

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

TRESTLE BOARD

JANVARY A.L. 2015

W.: DAVID S. LINIGER, PM HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25

W.: David S. Liniger was initiated an Entered Apprentice on November 6, 2007, and was instructed by R.: W.: John D. Hooker, PDDGM. Following his instruction, he was Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on April 15, 2008, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on July 3, 2008. W.: Liniger was first appointed to the Officers line as an Associate Junior Steward in 2008, and has held the following positions in the line: Junior Steward 2009, Senior Steward 2010, Senior Deacon 2011, Junior Warden 2012, and Senior Warden 2013. Throughout his journey in the Officers line, W.: Liniger earned a White Card and Green Card in 2010, a Blue Card in 2011, and completed Master Mason I, II, III, and the Lodge Officers Training Modules.

W.: Liniger was made a 32° Scottish Rite Mason, Master of the Royal Secret in the Valley of Tampa, class of November 2008. He was recently initiated a Noble of the Egypt Temple Shrine, December 2014, and plans to devote a considerable amount of his time to helping the Shriners kids.

W.: Liniger, upon reflection of his Masonic seven year journey, had this to say: "I would say the thing

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W.: David S. Liniger, Past Master of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 F.&A.M., 2014, A.L. 6014.

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Stated Communications on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays
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FROM THE EAST



Brothers All,

This is my first opportunity to address you as Worshipful Master of Hillsborough No. 25. I hope everyone has had a Happy and Fruitful New Year. I thank each of you for your expression of confidence by electing me to serve as the Worshipful Master of the most prestigious and outstanding Lodge in Florida, if not all of North America. You have given me the great privilege to continue to serve the Craft and I will do my very best to be the leader you expect and deserve in the ensuing year.

I would like to especially thank W.: David S. Liniger for a great year in 2014. It has been a real pleasure to have followed you in line. You are a great Man and Mason and I am fortunate to be able to call you Brother. You have given me great wisdom and instruction during our time together in and out of the lodge. I look forward to our continued fellowship.

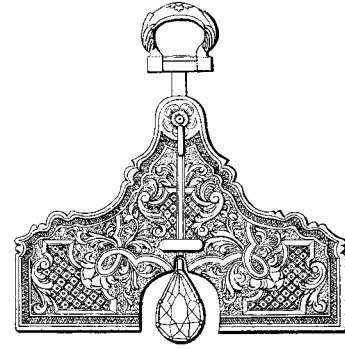
A successful year relies on all of us. It means that we as shareholders in this great Fraternity shall not be Masons in name only. Not one of us who became a Mason joined to sit on the sidelines. We must strive to get involved in our fraternal activities. Over the past years, there have been a core group of Brothers that have put our Lodge back on the course of greatness. It is my commitment to the Craft to make sound and just decisions and continue to personify Hillsborough No. 25 as the very best Lodge in the State.

This year I would like to see a positive change begin to take place. Let's start with attendance, as your voice and ideas at our meetings and Degrees are important to all the other Brothers. It would be a delight to our forefathers to pull back the curtain on our balcony to accommodate the attending members of the Craft.

It is my commitment to continue the positive progression of Hillsborough No. 25. As our Grand Master M.:W.: Jim Ford has said, "Fellowship, Friendship, and Brotherly

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FROM THE WEST



Happy New Year, Brothers!

Well, time certainly does fly. I hope each of you enjoyed a relaxing and wonderful holiday season with your families and are now ready to begin the business of 2015. It looks like we have an exciting year ahead.

I would like to extend a big thanks to those Brothers who came out for Election Night, and congratulations to the newly elected and appointed officers. It is humbling when the Craft puts their faith in you, and it is an honor to serve the Craft by pursuing and attaining our mutual goals. Another big thanks goes to W.: Cliff Allen, Brother Joe Osman, R.:W.: Joe Gonzalez and R.:H.: Tom Newton for all the time and hard work they put into our historic building last year. As a result of their efforts, we now have significant improvements throughout the Lodge, long-term and short-term building maintenance plans, and long-term leases signed for all of our commercial rental space.

