

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

# TRESTLE BOARD

SEPTEMBER A.L. 2013

## MASONIC SPOTLIGHT: W.: WALTER SCHOEPF & BRO. KARL DEGIACOMI

The Table Lodge, as we know it today, had a very different look and feel in the early years. The first Table Lodge at Hillsborough Lodge was held back in the early 1980s. However, this was a one-time event which did not continue as an annual event for the Lodge. Today's lavish meals and sequence of events can be attributed to one man, Worshipful Walter Schoepf. W.: Schoepf was raised in Hillsborough Lodge in 1998 and became Worshipful Master in 2005. Born and raised in Switzerland, W.: Schoepf moved to the United States from the Bahamas where he worked in the culinary industry in the early 1970s, which was where he met Brother Karl Degiacomi. After working in the United States for several years, W.: Schoepf ventured out into his own business and called to his side Brother Degiacomi to be his partner. Having spent much of his life in the food industry, he saw an opportunity to create an event that would later become one of the most anticipated Masonic events every year for Brothers near and far.

The first Table Lodge that Worshipful Schoepf put on was back in 2001. In the beginning, the program



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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,

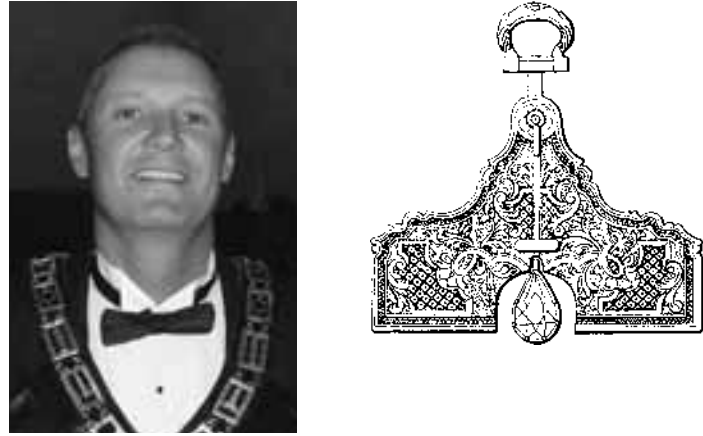
Welcome back from our time of darkness during the month of August. I hope everyone is rested and ready to get back to work. Table Lodge is upon us and will have taken place by the time you read this article. I would like to thank all of the officers, members and visitors who helped to make this occasion such a great success. I hope everyone had an enjoyable evening as I did. I would also like to send a very special thank you to Walter and Karl, two Hillsborough Lodge Brothers and owners of Culinary Specialties, who planned and prepared our menu to perfection.

As we approach these next few months, we will be planning and preparing for just a few more large events at the Lodge. We have one more family night scheduled for the 5th Tuesday in October on the 29th, our Annual Past Masters Degree on November the 19th and our toy drive for Toys for Tots. The toy drive will conclude with the presentation of our collections on November 26th, prior to our Stated Communication, to the United States Marine Corps. On December 10th, we will hold our annual election of officers for the 2014 Masonic year. I hope that all Brothers will make an effort to attend and select those capable Brothers who will take on the responsibility for leading the Craft.

The Fall Reunion for the Tampa Scottish Rite will be held this year on October 19th & 26th. This class is important to Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 because it will be named for R·W·William R. Williams, Illustrious 33rd Degree (better known as Bill Williams) one of our Lodge Brothers. R·W·Williams served Hillsborough Lodge as an impeccable ambassador to Masonry. He was a Brother who was everything Freemasonry stands for. He served his country in the Air Force as a Senior Master Sergeant for over 30 years. He served our Lodge as Secretary for 18 years and as our Worshipful Master in 1980.

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## FROM THE WEST



Greetings Brothers,

Although we were dark during August, there was plenty of work going on at Hillsborough 25. The Brothers in catechism classes were showing up on Thursdays, the instructors were instructing, and your Lodge officers were taking care of the business of the Lodge. As Masons, we are taught to give, to sacrifice, and to think of our Brothers with every prayer. We are charged as new Masons to not let Masonry interfere with our necessary vocations; however many times this is not the case for the officers.

