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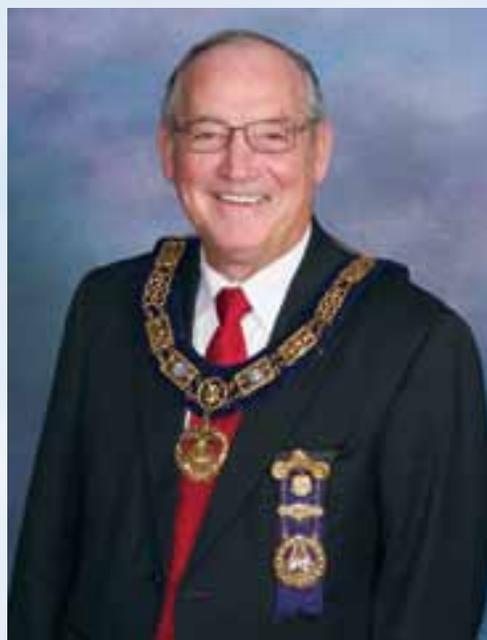
TRESTLE BOARD

JUNE A.L. 2013

MASONIC SPOTLIGHT: MOST WORSHIPFUL DANNY R. GRIFFITH

M·W· Danny R. Griffith was born in Byesville, Ohio, on October 6, 1940, the 9th of what would become a family of 17 children. Danny's father was a coal miner and his mother ran a small gas station, grocery store, and bait store. Danny spent his childhood in the hill country of southeastern Ohio and graduated High School in Conesville, Ohio, with a "HUGE" class of 22 Seniors.

Immediately after graduation from High School, M·W· Danny joined the U.S. Navy and began a career which would eventually occupy the next 48 years of his life. He received extensive training in electronics, pneumatics, hydraulics, and air-conditioning/refrigeration and became a TRADESMAN (TD), or Training Devices Man where he maintained flight simulation equipment. He retired from the Navy as a Senior Chief Petty Officer (E-8) in June 1980 after 22 years of service. He then worked as an Electronics Field Engineer for a short period of time before beginning his second career as an Electronics Field Engineer for the U.S. Navy as a civilian employee. This second career lasted for an additional 24 ½ years. While on active duty with the Navy, M·W· Danny attended Florida Junior College at Jacksonville and earned an Associate in Sciences Degree in Electronics Engineering Technology.



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M·W· Danny R. Griffith earned his Gold Proficiency Card on July 16, 1993, and was extremely honored to receive the John P. Duval Award in 2008 as the Outstanding Florida Mason.

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,

By the time this issue hits your mailbox, the officers of your Lodge and Brothers from around the State will have attended the 184th Annual Grand Communication in Orlando. The outcome of the many pieces of legislation voted on at this years meeting will be communicated to the craft at the stated communication on June 25th.

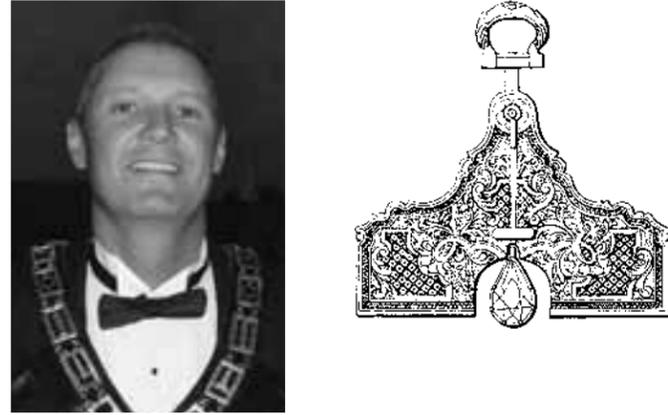
This month, the new District Deputy Grand Master for the 22nd Masonic district, R·W· Rob Lambert, will be making his official visit on June 11th. Brothers, please make your best effort to support your Lodge and the new DDGM by attending this meeting to receive the messages from our new M·W· Grand Master and the committee members selected by R·W· Lambert.

As we progress through this year, we have continued the work of restoring our beautiful building through several restoration projects. The most visible of these is the new carpet in our beautiful Lodge Room. If you haven't been to the Lodge recently, I hope you will make time to attend dinner and a meeting very soon.

I would like to thank all of the Brothers who have supported me and the Lodge through their participation throughout this year. By attending Masonic Leadership Training, District Schools of Instruction and Masters & Wardens, you are putting yourselves in a position where you will be well educated and prepared to ascend to positions of higher responsibility. It has been said that in Masonry, you will get out of it what you put into it. Through your active participation, you create a confidence in the craft as you make your personal journey toward the East. Thank you Brothers.