Finally, a heart-felt thanks goes to W.: David Liniger. You have inspired me since I first entered the Lodge, and I have always appreciated your wisdom, knowledge and guidance. Thanks for the support, and good luck in your future endeavors!

"The most beautiful thing that we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science. He whom this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead: his eyes are closed."

—Albert Einstein

Sincerely & Fraternaly

Kenneth R. Skillman

Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings Brothers,

I hope you had a wonderful holiday, and I wish you all a very Happy New Year! 2015 is upon us and I want to congratulate my fellow elected and appointed Officers. W.: Allen and Brother Skillman, I especially look forward to working closely with you and the various committees this year as we continue to move Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 forward.

I am very honored and humbled that you have elected me to serve as the Junior Warden this year. I am excited about this opportunity and thank you for your confidence in me. I want to thank R.:W.: Joseph A. Gonzalez, DDGM for first appointing me to the Officers line in 2012 when he served as Worshipful Master. I continue to admire your hard work and dedication to our great fraternity.

Congratulations to W.: Dave Liniger on a tremendous year. All Officers and Brothers should strive to follow the example that you have set with your leadership & values. Thank you for all that you do.

Throughout the year, I'll be discussing Masonic Education. For starters, every Thursday night, we will have Masonic Education at our Lodge, such as practicing the ritual work and doing catechism instruction. The ritual work and the catechism instruction help lay the foundation for a Brother's Masonic journey, as we strive to make good men better. I urge you to become involved and participate in Masonic Education to make a difference in our Lodge.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Official Visit of M.:W.: James W. Ford to Districts 22 & 23. Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 was well-represented at this great event.

If you have not been to Lodge in awhile, there is no better time than now to come back and join us as we begin the new year. Come experience first hand the work that we are doing. I promise a hearty meal and wonderful fellowship.

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SECRETARY'S DESK



My Brothers,
















I want to take just a moment and thank the Brethren for the trust they have reposed in me by allowing me to continue to serve the Lodge as Secretary for 2015. We are continuing to update and improve the efficiency of the Secretaries office to better serve the Craft.

As we embark on another year, I would like to remind each of you of several things. First, if you have not paid your dues for 2014, they are due. Failure to pay your dues will result in being suspended for Non Payment. Currently, there are 48 brothers who have not paid their 2014 dues. Don't let this happen to you. You can pay your dues on line at our web site, www.hillsborough25.org. It's safe and you can pay with a credit card. Second, please send your current address and phone number to us. There are times that we need to get notices out to the Craft, and having a complete and accurate address in very important. This also applies to the Trestle Board, as we are getting way too many returned each month. Drop us a line in the mail or email at secretary@hillsborough25.org and let us know your address. Your phone number is requested so that we can contact you should something come up that we need to get a hold of you quickly.

If you know of a Brother who has passed to the Celestial Lodge above, please let us know. Again, an email to the Lodge, or a phone call to 813-229-2305, would be very much appreciated. If we don't answer, leave us a detailed message.

Our newly elected Worshipful Master and the rest of the elected and appointed Officers are here to serve you and the Lodge, and your input is always welcomed. Come to Lodge and support the Officers and the Lodge as a whole. We would love to see you for dinner at 6:30 PM every Tuesday, and then stay for the meeting. Bring a Brother with you, or bring a friend whom you feel would be a good Mason. Terry or I will give them a tour of the building and answer their questions.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>MORE MASONIC EVENTS</p> <p>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.</p>  			1	2	3 Installation of 2015 Officers 10am, Lodge Room 508 W. Kennedy Blvd Tampa, FL 33602 ALL Family & Guests welcome to attend. Brunch to Follow	
4	5  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	6  Stated Communication Budget for 2015 Presentation Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.	7 District 22 School of Instruction John Darling Lodge • 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL	8  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	9	10 HIGH TWELVE LODGE NO. 317 Installation of 2015 Officers at 2pm
11 MASONIC PARK BOARD ELECTION 2 p.m. 18050 US Hwy 301 South Wimauma, FL	12  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	13  Degree Night For Candidates & Brothers prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.	14	15  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	16	17  Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.
18 MASONIC HOME BOARD MEETING 11 a.m. 3201 1st St. NE St. Pete, FL	19  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	20  Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.	21	22  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	23 Masters & Wardens Meeting Fellowship Lodge No. 265 7 p.m. 306 N. Lincoln Ave, Tpa, FL.	24
25	26  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	27  Degree Night For Candidates & Brothers prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.	28	29  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	30	31

