

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

# TRESTLE BOARD

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## MASONIC SPOTLIGHT: OLD GLORY

For more than 200 years, the American flag has been the symbol of our nation's strength and unity. It's been a source of pride and inspiration for millions of citizens. And the American Flag has been a prominent icon in our national history. Here are the highlights of its unique past.

On January 1, 1776, the Continental Army was reorganized in accordance with a Congressional resolution which placed American forces under George Washington's control. On that New Year's Day the Continental Army was laying siege to Boston which had been taken over by the British Army. Washington ordered the Grand Union flag hoisted above his base at Prospect Hill. It had 13 alternate red and white stripes and the British Union Jack in the upper left-hand corner (the canton).

In May of 1776, Betsy Ross reported that she sewed the first American flag.

On June 14, 1777, in order to establish an official flag for the new nation, the Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act: "Resolved, That the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation."

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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,

Half of this year has passed, and I find myself asking where the time has gone. At our stated communication on June 11th, we received the District Deputy Grand Master, Robert Lambert, the District Instructor, Woody Newcomb, and the District Committeemen appointed for the 2013/2014 year. We shared a terrific meal prepared by our Junior Warden, Clifford Allen and excellent presentations from those attending as Committeemen. The Lodge continues to run smoothly with Peace and Harmony for all who have been present to share in the Fraternal relationships at our many communications.

I have been asked by the D.D.G.M. to relay the dates for the upcoming Zone Schools of Instruction. Those are the dates when Brothers can view the printed work at the Scottish Rite to further their Masonic Education. This year's dates are July 27th, September 28th, November 23rd, January 25th and March 22nd. I encourage all Brothers, especially those who hold Elected or Appointed office to attend. Masonic Education will further your own experiences and help you in your future endeavors in Masonry.

In the Month of June, we Passed three Brothers to the Degree of Fellow Craft and Raised three Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. If you have not visited your Lodge recently, I encourage you to come and witness the fine work being performed by our Officers and Brothers.

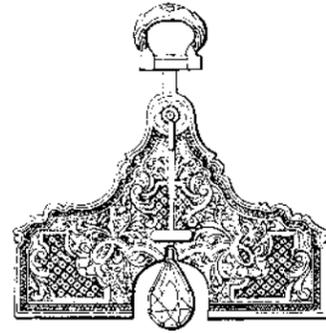
This month, we will celebrate the 237th birthday of our great Nation on July 4th. I wish each of you a safe, happy and healthy holiday.

Fraternally,

*Steven J. Silvers*

Worshipful Master

## FROM THE WEST



Greetings Brothers,

Back from Grand Lodge and back to labor. This year three of the resolutions that were passed at Grand Lodge Communication could have dramatic effects on Lodges in Florida, more specifically Hillsborough 25 — one on drawings and raffles and two on alcohol sales. These three resolutions could help us with some of our expensive building repairs on our aging building. It is my belief that we should tread lightly, these resolution were unanimously recommended for rejection by Grand Lodge juris prudence. We should be careful to use them in a manner that will not sully our reputation or debase the dignity of the fraternity. If any Brother has experience in these issues, please step up and share your knowledge with the officers of Hillsborough 25.

We are about to lose our Tyler, Brother Jonathan Meadows as he is off to medical school in N.Y. Brother Meadows does tons of charity work outside of Lodge and is an inspiration to me. Make sure you say good bye to him before he leaves. Good luck Brother Meadows, I am certain you will do great works in your travels. We are going to need a Tyler for the remainder of the year, as well as a Musician to play our wonderful new organ which Shorty Powell acquired before passing to the Celestial Lodge above. If any Brother is interested, please contact a lodge officer or email me at: davidliniger@gmail.com. I hope everyone had a wonderful Fathers Day and a Happy 4th of July.

Peace, Brothers,

*David S. Liniger*  
Senior Warden

## FROM THE SOUTH



Brethren All,

Fraternal greetings my Brothers all. Yet another month has passed, and the Brothers from our Lodge have worked very hard to put on Degree work while there continues to be what I like to call “good hot cooked meals” flowing from the kitchen. I can not blame a brother for not coming to the Lodge because I know not his reason, but I can promise you one thing, he will not go away hungry.

This has been a great year thus far and many hurdles have been jumped personally and physically, and I would like to thank all of the Brethren for attending Lodge. If you desire to know your Junior Warden, please come to the kitchen any Tuesday afternoon and get to cooking with me. This was a key element to learning what you may have in store for your future. Right Worshipful Hooker, Worshipful Silvers and I wish to thank those Brothers who have assisted our efforts in the kitchen over the years by participating and learning the true meaning of being a Mason.

We were also honored with Right Worshipful Robert Lambert's first official visit held at Hillsborough No. 25. I want to thank him and his traveling Committeemen for delivering their messages; they were very powerful.

Brothers, we must remember that our charity extends beyond the doors of our beloved Masonic homes. We must remember that we are the fabric of our communities, and they begin with us. If we look in the mirror and see our reflection, it is you that we see, the pillars of our communities. In the schools, churches, and community. We must ever remember to walk upright in our lives before both God and man. Lets us each be active in our quest to walk with God, be a strong leader in our children's schools, and active members in our communities as we are the members of our community that all look up to for guidance and support.

