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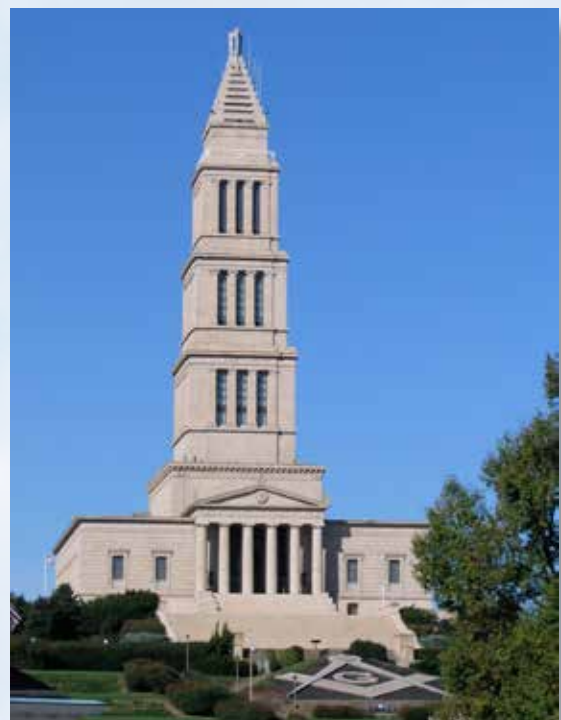
MAY A.L. 2014

## MASONIC EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF THESE UNITED STATES

The month of May is historically rich with many Masonic milestones. Throughout history, Freemasons have built magnificent structures to showcase their knowledge of geometry. One of the most prominent and recognizable structures is the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. On November 1, 1923, the Memorial's cornerstone was dedicated in a Masonic ceremony. Numerous dignitaries were in attendance, including former President Calvin Coolidge and former Chief Justice William H. Taft, to perform the ceremony before a crowd of thousands from around the nation. What is most surprising is that the onset of the Great Depression did not stop work on the Memorial. For over 10 years, Freemasons steadily and faithfully contributed to the ongoing construction of the Memorial.

It was Charles H. Callahan, who in 1909, while Senior Warden of Alexandria-Washington Lodge, purchased several lots on Shutters Hill, which he gave to the Lodge for the site of a fire proof Lodge Hall. With the urging of the Lodge, M·W· Joseph W. Eggleston, Grand Master of Virginia, invited every Grand Master in the United States to assemble in Alexandria-Washington Lodge on February 22, 1910, for the sole purpose of forming an association to plan and build a suitable Memorial to George Washington, the Mason. Representatives from

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*The George Washington Masonic National Monument is a memorial to honor and perpetuate the memory, character and virtues of the man who best exemplifies what Freemasons are and ought to be.*

**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,

Thanks to all who attended our family night on April 29th and helped make it a very special evening. These events take a lot of work and planning and I am very grateful to all who assisted, especially R. H. Newton and our Junior Warden, Brother Kenneth Skillman. R. H. Newton contacted all the Brothers to receive aprons and pins by letters and phone calls, organizing until the last second. Brother Skillman prepared an excellent meal, and if you have ever prepared a meal for a large crowd, you know how daunting a task it can be. Thanks to you both.

The Senior Warden, along with our insurance agent Brother Joseph Wilkinson, has renewed all of our Lodge policies, and at a savings from last year's rates! Great work Brothers, thank you for your labors.

We are so pleased with our new website and appreciate all of the time and effort given to this endeavor. Thank you W. Gonzalez, you have outdone yourself again! Visit [www.hillsborough25.org](http://www.hillsborough25.org) and enjoy.

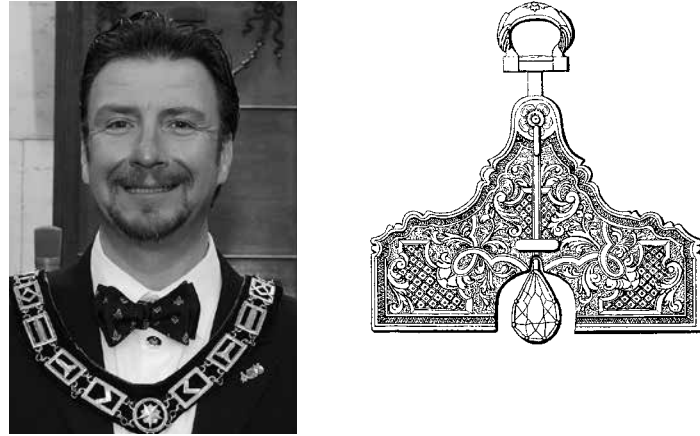
At the Stated Communication on May 13th, 2014, we will be balloting on the Resolution to Amend Bylaws as printed in the April edition of the Trestle Board. Please make every effort to attend.