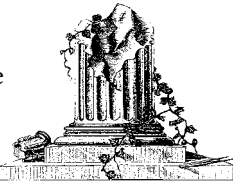
My Brother, as you have been instructed, to relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent upon all men, but more particularly Masons. The Masonic Low Twelve Club of Tampa is a benefit fund organized for Master Masons, whose dual or current membership is in a Masonic Lodge within Hillsborough County, Florida. 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, and in good health are eligible to apply for membership. 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!

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I have learned going through the Officers line is that there are different types of management. I have served under W.: Foster, W.: Hartnett, W.: Bustin, R.: W.: Hooker, R.: W.: Gonzalez, and W.: Silvers, and have met many Past Masters. Each of us are made unique and different, but we all have the same desires for the Fraternity.

Although we don't necessarily have the same skill sets or even interests, it all works for the benefit of Hillsborough 25. We each use what strengths we do possess, learn new strengths from Past Masters, and bring different views to the Craft from the East. I have met some very impressive men in our Lodge, and have seen what I would like to be in my later years. I have lost a hand full of Brothers, and miss them greatly. I have learned that you have to tell people how you feel about them while you have the chance. You can lose a Brother like W.: Shorty Powell who had a wonderful and long life, or like Brother Corces who was way to young to pass on. I regret that I did not know him better.

Our Charges and Lectures makes me refocus consistently on deficiencies in me, and work to correct them. Just like with scripture, I pull out the things I either think are beautiful, or something I am lacking, perhaps Equilibrium. I am truly honored to have met all Brothers who impress me in different ways, and very honored to be a Mason. It does mean quite a lot to me.” 12

“From the East” continued from page 2

Love” is what makes us stronger Brothers. It is a tried and true statement and is the cement of the fraternal support we should have for our God, Country, and Brothers. The physical appearance of the Lodge is once again beautiful and the content with in its doors is sound. Every man I have seen come in our doors is defiantly a better man for having taken the time to become a Mason. We must strive to continue our superlative Degree work and being more visible in the community with Masonic activities. It is also my plan to have some brotherhood development days this year; one Saturday a quarter, we will have a Lodge project to complete together to better ourselves and our building. The work of one can be completed much faster with the hands of many.

As always, I will keep an open door and will kindly listen to any Brother with ideas or concerns. As in the past, if you have a concern please be prepared to bring two alternative solutions to the concern, as we are all here to be better men, who best can work and agree. Please bring any ideas to my attention before any Stated Meeting to bring before the Craft. My information is: cliff.allen@mail.com, and my phone (813) 952-4423.

Sincerely,



Worshipful Master

“From the South” continued from page 3

Please feel free to email me at Drewbaldwin33@gmail.com.

I'm looking forward to an outstanding year!

“Freemasonry embraces the highest moral laws and will bear the test of any system of ethics or philosophy ever promulgated for the uplift of man.”

-Bro. Douglas MacArthur

Sincerely & Fraternaly,



Junior Warden

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We can also give them a petition to join our great Lodge.

The Secretary's office is always available to you to answer questions and provide you with whatever service that you may require. Pease don't hesitate to contact the office; I am here to serve you, the Craft.

Last but not least, please don't forget your Masonic Home when you pay your dues. It is a voluntary contribution of \$7.30 which goes to keep the home functioning as one of the finest facilities in the state.

Respectfully Submitted,



Secretary, PM, PDI

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For more information, please contact:

Brother Bill Cobb

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813-835-1793

O.E.S. CHAPTER II



Tampa Chapter No. 11 wishes everyone a very
Happy Holiday Season!

