

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

TRESTLE BOARD

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MASONIC EDUCATION: INCULCATION OF THE NOBLEST VIRTUES

One word that we might have added to our vocabulary is *Inculcate*. We hear it first in the Entered Apprentice lecture, to the effect, Freemasonry *inculcates* the practice of the noblest virtues. *Inculcate*. What does it mean? It means to learn by repetition. We re-attend degrees and listen to lectures we've heard many times. We *inculcate*, we learn by saying things over and over again.¹

And what of these noble virtues? Namely, they are the four cardinal virtues: Fortitude, Prudence, Temperance, and Justice, of which again we learn in the first Degree.

Fortitude is that noble and steady purpose of the mind, or courage in the face of pain or adversity. It is how we build our character, improve our moral fiber, and strengthen our minds to manage the challenges of life. In the absence of this virtue, no person can perform his duty, either to God, his neighbor, or himself, in an acceptable manner.

Prudence enables us to regulate our lives and actions agreeably to the dictates of reason. Simply, it is the practice of good judgment, common sense, and the wisdom we acquire in our journey through life.

Prudence is among the most exalted objects that demand every Mason's special attention, for it is the

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Prudence holds in her right hand a compass, a symbol of the extent of any action, and in her left hand a mirror, reflecting every thought back to be contemplated and assessed before the wisdom of the ages.

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



Greeting Brothers,

The first quarter of the year has flown by and the Officers of Hillsborough Lodge 25 have been working very hard. Brother Clifford Allen has been working diligently on multiple building issues, and his finance committee has changed our investment manager to Brother Jeremy Hall. He is a Certified Financial Planner with Morgan Stanley. Brother Kenneth Skillman has provided excellent meals, as have the Brothers who have volunteered to cook. Our Marshall, Brother Donald Valverde, has been cleaning and polishing everything in the entire building. Please take a moment to personally thank him for his tireless efforts. On April 29th, we will host our first family night, dinner begins at 6:30pm. If you haven't been to Lodge this year, this would be a great open meeting to attend with family and friends.

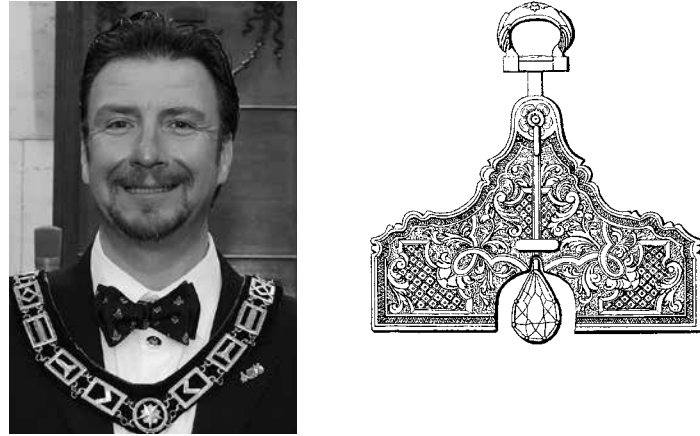
We need more instructors to continue building the future of our great Lodge and Fraternity. If you are silver card certified and willing to teach a catechism class, please email me at davidliniger@gmail.com. Also, I am always looking for Brothers who are willing to serve the Lodge and community; if interested, please email me and the Lodge will find service opportunities for you. Beginning the second quarter of the year, I will review my progress and reassess my goals. Any success thus far is not solely because of me, but certainly due to the labor of all the Officers and Craft of Hillsborough Lodge. I thank you all for your efforts, as the Lodge is progressing because of you. Keep in mind this excerpt from our closing charge: "Finally, Brethren, be ye all of one mind; live in peace, and may the God of love and peace delight to dwell with and bless you!"

Peace Brothers,

David S. Liniger

Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST



My Brothers,

Greetings from the West. The first quarter is now officially behind us and I must report that the Lodge has been extremely productive and we've been able to accomplish many great tasks. All Lodge rental properties are currently occupied, we have replaced our financial investment manager, and selected a contractor to remodel the Order of the Eastern Star restroom.