Tickets for the D.D.G.M. Roast will be available in the Secretary's office for \$15. The event will be held at The Zendah Grotto, located at 4450 W. Ohio Ave, Tampa, FL. Social hour will begin at 5pm, Dinner at 6pm, and the Roast at 7PM. This is a very fun event and should not be missed.

As Masons, we sympathize with our Brothers trials and misfortunes and celebrate their triumphs. Brother Hirst you are in my thoughts and prayers and have my deepest sympathies, God Bless you Bro.

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## FROM THE WEST



My Brothers,

Warm greetings from the West! There are cornucopias amounts of work happening in our wonderful building. Currently, we have the following projects underway: OES restroom restoration, Insurance Policy renewals, and restoration of the exterior north wall.

The Kitchen & Bath Factory will have the OES bathroom complete and looking beautiful for our lovely ladies to use and enjoy. We have all the new products and fixtures in place, and the project will take one week to complete.

I would like to thank Brother Joseph Wilkinson, who has so diligently negotiated with our insurance companies for the best possible quotes concerning the cornerstone of our building. The final policies came in under budget for the renewals due to the fact that the insurance companies have reclassified non-profit organizations. This is a great benefit for our Fraternity. I am pleased to announce that with the help of Brother Joseph Wilkinson, we have our building, Officers, and contents safely guarded.

With regard to the north wall project, we have secured a contractor who has identified the issues with the wall. He is eagerly waiting for our neighbor to allow us access to begin the project. Also, we've had our awarded matching grant from the county extended for another year in order to help finance this important project.

Finally, I would like to thank Brother Donald Valverde for his hard work and dedication to our building. Thank you for putting the polishing touches on our building, which gives it a first class appeal.

Sincerely & Respectfully,

Senior Warden

## FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings My Brothers,

For all those who assisted and attended, I thank you for making our first Family Night of 2014 a big success! It continues to be my pleasure to provide refreshment and nourishment to the Craft and our guests. We still have several upcoming meetings when volunteer cooks will prepare a special meal. Please check the list on the kitchen door, and come out to show your support for these Brothers.

Masonic Education continues to be a big focus for the Lodge this year. We now have ten good men working on Degrees, and more on the way. As that number grows, so does the need for qualified instructors. You all had to give back your catechism at one point — some more recently than others. This means that you already have the building blocks needed to acquire a Silver Card. I encourage you to make the extra effort to earn your Silver Card and become an instructor. In my experience, the bonds formed among instructors and students during catechism training are some of the strongest made within the Fraternity.

Again, I would like to recognize those Brothers who have been making an effort to regularly attend Degree practices. Ritual, or "making Masons," is one of the most important things we do at Hillsborough Lodge No. 25. Thanks, and let's keep up the good work!

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that we are now in one of those periods during the annual Masonic calendar when important legislation and by-law changes are being discussed. Please try to attend Lodge this month so that you can participate in making these important decisions.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Junior Warden

## SECRETARY'S DESK



My Brothers,

Repairs and changes continue at the Lodge to comply with the Fire Marshal and his directives. We have now placed two Exit signs in the Lodge room, and Brother Sussman is going to make them more decorative by building new face plates. We will also have to add an Exit sign over the front entry, which will be lighted as well.



There are still Brothers who have not paid their 2014 dues. You can pay them online by going to the newly redesigned Lodge website at [www.Hillsborough25.org](http://www.Hillsborough25.org). Click on the link to pay dues and do it with a credit card. We will send your dues card as soon as the computer notifies us that your dues are paid.

Please remember your Masonic Home when paying your dues. The \$7.30 voluntary contributions to the Home helps support our brothers and sisters who are residents there. Remember, you may need the home later in life, so it will help you as well.