Please note that we will not be holding our meeting on
January 3, 2015.

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.

Sandra Johnson, PM, Secretary
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MASONIC EDUCATION

There is something in Masonry deeper and better than words, signs and ceremonies, and he who is content with merely knowing how to work his way into a Lodge room and to pass himself as a Brother will never see the real living beauties of Masonry. He will never behold the dazzling glory of the Mystic Temple, its moral and Scriptural excellencies.

Masonry itself is a living, active principle, possessing both a body and a soul, as well as outward adornments. Its paraphernalia and mystic signs are but the robes that enshrine and cover its vital, living principles, with which every Mason should be deeply imbued. We should all stand by and contend for the old landmarks of the Order, and never recognize the existence of any power under the canopy of Heaven to change those features of Masonic Ritual, which mark its distinctiveness as a System and give it universality in the three symbolic Degrees.

The world may and ought to progress in the arts and sciences, in philosophy and morals. In our efforts to do good, to alleviate the sufferings of our species, to dry the widow's tears, to educate and relieve the orphan, to

hush the sighs of affliction and human woe, to shelter the homeless, feed the hungry, clothe the naked and instruct the ignorant - in all these, as the divine mission of our Order, we may progress.

There should be progression. But in the observance of our Ritual we should be 'Old Fogies.' While it behooves us to preserve, with vestal vigilance, all the words, signs and ceremonies of the Ritual, we should also dig deep for the pearls that lie concealed at the bottom, and familiarize ourselves with our great principles, and become well acquainted with those sublime doctrines so beautifully taught and illustrated by our symbols.

To do this satisfactorily requires great diligence. We must not only commit to memory our lectures, but should avail ourselves of all the Masonic publications and authorized Masonic literature, to which we can gain access. Time and perseverance accomplish all things; and the beauties and moral excellencies of Masonry are only to be discovered and rightly appreciated by the industrious and diligent student. A lazy Mason is a misnomer.

Source: Address of the Grand Master of Arkansas, 1857



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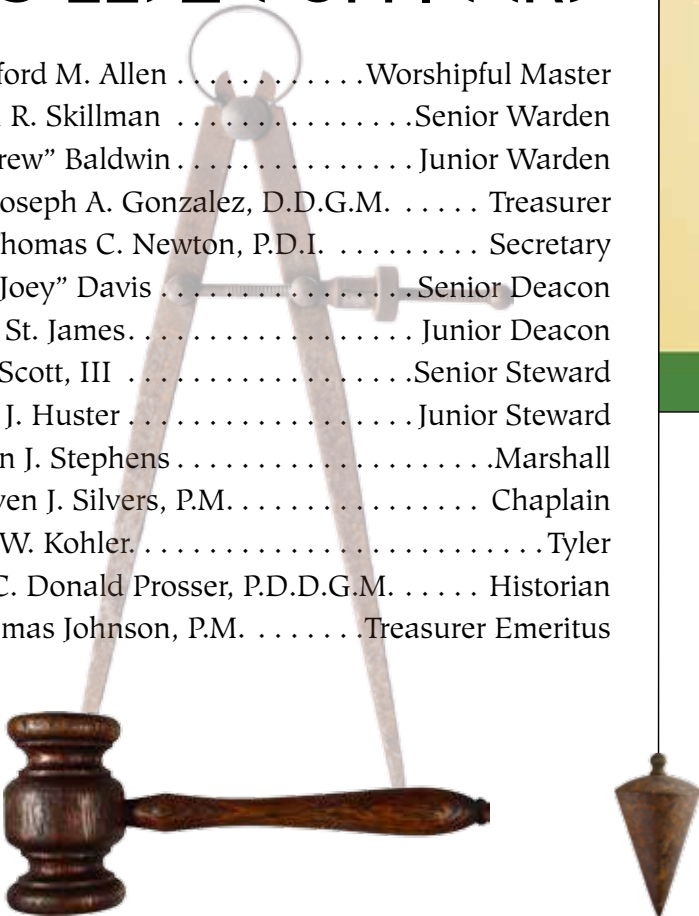
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