Kiss-n-Tails, which occupies the Morgan Street space, is now open for business. Our new tenant, The Tampa Bay Area Building Association, has signed our lease rental agreement and will begin renovation of the Kennedy office space very soon. Also, we're discussing with Café DeSoto which direction they intend to run their operation in determination of a proposed new lease.

I would like to thank our finance committee, as we are changing the guard with respect to management of our financial investments. Brother Jeremy Hall, a Certified Financial Planner with Morgan Stanley, was selected to run the helm which will be watching over our accounts and assisting the Lodge in navigating the investment of our wages and portfolio.

The building committee has selected a contractor that will begin the renovation of the O.E.S. restroom, and replacing the two water closets down stairs. We have selected the Kitchen and Bath Factory to complete the project, which should only take two weeks.

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to our beloved, time honored cause.

Sincerely & Respectfully,

Clifford M. Allen

Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings My Brothers,

First, I would like to extend a BIG thanks to all those who have volunteered to prepare a meal this year. It provides your Junior Warden with a much needed break to catch up on his other Masonic duties, and more importantly, it gives the Craft a tasty variety for their refreshment. There are still plenty of open cooking spots. If you're interested, please contact me at: kenneth.r.skillman@gmail.com or call directly (813) 545-2446.

Our new Brothers have been working diligently to attain catechism proficiency in all three Degrees, and combined with an increase in courtesy work this year, will ensure that we have plenty of candidates and Brothers for all of the upcoming Degrees. Thanks to Bro. Joshua Sussman and W.: Steve Silvers who have volunteered to teach the newest Entered Apprentice catechism class. The Lodge appreciates your commitment to Masonic Education and your continued participation!

I would like to recognize all the Brothers who have been making an effort to regularly attend Degree practices. The practice work being done to improve our ritual should be obvious to all who attend our Degrees. Let's keep up the good work!

Finally, it is with the greatest appreciation and deepest respect that I thank W.: Joseph Gonzalez for taking over the production of the *Trestle Board*. Each month, a great deal of time, effort and creativity goes into producing the newsletter in your hand, and thanks to his professional expertise, we have now seamlessly transferred all of the responsibilities. I owe you one, W.: Joe!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Kenneth R. Skillman

Junior Warden

SECRETARY'S DESK



My Brothers,

As a result of the Fire inspection in February, a company came to check and test the sprinkler system. While in the process of testing, it was discovered that the main shut off valve was broken. The valve has been replaced, as well as the phone line that notifies the Fire Department in the event of a fire. Also, several of the sprinkler heads inside the building will require work to bring them up to code, as well as additional emergency lighting and Exit lights installed. I especially want to thank W.: Terry McLaughlin and Brother Donald Valverde who have assisted me by covering times when contactors need access to the Lodge.
















On a positive note, there's been a sudden resurgence in those desiring to become Masons. We seem to be handing out lots of petitions for the Three Symbolic Degrees, and they are coming back very quickly. Your assistance will be required to complete the investigations. We also have several Brothers who are transferring their membership to our Lodge. I encourage you to find one night to attend Lodge, make them feel welcomed, and meet new Brothers who are working hard to make Hillsborough Lodge the finest Lodge in the State of Florida.

Please remember your Masonic Home when paying your dues. The \$7.30 voluntary contribution helps to support our resident Brothers and Sisters. Finally, if you move to a new address, please notify the Lodge of your change of address & phone number. We will continue attempting to contact Brothers for certificates of membership of 25, 40 and 50+ years of service. We would be honored to present them at family night on April 29th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas C. Newton

