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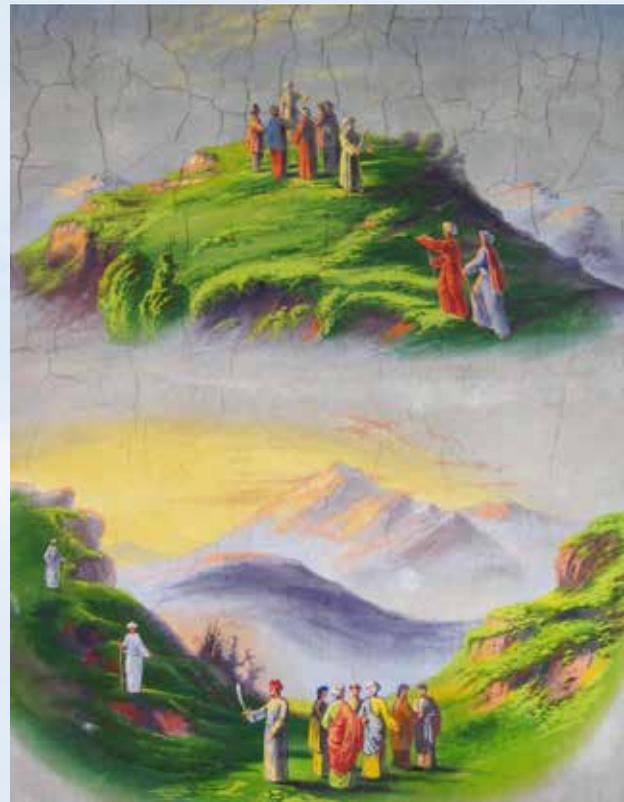
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MASONIC EDUCATION: THE WORK OF FREEMASONRY

Among the institutions which mankind has tried, none has longer been sustained, none has tested his patience more thoroughly than Freemasonry. More ancient than the oldest existing government, older than the oldest of churches, Freemasonry has maintained its life among men. By what peculiar property or virtue has this wonderful freedom been secured from death and decay which has overtaken and obliterated so many institutions of antiquity? Must there not be in the system of Freemasonry a wonderful adaptation to the wants of man through all ages, under all circumstances to secure this unparalleled perpetuation of itself? Through storm and sunshine, from under the frowns of the mighty, and out of persecutions as severe as have in years past overtaken any institution, it has descended to us from the remotest antiquity, and now in this day it exhibits as much life and vigor, if not greater vitality than ever before in its history.

What has Freemasonry to do with great human progress to which we have alluded? What is a Lodge? The ancient charges answer, "a Lodge is a place where Masons assemble and work." What is their work? Whatever tends to benefit mankind, whatever tends to its elevation, and whatever is

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An Artistic Interpretation from Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21, Winchester, Virginia, of a Masonic gathering.

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,

Thank you to all who were involved in the planning, and who attended the 14th annual Table Lodge in September. We were honored to have M.:W.: James W. Ford attend, as well as over 130 Brothers. The support of the Officers and the Craft made this an amazing event that I hope will continue for years to come. The food was exquisite and prepared by W.: Walter Schoepf, Past Master 2005, Brother Karlo Degiacomi and their awesome staff. Thanks to the DeMolay for serving; they are the best wait staff ever! I really enjoyed seeing all the Brothers that don't attend Lodge often; thank you all.

In the November issue of the Trestle Board, I will be communicating two important dates. At one of the Stated Meetings, we will be presenting the U.S. Marines with our Toys-for-Tots collection to benefit needy children. Please start bringing in your new, unwrapped toys so we can provide a very generous donation to a very worthy charity. Brother Di Stefano will be the point man for the toy drive. At the other Stated Meeting, I will present the results from our building assessment report. This report will cover the current and future building concerns and should be a valuable tool for long range planning.

Thank you Brothers for your service and support. It's an honor to serve Hillsborough Lodge No 25.

Peace Brothers,

David S. Liniger

Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST



Brethren All,

Greetings! The last quarter is here and our labors have begun to really shine. I thank all the members of our building committee, who's knowledge and partnership have enabled us to accomplish many great tasks. The Lodge building reflects their zeal to make our beloved house better for all Brothers to enjoy.

I would like to ask any and all Brothers who wish to teach to step up and help us make good men better. Masonic education is the backbone of our Fraternity. Without this proper instruction, we become a revolving door for the dreaded "in the front door, out the back door Masons."

I request the efforts of all who can and are willing to give assistance to the upcoming tasks to be completed at the Lodge. First, we need to clean and paint the prep room. It is the first place we were prepared, and is an important first impression to all who make this leap of faith. I plan to be at Lodge on Saturday, October 4, 2014, at 7:30am to complete this first of 3 tasks. Second, I want to put a fresh coat of paint on the down stairs bathrooms. Third, we need to take control of our storage rooms and organize them to make it easier to work out of these areas. The last task to accomplish this year is to pressure wash the front of our building. The street traffic and dirt that accumulates has attached itself to the front of the building.