Many of your officers have wives and young children, but they still step up and juggle the many responsibilities that come with being a father and husband, and an officer of Hillsborough 25. The beautiful *Trestle Board* we all enjoy comes at a cost — hours of the Senior Deacon's time. The meals we enjoy every Tuesday without fail, at the expense of the Junior Warden's time. Our Junior Past Master Joseph Gonzalez, has two young children and has worked as hard as anyone I have ever met taking on the duties of this Lodge. I am certain that anyone who has gone through our line since 1850 has made sacrifice.

We have the most members of any Lodge in Florida, and meet more frequently than most. If you think you would like to be in our line, consider the time commitment carefully. I have the utmost respect for every Past Master of our Lodge; the further I have advanced the more I understand how much is required of each station.

When I first came into this Lodge, I was amazed by the names in the Past Masters room; I definitely did not think I was on the same category with these distinguished gentlemen. Through my Masonic teachings, I have learned that we are all the same, the rich the poor, the high the low. Any Brother who has the time, interest, and dedication to enter our line is every bit as qualified at any other Brother. We are all different and bring God given skill sets to the table, don't hide them. If you have a talent that can help our Lodge, you need to bring it into the light.

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## FROM THE SOUTH



Happy September Brothers All,

It is great to get back to work after being dark. What an awesome first half of the year with many new Mason's learning their work and becoming active in degree work. The degree teams have done a spectacular job as well. There have been many new faces in chairs and it is great to see the zeal and dedication of those brothers and living what we have all been taught.

Table lodge was September 3, 2013, and it was a delicious evening filled with food fun and fellowship. I want to thank the craft and the ladies from the Eastern Star who assisted in our efforts to nourish the hungry and quench the thirsty at our July Family Night.

September 12, 2013 there will be a Master Mason 1, 2 and 3 Exams in our dinning room starting at 6:00 p.m.

The winter months are quickly approaching us and let us remember the food banks will begin ramping up for their food drives, I will place some boxes in the North East Corner of the Dinning Room for Metropolitan Ministries so please bring in your non perishable items to be delivered to the Food Bank.

Fraternally,

*Clifford M. Allen*  
Junior Warden

## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Brothers,

Final notices have been sent out for those who have not paid their dues for 2013. If you have a problem, contact the lodge and we will attempt to work it out for you. You can pay your dues on line thru [www.hillsborough25.org](http://www.hillsborough25.org) and put your payment on a credit card.

If you know a brother who has been suspended for Non-Payment of Dues and is currently suspended, please have that brother contact the Lodge. We would like to get those brothers back as active masons and there is a means to do so.

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

The lodge computer should be back up and running now. We had a problem with the modem and it has been replaced. Feel free to contact the lodge via email at: [hills25@verizon.net](mailto:hills25@verizon.net)

Remember that elections will be held in the month of December, come out and support the officers. 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 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*

Thomas C. Newton, PM, PDI

# SEPTEMBER

A.L. 2013

# NOTICE OF SPECIAL SEPTEMBER MEETING

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

Please mark your calendars!

September 3rd  
Table Lodge

SEPTEMBER 2013						
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A popular annual event like Table Lodge is sure to bring out a whole cast of characters. Pictured from left to right: Junior Deacon Billy D. Schmidt, Senior Warden David Liniger, Bro. Daniel Blair, Marshall Chris Hutchinson, Bro. Danny Alvarez, Sr. and Bro. Scott Barrish.

