

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

# TRESTLE BOARD

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## OUR DISTINGUISHED LODGE HISTORY

Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 F. & A.M. is Tampa's oldest Masonic Lodge, and home to the largest membership roll in the State of Florida. Our original charter was Instituted in 1850, with original membership records of only 61 Brothers by the end of 1851. Within the last 150 years, the Lodge membership rolls grew to over 1,200 active Brothers!


Many of the Brothers and Past Masters of Hillsborough Lodge were very active in the Tampa community and leaders of this great city. Worshipful Joseph Robles led the defensive against Spanish invasion along the area we now recognize as Bayshore. Worshipful Abe Maas was a very successful entrepreneur

as one of the principal owners of Maas Brothers department stores throughout Florida. Worshipful Vivian Gaither was an instrumental leader in Tampa, and now has a high school named in his honor, Gaither High School. Worshipful Frederick "Fritz"

William Buchholz was a prolific educator and has a high school in Gainesville named after him. Recently, our oldest living Past Master, Worshipful William "Shorty" Powell, Jr, pasted to the Celestial Lodge above. Shorty was a Past Master of Hillsborough Lodge in 1959, a World War II veteran and a proud member of our Lodge.



Hillsborough Lodge continues to be a pillar of strength within the Tampa community by promoting the tenets of Freemasonry instituted by our ancient Brothers. Charity, hope, and relief to our fellow man and all of humanity is what our fraternity is built upon. Food and toy drives, charity events for the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory,

and support of the Masonic Home of Florida are just a few of the ways we contribute to those in need. In order to continue this work, we are always ready to welcome men with favorable dispositions, excellent moral character, and the vision to lead. 

**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**