Come to Lodge and renew old acquaintances and make new ones as well. If you haven't been to Lodge in some time, come down and see what you're missing. Remember that the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays are Degree nights and the 2nd and 4th are business meetings. Dinner is at 6:30pm and Lodge opens at 7:15pm. Try to find one night to come down and meet new brothers who are working hard to make Hillsborough Lodge the finest Lodge, not only in the State of Florida, but in the United States. We get lots of visitors from other countries who have heard of our Lodge and they are always impressed when they come to see us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary, PM, PDI

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>District 22 SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION</b> John Darling Lodge No. 154 • 7 p.m. 4601 N. Habana Ave. Tampa, FL	 1 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	2	 3 Chapter 11 1 p.m.
4	 5 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 6 <b>FC Degree Night</b> For Brothers who are prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Degree 7:15 p.m.	7	 8 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	9	<b>HIGH TWELVE LODGE NO. 317</b> Lunch at 11 a.m. Meeting at Noon
11	 12 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 13 Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	14	 15 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	16	 17 Chapter 11 1 p.m. <b>D.D.G.M. ROAST Zendah Grotto</b> 4450 W. Ohio Avenue Tampa, Florida Dinner 6pm / Tickets \$15
18	 19 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 20 <b>Degree Night</b> For Candidates / Brothers who are prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Degree 7:15 p.m.	21	 22 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m. <b>FINANCE &amp; PROPERTY</b> Meeting at 6 p.m.	23	<b>MASTERS &amp; WARDENS MEETING</b> Fellowship Lodge No. 265 • 7 p.m. 306 N. Lincoln Ave. Tampa, FL
25	26	27	28	 29 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	30	31
<b>185th Grand Communication of Florida</b> Rosen Plaza Hotel 9700 International Dr. Orlando, FL 32819	<b>185th Grand Communication of Florida</b> Rosen Plaza Hotel 9700 International Dr. Orlando, FL 32819	<b>185th Grand Communication of Florida</b> Rosen Plaza Hotel 9700 International Dr. Orlando, FL 32819	<b>Installation of Grand Lodge Officers</b> Rosen Plaza Hotel 9700 International Dr. Orlando, FL 32819			



The 185th Grand Communication of the M.·W.· Grand Lodge of Florida will be held at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Dr, Orlando, Florida. Registration will begin Sunday morning, May 25th, and the evening will conclude with the Grand Master's Banquet.

Grand Lodge business will begin Monday morning and continue through Tuesday evening, or until such time as is necessary to complete our labors. Conclusion of the Grand Communication will follow with the installation of Grand Officers on Wednesday morning, May 28, 2014.

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# MASONIC EDUCATION

## Consideration of Corn, Wine and Oil

The wages which our Ancient Brethren received for their labors in the building of King Solomons Temple are paid no more. In the Lodge we use them as symbols, save in the dedication, constitution and consecration of a new Lodge and in the laying of cornerstones, when once again the fruit of the land, the brew of the grape and the essence of olive are poured to launch a new unit of Brotherhood into the fellowship of Lodges; or to begin a new structure dedicated to the public use.

Corn, wine and oil have been associated together from the earliest times. There are references in the Great Light to particular forms of taxes, money and tithes for religious purposes; wealth and refreshment. In ancient days the grapes in the vineyard and olives in the grove and the grain of the field were the measure of trade. Thus our ancient Brethren received wages in corn, wine & oil as a practical matter; they were paid for their labors in the coin of the realm.

Corn, wine and oil form important and necessary parts of the ceremonies of the dedication, consecration and constitution of a new Lodge.

Lodges were anciently dedicated to King Solomon, but as we all know, our modern Lodges are dedicated to the Holy Sts. John. Since their time, there is represented in every regular and well-governed Lodge a certain point within a circle, embordered by two parallel perpendicular lines, representing those Saints. This symbol of the point within the circle is far older than King Solomons Temple. The two lines which emborder it, and which we consider represent the Saints, were originally representative of the summer and winter solstices. The Holy Sts. John have their days so closely to the summer and winter solstices, June 24 and December 27, that there can be little doubt that both lines and dates represented to our ancient Brethren the highest and lowest points which the sun reached in its travels north and south. They are, most intimately connected with the time of fecundity and harvest, the festivals of the first fruits, the depths of winter and the beginning of the long climb of the sun up from the south towards the days of warmth which that climb promised.

