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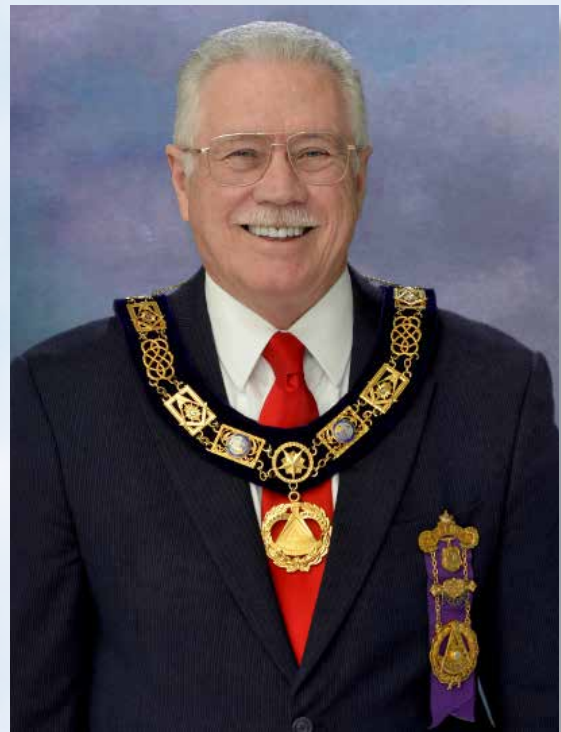
MASONIC SPOTLIGHT:

M.: W.: JIM FORD, GRAND MASTER

M.: W.: Ford received the Three Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry in Olin S. Wright Lodge No. 79 on October 26, 1996. M.: W.: Ford was appointed Junior Steward in January of 1997 and served as Worshipful Master in 2001. He has served as District and Zone Chairman of various Grand Lodge Committees from 2002 to 2005.

For the Masonic year 2006, M.: W.: Ford was appointed by M.: W.: Robert D. Trump as his District Deputy Grand Master for the 23rd Masonic District. In 2007 he was appointed Grand Representative of Illinois and served as the Zone Chairman for the Lodge Assistance Committee. He served as State Chairman for Masonic Education in 2008 and 2009. In 2010 he was appointed Senior Grand Deacon, and served on the Jurisprudence Committee and the Board of Trustees for the Masonic Home. As a Committee Member of the Board of Trustees he served on the Masonic Home Budget and Activities Sub-Committees. M.: W.: Ford holds membership with the Scottish Rite Valley of Tampa, 32°, KCCH; Egypt Shrine; Plant City Shrine Club; Past Masters Units of both the Shrine and the Scottish Rite; Plant City Chapter No. 16, Royal Arch Masons; Tyler Council No. 4, Royal and Select Masters; Plant City Commandery No. 6, Knights Templar; KYCH, Florida Priory No. 60; Pentagon York Rite College No. 62, Tampa; Mystic Brotherhood

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Most Worshipful Jim Ford was installed as Grand Master of Masons of the State of Florida at the 185th Annual Grand Communication on Wednesday, May, 28, 2014.

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,

Back from the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Florida, I have some exciting news. I'm very happy to report to you that our new District Deputy Grand Master is R·W· Joseph A. Gonzalez, Past Master of our Lodge in 2012. R·W· Gonzalez is one of the most dedicated Masons I have ever met, and I am very thankful to have him as a friend and Brother. Most Worshipful Jim Ford made an excellent choice in selecting Brother Gonzalez, and I offer them both any service Hillsborough Lodge can provide twenty-four seven. Be sure to congratulate them both at the earliest opportunity.