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FROM THE WEST



Greetings Brothers,

At our stated communication may 15th, our Secretary R·H· Tom Newton announced 80 brothers haven't paid their 2013 dues. I don't know if this is because of the dues increase, an oversight, or just lack of interest in Freemasonry or Hillsborough Lodge No. 25. I encourage any brother who hasn't paid his dues to e-mail me at davidliniger@gmail.com with any concerns or suggestions you have for our Lodge.

Problems not communicated cannot be solved, but every member of Hillsborough No. 25 has a stake in this lodge and its future. Any and all problems and suggestions are earnestly solicited. If you haven't been to Lodge in a while, come down for dinner. Brother Allen is preparing some awesome meals.

Each one of us as Brothers have a responsibility to each other, we are our Brother's keeper. If you know any Brother who is struggling, help him out or encourage him to speak to one of the officers.

"Every man is guilty of all the good he did not do."

— Voltaire
Lodge of Nine Sisters
Paris, France

Fraternally,

David S. Liniger
Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH



Brethren All,

Fraternal Greeting from The South,

The meals continue to flow from our kitchen, and all who were in attendance enjoyed another great family night. It is a humble occasion to feed the families of our extended families and the Brethren of Hillsborough No. 25. It is my mission to make sure that we have good quality meals and enjoy friendship and Brotherly love at the dinner table. I would also like to thank Billy Schmidt and Chris Hutchinson for preparing dinner for the Craft; it was an awesome meal! This month Mark Maxey will be assisting with a fabulous Asian meal.

Turning our attention to charity, we must always be ready to hasten to the relief of all mankind especially a fellow Brother, whether it be through an attentive ear or by assisting in some great or important undertaking, or giving advice in his walk through life. We must also remember to keep all of our Brothers in our prayers especially the ones who do not attend regularly because we know not the reason for their absence.

I would like to congratulate Brother Drew Baldwin who sat in the East for the first time and did an amazing job. I also would like to congratulate his degree team as this was an almost flawless degree. I am very proud to call you amazing men my Brothers.

Please pray for the incoming Grand Master and the Brethren as they travel from across the state to attend Grand Lodge.

Fraternally,

Clifford M. Allen
Junior Warden

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Brothers,

By the time this trestle board is mailed, your principal officers and Secretary will have attended Grand Lodge, and proposed changes to the Digest of Masonic Law will have passed or failed. One of the big items will be the increase in per capita tax on each member of each lodge which could increase by \$6.00 in 2013 to \$20.00 per member and then increase that to a total of \$25.00 in two years. This is something that your Lodge has anticipated, and we have increased the dues to cover such a cost increase.

Speaking of dues, some Brothers still have not paid their dues for 2013. Shortly after Grand Lodge, we will be sending out a second reminder to pay dues. If the Master wants to enforce the early suspension date, I will submit a list of Brothers who have not paid dues for 2013 thirty days before we issue letters of suspension. If you are suspended for NPD, you will have to petition the Lodge for reinstatement. This will take no less than 30 days. Do you really want to be out of the system that long? You can go on line and pay your dues via PayPal, and charge it to a credit card.

Remember your Masonic Home in your wills and gifts, and continue to support this very worthy cause.

Make plans to attend Lodge from time to time. You don't have to be there every week, but you need to know what the Lodge is doing to see if you can be a part of the activities. Come for dinner and stay for the meeting, renew old friendships and make some new friends. Remember, this is your Lodge, as well as mine, come be a part of it again.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas C. Newton

Thomas C. Newton, PM, PDI

NOTICE OF SPECIAL
JUNE MEETING

Please mark your calendars!

June 11th
D.D.G.M. Official Visit

JUNE 2013						
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Come down to the Lodge,
and show your support!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						 Chapter 11 1 p.m.
2	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 FC Called Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	District 22 SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION John Darling Lodge No. 154 • 7 p.m. 4601 N. Habana Ave. Tampa, FL	 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	7	HIGH TWELVE LODGE NO. 317 Lunch at 11 a.m. Meeting at Noon
9	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 Stated Communication DDGM OFFICIAL VISIT Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	12	 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	14	 Chapter 11 1 p.m.
MASONIC HOME BOARD MEETING 11 a.m. 3201 1st Street NE St. Pete, FL HAPPY FATHERS DAY!	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 MM Called Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	19	 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	21	22
23 30	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m. ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DAY	 Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	26	 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	28	MASTERS & WARDENS MEETING Fellowship Lodge No. 265 • 7 p.m. 306 N. Lincoln Ave. Tampa, FL

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MASONIC EDUCATION

The Mosaic Pavement

The Masonic idea was perhaps first suggested by this passage in the Gospel of Saint John xix, 13, "When Pilate, therefore, heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment-seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha." The word here translated Pavement is in the original Lithostroton, the very word used by Pliny to denote a mosaic pavement.

