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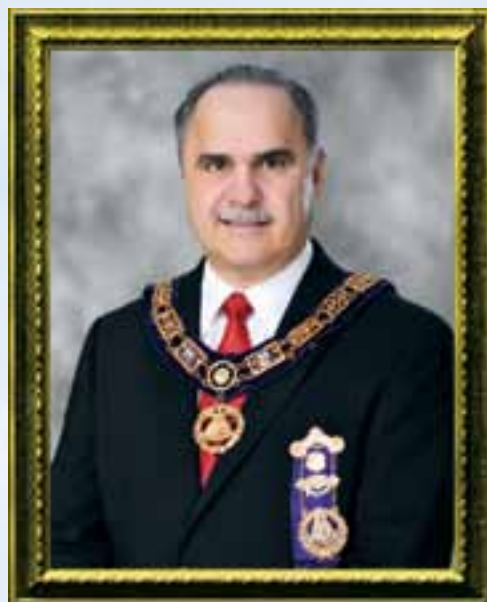
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OCTOBER A.L. 2012

MASONIC SPOTLIGHT: MOST WORSHIPFUL JORGE L. ALADRO

Most Worshipful Jorge L. Aladro was born in Havana, Cuba on January 3, 1955. The first eleven years of his life were spent in Cuba attending primary school, and on July 6, 1967, M.:W.: Aladro and his family arrived in the United States. He received his formal education in California and Florida, attending Muscatel Junior High, Citrus Grove Junior High, Robert E. Lee Junior High, and Miami Senior High School. He continued his education at Miami-Dade Junior College, receiving degrees in HVAC Engineering. M.:W.: Aladro excelled in this field and successfully managed his business until his retirement in 2008.

M.:W.: Aladro's Masonic career began at Florida Keys Lodge No. 336 in Tavernier, Florida, on June 21, 1983. He was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on February 28, 1984, and was given the honor to serve the Lodge as Worshipful Master in January, 1989. He was later appointed DDGM of the 30th Masonic District, currently the 36th District, in 1992 by M.:W.: Richard E. Lynn. He continued his service to our fraternity in the Grand Lodge by serving on the Masonic Home Board of Trustees, Masonic Education, Foreign Relations, Jurisprudence, Grand Marshal 1996 for M.:W.: Michael A. Padron, Jr., and the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Portugal. M.:W.: Aladro was installed as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Florida at the 183rd Grand Communication in 2012.

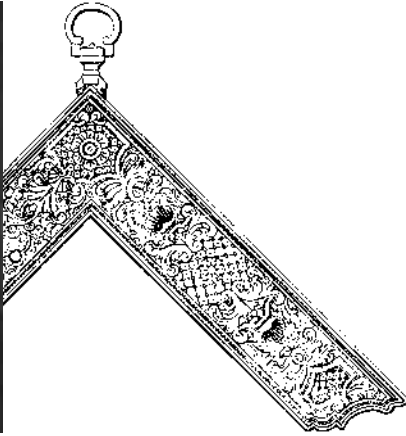


M.:W.: Jorge Aladro has had an impressive Masonic career spanning nearly 30 years. He is particularly interested in and supportive of the various Masonic youth organizations because he understands that they are the vested future of Masonry.

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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,

Thank you to all who attended the 12th Annual Table Lodge. I extend a very special thanks to W.: Walter Schoepf and Brother Karlo Degiacomi for conceptualizing and preparing the seven-course dinner. I am most proud of the Paul Revere Chapter of DeMolay for their table service. For the first time, DeMolay Brothers and Advisors were involved with this annual event and they performed exceptionally well. I am still receiving words of thanks and gratitude from many of our guests.

As we move toward the fall, the holiday season will soon be upon us. It is important for us as Masons to recognize our responsibility to community and family. Our Lodge has been the cornerstone of the Tampa community for many years. We have historically supported our community leaders, teachers, officials, and citizens on every level possible. To this tradition, the Lodge will be honoring the First Responders of Hillsborough County on October 30th. All Brothers who are First Responders of Hillsborough County should plan to attend the evening in uniform with their families. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by presentations in the Lodge room.

