

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

# TRESTLE BOARD

AUGUST A.L. 2013

## THE MASONIC HOME OF FLORIDA

The Masonic Home of Florida is situated on 18 acres of lush landscaping on the shore of Coffee Pot Bayou in St. Petersburg, Florida. This choice, waterfront location has been owned and operated by the Grand Lodge of Florida since the early 1900s, and shares a century-old tradition with the City of St. Petersburg. A series of building expansions, beginning in 1973, brought the Home to its present 150,000-square-foot complex which can accommodate up to 187 residents in a beautiful setting with state-of-the-art care.

There are expansive lobbies, an elegant dining room overlooking the grounds and waterfront, a 5,000 volume library, billiards and activity rooms, a gift shop, community kitchenettes and lounges, a chapel, waterside pavilion and fishing pier, plus a host of other amenities which make the Masonic Home one of the premiere facilities of its kind in anywhere in Florida. Recently, the City of St. Petersburg presented the Masonic Home a Mayor's First-Place Award for Building and Grounds Beautification.

The Masonic Home of Florida has reinvented the art of graceful living. Senior Masons and their wives or widows enjoy the comfort of home in a charming



*The Masonic Home of Florida provides an exceptional living experience with all the amenities while providing state-of-the-art medical care for those residents who need it.*

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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,

As we pass through the month of August, the Lodge, will as is customary, be dark. Brothers will still be attending on Thursday evenings to continue their studies in the catechism work of the three Degrees. Steady progress has been made by all Brothers working toward their further Masonic Education, and new Brothers continue to seek Masonry within our historic walls.

During the month of July, Hillsborough Lodge conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree upon three new Hillsborough Lodge Brothers, as well as performing courtesy work by conferring the same EA Degree upon candidates from both High Twelve Lodge No. 317 and Palma Ceia Lodge No. 290. The degree was very well attended and good Fellowship was enjoyed by all who made the effort to come out for the evening. Our Lodge also Raised two Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on July 16th. The officers of your Lodge continue to practice and perform excellent work in the three symbolic Degrees.

Brothers, Table Lodge will be held on the first Tuesday of September. If you do not already have a ticket, please see one of your officers to purchase one, or visit our website, [www.hillsborough25.org](http://www.hillsborough25.org) where tickets are available for purchase by credit card via PayPal. I look forward to a memorable evening.

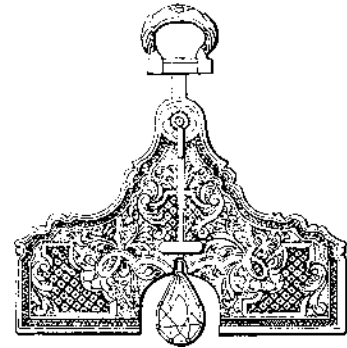
I also look forward to seeing each of you at the Lodge in the near future.

Fraternally,

*Steven J. Silvers*

Worshipful Master

## FROM THE WEST



Greetings Brothers,

As we are dark during August, it's a great time to recharge for the work ahead.

The newer Masons have been doing a wonderful job by steadfastly advancing in their Degree work, and they will certainly be an asset to Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 for years to come.

During practice for the Master Mason degree on July 11, 2013, the Senior Steward was walking by the Junior Warden's station when he noticed rain dripping through the ceiling. Containers were placed in the attic to catch the water, and a roofing company made the necessary repairs the following Saturday (prior to the High Twelve meeting, thankfully). The shingles appear to be around 15-20 years old and will need to be replaced in the not too distant future.

The ceiling in the Lodge Room is in bad shape, and we are actively researching companies qualified in specialized historical architectural repairs to acquire bids for the project. Our old building is an extremely beautiful historic landmark, but unlike a modern building, the maintenance is unique and expensive. It is almost certain that some of our future building maintenance needs may require fund raising to see them completed. If you have God-given talents that could be helpful to our beloved lodge in any way, please make them known. Any and all help will be gladly welcomed and warmly appreciated.

Peace, Brothers,

*David S. Liniger*

Senior Warden

## FROM THE SOUTH



Hello Brothers All,

What an awesome Lodge we have! The dedication from the Craft, and all the hard labor we invest in our churches', families', and communities' projects are emblematical of the way we walk upright in our quest for friendship and Brotherly love...

I am very proud of the Brothers who are performing Degree work — many for the first time. I must commend the work and dedication you have all put in the Lodge. We have many Degrees coming up, and it is a very powerful experience for all those involved when we have a Lodge Room full of interested Brothers as each candidate or Brother comes from darkness into light. The food is continuing to flow from the kitchen, and I must admit I have enjoyed preparing delicious meals for the Craft throughout the year.

This leads me to charity. It is almost back-to-school time, and there are many children who need the necessary supplies for a successful school year. There are many local organizations, schools, and even grocery stores that will accept donations for to help those children in need, so please go out and support our community.

Fraternally,

*Clifford M. Allen*

Junior Warden

## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Brothers,

Each month, several copies of the *Trestle Board* are returned to the Lodge because the address is incorrect. If you have moved, let the lodge know so that we can change your address, or if you know that a Brother who has moved, send us his address so that we can correct it.

Over the past few months, we have been having great difficulty with the internet at the Lodge. I have contacted Verizon to get a new system installed. This will not only solve the connection problems that we are having with our outdated DSL system, but it will also reduce our phone bill. If you have sent a message to the Lodge and have not gotten a response, please bear with us, as this is under construction and will hopefully be corrected by the end of August. In the mean time, if you need to get a message to the Lodge, use our [www.hillsborough25.org](http://www.hillsborough25.org) website, and the message will be sent to me. If you prefer, you can send it to my personal email address at [tomnew10@aol.com](mailto:tomnew10@aol.com) and I will respond to you.