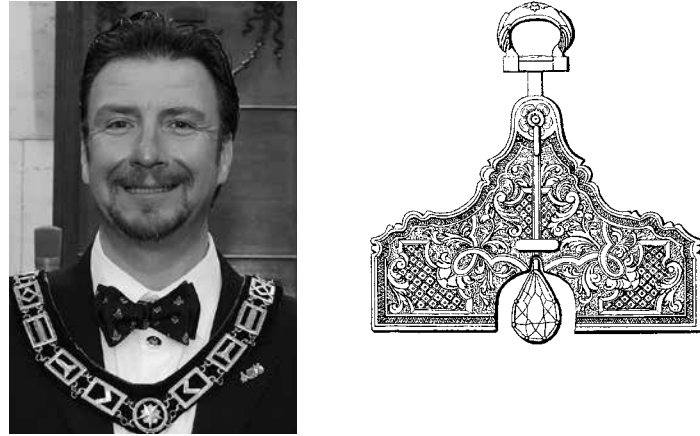
The new DDGM's Official Visit to Hillsborough Lodge will be on Tuesday, September 23, 2014. Put this date on your calendar today and attend this meeting. Since I have been an officer at our Lodge, I have had the privilege of seeing three DDGM's appointed from Hillsborough Lodge No.25: R·W· Steve Jacobson, R·W· John Hooker, and now R·W· Joseph Gonzalez. I've had the privilege of getting to know these Brothers and have seen first hand how hard they work out of love for our fraternity. If you can only make one meeting this year, please make it to our Stated Communication on September 23rd.

The Lodge is still in need of silver card holders to instruct catechism classes. We are initiating many new Masons, but we are not replacing instructors. If you are interested in giving back to your Lodge, please contact me on my cell at 813-368-0766, or email at davidliniger@gmail.com, and let me know how you can help.

Peace Brothers,

David S. Liniger
Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST



My Brothers,

Greetings from the West! There is a plethora of work that continues at our Lodge. We are nearing the completion of the OES bathroom project. I must apologize for the extended duration this project has taken. Given the age of our building, and unforeseen obstacles, the contractor has extended the work a little longer than anticipated. At this point, all the water closets and flush valves have been installed and are fully functioning. The new electronic faucets will be installed the week immediately following.

The Tampa Bay Area Building Association continues the process of renovating their space, and it appears they are doing an excellent job so far. Once the renovations are complete, the Kennedy space will have updated HVAC duct work, lighting, flooring, and a water heater. If you can lend a hand to help us care for this beloved Masonic building, please contact me anytime. The Lodge is home for all of us, and we should treat it with the respect and honor it deserves.

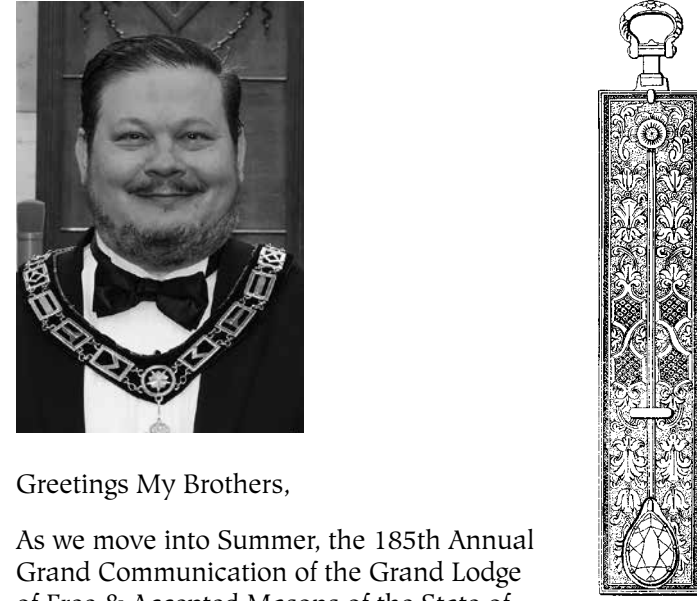
Grand Lodge was amazing this year. Friendship and Brotherly love prevailed among all who attended, and the Craft addressed important business and legislation. For those who have never attended Grand Lodge, please put it on your calendar for next years fun and festivities. The 186th Grand Communication will be held May 25th, 26th, and 27th 2015, at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando, FL.

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

Sincerely & Respectfully,

Clifford M. Allen
Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings My Brothers,

As we move into Summer, the 185th Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the State of Florida has drawn to a close. Congratulations to Most Worshipful Jim Ford, and all those Brothers who have advanced in the Grand Line! With the consent of the Craft, the Officers of Hillsborough Lodge have voted their consciences and done their best to represent the interests of our Lodge. We look forward to sharing the outcomes of the various legislative initiatives with our Brethren.

