

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

TRESTLE BOARD

MAY A.L. 2013

MASONIC SPOTLIGHT: LEN WHALEN, CHAPLAIN EMERITUS

Brother Leonard M. Whalen was born in Germantown — Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on August 10, 1922. He attended LaSalle High School and College where he lettered in swimming, football and track, once running against Jesse Owens in the Penn Olympics. Like most young men of that time, after the start of World War II, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps, proudly serving the country he loved. After twenty-two months of service in the Pacific Theater, he was assigned to Drew Field in Tampa as a military policeman. After his discharge he remained in Tampa, married his sweetheart, started a family and became a well known businessman.

Len petitioned Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 and subsequently was initiated an Entered Apprentice on November 04, 1969, passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on February 17, 1970 and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on April 21, 1970. He was installed as Chaplain of the Lodge on December 29, 1970. He continued to serve in that capacity for 22 years. By proclamation in 1992, he was named "Chaplain Emeritus" He continued to serve as Chaplain whenever called upon to do so by all future Worshipful Masters. Brother Len was also instrumental in securing all the early pictures of our Worshipful Masters that hang in the

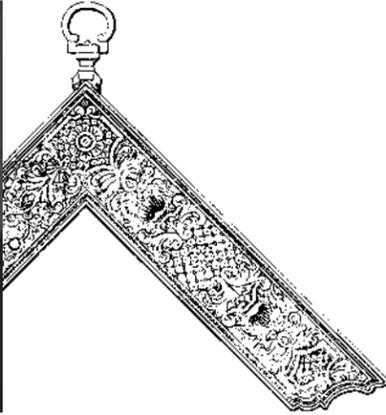


Bro. Leonard M. Whalen served as Hillsborough Lodge No. 25's Chaplain for 22 years before being honored with the title Chaplain Emeritus. Len loved the Blue Lodge and was an enthusiastic supporter of the Egypt Temple Shrine.

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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,

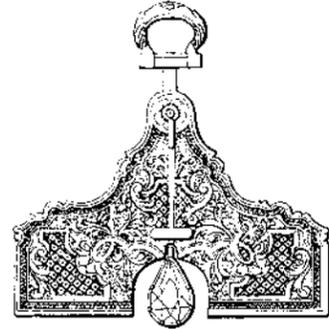
I have the sad duty to inform the Craft at large who may not have already heard, about the passing of our Chaplain Emeritus, Brother Leonard Whalen. Brother Whalen passed to the Celestial Lodge Above on Tuesday, April the 9th and his Masonic Memorial Service was held at the Blount & Curry Funeral Home on April the 20th. There will also be a service held at the Bushnell National Cemetery, the date of which was not available at the time of this publication. Brother Whalen will be missed by all who had the pleasure to know him. He was active at Hillsborough Lodge as well as at the Egypt Temple Shrine. God's Speed, Len.

April was a busy month at the Lodge with our usual degree nights, regular Stated Communications and our second Family Night of this year. During the month of April, I also had the honor of presenting R·H· Tom Newton with his 40 year service pin and certificate. It has been a pleasure to have had the opportunity to receive several guests from several Lodges over the past month, including R·W· G. Donald Gruchy. R·W· Gruchy is the past Deputy Grand Master of New Brunswick F&AM and the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the State of Florida.

The month of May is always a busy month for Masons throughout Florida. This year's Grand Lodge will be held from May 27th to May 29th. Due to this schedule, the Stated Communication on Tuesday, May 28th will be cancelled due to all elected officers attending this communication. Remember Brothers that this year's Table Lodge will be held on Tuesday, September the 3rd. I am pleased to report that this year's dinner will once again be prepared by W· Walter Shoupf. Tickets are available through the Secretaries office as well as from any officer. They are also available online with a credit card on our website, www.hillsborough25.org. We hope to see you all there.

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FROM THE WEST



My Brothers,

The finance and property committee met on March 28th with our investment manager Mike Cichon giving a presentation. He recommended that we move \$30,000 from our fixed income account into a balanced risk allocation fund. The board approved the move, and it should allow us to better position the funds to match the prevailing economic environment.

Our insurance agent Brother Wilkinson made a presentation for the renewal of all our policies; the board approved it, and thanks are due to Brother Wilkinson for his hard work arranging to get all of our policy renewals on the same date.

By the time you get this Trestle Board, the Lodge room should be re carpeted, including under the chairs. This is the Worshipful Master's project for the year and certainly is needed. The repointing of the North wall of our building has been stalled as we are unable to come to an agreement with the parking lot owners. I will report to the Craft any positive movement at each business meeting.

The officers have been working very hard and sitting in higher chairs for the degrees, thanks to all for their efforts. Congratulations to R·H· Tom Newton on his 40-year pin, I greatly appreciate your service to our fraternity for so many years and especially to me for all the help you have given over the years. If you have not come to Lodge in a while, come in May and check out the new carpet.