If you know a Brother who has been suspended for Non-Payment of Dues, please have that Brother contact the Lodge. We would like to return these Brothers to active status as Masons, and there is almost always a means to do so.


Do you know a brother who is ill, or has or is having surgery? Please let the Lodge know by contacting the Secretary's Office or our Chaplain, Joshua Sussman, at (813) 735-0909 so that we can make Masonic Funeral arrangements, if desired by the family, and send out the Widow's Kit. We want our Brothers' families to know that we care about them.

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# AUGUST

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				 1 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	2	 3 Chapter 11 1 p.m.
4	 5 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	6 <b>DARK</b>	7 <b>District 22                      SCHOOL OF                      INSTRUCTION</b> John Darling Lodge No. 154 • 7 p.m. 4601 N. Habana Ave. Tampa, FL	 8 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	9	10 <b>HIGH TWELVE                      LODGE NO. 317</b> Lunch at 11 a.m. Meeting at Noon
11	 12 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	13 <b>DARK</b>	14	 15 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	16	 17 Chapter 11 1 p.m.
18 <b>MASONIC                      HOME BOARD                      MEETING</b> 11 a.m. 3201 1st Street NE St. Pete, FL	 19 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	20 <b>DARK</b>	21	 22 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	23	24
25	 26 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	27 <b>DARK</b>	28	 29 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	30 <b>MASTERS &amp;                      WARDENS                      MEETING</b> Fellowship Lodge No. 265 • 7 p.m. 306 N. Lincoln Ave. Tampa, FL	31

## NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

As we move into the Fall, our Junior Warden, Clifford Allen, continues to do a superb job of preparing the weekly meals for our Brethren!

There are only a few open meals left, but if any Brother would like to give Cliff a hand by cooking a meal, please don't hesitate to contact him at (813) 952-4423 to make arrangements. Thanks in advance!



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 13th Annual

## TABLE LODGE

September 3, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Join Us for an Evening of Fun, Brotherhood & Delicious Food!

Tickets \$35

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Steve Silvers • 813-368-3878 • mrsteve1@verizon.net

David Liniger • 813-368-0766 • davidliniger@gmail.com

Cliff Allen • 813-952-4423 • cliff.allen@mail.com


## MASONIC EDUCATION

### A Brief History of Table Lodge

From time immemorial, Freemasons have enjoyed meeting about a festive board loaded with the fruits of their labor. Special emphasis was placed on the Summer and Winter Solstice, late in June and December, which were, and are, called the Festival of St. John the Baptist (June 24) and St. John the Evangelist (December 27). The Twentieth Century has found Masonry ignorant in both the festive board and the Festivals. This is not as it should be.

Man has been continually seeking some noble purpose to pursue and centuries ago, when life was perilous and severe, feasting became a major diversion, as much for social desires as to satisfy the needs of the inner-man.

The feasts which are probably the oldest of all fraternal repasts were those of the "Mysteries" of ancient Egypt, the so-called "Sons of Light." The oldest of Masonic origin, of which we have any record, were the feasts upon being entered and passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. These go back far beyond the records of organized Masonry.


The Masonic desirability of a social dinner is as old as the Freemasonry we know. In 1717, when the Mother Grand Lodge was formed to revitalize the Lodges in and around London, one of the reasons given was "To revive the quarterly Communication and hold the Annual Feast." Many historians claim this Annual Banquet was the most important move made by the new body. And a short time later, the Grand Master directed there be installed "the old, regular and peculiar Toasts and Healths of Freemasons." 

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atmosphere while they also provide one of the most comprehensive health care regimens available today.

The Masonic Home of Florida offers care on two levels: skilled nursing care for residents who require round-the-clock care, and assisted living for residents who need little or no supervision. Walk though the Home on any day, and you'll find it buzzing with activities. Residents are playing cards, billiards or bingo, working on their crafts, shopping in the resident-operated boutique, tuning up at choir practice or fishing in the Bayou.

By contributing to the MH-100 Program, you are making an investment in the security of your future, and to that of every Master Mason and his wife. In our advancing years we may reach a time when our health may not allow us to either physically or financially support ourselves. Our Masonic Home is there for this specific purpose, and we are here to continue to give "so far as we are able." 

### Remember Your Masonic Charities Throughout The Year...



The Good Work Never Stops,  
So Please Give Generously!

## 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.

We hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer!

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

Sandra Johnson, PM, Secretary  
P.O. Box 9046 • Tampa, FL 33674-9046  
(813) 500-3460

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

Table Lodge is scheduled for September 3rd at the Lodge. Tickets are \$35.00 each and are available from any Lodge officer, at the secretary's office or on our website. This is always a great event, so buy a ticket and come enjoy the fellowship and a great meal.

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

Finally, 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, and you will be rewarded if you come be a part of it again.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas C. Newton

Thomas C. Newton, PM, PDI

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## ORDER OF DEMOLAY

Paul Revere Chapter



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

For more information, please contact:

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Personal Representative to  
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 David S. Liniger . . . . . Senior Warden  
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 R.:H.: Thomas C. Newton . . . . . Secretary  
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 Billy D. Schmidt . . . . . Junior Deacon  
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 Joshua Sussman . . . . . Chaplain  
 Jonathan Meadows . . . . . Tyler  
 R.:W.: C. Donald Prosser . . . . . Historian  
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# Table Lodge



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 Sept. 3rd**

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