

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

# TRESTLE BOARD

JUNE A.L. 2015

## M.: W.: STEVEN P. BORING GRAND MASTER OF FLORIDA

M.: W.: Steven P. Boring was born August 9, 1942, in Elizabethton, Tennessee. At the age of eleven he moved to the Daytona Beach area, attended South Ridgewood Elementary and graduated from Mainland High School in 1960. He attended both Daytona Beach Community College and Vencies College, and studied electronics drafting at Saint Petersburg Junior College. M.: W.: Boring and Mary Jane were married on April 4, 2009, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church in DeLand. M.: W.: Boring has two children: Timothy P. Boring and Sandy K. Gonzalez. Mary Jane has three children: Anita L. Cambron, Alan E. Heist, and Laura L. Bassett. Steve and Mary Jane are very proud of all eleven of their grandchildren: Emily Cambron, Caleb Cambron, Haley Gonzalez, Gabby Gangaware, Rachel Heist, Grace Boring, Hannah Gonzalez, Ava Boring, Ryleigh Heist, and the twins Alexandra and Aubrey Bassett.

M.: W.: Boring worked twenty-eight years for Florida Power Corporation and retired in 2000. He proudly served as a member of the Florida Army National Guard for thirty-six years. During his term of enlistment in the National Guard, he attended Infantry Officer Candidate School

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*Most Worshipful Steven Boring was installed as Grand Master of Masons of the State of Florida at the 186th Annual Grand Communication on Wednesday, May, 27, 2015.*

**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



Fraternal Greetings Brothers All,

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the Brethren of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 who are involved with weekly Lodge operations. It is a true pleasure to represent Hillsborough Lodge, as it is really taking shape. I want to congratulate R.:W.: Joseph Gonzalez, P.D.D.G.M. for his outstanding year representing M.:W.: Jim Ford. I also wish to congratulate R.:H.: Steven J. Silvers on his new appointment as District Instructor. Please support him and continue your Light in Masonry by attending the District Schools of Instruction on the first Wednesday of every month. Thank you to all the Brothers who attended the Grand Lodge Communication; it is always exciting to see so many Masons gathered in one place.

On that note, it is apparent with the lack of attendance at our meetings, that we are either meeting too often or we are missing something. I would like to have an open discussion in Lodge at our Stated Meeting On June 23, 2015. Please bring ideas and suggestions to this meeting. As I have stated on numerous occasions, please bring two solutions if you have a complaint. It is apparent we need to make some changes in our schedule or the business we are trying to accomplish during these meetings.

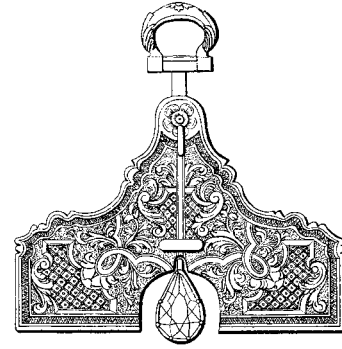
I am asking all the Brothers please put on their calendar to attend at least one meeting a month, either Stated or Called. It is very important to the new Brethren that we are one sacred band of Brothers. It's also important that during Degree work, we impress upon the candidate going through the Degree that we are a Lodge that fosters their desire to become a better man. We have an awesome membership and we should be proud of the work we have been able to accomplish.

Fraternally,

*Clifford M. Allen*

Worshipful Master

## FROM THE WEST



Greetings, My Brothers!

We are now into summer, and it is hard to believe nearly half the year has gone by already. By the time you read this, the election, appointments and installation of your 2015-2016 Grand Lodge Officers will be over. My sincere congratulations to M.:W.: Steven P. Boring and the rest of the Grand line, and a big congratulations to District 22's R.:W.: Michael Goldman and Hillsborough Lodge's own R.:H.: Steven J. Silvers, District Instructor for the 22nd Masonic District! It looks like we have another very exciting and successful year coming up.

One of the pieces of legislation presented at the Grand Lodge Communication was the Resolution for Social Media Policy. Over the past few months, I have observed some very disappointing exchanges between Brothers of Hillsborough Lodge. Without going into detail, suffice it to say that these conversations have been lacking in proper Masonic decorum and mutual respect (not to mention a lack of Brotherly love and affection). While I am all in favor of free speech and constructive dialogue on subjects of both agreement and disagreement, we must always ensure that our tone is consistent with the candor, friendship, courtesy, affability and kindness that we, as Masons, are taught to inculcate.

