

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

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MASONIC SPOTLIGHT: JOSHUA SUSSMAN

Bro. Joshua Alan Sussman was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1951. Having moved to Tampa later in his life, Josh attended classes at the University of South Florida where he both studied and was active in theatre. He has starred in many roles in many cities throughout the years, but his favorite has been playing the lead role in the production of "Fiddler on the Roof," a musical based on a book by Joseph Stein set in Tsarist Russia in 1905.

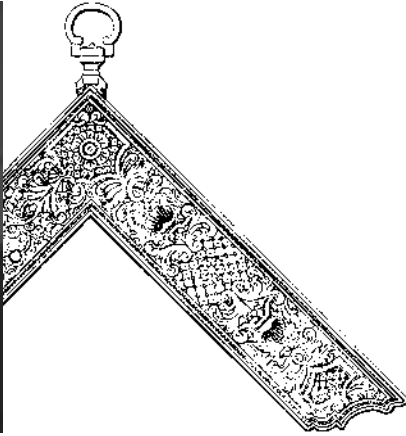
Brother Sussman was Initiated an Entered Apprentice on January 3rd, 1995, Passed to the degree of Fellow Craft on April 4th, 1995, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 2nd, 1995. Josh has been an active Brother at Hillsborough Lodge for many years. He is proficient in all three degrees, delivers the Master Mason Lecture and serves as our Chaplain. A position that he has served in for three other Worshipful Masters throughout the years.



Joshua has also been directly responsible for many additions and improvements to the Lodge over the years. The illuminated stained glass letter "G" that hangs in the East was designed and constructed by Brother Sussman. He also built the sliding stained glass windows that separate the kitchen and the dining room. Most recently, Josh was responsible for constructing the Chapters and Capitols that adorn the columns in our lobby and in our Lodge room. He also recently refurbished the lesser lights, which will extend their usefulness to the Lodge for many years to come. Brother Sussman is very talented not only as a performer, but in working with set design and construction as well. His creative repertoire has been a great gift to the Brethren of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 through his excellent ritual and the many enhancements that adorn our beautiful Lodge building.

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,

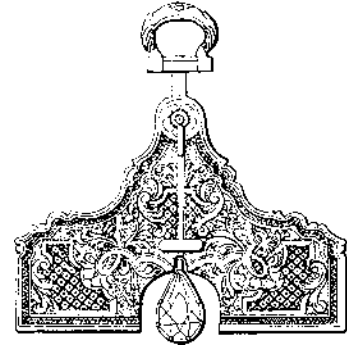
What is a Blue Lodge, and what is our purpose? Simply stated, the mission of a Blue Lodge is to “make Masons.” A Blue Lodge is, in fact, the only place in the world that you can be made a Mason. Our general calling as Masons, is to seek out, from the general population at large, men of the finest character, greatest intellect and most honorable intention to partake with us our special and unique brand of moral instruction. We seek those, who seek us. If we offer nothing to distinguish us from other organizations, then we will surely be passed by. On the other hand, if we pro-actively recruit, then we will attract too many who have neither the interest nor the initiative to apply themselves to our ways. Those individuals who, drawn to Masonry through thoughts of glamour and intrigue, will not participate properly in our usual customs.

Although it is impossible to find only those of pure intent, we can attract men who desire what we offer. By a thorough investigation, examination and their own demonstration of self discipline, we enjoy a greater probability of allowing in men who fulfill our needs as we fulfill theirs. Only then, do we have the building blocks to begin to make that man a better man. Success begins when that man takes the lessons learned in Lodge and incorporates them into his own heart and conscience. By focusing on this goal, we create a better world — one man at a time.

Last month on February 9th, I had the opportunity to attend the Paul Revere Chapter of DeMolay Installation of officers held in our Lodge room. What a fantastic program they provided. It was an honor to be invited to be seated in the East along with our District Deputy Grand Master, John Hooker. Thank you to the several Hillsborough Lodge Brothers who dedicate your time and energy to the benefit of these boys. The Grand Master has designated March as Masonic Youth Month. This month, the Lodge will be providing support to our local Masonic youth programs.

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FROM THE WEST



My Brothers,

I reviewed the end of the year books from our accounting firm, and everything appears to be in order, according to current accounting practices. The building and property committee have been very busy. On slate for this year, are skylight replacement, stained glass repair and cleaning, new altar and new tile around altar, repointing the mortar on the north wall of our building, and new carpet in the Lodge room (carpet is W·M· project).

By the time you receive this issue of the Trestle Board, the grant application will be submitted to the Hillsborough County Historic Preservation Board for review. We received a grant last year and hopefully will receive another one this year through the supreme efforts of Brother Brian O’Hair. I have seen how much work is involved in the process and Brother O’Hair deserves huge thanks from every Brother of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25. Brother Jason Sampson, Esq. is working with our neighbors who own the parking lot to get a resolution allowing us to repoint the building in the very near future; he also deserves our thanks for his efforts.

