

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

TRESTLE BOARD

NOVEMBER A.L. 2012

MASONIC SPOTLIGHT: HRH BRO. PRINCE PAUL OF ROMANIA

Prior to World War II, Romania had a strong tradition of Freemasonry, but by the end of the war, many north-eastern areas of Romania's territories were occupied by the Soviet Union, and Romania forcibly became a socialist republic and a member of the Warsaw Pact. The Soviet Union, like all totalitarian regimes, viewed Freemasonry as a threat to its authority, and Romanian Freemasonry was driven underground for over forty years until the fall of the Iron Curtain in 1989.

As a philanthropist actively involved in numerous charitable organizations, Prince Paul-Philippe Hohenzollern was naturally interested in reviving Freemasonry and the Order of the Eastern Star in Romania. The Prince sought to find a Lodge that could not only make him a Mason, but also provide some guidance in the reestablishment of proper Masonic Ritual in Romania. It is our good fortune that Prince Paul selected The Grand Lodge of Florida and Hillsborough Lodge No. 25. He was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in our Lodge on October 5, 2002.

Prince Paul's wife, HRH Princess Lia, is also involved in charitable activities. Together they promote "The Prince Paul for Romania Foundation" which was established in 1991. To date, the foundation has donated over 6 million Euros (\$7.8 million) to charities and other worthy causes.



As Masons, we can all be proud to call His Royal Highness Prince Paul-Philippe Hohenzollern of Romania our Brother. He has been a member in good standing of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 for the past ten years, and through his incredibly successful foundation he provides a shining example of Masonic Charity in action.

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,

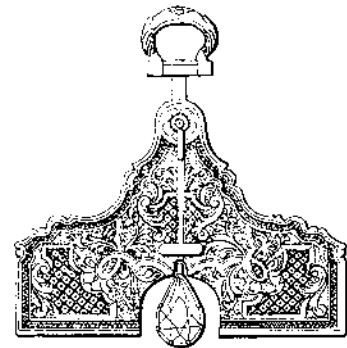
Thank you to Brother David Liniger and W.: Joseph Citro for their effort in coordinating the family night dinner to Honor First Responders of Hillsborough County. The evening was a great success and was attended by Hillsborough County Sheriffs, Florida Highway Patrol, and City of Tampa Police. It was an honor to recognize these individuals for their contribution to our great city and to its citizens.

Brother DiStefano and W.: Harry Cumber have been working diligently on our final project for the year. I am very happy to announce the Hillsborough Lodge No 25 toy drive to benefit the Toys for Tots program supported by the US Marine Corp. Children are the members of our society who have entrusted their future to us, and we as Masons have an obligation to improve the lives of those less fortunate. I implore each and every Brother to bring with them an unwrapped toy to EVERY Lodge meeting, degree, and practice for the month of November. The toys will be collected in the North East corner of the Lodge and will be presented to a representative of Toys for Tots at the stated communication of November 27th, 2012. Each toy must be new, unwrapped, and can be a toy for any age with the following exceptions: anything resembling a weapon (toy guns, knives, etc) or a food item of any kind. At this same meeting, the Lodge will be honoring our Brothers who were raised during the Month of November. Please make an effort to attend this important meeting.

Congratulations to Brother Chris Hutchinson. He has been a member of our Lodge for less than a year, and has presided in the East for all three degrees, in addition to earning his Blue card. Recognition is also in order for Brother Drew Baldwin for earning his Silver Instructors Card. While light is Masonry is a constant, the effort put forth may not be. These Brothers have worked hard to achieve this additional light. Please be sure to extend a vote of encouragement to them for their hard work.

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FROM THE WEST



My Brothers,

It has been a great year thus far at the Lodge. Brothers have been working together on projects inside and outside the building. I am happy to say that the air quality in the Lodge room has greatly improved with the upgrade to the lesser lights. A special thanks is due to Brother Joshua Sussman for his hard work on this project. The new lamps produce no smoke whatsoever. Another two Brothers that have spent a great deal of time at the Lodge are R.:H.: Brian Manne and Brother Jerry Olbrys. They have been refurbishing the front doors and I must say that they look great so far.

I am also pleased to see that Brothers of our Lodge have been venturing out and attending Masonic functions within the districts. Recently, I attended the outdoor degree, put on by Masters & Wardens of Hillsborough County, where our own Worshipful Master sat as King Solomon for the second half of the Master Mason Degree. Several other Hillsborough Lodge Brothers also took part in the second section of this degree. Over 70 Brothers attended the event from our area, and all who attended enjoyed a good time.

With the arrival of November, we'll all be celebrating Thanksgiving very soon. I would like to wish all my Brothers a safe and healthy holiday.

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

Fraternally,

Steven Silvers

Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings, Brothers,

Greetings Brothers, our First Responders Night was a tremendous success, thanks to all the Brothers who assisted in this great event. November will be a busy month at Lodge, but more importantly, it's a time to spend with family and friends. Thanksgiving is more than eating a huge meal and napping it out on the couch while the NFL games play in the background. It's a time to be thankful for all the wonderful things in our lives — our families, friends, health, fraternity, and all the blessings we each receive. The grind of daily life can cause us to just go through the motions, operating on autopilot, not noticing how good we have it in this country.

If you know a brother who will be alone this Thanksgiving, remember you are your Brother's keeper. Invite him to dinner, call him and check on him, keep him in your thoughts and prayers. I have been cooking my families Thanksgiving meal for about 25 years and its one of my favorite meals to cook. It's a wonderful opportunity for me to show my family and relatives how much I love them. Have a safe, happy Thanksgiving, Brothers.

