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MASONIC SPOTLIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS SIR JACK H. JONES

Brother Jack H. Jones served our country in the United States Air Force, and attended both the University of Southern Mississippi and Tampa. He was initiated a Mason on April 10, 1956, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in just two short months. This early sign of dedication was but a precursor to his love for the Fraternity and the amazing contributions he has unselfishly provided over 59 years.

Brother Jones was originally a member of Hazel Park Lodge, Grand Lodge jurisdiction of Michigan. He affiliated to Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 in the year 1975. He served the Grand Lodge of Florida as the Zone Chairman for Public Relations in 1982, 1985 and 1986.

At the 2014 Imperial Session he was re-elected as Imperial Recorder of Shriners International, a role he held for 30 years before his election as Imperial Potentate of Shriners International, 2009-2010. He serves on the Board of Directors for Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children, and serves as the Executive Vice President of Shriners International.



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Illustrious Sir Jack H. Jones, Imperial Recorder of Shriners International, and member of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25.

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



Brothers All,

Fraternal greetings! We are off to a great start this year with the Craft raising ten Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, and receiving four Entered Apprentices with much more in the pipeline. I want to thank everyone who came to participate in the Degrees and watch from the sideline. This is an incredible year with such an influx of new men wanting to become better.

On that note, we are in great need of instructors. It is a true honor to instruct and pass along the information we all have received. I must also reiterate how important it is to the candidate or Brother going through the Degree to have a Lodge full of Brothers who support their journey in Freemasonry.

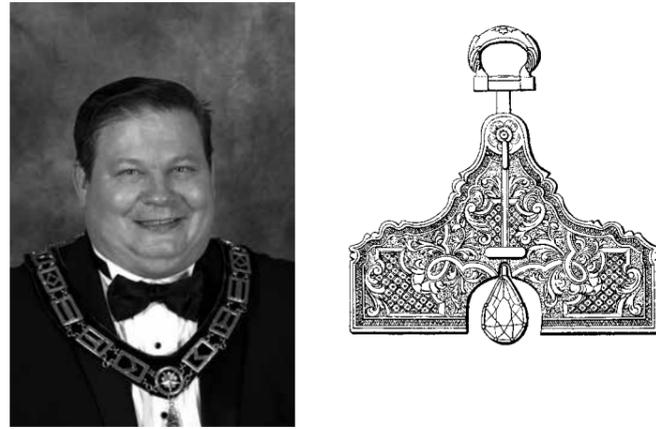
With March being Masonic Youth Month, I am proud to announce that we will be having a two-person pool tournament with the Paul Revere Chapter of DeMolay on Saturday, March 21, 2015, from 12:00 – 3:00pm. Please contact me at cliff.allen@mail.com to put your teams in now. We will be having hamburgers, hotdogs and all the trimmings as well.

March will be a very busy month. As a reminder, we will be having our first family night on March 31, 2015. Come early and be hungry, I promise we will have a fun filled evening.

Fraternally,

Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST



Hello, My Brothers!

This month, I would like to address a topic that should be of concern to all Masons, from newly Raised to 50-year Brothers . . . Specifically, the public side of Masonry and the appearance we present to the world. We all know that Masonry “takes good men and makes them better,” but exactly how does it do that?

Participation in the Fraternity and application of its tenets is purely voluntary, so simply becoming a Mason does not automatically make one a better person. Masonry gives us the structure to effect changes in our character by virtue of our own labor. If you think about the working tools of a speculative Mason, one is used to divest ourselves of our negative qualities, while another is used to circumscribe our baser tendencies. This may seem a subtle difference, but it speaks to a deeper understanding of human nature. Just as there may be a few obvious holdovers from the profane that clearly need to be eradicated, there will surely be other undesirable traits that are not so easily dealt with. This is why we are taught to keep those tendencies in check.

The world changes, and we change with it, but the beauty of Freemasonry is that it does not change. We should be ever-conscious of the reputation of our venerable institution. We should jealously protect it and defend its honor at all cost. Consider this well, when engaging in relatively modern activities such as posting to social media websites, aggressively confronting other drivers (worse yet, with Masonic emblems on our vehicles), or dealing with unreasonable people in our hectic day-to-day lives. Most people only have an average understanding of existence. We know better, and it is up to us to set the standard.