Hillsborough Lodge continues to be a leader in both the district and the state in making Masons, and now is a good time to step up our game before we go dark in August. Your participation continues to be extremely import in all areas of Lodge business. From Degree ritual to catechism training, to pitching in with activities in the kitchen and around the Lodge before and after meetings. Every little bit counts, and our Lodge is always better for the effort. Please find the area or activity you enjoy and lead by example.

Finally, let us carry the lessons taught in our ancient and noble Fraternity out of the Lodge, and show the world what it means to be a Mason. We should all take time to consider our words and actions so that we may leave a favorable impression and inspire other worthy men to join our ranks.

"All the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy, hope."

—Winston Churchill, British Prime Minister and Freemason

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Kenneth R. Skillman
Junior Warden

SECRETARY'S DESK



My Brothers,

All the repairs and changes at the Lodge to comply with the Fire Marshal and his directives are almost complete. The Fire alarm system has been upgraded to meet the fire code. This has been an expensive undertaking for the Lodge, but one which had to be done. Several new sprinkler heads have been installed in the offices and in Café DeSoto. The new EXIT sign over the front door will be completed soon and installed.
















There are still a few Brothers who have not paid their 2014 dues. You can pay online by going to the newly redesigned website for the Lodge at 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. Notices will be sent out this month to those who have not paid their 2014 dues.

We have many new Masons and need instructors. We have had several EA degrees and will have several more. Come down and join us to welcome these new Brothers and congratulate those who have become Masons, or have advanced to either the FC or MM degree. Meetings are at 7:15pm and dinner is at 6:30pm, so come join us.

Please remember your Masonic Home when you pay 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas C. Newton
Secretary, PM, PDI

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1	 <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>Degree Night For Candidate / Brothers who are prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Degree 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>District 22 SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION John Darling Lodge No. 154 • 7 p.m. 4601 N. Habana Ave. Tampa, FL</p>	 <p>Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.</p>	6	 <p>Chapter 11 1 p.m.</p>	
8	 <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	11	 <p>Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.</p>	13	<p>HIGH TWELVE LODGE NO. 317 Lunch at 11 a.m. Meeting at Noon</p>	
15	 <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>Degree Night For Candidates / Brothers who are prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Degree 7:15 p.m.</p>	18	 <p>Masonic Education 6:30 p.m. FINANCE & PROPERTY Meeting at 6 p.m.</p>	20	 <p>Chapter 11 1 p.m.</p>	
22	 <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	25	 <p>Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.</p>	27	<p>MASTERS & WARDENS MEETING Fellowship Lodge No. 265 • 7 p.m. 306 N. Lincoln Ave. Tampa, FL</p>	28
29	 <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>						

O.E.S. CHAPTER II



Meets at Hillsborough Lodge

We would like to invite our members to join us in the celebration of Grands and Past Grands on

Saturday, June 7, 2014, 1pm

Barbara Sarner, Worthy Matron

Terry McLaughlin, PGP, Worthy Patron

Sandra Johnson, PM, Secretary

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**HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F. & A.M.
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HILLSBOROUGH LODGE FAMILY NIGHT

Tuesday, April 29, 2014



R·W·: John Hooker was enlightened on his long family history by the Tampa Bay Sesquicentennial Commission's presentation concerning the history of City of Tampa and Hillsborough Lodge No. 25.



Br. R.J. "Jody" Meguiar was awarded his perpetual membership card and plaque to Hillsborough Lodge No. 25. **Br. Meguiar** currently serves as the Assistant to the Executive Officer of Florida DeMolay, and is the Chapter Dad for Paul Revere.



Brs. Michael Huster, Sean Walz, Paul Cimino and Jose Estrada receive their Master Mason aprons and recognition for their labor & study.

W·: David Liniger presents the Joseph Moore Scholarship Award to Evelyn Lahoz of Hillsborough High School. **Ms. Lahoz** was joined by her lovely family and was very thankful for the Lodge's contribution. Special thanks to **R·W·: C. Don Prosser** for his dedication and assistance.



Br. Joshua Sussman, Br. Drew Baldwin and Br. Joey Davis receive proficiency cards for outstanding Degree work.