As the construction projects progress, I will report to the Craft at every business meeting. If any Brother has any opinions or anything at all to offer, please attend the meetings and participate in the discussions. The next finance and property meeting will be on March 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the Past Masters’ office. Hope to see you there! I hope your Valentine’s Day went well and look forward to seeing you in March.

Peace Brothers.

David S. Liniger
Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings from the South, Brethren All,

I want to thank all the Brethren for coming out and supporting our Degree work this month. I am sure you are all aware that we have received high marks for desire to put on such amazing Degree work. It is an awesome experience to work side by side with those who can best work and agree. It is also a great sight to see the brothers pour the oil of joy into the hearts of those who need our support.

Masonic Charity — We must never forget that the first call of our resources is for our members who are in need, and their widows and orphans. Organized Masonic charities, no matter how worthy, can never replace this primary duty that we, as Masons, owe. That being said, it is also important to remember that our Masonic charities have great power because when we work together to achieve common goals anything is possible. Please do not forget our Masonic Home and those they care for. And we must not forget the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) which is our flagship charity and provides the latest, state-of-the-art research into the prevention and cure of heart disease, the number one killer of men and women today.

I would like to remind the Brethren that it is always a great pleasure to nourish and quench the Brethren of Hillsborough with good hot meals, veggies and fantastic desserts. Please come on down to Lodge and enjoy the Friendship and Brotherly Love.

Thank you brethren,

Clifford M. Allen
Junior Warden

FROM THE SECRETARY’S DESK



Brothers,


As we forge into another year, we continue to serve you the Craft in the secretary’s office. As you may be aware, it is my duty and obligation to the Lodge to keep up on all the changes that affect the operation of the Lodge and effect each of you as members of this great fraternity. The officers of the Lodge are charged with running the Lodge, and the secretary is charged with seeing that those items which need to be filed with Grand Lodge or the State or Federal Government are done so correctly and in a timely manner.

By the time this article reaches each of you, the annual report will have been completed and returned to Grand Lodge. This is a time-consuming effort, and we have to check each name and member number against what Grand Lodge shows to ensure that we are credited with the proper number of members in our Lodge, and that we will pay the proper amount in per capita tax to the Grand Lodge.

If you haven’t paid your dues for 2013, please take the time to send them in. The dues amount is \$180.00 and we always suggest that you contribute to the Masonic Home Endowment Fund by adding the \$7.30 to your dues for a total of \$187.30. Each year, Hillsborough Lodge is at the top of the list of lodges which meet or surpass the 100% mark for our contributions to the Masonic Home. Please assist us in keeping up this high standard that we have set for ourselves. Remember you can pay your dues ONLINE at www.hillsborough25.org using the secure PayPal link; it’s easy, and you can continue to support your Lodge and all the good works it does.

Check your calendar and make it a point to come to Lodge. You don’t have to come every week, but come down and

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2  Chapter 11 1 p.m.
3	4  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	5  MM Called Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	6 District 22 SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION John Darling Lodge No. 154 • 7 p.m. 4601 N. Habana Ave. Tampa, FL	7  Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	8	9 HIGH TWELVE LODGE NO. 317 Lunch at 11 a.m. Meeting at Noon
10	11  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m. REMEMBRANCE & RENEWAL Scottish Rite • 7:00 p.m.	12  Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	13	14  Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	15	16  Chapter 11 1 p.m. MASONIC HOME PILGRIMAGE DAY
17 MASONIC HOME BOARD MEETING 11 a.m. 3201 1st Street NE St. Pete, FL	18  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	19  EA Called Communication Mr. Michael Joseph HUSTER & others who have been elected. Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	20	21  Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	22	23
24 31	25  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	26  Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	27	28  Masonic Education 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee 6:30 p.m.	29 MASTERS & WARDENS MEETING Fellowship Lodge No. 265 • 7 p.m. 306 N. Lincoln Ave. Tampa, FL	30

NEWS FROM
THE KITCHEN

Our Junior Warden, Cliff Allen (assisted by his lovely wife Holly), has been doing an excellent job of preparing meals for the Brethren this year!

If any, Brother would like to give Cliff a break by cooking a meal, please don't hesitate to contact Cliff at (813) 952-4423 to make arrangements. Thanks in advance!

Table Lodge



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MASONIC EDUCATION

A Half-Cup Treatise

by R.: H.: Brian H. Manne

Some years ago, the Past Masters of A.W. Windhorst Lodge No. 185 donated a framed print named *Les Cinq Ordres d'Architecture* to the Lodge, where it hung on the wall at the top of the stairs near the Tyler's station. As I studied its curious intricacies, it had a compelling effect on me. I took a real liking to it; so much so that I had a frame shop dismount it so I could have copies made to use during the Fellow Craft lecture.