Hope to see you at Grand Lodge!

"If you have knowledge let others light their candles with it."

— Winston Churchill
Freemason

Fraternally,

David S. Liniger

Senior Warden

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FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings from The South, Brethren All,

I would like to thank the brothers for the kind words regarding the Oreo Truffles Last month; there was lots of hard work and Brotherly love put into that desert. Feeding the hungry and quenching the thirsty is a top priority for my office this year, and many great new meals are coming our way.

Second, we must always be mindful of our Masonic Education...

How did the words "Free" and "Accepted" originate? The ancient craftsmen were very skilled, and their craft was considered to be indispensable to the welfare of both Church and State. For this reason, they were not placed under the same restrictions as were other workers. They were "free" to do their work, travel and live their lives in a manner which befitted their importance. Back in old England, this type of liberty was rare. Most workers were under bond to the owners of the land on which they worked.

We believe this freedom for the operative Mason dates back to the year AD 946. The word "accepted" also goes back to the time of the operative Mason. During the latter years of the Middle Ages, there were few educated men outside the monasteries of the world. Naturally, men wanted to become Freemasons to obtain the advantages the craft had to offer. These men did not necessarily want to build buildings; they wanted to belong to the organization. These were "accepted" Masons, rather than "operative" Masons.

This practice, probably originated when some of the people, for whom craftsmen were working, asked to be admitted and, therefore, the practice grew with time. This was a big boost to Masonry, because the secrets of building trades were becoming more widely known, architecture was changing and our membership was declining.

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Brothers,

If you haven't paid your dues for 2013, send a check or go to the web site at 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.

If you hear that any of our Brothers who have passed to the Celestial Lodge Above, please contact the Lodge Chaplain, Joshua Sussman, at (813) 735-0909 or 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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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!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 District 22 SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION John Darling Lodge No. 154 • 7 p.m. 4601 N. Habana Ave. Tampa, FL	2  Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	3	4  Chapter 11 1 p.m. DDGM ROAST Zendah Grotto 6 p.m. 4109 N. Lauber Way Tampa, FL
5 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	6 	7  FC Called Communication Daniel Antonio Astacioi & any other Brothers who are ready. Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	8	9  Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	10	11 HIGH TWELVE LODGE NO. 317 Lunch at 11 a.m. Meeting at Noon
12 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	13 	14  Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	15	16 	17 MASTERS & WARDENS MEETING Fellowship Lodge No. 265 • 7 p.m. 306 N. Lincoln Ave. Tampa, FL	18  Chapter 11 1 p.m.
19 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	20 	21  EA Called Communication Messrs. Paul Edmond Cimino, Clinton Charles Hobbs & John Nuri Us Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	22	23  Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	24	25
26 MASONIC HOME BOARD MEETING as part of 184th GRAND COMMUNICATION Rosen Plaza Hotel Orlando, FL	27 Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the State of Florida 184th GRAND COMMUNICATION Rosen Plaza Hotel Orlando, FL	28 Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the State of Florida 184th GRAND COMMUNICATION Rosen Plaza Hotel Orlando, FL	29 Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the State of Florida 184th GRAND COMMUNICATION Rosen Plaza Hotel Orlando, FL	30  Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	31	

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Table Lodge

Is Coming! Sept. 3rd
Don't miss this fun event!

MASONIC EDUCATION

The Magic Flute

by Bro. Newcomb Condee 33°

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was twenty-eight years of age when, in the autumn of 1784, he joined a Masonic Lodge. As a pianist, little Wolfgang had been an infant prodigy, exhibited by his father throughout Europe, but he was now a recognized and admired composer living in Vienna. The very year of his initiation his first great opera, The Marriage of Figaro, had been produced in Paris. This was, however, before the days of copyright law and the earnings of genius were meager.

During the eighteenth century, Freemasonry in Vienna had a political as well as a benevolent side. It counted as its members many highly placed politicians and ecclesiastics whose ideal was the regeneration of humanity by moral means. It was hated by the Catholic Church and certain despotic political authorities who deemed it dangerous, both to religion and the well being of the state. The Church, however, even as today in certain Latin countries, did not consider it expedient to challenge high-placed persons nominally its members but also of the Fraternity.

The Empress Maria Theresa had been one who was opposed to Masonry and, in 1743, had ordered a Viennese Lodge raided, forcing its Master and her husband, Francis I, to make his escape by a secret staircase. The Emperor Joseph II (1780-90) was favourably inclined to the Fraternity, although the clergy did their best to get the Lodges suppressed.

Such was the Masonic milieu when Wolfgang Mozart became a Master Mason. He must have been greatly moved and inspired by his experience. Almost immediately he composed his Freemasons Funeral Music and his music for the opening and closing of a Lodge. He now composed his opera, Don Giovanni, and his three great symphonies - the E flat, the G minor and the C major, as well as a great number of concertos and chamber-music works.

