for the 2nd Section and would love to see my Brothers in attendance.

Our last family night, Tuesday, October 30th, will be in honor of all First Responders in Hillsborough County. All First Responders are encouraged to wear their uniform to Lodge. Community support is a big part of what we as Masons promote, so please make every effort to attend. I hope you enjoyed Table Lodge; I'm looking forward to resuming our labors and seeing each of you in Lodge.

Fraternally,

*Joseph Gonzalez*  
Worshipful Master  
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## FROM THE WEST



My Brothers,

We have arrived in September and while it is nice and cool in the Lodge, many of us are hoping for some cooler weather to arrive soon. By now we have put the RNC behind us and are moving into the last four months of our Masonic year. I hope to see as many Brothers as are available attending our Table Lodge on September 4th. It is shaping up to be a fantastic evening filled with great food, fellowship and fun.

Beginning in September, we will be repointing the brick on the North side of the Lodge. This is possible due to a matching grant from the Historic Preservation Society. I would like to thank our dedicated Brother Brian O'Hair for all of his hard work in obtaining this grant. His dedication to our fine Lodge is exemplary of what being a Mason is all about.

We have a busy schedule ahead my Brothers. One of our very own, R..W.. John Hooker, District Deputy Grand Master of the 22nd Masonic District will be visiting the Lodge on September 11th. Please come out and support your Lodge for his official visit. In October, we have our last Family night of the year. It is sure to be a memorable night.

I hope to see you all at a meeting very soon.

Fraternally,

*Steven Silvers*

Senior Warden

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## FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings, Brothers,

I hope you all enjoyed the break from labor and spending time with their families. I'm excited about the upcoming table lodge, and DDGM visit in September.

This morning my Jeep died and left me on the side of the road, which made me think about the sermon at the last non denominational service I went to at the Masonic Home. The pastor said we should always give thanks to God that things are not worse ... this is a message I have heard quite a few times concerning being content in all things, but I never heard it presented that way. I am very thankful for my family, fraternity, and Brothers, and will never let a minor bump in the road take me off the path or outside the lines.

I can't wait to see everyone again in September and finish the year strong.

*"Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip."*

— Bro. Will Rogers  
Claremore Lodge No. 53 A.F.& A.M.,  
Oklahoma, USA

Peace, Brothers,

*Dave Sniger*  
Junior Warden

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## 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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# SEPTEMBER

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# NOTICE OF SPECIAL SEPTEMBER MEETING

Please mark your calendars!

**September 11th**  
DDGM Official Visit

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Come down to the Lodge,  
and show your support!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY						
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2	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 <b>12th Annual Table Lodge</b> Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	<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						
9	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	10	11	 Masonic Education Ritual Practice 6:30 p.m.	12	13						
14	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 <b>FC</b> Gerald Creadon Jr, Robert Joseph Davis Jr, Craig Marshall Elliott, Justin Wayne Franke, Rodney Wayne Kohler & Luis Robert Then Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	17	 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	18	19						
<b>MASONIC HOME BOARD MEETING</b> 11 a.m. 3201 1st Street NE St. Pete, FL	20	21	22	23	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	24	 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	25	<b>MASTERS &amp; WARDENS MEETING</b> Fellowship Lodge No. 265 • 7 p.m. 306 N. Lincoln Ave. Tampa, FL	26	27
28	29	30										

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# ORDER OF DEMOLAY

## Paul Revere Chapter



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

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shots were fired in the duel, nobody was injured, and the two parties were persuaded by their seconds to discontinue it.

After the war, Pike returned to the practice of law, moving to New Orleans for a time beginning in 1853. He returned to Arkansas in 1857, gaining some amount of prominence in the legal field, but when the Civil War broke out, Pike was commissioned as a brigadier general on November 22, 1861, and given a command in the Indian Territory. Pike trained three Confederate regiments of Indian cavalry. Again, Pike came into conflict with his superior officers, at one point drafting a letter to Jefferson Davis complaining about his direct superior.

Pike first joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in 1840 then had in the interim joined a Masonic Lodge and become extremely active in the affairs of the organization, being elected Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite's Southern Jurisdiction in 1859. He remained Sovereign Grand Commander for the remainder of his life (a total of thirty-two years), devoting a large amount of his time to developing the rituals of the order. Notably, he published a book called *Morals and Dogma of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry* in 1871, of which there were several subsequent editions.

Pike died in Washington, D.C., aged 81, and was buried at Oak Hill Cemetery (against his wishes—he had left instructions for his body to be cremated). In 1944, his remains were moved to the House of the Temple, headquarters of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite. Pike is still regarded in America as an eminent and influential Freemason. 

# ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



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

***Please join your Sisters and Brothers and their families at this year's Honoring Our Brothers (HOB) picnic!***

**What:**

A true picnic, with games and events for kids of all ages!

**When:**

Saturday, September 22, 2012, starting at 2:00 p.m.

**Where:**

Fellowship Lodge, 306 N. Lincoln Ave., Tampa 33609

**Why:**

The get-together is to honor our Brothers, but the FUN planned for the afternoon is an opportunity to socialize with the entire Tampa Bay District!

**What you need to do:**

Make a reservation with your Worthy Matron by Monday, September 17th. This will ensure that we can plan the activities for the groups and know where to put our woman-power to work!

**Hillsborough Lodge: Sally Leon 813-879-4300,  
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