

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

# TRESTLE BOARD

FEBRUARY A.L. 2013

## MASONIC SPOTLIGHT: W.: GEORGE WASHINGTON

Brother Washington was born in Westmoreland County, Colony of Virginia on February 11, 1731, according to the then used Julian calendar; however, as all the colonies adopted the Gregorian calendar, his birth date was moved to February 22, 1732. He adopted the Anglican/Episcopal religion, and was married to Martha Dandridge Custis Washington. Although home schooled, Brother Washington went on to be the Commander in Chief of the Continental Army, the President of the Constitutional Convention, and later the first President of the United States. He is known as "The Father of His Country," and in recognition of his accomplishments, his face is carved on Mount Rushmore, and printed on the one-dollar bill and quarter. He served two



terms in office with no party affiliation from 1789 to 1797, with his Vice President, John Adams.

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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



My Brothers,

I Would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Brothers, their family members and friends who attended the 2013 Installation of Officers. The event was a great success. I would also like to give special thanks to W.: Joe Gonzalez, who planned this function from start to finish. It truly was a great day and one that the installed officers will never forget.

This month, Hillsborough Lodge will once again join with the Brothers of John Darling Lodge No. 154 for our Annual Presidents Day Picnic. This event is shaping up to be the best yet. Not only will our two Lodges be hosting the picnic as we always have, but we will also be joined by five other Lodges as well. Our Brothers from Holyrood Lodge, Universal Lodge, High Twelve Lodge, Palma Ceia Lodge and Fellowship Lodge will all be participating in this year's event. I hope you will join us on Saturday, February 16th from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at John Darling Lodge. Feel free to bring the whole family as we will have fun games for everyone.

Also this month, our very own R.: W.: John D. Hooker, District Deputy Grand Master of the 22nd Masonic District will be making his second official visit of the year. I ask all Brothers to make your best effort to attend on that evening to support your Lodge.

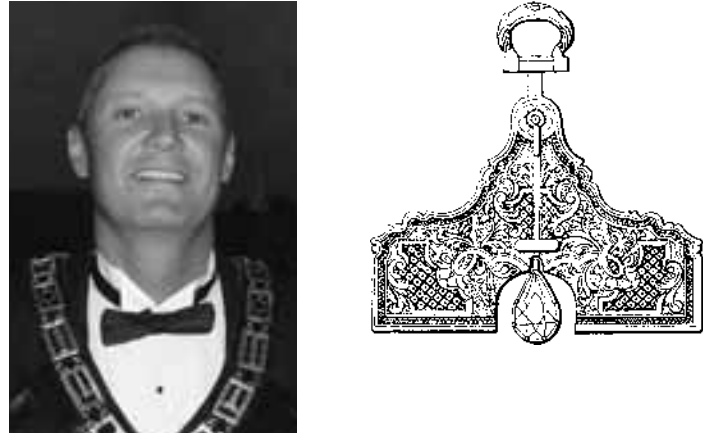
I look forward to seeing you all at a meeting in the very near future.

Fraternally,

*Steven J. Silvers*

Worshipful Master

## FROM THE WEST



My Brothers,

Due to trestle board submission deadlines, I do not have any information to report from the finance committee yet. I should have a report by the first business meeting in February and will include a brief summary in next month's trestle board. The next Finance meeting will be February 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the past masters office; I cordially invite all who wish to attend.

As officers of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25, we are constantly at labor to try to improve our lodge ever mindful of the traditions and work of past officers. However, we own no monopoly on ideas for further improvements. Any Brother with any comments or ideas, please approach any officer at lodge or e-mail me at: davidliniger@gmail.com. We certainly welcome your ideas.

Our Lodge is here for all members and every dues paying member has a stake in the direction of the lodge, we all came into the fraternity worthy and well qualified, please share your talents. Anyone wishing to serve Hillsborough No. 25 in any capacity will be welcomed with open arms, help with refreshment, get your silver card, or just attend meetings and spread Brotherly love and affection. I wish you all a very Happy Valentine's Day and hope to see you at as many meetings as you can make.

Peace Brothers.

Fraternally,

*David S. Liniger*

Senior Warden

## FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings Brethren All,

The first month has quickly come and gone, and there are great meals flowing from the kitchen. It is a real pleasure to feed the hungry and quench the thirsty. While this is a great and important undertaking, we must first remember to be kind to one another and to walk upright before God and all mankind. It is ever important to remember that we must continue to grow our minds and practice what the three Degrees of our beloved Blue Lodge teach us.