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## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Brothers,

Some brothers still have not paid their dues for 2013. Shortly after Grand Lodge, we will be sending out a second reminder notice. 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 re instatement. This will take no less than 30 days to complete. Do you really want to be out of the system that long? You can go online and pay your dues via PayPal. You do not need a PayPal account to do this; the service allows you to charge it directly to any credit card.

If you know a Brother who is currently suspended for Non Payment of Dues, please have that Brother contact the Lodge. We would like to get those Brothers back as active Masons, and there is usually a means to do so.

Do you know a brother who is ill, or has or is having surgery? Please let the Lodge know because we want to let them know that we care about them.

Table Lodge is scheduled for September 3rd. Tickets are \$35.00 each and are available from any Lodge Officer and in the Secretary's Office. This is always a great event, so buy a ticket and come down and enjoy the fellowship and great food.

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 and see if you can be a part of the

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL  
JULY MEETING

Please mark your calendars!

July 30th  
Family Night

JULY 2013						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Come down to the Lodge,  
and show your support!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	 1 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 EA 2 Called Communication  Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	3 <b>District 22 SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION</b> John Darling Lodge No. 154 • 7 p.m. 4601 N. Habana Ave. Tampa, FL	 4 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	5	 Chapter 11 1 p.m.
7	 8 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 9 Stated Communication  Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	10	 11 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	12	13 <b>HIGH TWELVE LODGE NO. 317</b> Lunch at 11 a.m. Meeting at Noon
14	 15 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 FC 16 Called Communication  Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	17	 18 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	19	 Chapter 11 1 p.m.
21 <b>MASONIC HOME BOARD MEETING</b> 11 a.m. 3201 1st Street NE St. Pete, FL	 22 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 23 Stated Communication  Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	24	 25 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	26 <b>MASTERS &amp; WARDENS MEETING</b> Fellowship Lodge No. 265 • 7 p.m. 306 N. Lincoln Ave. Tampa, FL	27
28	 29 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 30 <b>FAMILY NIGHT!</b>  Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	31			

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# MASONIC EDUCATION

## The All-Seeing Eye

The Eye of Providence (or the all-seeing eye of God) is a symbol showing an eye often surrounded by rays of light or a glory and usually enclosed by a triangle. It is sometimes interpreted as representing the eye of God watching over humankind (or divine providence). In the modern era, the most notable depiction of the eye is the reverse of the Great Seal of the United States, which appears on the United States one-dollar bill.

Imagery of an all-seeing eye can be traced back to Egyptian mythology and the Eye of Horus. Buddhist texts like the Mahaparinibbana Sutta also refer to Buddha as the "Eye of the World" (although no imagery is used). It is frequently used to depict the image of God in Caodaism.

In Medieval and Renaissance European iconography, the Eye (often with the addition of an enclosing triangle) was an explicit image of the Christian Trinity. Seventeenth-century depictions of the Eye of Providence sometimes show it surrounded by clouds or sunbursts.

The Eye first appeared as part of the standard iconography of the Freemasons in 1797, with the publication of Thomas Smith Webb's *Freemasons Monitor*. Here, it represents the all-seeing eye of God and is a reminder that a Mason's thoughts and deeds are always observed by God (who is referred to in Masonry as the Great Architect of the Universe). Typically, the Masonic Eye of Providence has a semi-circular glory below the eye. Sometimes the Eye is enclosed by a triangle. 

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Between 1777 and 1960, Congress passed several acts that changed the shape, design and arrangement of the flag and allowed for additional stars and stripes to be added to reflect the admission of each new state.

- Act of January 13, 1794 - provided for 15 stripes and 15 stars after May 1795.
- Act of April 4, 1818 - provided for 13 stripes and one star for each state, to be added to the flag on the 4th of July following the admission of each new state, signed by President Monroe.
- Executive Order of President Taft dated June 24, 1912 - established proportions of the flag and provided for arrangement of the stars in six horizontal rows of eight each, a single point of each star to be upward.
- Executive Order of President Eisenhower dated January 3, 1959 - provided for the arrangement of the stars in seven rows of seven stars each, staggered horizontally and vertically.
- Executive Order of President Eisenhower dated August 21, 1959 - provided for the arrangement of the stars in nine rows of stars staggered horizontally and eleven rows of stars staggered vertically.

Today the flag consists of thirteen horizontal stripes, seven red alternating with 6 white. The stripes represent the original 13 colonies, the stars represent the 50 states of the Union. The colors of the flag are symbolic as well: Red symbolizes Hardiness and Valor, White symbolizes Purity and Innocence and Blue represents Vigilance, Perseverance and Justice. 

# ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



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

Tampa Chapter No. 11 will be dark during the months of July and August. The first meeting back will be September 7, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

Have a wonderful summer!

For more information about Tampa Chapter No. 11 or the Order of the Eastern Star, please contact:

**Sandra Johnson, PM, Secretary**  
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We are, in fact, what each person thinks of as a Mason, and it is in our daily walk in the light that all see us shining in our quest for a better society.

Fraternally,

*Clifford M. Allen*  
Junior Warden

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activities. Come for dinner and stay for the meeting, renew old friendships and may some new friends. Remember, this is your Lodge as well as mine, come be a part of it again.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Thomas C. Newton*

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# ORDER OF DEMOLAY

## Paul Revere Chapter



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

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