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FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings Brothers,

Our first family night of the year will be on Tuesday, March 31, 2015. Mark that date on your calendar. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm. After dinner, we will have an open meeting that your friends and family can attend. This is a unique opportunity for you to bring friends and family so they can see our beautiful Lodge and experience firsthand the wonderful work that we are doing.

The spring reunion for the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Tampa will be on Saturday, April 11th and 18th. Known as “the College of Freemasonry,” the Scottish Rite is one of the appendant bodies of Freemasonry that a Brother can join after becoming a Master Mason. It has a rich history and tradition, and the education and wisdom that you will gain from its Degrees will continue to make you a better man and Mason. Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 is always well-represented in the Tampa Scottish Rite and I urge you to join and become involved. It’s not too late. If you would like a petition or additional information about the Tampa Scottish Rite, please let me know.

Last month, we had two Entered Apprentice Degrees and welcomed several new Brothers into our great Fraternity. Remember that we are obligated to guide and instruct our new Brethren for service to the Craft and all of mankind. I again want to congratulate our new Brothers and look forward to seeing you progress in our Lodge.

“We represent a fraternity which believes in justice and truth and honorable action in your community . . . men who are endeavoring to be better citizens.”

—Brother Harry S. Truman

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Junior Warden

SECRETARY'S DESK



My Brothers,

There are two very important dates this month in which to learn and experience what our Fraternity has to offer. On Saturday, March 14th, R·W·: Stan Hudson, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge, will present a seminar on the steps to merge or consolidate Lodges within the State. This is a great opportunity to learn how we can strengthen our Fraternity and build stronger Lodges. This seminar and townhall meeting will be at our Lodge, and co-hosted by High Twelve Lodge No. 317. Meeting begins at 9am.

On Saturday, March 21st, the annual Pilgrimage Day at the Masonic Home of Florida will begin at 9am. This is a huge event, with car shows, Masonic item booths, tours of the home, music, lunch and tremendous Fellowship. The Grand Master will be in attendance. This is yet another opportunity to learn about our Home, and visit with the residents who are our Brothers and Sisters.

As this month has been declared Masonic Youth month by our Grand Master, you can help by supporting our own chapter of DeMolay boys. Go to a meeting, attend their events and promote their well being. They are the future of the Lodge and Masonry as a whole.

Come to Lodge, 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 are missing. Remember the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays are Degree nights, the 2nd & 4th are business meetings. Dinner is at 6:30, 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 Florida, but in the United States.

Respectfully Submitted

Secretary, PM, PDI

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| 1 | 2  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m. | 3  FC Degree Night For Candidates & Brothers prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m. | 4 District 22 EA School of Instruction John Darling Lodge • 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL | 5  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m. | 6 | 7  Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m. |
| 8 | 9  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m. | 10  Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m. | 11 | 12  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m. | 13 | 14 Townhall Meeting 9am - 11am HIGH TWELVE LODGE DDGM Visit at Noon |
| 15 | 16  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m. | 17  EA Degree Night For Candidates & Brothers prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m. | 18 | 19  Masonic Catechism 6:30 p.m. Finance & Property PM Room 6:30pm | 20 | 21  Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m. Masonic Home Pilgrimage Day 8am - 2pm |
| 22 MASONIC HOME BOARD MEETING 11 a.m. 3201 1st St. NE St. Pete, FL | 23  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m. | 24  Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m. | 25 | 26  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m. | 27 Masters & Wardens Meeting Fellowship Lodge No. 265 7 p.m. 306 N. Lincoln Ave, Tpa, FL. | 28 |
| 29 | 30  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m. | 31  FAMILY NIGHT! Dinner 6:30 p.m. Lodge Presentations at 7:30 p.m. | 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.   | | | |

Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 and High Twelve Lodge No. 317 will host R. W. Stan Hudson, Senior Grand Warden, for a Mergers and Consolidations Town Hall meeting on

**Saturday, March 14, 2015
9am to 11am
at Hillsborough Lodge**

The topic of the meeting will be the current condition of Lodges within the State, and the necessary procedures and steps to be taken when particular Lodges consider a Merger or Consolidation with another Lodge.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!