By a little torsion of historical accuracy, the Freemasons have asserted that the ground floor of the Temple was a mosaic pavement, and hence as the Lodge is a representation of the Temple, that the floor of the Lodge should also be of the same pattern. The mosaic pavement is an old symbol of the Order.

It is met with in the earliest Rituals of the eighteenth century. It is classed among the ornaments of the Lodge in combination with the indented tassel and the blazing star. Its parti-colored stones of black and white have been readily and appropriately interpreted as symbols of the evil and good of human life.

<http://www.masonic-lodge-of-education.com/mosaic-pavement.html>



For those who missed it, we briefly lifted the veil of our historic old Lodge while replacing the carpet. Several installations of Mosaic Tile were evident.

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M·W·: Danny married his High School sweetheart Betsy on November 21, 1959. Betsy's father was also a coal miner and she can truly be called a "Coal Miner's Daughter." Betsy and Danny have three daughters, Susan Whalen, Kathleen Griffith, and Lori Averitt. They have 4 Grandchildren, Michael Whalen, Meagan Whalen, Lindsey Averitt, and Jamie Averitt.

M·W·: Danny began his Masonic Career at Orange Park Lodge No. 267 in Orange Park, Florida. He was Raised a Master Mason on May 18, 1985. He progressed through the various stations in the Lodge and served as Worshipful Master of Orange Park Lodge No. 267 in 1993. M·W·: Danny has served on many District, Zone, and State Committees. He served as District Instructor for the 12th Masonic District in 1997, 1998, and 1999. He was appointed as District Deputy Grand Master of the 12th Masonic District in 2001 by M·W·: Glenn W. Phillips. M·W·: Danny has served as Senior Grand Deacon for M·W·: Elmer G. Coffman in 2004, Grand Marshal for M·W·: Robert P. Harry, Jr., in 2007, and Junior Grand Deacon for M·W·: Dale I. Goehrig in 2009. He has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home of Florida and as a member of the Corporate Board of Directors of The Grand Lodge of Florida. M·W·: Danny was elected Junior Grand Warden of The Grand Lodge of Florida in 2010.

M·W·: Danny earned his Gold Proficiency Card on July 16, 1993, was appointed as Grand Representative to Greece in 2005, and in 2011 was appointed as Grand Representative to his beloved State of Ohio. He was extremely honored to receive the John P. Duval Award in 2008 as the Outstanding Florida Mason.

M·W·: Danny is a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Jacksonville, the York Rite Bodies of Jacksonville, where he served as High Priest in Duval Chapter No. 12 – Royal Arch Masons in 2011, Morocco Shrine, Clay County Shrine Club, and Allied Masonic Degrees.

Danny loves to play golf nearly every Wednesday with his Masonic Brothers in the Jacksonville area. He says he is not very good but enjoys playing. He also enjoys woodworking when time permits, which hasn't happened very often in recent years. Danny and Betsy enjoy traveling and can be found somewhere on the road nearly every weekend. 



Table Lodge

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this
fun event!**

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Paul Revere Chapter



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For more information, please contact:

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



Final meeting of the inaugural year of the George A. Stear Manor, Squires of the Round Table sponsored by Paul Revere Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

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I hope you will all do your best to stay cool during these hot summer months. The Lodge is a nice place to come to build your fraternal relationships, break bread with Brothers and enjoy the fellowship that is what being a Mason is all about. I look forward to greeting our Brothers at the Lodge in the near future at a Stated or Called Communication.

Fraternally,

Steven J. Silvers

Worshipful Master

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 ■ TRESTLE BOARD

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 all the new Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of Florida, Inc.

Three of the Grand Officers are from District 18:

Judy Covey, Worthy Grand Matron
Palma Ceia No. 243

Patrice Barker, Grand Martha
Palma Ceia No. 243

Sandra Johnson, Grand Chaplain
Tampa Chapter No. 11

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- Kenneth R. Skillman Senior Deacon
- Billy D. Schmidt Junior Deacon
- John A. "Drew" Baldwin. Senior Steward
- Michael St. James. Junior Steward
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