Hence corn, wine & oil are natural accompaniments to the dedication of a Lodge, which it is hoped will prosper, reap in abundance of the first fruits of Masonic cultivation and a rich harvest of ripe character from the seeds it plants. Corn, wine and oil poured upon the symbolic Lodge at the ceremony which creates it, are essential to both the erection and consecration. All Lodges are erected to God and Consecrated to the services of the Most High.

During the Masonic cornerstone ceremony, The Grand Master orders his Deputy to pour the Corn, the Senior




Grand Warden to pour the Wine and the Junior Grand Warden to pour the oil upon the Lodge. The corn is poured as an emblem of nourishment; the wine as an emblem of refreshment and the oil as an emblem of joy and happiness.

Symbolically, the sacrifice we thus make is not actual, any more than Masonic work is physical labor. The ceremony should mean to those who form the new Lodge, that the symbolic sacrifice will be made real by the donation of the necessary time, effort, thought and Brotherly affection which will truly make the new Lodge the most effective instrument in the hands of its builders.

To further this point, our ancient Brethren were paid for their physical labors in corn, wine and oil, whether for work performed upon the mountain and in the quarries, or in the fields or vineyards. It was true then, and it is true now, that in order to receive the equivalent of corn, wine and oil, a Brother must labor. He must till the fields of his own heart or build the temple of his own house not made with hands. He must labor to his neighbor or carry stones for his Brothers temple.

If he stands, waits, watches and wonders he will be unable to ascend into the Middle Chamber where our ancient Brethren received their wages. If he works for the joy of working, does his part in his Lodge work, takes his place among the laborers of Freemasonry, he will receive corn, wine & oil in measures running over. As his reward, he will know a Fraternal Joy as substantial in fact as it is ethereal in quality; as real in his heart as it is intangible to the profane of the world.

For all of us then corn, then wine and then oil are symbols of sacrifice, of the fruits of labor, of wages earned. 

Source: Unknown Author, Masoniceducation.com, Vol. VIII August, 1930.

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# O.E.S. CHAPTER II



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

**Happy Spring to All!**

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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## MONTH OF MAY

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twenty-six Grand Lodges did assemble, approve and endorse the erection of the Memorial. Groundbreaking took place June 5, 1922, and on May 12, 1932, the dedication of the Memorial took place with President Herbert Hoover participating. By 1970, the Memorial was completed. The large Square and Compasses were added to the front lawn in 1999, as a visible sign to the Masonic nature of the Memorial. This structure is funded privately by continued, generous contribution of Masons, and our Lodge is no exception! Hillsborough Lodge contributes five dollars of every Entered Apprentice petition fee to the preservation of this historic monument.<sup>1</sup>

Notably, Brother William McKinley, US President 1898-1901, received his first degree on May 1, 1865, in Hiram Lodge No. 21, Winchester, VA. Brother Andrew Johnson, US President 1865- 1869, received his first degree on May 5, 1851, in Greenville Lodge No.119, TN. Perhaps a most impressive display of dedication may be illustrated by Brother Harry S. Truman, US President 1945-1953, who was presented his 50 year Masonic Service Award on May 18, 1959.

Several Grand Lodges were chartered in May, including Missouri in 1821, Illinois in 1840, and West Virginia in 1866. In addition, High Twelve International was organized May 17, 1921, and The Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States (Mother Council of the World), May 31, 1801. 

<sup>1</sup>Source: Paul M. Bessel; George Washington Masonic Memorial Assoc.

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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, Executive Office of DeMolay*  
813-835-1793

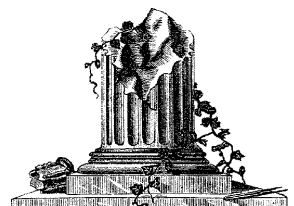
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I hope to see you all in the month of May and thank everyone again for the opportunity to serve Hillsborough Lodge No. 25. It is indeed an honor.

Peace Brothers,

*David S. Liniger*  
Worshipful Master

*If you hear of a Brother who has passed to that Celestial Lodge Above, please inform the Lodge Secretary so the Lodge can give proper condolence and assistance to his Widow.*



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