Secretary, PM, PDI

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		 <p>1 EA Degree Night For Candidates who are prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Degree 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>2 District 22 SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION John Darling Lodge No. 154 • 7 p.m. 4601 N. Habana Ave. Tampa, FL</p>	 <p>3 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p>	 <p>5 Chapter 11 1 p.m. MUD ENDEAVOR RACE AT THE MASONIC PARK & YOUTH CAMP</p>
<p>6</p>	 <p>7 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>8 Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p>	 <p>10 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 HIGH TWELVE LODGE NO. 317 Lunch at 11 a.m. Meeting at Noon</p>
<p>13 MASONIC HOME BOARD MEETING 11 a.m. 3201 1st Street NE St. Pete, FL</p>	 <p>14 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>15 FC Degree Night For Brothers who are prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Degree 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>16</p>	 <p>17 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m. FINANCE & PROPERTY Meeting at 6 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p>	 <p>19 Chapter 11 1 p.m.</p>
<p>20</p>	 <p>21 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>22 Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>23</p>	 <p>24 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>25 MASTERS & WARDENS MEETING Fellowship Lodge No. 265 • 7 p.m. 306 N. Lincoln Ave. Tampa, FL</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p>	 <p>28 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>29 FAMILY NIGHT! Family Dinner 6:30 p.m. Lodge Presentations 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>30</p>			

My Brother, as you have been instructed, to relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent upon all men, but more particularly Masons. The Masonic Low Twelve Club of Tampa is a benefit fund organized for Master Masons, whose dual or current membership is in a Masonic Lodge within Hillsborough County, Florida. The purpose of the Low Twelve Club is to provide immediate monetary relief and benefit to the widow, or other beneficiary, of said Low Twelve Club member in good standing, upon his demise.

Only Master Masons which are in good standing within their respective Masonic Lodges, not over 65 years of age at their last birthday, and in good health at the time of applying for membership are eligible. Such Masons may become members of the Masonic Low Twelve Club of Tampa, upon application approved by the Board of Trustees, and without formality other than the payment of annual dues \$100.00, or \$25.00 billed per quarter.

For more information or to obtain an application, contact R. W. Houston D. White, PDDGM, at email address hwhite3@tampabay.rr.com or phone (813) 884-8529.

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IMPORTANT NEWS

Proposed Resolution to Amend Bylaws

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the Finance Committee to review the income, expenses, investments, and financial obligations of the Lodge, and

Whereas, the Senior Warden is directly responsible as the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and

Whereas, it has come to the attention of the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee that the Lodge "Special Investment Account" and the "Building and Maintenance Account" have generated very little investment return, and

Whereas, it is the recommendation by majority vote of the Finance Committee that the Lodge amend its by-laws, specifically 13.04 (a), (b), and (d) to allow the Finance Committee to properly invest these funds in order to improve the rate of return on investment.

Therefore be it resolved that Chapter 13 of the Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 Free & Accepted Masons Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

13.04 NEW – (2008)

(a) At the closing of each Masonic year (December 27), \$3.35 from each member's annual dues, shall be placed in the Lodge's Investment account, specifically invested in a separate fund in accordance with the then approved investment model approved by the Lodge, and designated as the "Lodge Building and Maintenance Fund."

(b) In addition at the conclusion of each Masonic year (December 27), and \$4.00 from each member's annual dues, shall be placed in the "Lodge Building and Maintenance Fund" account, as designated in 13.04(a).

(c) All Lodge checks for Lodge debts or expenditures must be signed by two (2) of the following elected Lodge Officers: the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, or Treasurer.

(d) In addition, 5% net amount, from each of the Lodge's paying tenants monthly rent, shall be placed into the "Lodge Building and Maintenance Fund," as designated in 13.04(a)