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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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MASONIC EDUCATION

All Masons know the importance of the Tyler, and the scope of his duties. But the Tyler is only one Brother; secrecy is a Masonic duty for all. Throughout the three Degrees, and in the ceremonies of opening and closing a Lodge, are references to the importance of preserving inviolate the secrets of the Order, preventing the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers, and guarding against the disclosure of the esoteric work to those whom it is not proper to be made known. Not only the “work,” both printed and exoteric, and secret and esoteric, exhorts us to “silence and circumspection;” the inner meaning of the symbolism of the Tyler and his Sword teaches plainly that each of us should be a Masonic Tyler.

In other words, the duties of the Tyler are not confined to that Officer; every Mason should be, in effect, a Tyler. He is a good Mason as his words and actions are duly Tyled, and a detriment, if not a positive injury, to the Craft as he is careless of or indifferent to these duties.

The eavesdropper, literally one who attempts to listen under the eaves, and so receives upon him the droppings from the roof; he was only a common thief, who tried to learn by stealth what he could not learn by work.

The cowan was a more or less ignorant Mason; one who laid stones together without mortar, or piled rough stones from the field into a wall, without working upon them to make them square and true. He was a “Mason without a word” with no reputation; the apprentice who tried to masquerade as a Master.

While nothing very positive is known either as to the date when the guardian of the door first went on duty, or why he was called a Tiler, or Tyler, it is believed that the office is very ancient, and that, inasmuch as the man who put on the roof, or tiles, (tiler) completed the building and made those within secure from intrusion, so the Officer who guarded the door against the intrusion was called, by analogy, a Tyler.

In modern days, the Tyler of a Lodge uses his sword only as a symbol of authority. While all faith and trust in his zeal is entertained by the Master and the Brethren, it is usual to make sure by a ceremony familiar to all Masons that no profane, cowan, or eavesdropper has entered the Lodge room prior to opening.

Unless all of understand and abide by the need for us to tile our own words and actions, our portals might as well be in charge of a door keeper who would admit on the production of a printed ticket! In the profane world (the word is used in its ancient sense of meaning “without the doors of the Temple”) considerable curiosity exists regarding the Masonic Fraternity.

To satisfy a legitimate curiosity about Freemasonry there

is much information which a Brother may conscientiously give. A sincere desire to learn something of the Fraternity, on the part of a man who is considering application, is an evidence of thoughtfulness. He is entitled to a serious and thoughtful answer to all proper questions. Quite a bit of information regarding Masonry is printed; its history, its government, its extent, its public appearances - such matters are no more “secret” than a Masonic Temple is secret. Few Masons, not even the careless and indifferent, will disclose the esoteric work of the degrees; the modes of recognition, the words or our methods of teaching. It is not the disclosure of these that we who would tile our hearts and lips must fear.

Freemasonry works her gentle miracles in men’s hearts in a way which no profane can understand. Her reputation among the general public is that of silence, secrecy, good works, unselfish doing of good, failure to advertise and to seek publicity. These facts in the jewel of her reputation are the working tools of the Craft among the profane. Every inadvertence which breaks down any one of them, injures the Fraternity in the public eye and thus her ability to do good. Every airing of scandals, every dragging of Lodge politics, or hateful words into community talk, every disclosure of charity, even when dictated by pride, is, in the long run, injurious to the Fraternity.

Many good men and true seek to improve Masonry. Others, attempt to change the “Ancient Usages and Customs,” which thereby destroy some of the Landmarks and nullify some of the Old Charges. The Freemason who is his own Tyler will set his face steadfastly against all such efforts. As one bad egg will spoil an omelet, so the unfit candidate, admitted, does more harm to the Lodge, and thus to the Fraternity, than ten good men and true can do good. The well Tyled Mason will be very careful in the petitions he brings into the Lodge. It is for us to see that we Tile the petitions we sign with Masonic circumspection.