As the remainder of this year winds down, I request all who desire to continue the growth of Hillsborough No. 25, or who have aspirations to be in the Officers line, to be present for a meeting in the Past Masters room at Lodge on Thursday, October 23, 2014, 7:00pm.

Sincerely & Respectfully,

Clifford M. Allen

Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings My Brothers,

I must say, that I enjoy our Table Lodge more and more with each passing year. Food and fellowship of this caliber are all too rare, and so we appreciate them all the more when we're offered an evening to share in them. This year's event was no exception, and with that I extend a big thank you to Worshipful David Liniger, Worshipful Walter Schoepf, Most Worshipful Grand Master Jim Ford, the Grand Lodge Officers, the young men and sweethearts of DeMolay, and all the Brothers who participated. The many joys and blessings of fraternity were evident to all.

We have our last Family Night of the Masonic year on Tuesday, September 30th. Remember that these special nights are important opportunities to give our friends and families a glimpse into our Masonic lives. For both, a positive impression of Masonry is not only reassuring, but may also be the first step toward bringing new men of good character into our ranks.

Finally, we owe a big debt of gratitude to those Brothers who come down to Lodge every Thursday night to teach catechism classes and ritual. Most notably, our chief instructor W.: Terry McLaughlin, R.:H.: Tom Newton, and W.: Mike Fletcher; the long-term commitment and contributions these Brothers have made to our Lodge are immeasurable.

"I am looking for a lot of men who have an infinite capacity to not know what can't be done."

—Bro. Henry Ford

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Kenneth R. Skillman

Junior Warden

SECRETARY'S DESK



My Brothers,

EMERITUS MEMBERS: if you have not returned the letter I sent to you, please do so as soon as possible. If I don't hear from you, I will have to assume that you've gotten things straightened out and are able to complete your obligation to the Lodge. Please get this done before the end of the month.

Those of you who have not paid your dues, messages were left for you to do so. Let's get this done before we have to suspend you for Non Payment of Dues. If you have a problem, let us know either by mail or via the internet at secretary@hillsborough25.org. We will work with you.

This next year, there will be an additional \$6.00 Fee attached to the dues. This is due to the increase in Per Capita Tax that we pay to the Grand Lodge each year for each member. This is NOT a voluntary contribution, but will be part of your dues. So this next year, the dues will be \$186.00 plus the \$7.30 for the Masonic Home. The new total amount due from each member will be \$193.30. If you have questions regarding this increase, please call us at the Lodge. The 2015 dues notices and cards have been ordered and will be arriving soon. I will begin sending these out as soon as I get them.

Need a petition for the degrees? You can pick one up at Lodge, or go online at www.Hillsborough25.org. Initiation Fees can now be paid online and the petitioner will receive an electronic letter acknowledging the payment. You can also pay other fees, such as the Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees online. You will also receive the same electronic acknowledgment.

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.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 District 22 School of Instruction John Darling Lodge • 7 p.m. 4601 N. Habana Tampa, FL	2  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	3	4  Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.
5  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	6  Degree Night For Candidates & Brothers prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.	7  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	8	9  HIGH TWELVE LODGE NO. 317 Lunch at 11 a.m. Meeting at Noon Official Visit of the D.D.G.M. District 22	10	11
12  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	13  Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.	14  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	15	16  Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m. Official Inspection	17	18
19 MASONIC HOME BOARD MEETING 11 a.m. 3201 1st St. NE St. Pete, FL	20  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	21  Degree Night For Candidates & Brothers prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.	22	23  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	24 Masters & Wardens Meeting Fellowship Lodge No. 265 • 7 p.m. 306 N. Lincoln Avenue Tampa, FL	25 SRT Fall Reunion & Initiation Scottish Rite Temple • 7:00am 5500 Memorial Highway Tampa, FL
26  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	27  Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.	28  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	29	30  Happy Halloween!	31	

MORE MASONIC EVENTS

View more Masonic events and updated information on the Lodge web site: www.hillsborough25.org, or follow us on Facebook and Twitter, links available on the web site.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!

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— Albert Pike, 33° Freemason

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O.E.S. CHAPTER II



Welcome Back Everyone from the Long Summer Break!

Saturday, October 18, will be our Official Inspection with Sister Betty Beasley. Come out and show support for Tampa Chapter No.11. It promises to be a good day with plenty of fellowship, food and fun.

If you need a ride, please contact the Secretary and we will make the necessary arrangements to get you to a meeting. And don't forget, we have a working elevator.

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Paul Revere Chapter



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Brother Bill Cobb

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MASONIC EDUCATION

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promotive of human progress in all its phases, is true Mason's work. Never in all history has it been ranged on the side of tyrants against the people, never has it aided superstition and priestcraft in their warfare against the freedom of thought; but, always allied with the friends of humanity, ever devoted to the inextinguishable Light of Truth and Fraternity. It has been one with life of mankind itself, and therefore imperishable. Progress, the poet sings, "is the rule of all," and if progress be among the purposes of our race, then is Masonry intimately associated with human destiny and has its glorious work in the world?