## MASONIC EDUCATION

### How to Build a Memory Palace

A memory palace is an imaginary location in your mind where you can store mnemonic images. The most common type of memory palace involves making a journey through a place you know well, like a building or town. Along that journey there are specific locations that you always visit in the same order. The location are called loci, which is Latin for locations. (Singular: locus; Plural: loci)

### Constructing and Using the Palace

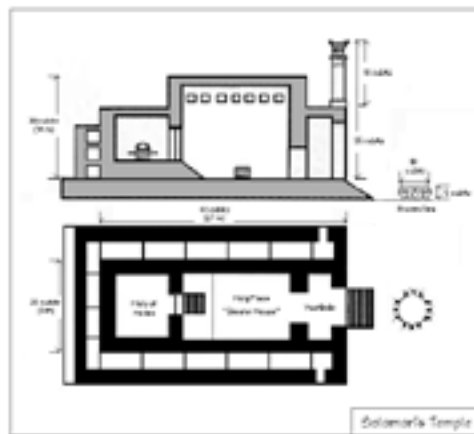
For your first memory palace, try choosing a place that you know well, like your home or office.

Plan out the whole route — for example: front door, shoe rack, bathroom, kitchen, living room, etc. Some people find that going clockwise is helpful, but it isn't necessary. Eventually, you will have many memory palaces. You will also be able to revise the memory palace after you test

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it a few times, so don't worry if it's perfect on the first try.

Now take a list of something that you want to memorize — a shopping list of 20 items is a good place to start: carrots, bread, milk, tea, oats, apples, etc.



Take one or two items at a time and place a mental image of them in each locus of your memory palace. Try to exaggerate the images of the items and have them interact with the location. For example, if the first item is "carrots" and the first locus in your memory palace is the front door, picture some giant carrots opening up your front door.

Make the mnemonic images come alive with your senses. Exaggeration of the images and humor can help.

If you want to commit the items to your long term memory, used spaced repetition, and they will stick in your memory. 

[http://mnemotechnics.org/wiki/How\\_to\\_Build\\_a\\_Memory\\_Palace](http://mnemotechnics.org/wiki/How_to_Build_a_Memory_Palace)

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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 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 everyone is having a great summer! September 7, 2013 marks Tampa Chapter No. 11's return after being dark for July and August. We hope all members will attend our regular state meeting.

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

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His Masonic Record of Service shows membership in Egypt Shrine, Zenda Grotto, OES, Tampa York Rite and Tampa Scottish Rite Bodies. If you were considering joining the Scottish Rite, this is the time to step up to the plate and join. There are plenty of Hillsborough Brothers that would be happy to sign your petition.

I hope to see the same effort during the last 1/3 of this year as we have had during the first 2/3. It has been a great year so far. I look forward to seeing you at our meetings whenever you are able to attend.

Veterans Day is Monday November 11th. To all of our valued Veterans, Thank you for your service to our country. It is to you that we owe our ability to meet and conduct our meetings in a free society. God Bless You!

Fraternally,

*Steven J. Silvers*

Worshipful Master

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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:

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

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had all of the "Toasts" at the same time, followed by a nice meal. This tradition and sequence of events was eventually changed to the modern program of enjoying one course of the meal at a time and following each course with a different toast. Following each toast, a worthy Brother is chosen to make a response for the benefit of the Brothers in attendance. Needless to say, 13 years later, the Hillsborough Lodge annual Table Lodge is still going strong. Thanks to Worshipful Walter Schoepf and Brother Karl Degiacomi whose preparations for this years event made it was a great success! 

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I have met members of our fraternity in my travels that do every job imaginable, and many of them are not officers. Use your skills to help others, if not in the Lodge then in the outside world, let it not be thought that we have labored in vain.

*"God hides some ideal in every human soul. At some time in our life we feel a trembling, fearful longing to do some good thing, life finds its noblest spring of excellence in this hidden impulse to do our best"*

— Brother Robert Collyer.

Peace, Brothers,

*David S. Liniger*

Senior Warden

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- R.:H.: Thomas C. Newton . . . . . Secretary
- Kenneth R. Skillman . . . . . Senior Deacon
- Billy D. Schmidt . . . . . Junior Deacon
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