13.05 Lodge Building and Maintenance Fund – The name of the account shall be titled "Hillsborough Lodge Building and Maintenance Fund Account." These funds shall not be used for normal expenses of the Lodge except in case of extreme emergency. An extreme emergency must, of necessity, be defined by the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer and Secretary and be approved by three-fourths (3/4) majority of those voting at a regular Stated Communication, where prior notification has been given to the membership in the Trestle Board or by written communication to all members of the Lodge by U.S. Mail. To withdraw any of these funds or to change the investment package shall require three (3) of the five (5) aforementioned signatures. The Treasurer shall include in his annual report a specific accounting of these funds. All deposits and interest are to remain in this fund until it matures at \$250,000.00 in 1994 dollars. The price deflator to be used to establish the inflation adjusted dollar level shall be the consumer price index (CPI) or the Gross National Product Implicit Price Index (GNPPI), whichever is favorable to the financial position of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 F. & A. M. Once the \$250,000.00 trust fund level is reached, the account shall be thoroughly reviewed by a Special Investment Committee to determine

the best course of action for the Lodge to take in those prevailing times.

Be it further resolved that this Resolution was read in Lodge on March 11, 2014, at its regular Stated Communication and notification be sent to all the Brothers of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 via Trestle Board on or before April 5th, 2014, and

Be it further resolved that final balloting on this Resolution will take place at the Stated Communication of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 on May 13, 2014, in accordance with the Digest of Florida Masonic Law, Chapter 24, 16.01.

Fraternally Submitted by W. Joseph Gonzalez, Treasurer

MASONIC EDUCATION

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rule which governs all other virtues.

Temperance is that due restraint upon our affections and passions which renders the body tame and governable, and frees the mind from the allurements of vice. When practiced and perfected, a Mason is able to abstain from actions that may impair his faculties and perceptions. By this self-restraint, he shall not materially err.

Justice is that standard or boundary of right which enables us to render to every man his just due without distinction. Justice must always dictate fairness, honesty, morality, and neutrality in the treatment of all of mankind, more especially a Brother Mason. The exercise of this virtue incites us to act toward others in a manner that we wish they would act toward us.

As Masons, we are constantly reminded of what we learn. It is by this *inculcation* that the noblest virtues are put into practice as part of our daily lives. We adopt such tenets as Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, none of which we would come to realize or possess without the foundation of these four commendable virtues.

Masons have the great opportunity to demonstrate and practice these virtues on a daily basis. The Masonic Home of Florida, The Cardiac Research Institute at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, The Shriner's Hospital for Children, Rite Care Centers of the Scottish Rite, and the Able Kids Foundation of the York Rite are just a few examples. The gift of charity is not always a donation of money. Your time, compassion, relief and service are all donations that will extend beyond the grave. What an amazing gift it would be to change the life of a person or family less fortunate. This is our great aim as Masons, the *inculcation* of the noblest virtues. **TM**

¹Source: Bro. Casey Fletcher, 32°, KCCH

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, Executive Office of DeMolay
813-835-1793

WELCOME BROTHERS!



Hillsborough Lodge Brothers Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft. From left to right: Bro. Billy Dale Scott III, Bro. Richard Travis Wise, Worshipful Master David S. Liniger, and Bro. Jose Luis Estrado III.



New Entered Apprentices, with our Senior Warden presiding in the East. From left to right: Bro. William E. Kyle of Sarasota Lodge No. 147, Bro. Matthew Dylan Fech, Bro. Clifford M. Allen, and Bro. Scott Allen Keeperts.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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



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Congratulations to the newly elected officers installed for the 2014-2015 year:

Worthy Matron, Barbara Sarner

Worthy Patron, Terry McLaughlin, PGP

Associate Matron, Maudelene McCleary

Associate Patron, Paul Barber

Secretary, Sandra Johnson

Treasurer, Elaine Brandl

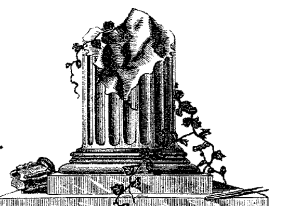
Conductress, Jamie Faulconer

Associate Conductress, Claudine Rogers

Don't forget, we have a working elevator. If you would like to attend a meeting, but need a ride, please contact:

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Brother Charles Woodring, member of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25, completed his Earthly Labors and passed to the Celestial Lodge Above on Feb 23, 2014.



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