His last great opera, The Magic Flute, opened in Vienna on the evening of September 30, 1791. Mozart conducted the first two performances, when he was overtaken by his last illness. He lingered on while the opera had an unprecedented run of more than one hundred consecutive performances. It is said that in his sick bed, watch in hand, he would follow in imagination the performance of The Magic Flute in the theatre. Then he died after its 67th performance.

The Magic Flute makes no mention of Freemasonry as such, but it has always been accepted as a Masonic opera. Musicians assert that even the music has much Craft significance, beginning in the overture with its three solemn chords in the brass.

In keeping with the fashion of the time, the plot is half-serious, half-comic, a fantasy of magic and mystery laid in a never-never land called Egypt. It depicts the ancient mysteries and presents much Craft symbolism. To the Viennese of that day, The Queen of the Night was clearly the unfriendly Empress Maria Theresa; the good Sarasto was Ignas von Born, an eminent scientist and Masonic leader; the hero Tamino was the good Emperor Joseph and the heroine Pamina, the Austrian people themselves. **TK**

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To all our Brothers scattered throughout the State and beyond, we wish you all the best and hope that we may have the opportunity to see you in the near future..

Fraternally,

Steven J. Silvers

Worshipful Master

"From the South" continued from page 3

By becoming "speculative" the Craft grew rapidly. As time went on, there became many more "accepted" members than there were operative members, and eventually, we became a speculative rather than operative organization.

Fraternally,

Clifford M. Allen

Junior Warden

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Paul Revere Chapter



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every Monday at 7 p.m.**

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Past Masters room. This work evolved into his assisting with the publishing of the History of Hillsborough Lodge. Brother Len was eager and willing to serve in any capacity that would benefit his beloved Lodge. In 2003, he served as the Marshal to the District Deputy Grand Master of the 22nd Masonic District.

He was affiliated with numerous Masonic bodies that included the York Rite, Scottish Rite, Egypt Shrine and Royal Order of Scotland to name a few. He was a 32° K.C.C.H. Scottish Rite Mason with the Valley Tampa. A past president of Maxwell Klan, Royal Order of Scotland and past president (numerous times) of the Egypt Temple Shrine Ritual Unit. Brother Whalen was also a member of many community organizations that included being a life member of the VFW, life member of American Legion, a member of the Moose Lodge and a past president of the Lions Club.

Brother Len entered into eternal rest in the Great Celestial Lodge on April 09, 2013. He has joined many of his beloved Brothers who have passed before him, and he will be missed by all who remain and knew him. Rest in peace, our brother. **TK**

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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



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

**108th Annual Grand Chapter Session
"The Guiding Light Session"**

**Renaissance Resort – World Golf Village,
St. Augustine, FL**

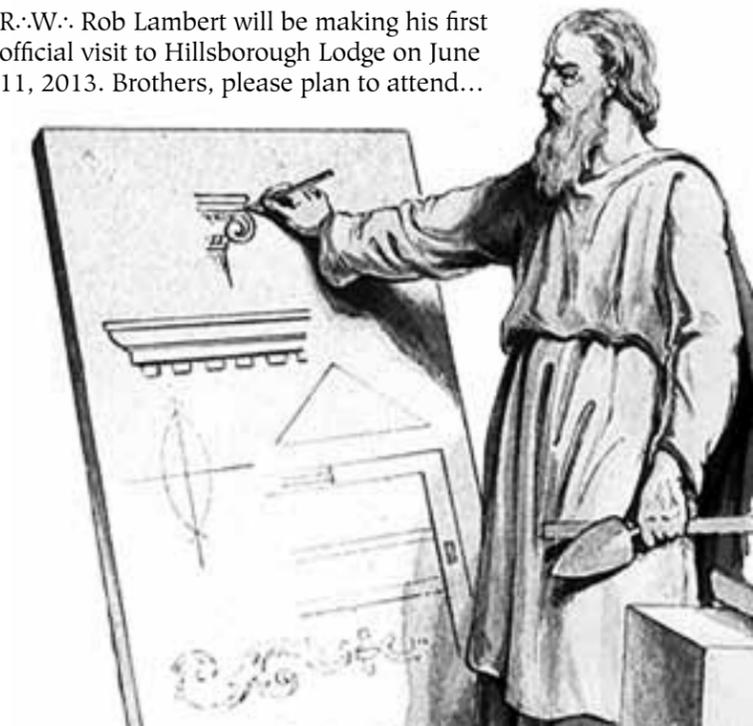
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FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT

R:W: Rob Lambert will be making his first official visit to Hillsborough Lodge on June 11, 2013. Brothers, please plan to attend...



Above: Hillsborough lodge has enjoyed many wonderful visitors this year. Here W: Steven J. Silvers welcomes Brothers from Hawaii and Norway.



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