Finally, and perhaps most important of all personal duties we perform as Tyler, let us see to it that we do not ourselves bring anything into the Lodge but Brotherly love. Let us be “ever watchful and guarded” that, in the language of the Old Charges, we bring “no private piques or quarrels” within the tiled door. Not only with our lips but truly, let us meet on the Level and part upon the Square. Let us each so act in the Lodge, as a Brother, and out in the world, as a member of the Ancient Craft, that our Brethren within, and our friends at large without, can be proud of what Masonry means. For only by so tiling ourselves can we insure that, that with which we are so solemnly charged as Entered Apprentices will endure; “that the honor, glory and reputation of the Institution may be firmly established and maintained; and, the world at large convinced of its good effects.”

Source: www.themasonictrowel.com/masonic_talks

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For more information, please contact:

Brother Bill Cobb

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“From the West” continued from page 3

From a very young age, I can remember my father telling me that, “First impressions are lasting impressions.” Let’s all take this message to heart, and move through the world in a manner that will make us all proud to call ourselves Masons!

Sincerely & Fraternaly

Senior Warden

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O.E.S. CHAPTER II



Tampa Chapter No. 11 meets on the first and third Saturday of every month at Hillsborough Lodge!

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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“Illustrious Jack H. Jones” continued from page 1

Illustrious Jones is a recipient of several Masonic awards, which include the Benjamin Franklin Medal from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; the Henry Price Medal, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; and the Andrew Jackson Medal, Grand Lodge of Tennessee. He is an emeritus member of the DeMolay International Supreme Council and a recipient of the DeMolay Grand Cross and Legion of Honor. He was elected honorary Grand Master of DeMolay International, 2009. In 2006, he was presented the Imperial Potentate’s Award of Merit, which is the highest honor in the Shriners Fraternity. He is a recipient of the York Rite Knights Templar Grand Cross. Brother Jones is also a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason Inspector General Honorary, and a recipient of the Grand Cross of Honor.

Other Masonic affiliations include Egypt Shriners, Tampa York Rite, Valley of Tampa Scottish Rite, Red Cross of Constantine, Order of Quetzalcoatl, Royal Order of Jesters and National Sojourners.

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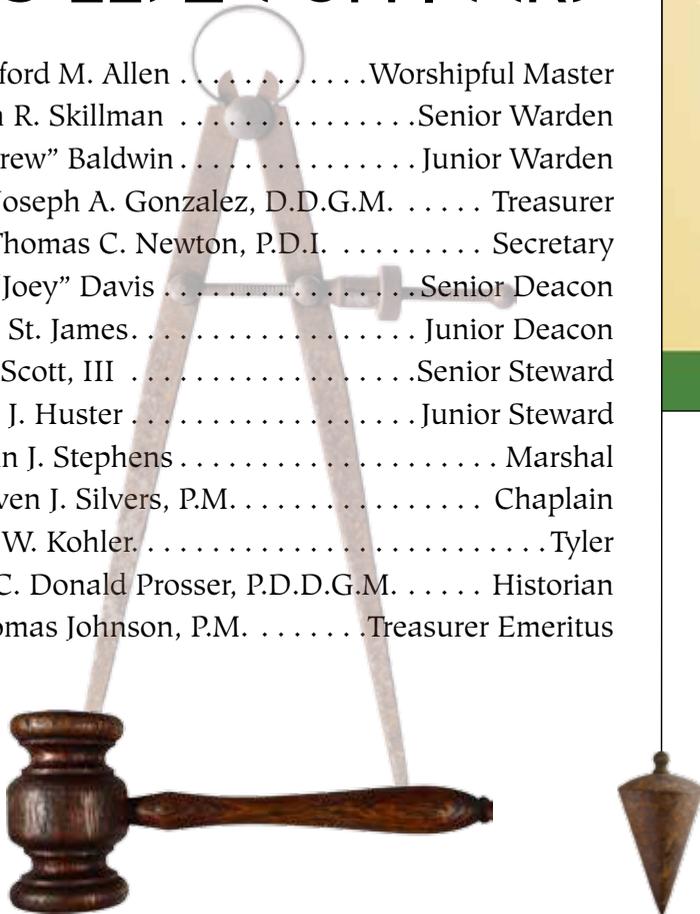
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