This amazing drawing of the five orders of architecture is itself a work of art, drawn in ink by an unknown artist who must have toiled night and day, and who had an innate understanding of detail and proportion. The poster beautifully illustrates each distinctive style along with their purpose and use. Discerning the elements of the pillars, their bases, capitals and entablatures, we may wonder how to plumb a column into perfect conformity.



An ancient method, which makes quick work thereof, now just as then, is to suspend a lead weight, or "plumb bob," from a string and tripod positioned some distance away. Simply then make marks in the center of the column, top and bottom, and align them with the perfectly plumb string. Masonically, the plumb inculcates rectitude of conduct or moral uprightness. Uprightness, with regard to columns, can be difficult due to the tapering shaft of the pillar, an architectural term known as "entasis," giving the illusion of even greater height and grandeur when viewed up close.

Notice how if you take a pair of compasses and measure the column at its widest diameter nearest the base, the height of the order will always be 8, 9, or 10 times that dimension. Thus you have the ratio to determine the correct width and height for any particular application. For example, a 30-inch-wide column in the Corinthian order should be 300 inches, or 25 feet, in overall height. At a right angle to the plumb line of the pillar rests the entablature — some very ornate, some very simplistic, but all with three elements: the architrave, frieze and cornice. Their details may include an iteration of dentils or modillions for shadow, or a simple triglyph prevalent in the Doric order.

Endeavoring to erect these columns and pilasters, "a half column abutting a wall," one must have a mastery of the working tools of Masonry. They are the tools of free men. By their use, they prove the properties of nature and science, and liberate the soul from the ignorance and bondage of tyranny.

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The ancient orders of architecture we revere as Masons are the original three — the Ionic, Doric and Corinthian — which were invented by the Greeks. They are appropriated to particular stations in the Lodge. The Ionic is in the East representing wisdom, the Doric in the West representing strength, and the Corinthian in the South represents beauty, completing the triumvirate that in the Lodge there may be wisdom to contrive, strength to support, and beauty to adorn.

The other two orders, the Tuscan and Composite, were contrived by the ancient Romans by borrowing elements from the original three orders and combining them in a whimsical manner. It has been written that the Tuscan represents a less evolved soul — a man not yet enlightened — and the Composite is one who has achieved a mastery of himself and his passions, worthy of an exalted afterlife.

There is a plan and symmetry within which the orders fit into a scheme based on increments, modules and proportions, and this is what the Greeks had in mind when they created the orders of architecture touched on in the Fellow Craft lecture during the explanation of the senses with which we perceive the beauties of Freemasonry and the order the Lodge embodies in society. You may take notice of how these orders are used in government buildings, particularly for the executive, legislative and judicial branches.

There are many other different and quite beautiful types of columns found throughout the world. In the western world, we relate to the original Greek orders from which some of our speculative work is derived.

In ancient Masonry, it has been said that the Tower of Babel was the allegory. In either case, these were the highest achievements of mankind as an offering, perhaps arrogantly, to his Creator, and which have all succumbed to the destruction of the ages.

Anything so envied and perfect is prone to destruction or neglect as so many splendid works of art bear testament. During times of civil unrest or chaos, the first pillar to fall is the pillar of beauty. A society can survive without beauty, but will be unable to define itself beyond a drab and desperate existence. The pillar of strength is next, toppled by more strength. Finally, the pillar of wisdom is demolished and the enlightened are forced to retreat to their profound recesses like mercury to a crevice. An unknown and unseen select few will always be ready to guide our steps, actions and intellect so that the triumph of reason may prevail eternally, and our great and exalted Brotherhood shall flourish to cast its peculiar light unto its future adherents. 

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ORDER OF DEMOLAY

Paul Revere Chapter



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For more information, please contact:

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the Executive Office of DeMolay
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On Monday, March 11th, the Scottish Rite will once again conduct the ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. This year, the presiding officer will again be a Hillsborough Lodge Brother. W.: Joseph Gonzalez will be presiding in the East for this program, and I hope you will have the opportunity to come and join us for this moving and meaningful ceremony.

Be well my Brothers. I hope to see you at a Stated Communication or Degree night in the near future.

Fraternally,

Steven J. Silvers

Worshipful Master

"From the Secretary's Desk" continued from page 3

meet the new Brethren and renew acquaintances with those of us who are older. Don't just be a member, be a Brother.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas C. Newton

Thomas C. Newton, PM, PDI

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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 congratulate the incoming, newly elected officers who were installed on February 23, 2013 for the 2013-2014 year.

Worthy Matron Dayna Dye

Worthy Patron Joseph Citro, PP

Associate Matron Barbara Sarner, PM

Associate Patron Terry McLaughlin, PGP

Secretary Sandra Johnson, PM

Treasurer Elaine Brandl, PM

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Associate Conductress Jamie Faulconer

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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