"I don't like the subtle infiltration of 'something for nothing' philosophies into the very hearthstone of the American family. I believe that 'Thou shalt earn the bread by the sweat of thy face' was a benediction and not a penalty. Work is the zest of life; there is joy in its pursuit."

— Bro. Branch Rickey
Baseball Legend
Tuscan Lodge No. 360 A.F.& A.M.
St. Louis, MO, USA

Fraternally,

Dave Liniger

Junior Warden

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Brothers,

As we approach the end of the year, it is time to think about next year. As you have seen by now, we raised the dues for this next year, due to the fact that the Lodge building is in need of repair and upgrading. We are seeing water intrusion in the North wall and even with the assistance of a grant we are still having to spend money to get it repaired. There are still some electrical problems that require attention along with plumbing issues. Remember that this building was built in 1928, and after 80-plus years it is time to fix problems that have developed.

I urge each of you to consider paying your dues as soon as possible. You can pay by sending a check to the lodge or by going to the lodge web site and paying by credit card, either way, you will get credited with paying your dues to this great fraternity.

Come to Lodge, see what is going on and remember that elections will be held on December 11th. This is your Lodge, and you have a voice in who will be leading the Lodge for the upcoming year. Let it be heard by attending and voting for those whom you want to lead.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas C. Newton

Thomas C. Newton, PM, PDI

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Pay Your 2013 Dues Online... Fast & Secure www.hillsborough25.org</p>				 <p>1 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p>	 <p>3 Chapter 11 1 p.m.</p>
<p>4</p>	 <p>5 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>6 EA Past Masters Degree for Messrs. Travis Luke ARMSTRONG, Michael Marques DOWD & Andrew Whitacre SMITH Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>7 District 22 SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION John Darling Lodge No. 154 • 7 p.m. 4601 N. Habana Ave. Tampa, FL</p>	 <p>8 Masonic Education Ritual Practice 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>9 MASONIC YOUTH PARK BOARD MEETING Tampa Lodge No. 240 • 7 p.m. 6920 Chelsea Street Tampa, FL</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p>	 <p>12 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>13 Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p>	 <p>15 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>16 MASTERS & WARDENS MEETING Fellowship Lodge No. 265 • 7 p.m. 306 N. Lincoln Ave. Tampa, FL</p>	 <p>17 Chapter 11 1 p.m.</p>
<p>18 MASONIC HOME BOARD MEETING 11 a.m. 3201 1st Street NE St. Pete, FL</p>	 <p>19 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>20 MM Justin Wayne FRANKE & Luis Robert THEN Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 HAPPY  THANKSGIVING!</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 ZONE SCHOOL & OPEN BOOKS Tampa Scottish Rite 8:30 a.m. 5500 Memorial Drive Tampa, FL</p>
<p>25</p>	 <p>26 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>27 Stated Communication End of Year Reports Toys for Tots Presentation Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>28</p>	 <p>29 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>30</p>	

NOTICE OF SPECIAL NOVEMBER MEETING

Please mark your calendars!

**November 6th
Past Masters EA Degree**

NOVEMBER 2012						
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Left: On behalf of the Craft of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25, W.: Joseph Gonzalez and Senior Warden Steve Silvers present M.:W.: Jorge Aladro, Grand Master of Masons of the State of Florida, with a framed copy of the October 2012 Trestle Board which featured the Grand Master on the cover.



Congratulations to Bro. Christopher Hutchinson for his hat trick! Less than a year after being Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, he has successfully sat in the East to preside over successive Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees. He is pictured here with newly passed Fellow Crafts Luis Robert Then, Rodney Wayne Kohler, Justin Wayne Franke and Robert Joseph Davis, Jr.




This year we are doing a Toys For Tots drive during the month of November. If you are interested in donating a toy then please review the requirements listed below. The donated toys will be presented to a representative for Toys For Tots during the November 27th meeting.

Toys For Tots will accept only new (in the package) & unwrapped toys.

Toys For Tots prefers not to accept realistic looking weapons (Nerf type accepted), video games, anything potentially harmful, gift cards, and gifts with food. If donated, such items will be accepted, but will NOT be distributed.

The age range for gifts should be from Newborn to 12 year old either male or female.

Books, stuffed animals, board games, and puzzles are acceptable gifts. 

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ORDER OF DEMOLAY

Paul Revere Chapter



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

For more information, please contact:

Brother Bill Cobb
Personal Representative to
the Executive Office of DeMolay
813-835-1793

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I extend the warmest wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family. May the blessing of the Great Architect be with you and all who are close to you. Hope to see you in Lodge soon!

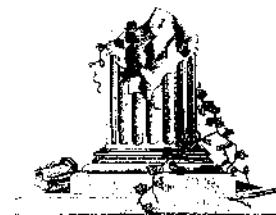
Fraternally,

Joseph Gonzalez

Worshipful Master

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.

SPECIAL EVENT!!!

Join Judy's Star Lights for our Fashion Show and Vendor Fair

Sunday, November 25 at 1:00 p.m.

at Star Lodge in Largo
1145 Highland Avenue, Largo, FL 33770

Fashions, Jewelry, Tee Shirts, Pottery, Purses/Bags, Baked Goods and more!



Vendor Tables Available - \$15

Gift Wrapping

Tickets \$9.35+.65 tax = \$10 (Includes a Box Lunch)

Everyone is welcome – For tickets or more information, contact Sandra Johnson at the number below.

TAMPA CHAPTER NO. 11

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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Lodge Toy Drive for the Holidays



We are now collecting holiday gifts for our annual Toys for Tots donation. Please bring new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls to the Lodge by Tuesday, November 27th.