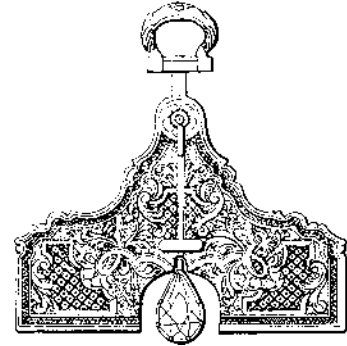
I am very proud to announce that on November 6th the degree work will be led by our beloved Past Masters. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the Entered Apprentice degree will begin at 7:15 p.m. The Past Masters have contributed countless hours to the business and degree work of our Lodge for our betterment and enjoyment. Let's show our thanks and respect by supporting them and attending the degree.

Finally, I remain most proud to be the Master of Hillsborough Lodge. The support and kind words communicated to me throughout the year are a testament to the Brothers that make our Lodge one of the greatest in Freemasonry.

Fraternally,

Joseph Gonzalez
Worshipful Master
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FROM THE WEST



My Brothers,

As we begin the last quarter of 2012, I find myself reflecting upon how great this year has been for our Lodge. I feel blessed to be a part of such a great fraternity; filled with Brothers whom I respect and admire. This year's line of officers has been working tirelessly throughout the year to make sure that the Lodge has run smoothly and we have all enjoyed the fellowship at our communications as well as at our informal gatherings on Thursday evenings.

During the month of September, Hillsborough Lodge held its annual Table Lodge, which was attended by Masons from near and far. Everyone that this Brother has spoken to since that terrific night has lauded the efforts of everyone involved. A good time was had by all and the night was a spectacular success. So much so, that we have decided to begin taking reservations through an advanced reservation system for next year's event.

On September 11th, Hillsborough Lodge welcomed home our very own R.:W.: John Hooker, District Deputy Grand Master of the 22nd Masonic District for his official visit. I would like to thank all the Brothers who were in attendance to support our Brother as he carries the Grand Masters message to this district.

In my travels throughout the several districts in our area as a Zone Chairman and through my involvement in Masters & Wardens, I have met some truly incredible individuals. Many Masons never travel beyond the walls of their own Lodge. Brothers, I highly recommend getting out in the Masonic community. This fraternity offers so many opportunities for Brothers to get involved and meet people who share the same Masonic values and commitments. I have enjoyed the fellowship that comes from my travels and hope that you will also venture out into the Masonic community and experience those things that make this the greatest fraternity in the world.

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FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings, Brothers,

September was a busy month at Hillsborough Lodge #25, with the 12th annual Table Lodge. It was a huge success and was enjoyed by all who attended. The food was outstanding and the fellowship priceless.

September 11th we had the official visit from R.:W.: D.D.G.M. John D. Hooker and his traveling committee. Three members from Hillsborough lodge are on his committee: Brother Drew Baldwin (Wills and Gifts), Brother Bill Cobb (Masonic Youth Activities), and Brother Billy Schmidt (Masonic Coin Sales). If you see these Brothers at Lodge thank them for their service to the Grand Master and our Lodge, and please support their efforts as much as possible.

October 30th will be First Responder's Night at Hillsborough Lodge. If last year was any indication, then this event will be packed. Please make every effort to attend and enjoy the speeches, fellowship with your Brothers, and food.

The year is quickly winding down; as I write this I have about a dozen meals left to cook. If you have any requests for dinners, please email me at: davidliniger@gmail.com, and I will do what I can to make it happen. To date, the only food request/comment I have had is, "There are other flavors of ice cream besides chocolate."

"Be strong in body, clean in mind, lofty in ideals."