Masonic education is extremely important and prepares us for the degree work. Our District School of Instruction is held the 1st Wednesday of every month at John Darling Lodge No. 154. This is a great platform to learn and even participate in floor work. Also there will be a Zone School of Instruction held at the Valley of Tampa Scottish Rite on March 23, 2013. The books are open to Master Masons. Finally the Masonic Zone Workshops prepare us to conduct the business of the Lodge and learn the practices of being an officer. These are great and important means of becoming better men; assisting us in our charitable contributions to our church, fellow man, and community.

Our Worshipful Master desires for us to work together on this year's Paint Your Heart Out project. This will require us as brothers to come together to paint a fellow Tampa citizen's Home. There is nothing more important than a persons home, and it is our Masonic Duty to be involved with community needs by working with the Worshipful Master to fulfill this important undertaking.

Fraternally,

*Clifford M. Allen*

Junior Warden

## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Brothers,

With great sadness, I must report that W.: William D. "Shorty" Powell, Jr., our Musician Emeritus and Senior Past Master (1959), passed to the Celestial Lodge above on January 19, 2013. Masonic Chapel Services were held for Shorty on February 2, 2013. He will be greatly missed.

If you haven't paid your dues for 2013, send a check or go to the web site at [www.hillsborough25.org](http://www.hillsborough25.org) and pay them through PayPal. Better yet, come to the lodge, acquaint yourself with the brothers and the Masonic work, and you can pay your dues by check or cash while there. Don't forget that the Masonic Home is your home and the additional \$7.30 goes to keep that home as one of the finest, if not the best, health care facilities in the State of Florida.

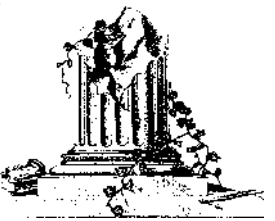
Respectfully Submitted,

*Thomas C. Newton*

Thomas C. Newton, PM, PDI

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 contact the Lodge Chaplain Joshua Sussman at (813) 735-0909. He will inform the Lodge Secretary so he can make Masonic Funeral arrangements and send out the Widows' Certificate.



# FEBRUARY

A.L. 2013

















# NOTICE OF SPECIAL FEBRUARY MEETING

Please mark your calendars!

**February 26th**  
**D.D.G.M. Official Visit**

FEBRUARY 2013						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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24	25	26	27	28		

*Come down to the Lodge,  
and show your support!*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2  Chapter 11 1 p.m.
3	4  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	5  FC Called Communication  Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	6 <b>District 22 SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION</b> John Darling Lodge No. 154 • 7 p.m. 4601 N. Habana Ave. Tampa, FL	7  Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	8	9 <b>HIGH TWELVE LODGE NO. 317</b> Lunch at 11 a.m. Meeting at Noon
10 <b>MASONIC HOME BOARD MEETING</b> 11 a.m. 3201 1st Street NE St. Pete, FL	11  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	12  Stated Communication  Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	13	14   <b>HAPPY VALENTINES DAY</b>	15	16  Chapter 11 1 p.m.  <b>PRESIDENTS DAY PICNIC</b> John Darling Lodge No. 154 • 2 p.m.
17	18  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	19  FC Called Communication  Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	20	21  Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	22 <b>MASTERS &amp; WARDENS MEETING</b> Fellowship Lodge No. 265 • 7 p.m. 306 N. Lincoln Ave. Tampa, FL	23  Chapter 11 1 p.m.  <b>INSTALLATION OF 2013 OFFICERS</b> Open to All
24	25  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	26  Stated Communication  <b>D.D.G.M. OFFICIAL VISIT</b>  Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	27	28  Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.		

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# MASONIC EDUCATION

## Lifting the Veil, Esoteric Masonic Thought on Initiation - Part 2

by Bro. Bruce Nevin

The philosopher Søren Kierkegaard wrote a small book titled purity of heart is to will one thing. What is it to purify the heart, and so to will one thing? Surely, it is to know what you want. What is your hearts desire? But that simple question what do you want? Is much easier to ask than to answer.