Br. William Bussey was presented his 60yr membership award and **Br. Fredrick LeVarge** his 55yr membership award.



Br. Daniel S. Fisher, R·H·: Juan Martinez and Br. Robert A. King were presented their 25yr membership award; **Br. Daniel S. Fisher** was presented his 40yr membership award.



Brother Jack Lamb and his beautiful family.



Worshipful David Liniger and his lovely wife **Lana Liniger**.

GRAND MASTER

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Council No. 35, Knights Masons; Royal Order of Scotland; the Maxwell Clan of The Royal Order of Scotland; and the Zenda Grotto. **M·W·: Ford** is also a member and the Past Patron of Plant City Chapter No. 81, Order of the Eastern Star. He has held various OES Grand Chapter Committee positions, and served as Grand Representative to Arizona for the Order of the Eastern Star.

On May 30, 2011, **M·W·: Ford** was elected Junior Grand Warden of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Florida and installed on June 1, 2011. On May 30, 2012, he was installed Senior Grand Warden and shortly thereafter on August 21, 2012, his wife, Joy, was diagnosed with lung cancer. She went through a series of chemo and radiation treatments which, at first, seemed to work, but later proved otherwise. She passed away on May 18, 2013, unable to realize her dream of serving together with her husband as Grand Master and First Lady. She loved her family and she loved the Fraternity. She had many, many friends and will be remembered and missed by everyone.

M·W·: Ford's hobbies include fishing, golfing, traveling, gardening, and cheering on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. As **M·W·: Ford** devotes much of his time to the Masonic Fraternity and Appendant Bodies, let us show our support for him and his endeavors. He will make his visit to our District on Saturday, December 6, 2014. Make plans to attend and thank him for his dedication. **TM**

NEW MEMBERS



Welcome our **EAs: Br. David Feldman, Br. Bryan Seland, Br. Karl Larsson, Br. Tyler Rouse, & Br. Morgan Streetman**, initiated May 6, 2014, with **Br. Drew Baldwin** presiding in the East for the Degree.

MASONIC EDUCATION

The Altar and Freemasonry

As far back as we can go, the Altar has been the center of human society and an object of peculiar sanctity by virtue of that law of association by which places and things are consecrated. It was a place of refuge for the hunted or the tormented, criminals or slaves. To drag them away from it by violence was held to be an act of sacrilege, since they were under the protection of God.

The position of the Altar in the Lodge is not accidental, but is profoundly significant. The Altar in the Lodge is a symbol of what Masonry believes the Altar should be in actual life, a center of division, as is now so often the case. As written in the Constitutions of Freemasons, 1723:

A Mason is obliged, by his Tenure, to obey the moral Law; and if he rightly understands the Art, he will never be an Atheist, nor an irreligious Libertine. Masons are charged to oblige themselves to that religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves; that is, to be good Men and True, or Men of Honor and Honesty, by whatever denominations or persuasions they may be distinguished; whereby Masonry becomes the center of union, and the means of conciliating true friendship among persons that must have remained at a perpetual distance.

Masonry goes hand in hand with religion, until religion enters the field of sectarian feud, and there it stops. Masonry seeks to unite men, not to divide them. It is by this statement that we find a true meaning of the Masonic Altar and its position in the Lodge.

By example, one often enters a great Church, and finds it empty, or only a few people in the pews here and there, praying or in deep thought. They are sitting quietly, each without reference to others, seeking an opportunity for the soul to be alone, to communicate with mysteries greater than itself, and find healing for the bruising of life. But no one ever goes to a Masonic Altar alone. No one bows before it at all, except when the Lodge is open and in the presence of his Brethren. It is an Altar of Fellowship, as it is to teach us that no man can learn the truth for another, and no man can learn it alone. Masonry brings men together in mutual respect, sympathy and good will, that we may learn in love the truth that is hidden by apathy and lost by hate. Let us never forget that what has been so often and so sadly forgotten: the most sacred Altar on earth is the soul of man - your soul and mine. The Lodge Temple and its rituals are not ends in themselves, but a beautiful means to the end that every human heart may be a sanctuary of faith, a shrine of love, and an Altar of purity, pity, and unconquerable hope. **TM**

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R.:H.: Thomas C. Newton	Secretary
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