Masonry has been variously defined as an art and a science, and as a system of morality veiled in allegory. Masonry is all these, and more than these. It is one of the worthily working institutions of the world. It is one of the few institutions among men which has a work to do, in harmony with that progressive development of humanity; which seems to be the great purpose of human existence, and appears to be becoming more and more important as one of the instrumentalities by which that development is being affected.

And how does Masonry accomplish its work? By a process as old as the oldest Lodges, Freemasonry is sifting the community and selecting such material as is calculated for the labors of the Craft. This material is led through an impressive initiation, passed and raised to the grade of Master, and, in the language of the Ancient Charge, is made to feel "the benign influence of Masonry, as all true Masons have done from the beginning of the world, and will do to the end of time." Masonry accomplishes its work by taking hold of good men and making them better, by giving them an ideal and an aspiration which would lead them ever upward from the lowest, even to the highest round of that ladder, symbolical of all the virtues, whose bottom rests on the earth but whose top reacheth unto the heavens.

In conclusion we would add: To the Lodges, see to it that ye turn out nothing but true Mason work. **TM**

Source: *The Masonic Monthly*, 1864.

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Dinner is at 6:30 and Lodge opens at 7:15. 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 states and countries who have heard of our Lodge and they are always impressed when they come to see us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas C. Newton

Secretary, PM, PDI

14TH ANNUAL TABLE LODGE



The 14th Annual Table Lodge was very well attended, and as you can see by this photo, there weren't many open seats in the house. The seven course meal consisted of a shrimp cocktail, curry coconut soup, primavera strudel, fresh garden salad, lemon sorbet, grilled filet and chicken with bacon wrapped vegetables and rice, and finally, a triple mousse cake dessert. Cannon toasts and replies were given between each course. If you missed it, plan ahead. Tentative date for the 15th Annual Table Lodge is Tuesday, September 1, 2015. Sign up for the electronic Trestleboard to receive advanced notice!

In attendance this year: Most Worshipful James W. Ford, Grand Master, R.: W.: Richard Hoover, Junior Grand Warden, R.: W.: Gilbert Weisman, Grand Orator, R.: W.: Michael McCool, Senior Grand Warden / Assistant to the Grand Master, and W.: Robert Davidson, Grand Musician.



COMING IN NOVEMBER!



LIGHT IN MASONRY

"**cabl-tow**" - pronounced k • bel • two: a symbol of the first Degree, and means the scope of a man's reasonable ability. *Word Origins from Latin capulum and Old English togian.*

"**libertine**" - pronounced lib • er • tine: a person who leads an immoral life and is mainly interested in worldly pleasures. *Word Origin from Latin libertinus.*

"**ashlar**" - pronounced ash • lar: a hewn or squared stone, or masonry made of large square-cut stones, typically used as a facing on walls of brick or stone. *Word Origin from Latin axilla, diminutive of axis.*



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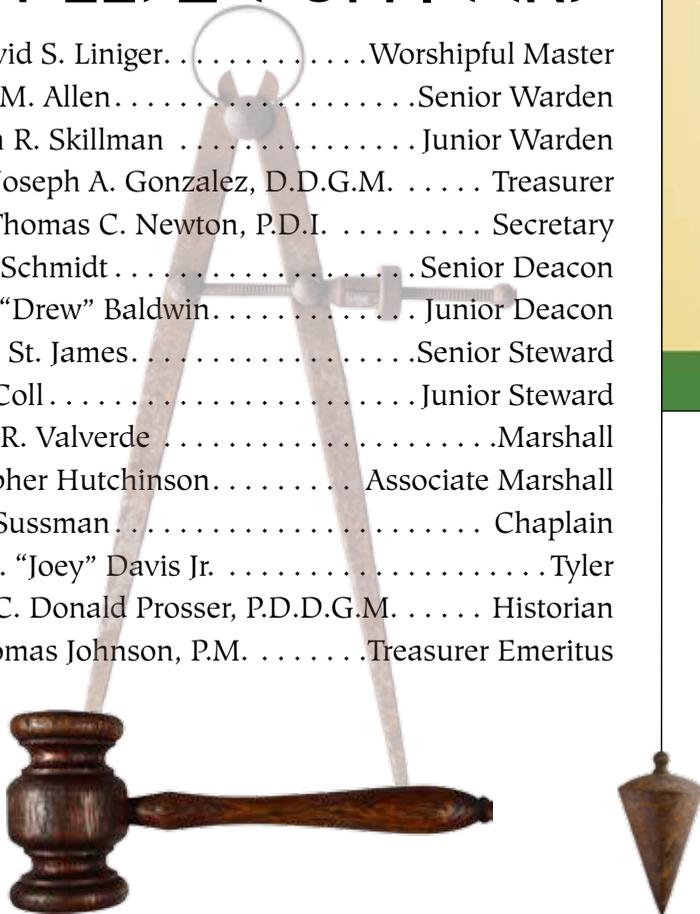
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