We all have so many desires for and against this and that, jostling and competing with one another. We are like young Aladdin, who found an old lamp from which, when he rubbed to clean it, emerged a powerful genie. Only when we make a wish, a suggestion to our subconscious, and the spirit turns to do our bidding, another voice within cries no wait! And substitutes a different wish, and then another, and so that mighty servant can only spin around like a whirlwind, doing nothing productive and maybe even knocking things over by accident.

All these competing voices, where do they come from? All our lives we have collected shoulds and shouldn'ts musts and cannots, like barnacles. Advertising and media suggest that we will feel happy and fulfilled if we have this or that possession to represent ourselves to others with the trappings of style and success. That smiling man, that smooth skinned, poised woman, they cannot possibly suffer the frustrations and petty conflicts that I have to deal with, and if I were successful like them it would all be smooth sailing for me too! That's not quite like rubbing dirt off an old lamp. Its more like a courtship. It takes time, and persistence, and you have to care.

Masonry communicates by symbol and allegory. What does this mean? Even though words are spoken in the ritual, they refer to symbols which communicate non verbally. We must read them the way illiterate people read stained glass and statuary in the middle ages. Our rituals represent to us, duly assembled with our brethren, what it is to be a mason. They display a pattern on the trestle board. These symbolic and allegorical representations are suggestive. As we pay attention to our Masonic rituals repeatedly, consistently in certain places and at certain regular times, workmen of the subconscious reconstitute us according to that pattern, building the temple not made with hands.

*To be continued...*


*"Masonic Spotlight" continued from page 1*

Initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason in the Lodge of Fredericksburg, Virginia, in November of 1752, he was Passed in March and Raised in August of 1753 in that same Lodge. He was proud of his membership, saying, "The object of Freemasonry is to promote the happiness of the human race," and in 1788 served as first Master of what is now known as Alexandria-Washington Lodge.

It was perhaps inevitable that, after Washington's magnificent contributions to the nation during the Revolutionary period, he should be named a Virginia Delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1787, where as Presiding Officer he played a key role in the success of the Convention and ultimately became our first President in 1789. Washington thus became the first Master of a Masonic Lodge to become President, holding, for a time, both that high office and that of Worshipful Master of his Lodge, a rare distinction indeed. Washington's words upon becoming President reflect well his philosophy: "Integrity and firmness are all that I can promise." What more could a nation ask?

From the very beginning, Masonry has been closely associated with the history of our nation. And never more dramatically evidenced than in 1793 when, wearing a Masonic apron presented to him by General Lafayette and embroidered by Madame Lafayette, Washington in a Masonic ceremony laid the cornerstone of the United States Capitol at Washington, D.C.

Washington had a deep sense of national union. In a response to an address of Charleston, South Carolina, Masons, he said: "The fabric of our freedom is placed on the enduring basis of public virtue, and will, I fondly hope, long continue to protect the prosperity of the architects who raised it." In Washington's famous Farewell Address on his retirement from public life, he emphasized that the responsibility for America's destiny rests directly upon its citizens, and he urged Americans to forge a nation of high principles: "Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all. Religion and morality enjoin this conduct."

W.: Washington passed to the celestial Lodge above on December 14, 1799 in Mount Vernon, Virginia. He served both God and man with the firmness of his convictions. During the darkest days of the Revolution and the cruel winter at Valley Forge, it was Washington who stood firm in the face of adversity and knelt for prayer in the snow to reaffirm his faith in God and seek divine assistance in the justice of his cause. As his hope was in God, so must we, too, place our hope in God. Washington carried in his heart the ideals of liberty, justice and freedom. As Masons, we must likewise carry forward those same ideals. 

Sources: W.: Joseph A. Gonzalez; William E. Parker in *Masonic America*, 1976.

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# ORDER OF DEMOLAY

## Paul Revere Chapter



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

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Incoming Master W.: Steven J. Silvers presents Junior Past Master W.: Joseph A. Gonzalez with his Past Master's apron.

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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 invite everyone to our Open Installation of Officers on February 23, 2013. Come join us as we start the 2013-2014 year. The meeting is at 1:00 p.m. with refreshments to follow. All are welcome!

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.

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Billy D. Schmidt . . . . .Junior Deacon  
John A. "Drew" Baldwin . . . . .Senior Steward  
Michael St. James . . . . .Junior Steward  
Christopher Hutchinson . . . . .Marshall  
Joshua Sussman . . . . .Chaplain  
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