— Bro. Dr. James Naismith
Inventor of Basketball
Roswell Lee Lodge A.F.& A.M.
Springfield, MA

Peace, Brothers,

Dave Liniger
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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NOTICE OF SPECIAL OCTOBER MEETING

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October 30th
First Responders Night

OCTOBER 2012						
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Come down to the Lodge,
and show your support!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	 <p>1 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>2 Theodore Francis BALL, Aaron Patrick CRISWELL, Ronald Richard KING, James Francis MUNGOVAN & James Heed NEELEY Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>3 District 22 SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION John Darling Lodge No. 154 • 7 p.m. 4601 N. Habana Ave. Tampa, FL</p>	 <p>4 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p>	 <p>6 Chapter 11 1 p.m.</p>
7	 <p>8 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>9 Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p>	 <p>11 Masonic Education Ritual Practice 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Districts 22 & 23 OUTDOOR DEGREE Masonic Park & Youth Camp • 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 18050 US Hwy 301 S Wimauma, FL 33598</p>
14	 <p>15 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>16 Daniel Antonio Blaise ASTACIO, Jaggwell Everett DAWKINS, Nelson Stephen DIEZ & John Robert MAYE Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p>	 <p>18 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p>	 <p>20 Chapter 11 1 p.m.</p>
21	 <p>22 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>23 Stated Communication Petitions on Mr. Travis ARM- STRONG & Michael DOWD. Vote on re instatement for Bro's Christopher BAJSA & Michael O'KASH Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>24</p>	 <p>25 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>26 MASTERS & WARDENS MEETING Fellowship Lodge No. 265 • 7 p.m. 306 N. Lincoln Ave. Tampa, FL</p>	<p>27</p>
28	 <p>29 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>30 FIRST RESPONDERS NIGHT Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>31 HAPPY  HALLOWEEN</p>			

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ORDER OF DEMOLAY

Paul Revere Chapter



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

The members of Paul Revere Chapter would like to invite you to the 19th annual Knighthood Cotillion on Saturday, October 20th 2012, at the Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center. There will be a DeMolay Initiation and DeMolay Degree during the day, followed by a dinner and installation of the 2012 Illustrious Knight Commander and Priory Princess. Prices are \$15.00 for youth and \$20.00 for adults. Dress is 6th-16th century court dress (costume) or 21st century formal attire.

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At the end of this month, Hillsborough Lodge will have its last family night of the year where we will honor our first responders and anniversary of those Brothers raised in October. I hope you will come out and join your Brothers for this annual event.

I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge in the near future.

Fraternally,

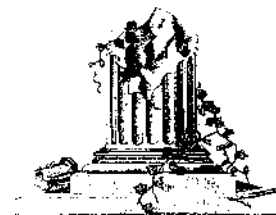
Steven Silvers

Senior Warden

Brother John Guyton 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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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



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

Tampa Chapter No. 11 would like to welcome everyone back after the long summer break.


For our Members: Saturday, October 6 we will celebrate our Grands and Past Grands who will be serving at the meeting that day. We hope our members can attend as a lovely program is planned for the Grands/Past Grands.

For our Members: If you would like to attend a meeting, but need a ride, please call the Secretary — rides can be arranged. And don't forget, we have a working elevator.

For more information about Tampa Chapter No. 11 or the Order of the Eastern Star, please contact:
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M·W· Aladro is a member of Harbor City Lodge No. 318, a Charter Member of Memorial Lodge No. 36 and the 36th District Masters & Wardens Association. He is also a member of the Scottish Rite, 32° KCCH, Valley of Key West, and Miami York Rite Bodies. Among his accomplishments are: Past High Priest of Jericho Chapter No. 11, R.A.M.; Charter High Priest of Island Chapter No. 65, R.A.M.; Past D.D.G.H.P. of the First Capitular District; Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter of Italy; Past Commander of Miami Commandery No. 13, K.T.; Everglades York Rite College; member of Mi-Am-I Grotto; Past President of Upper Keys Shrine Club; Conch Riders Club; Latin Shrine Club; member of Azan Shriners; SRICF; and Allied Masonic Degrees.

M·W· Aladro's is driven to support and work with youth groups, as they are the future of our fraternity. He has served on the Advisory Board for International Order of Rainbow for Girls Florida Keys Assembly No. 143, and is currently the DeMolay State Advisor. In recognition of his passion for Masonic youth, he has been honored with the Grand Cross of Colors and the DeMolay Cross of Honor. 

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