*"The Lodge...that benevolent institution that has exalted men to great heights, that has nurtured the needy, fed the hungry, sheltered the traveler, always been tolerant, a refuge for good men, a charitable giver, and a lover of mankind. Yes, that is the one and only one that suffers when piques and quarrels arise among the Brethren."*

— M.:W.: Jorge L. Aladro, PGM, Masonic Discourses, Volume I

Sincerely & Fraternaly

*Kenneth R. Skillman*

Senior Warden

## FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings Brothers,

It is hard to believe that summer is here and this year is going so quickly. If you haven't been to Lodge in awhile, come join us this summer and experience our friendship and Brotherly love.

Our second Family Night of the year will be on June 30th. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m, and the menu will be an assortment of summertime favorites. After dinner, we will have an open meeting that your friends and family can attend. We had a great turnout at our previous Family Night in March. I encourage you to bring your friends and family so they can see our beautiful Lodge and experience the work that we are doing as we head into the summer months.

Thank you to everyone who attended the official visit of R.:W.: Joseph A. Gonzalez to our Lodge on April 28th. I want to congratulate R.:W.: Gonzalez on a tremendous year and thank him again for his leadership and zeal for our Fraternity. His dedication to our Fraternity is a great example for all Masons to follow.

In May, we Raised Brother Joey Davis's class to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Congratulations to our newly Raised Brother Master Masons. I look forward to continuing to see you at our Lodge, and urge you to stay active by attending our weekly communications and ritual work participation. We still need catechism instructors, so if you are interested in teach catechism, obtaining a Silver Card is the next step. There is no better time than now to obtain it while the catechisms are still fresh in your mind. Congratulations to Brother Davis on a job well done.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

*Drew Baldwin*

Junior Warden

## SECRETARY'S DESK



My Brothers,

By the time this Trestleboard hits your inbox or mailbox, the elected officers of this, and most every Lodge around our great State will have just returned from the Annual Grand Communication in Orlando, Florida. Our New Grand Master will have been installed and we will again begin a new Masonic year. Let's make it a good one!



















I've spent two months organizing and becoming familiar with the Secretary's office, and the duties of the position to which I was elected. I am happy to report that everything is running smoothly so far. I must say that I am troubled by the large number of Brothers who still have not paid their 2015 Dues. Therefore, I have decided to send out copies of Dues notices to every Brother who has not yet paid their Dues for 2015. Your dues are used to operate the daily business of the Lodge, as well as supporting local and Masonic charities, including your Masonic Home. Remember Brothers, you can pay your dues online at [www.hillsborough25.org](http://www.hillsborough25.org), or by mailing your check directly to the Lodge.

The work of a Lodge is always in progress, and we have initiated many new Brothers this year. These Brothers are actively studying and progressing towards their next Degrees every week. Take some time to come out to the Lodge to be a part of their advancement. Having been down that road yourself, you know how much it means to have the support of the Craft at our Rituals. Finally, I hope to greet you in our Lodge room again very soon.

Fraternaly,

*Steven J. Silvers*

Secretary  
District Instructor

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	 <p><b>Paul Revere Chapter</b> 7 p.m.</p>	 <p><b>FC Degree Night</b> For Candidates &amp; Brothers prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p><b>District School of Instruction</b> John Darling Lodge • 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL</p>	 <p><b>Masonic Education &amp; Catechism</b> 6:30 p.m.</p>		 <p><b>Chapter 11 Meeting</b> 1 p.m.</p>	
7	 <p><b>Paul Revere Chapter</b> 7 p.m.</p>	 <p><b>Stated Communication</b> Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	10	 <p><b>Masonic Education &amp; Catechism</b> 6:30 p.m.</p>	12	<p><b>HIGH TWELVE LODGE</b> Meeting at Noon</p>	
14	 <p><b>Paul Revere Chapter</b> 7 p.m.</p>	 <p><b>EA Degree Night</b> For Candidates &amp; Brothers prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.</p>	17	 <p><b>Masonic Education &amp; Catechism</b> 6:30 p.m.</p>	19	 <p><b>Chapter 11 Meeting</b> 1 p.m. <b>Grand Master Official Visit</b> Scottish Rite 6pm</p>	
21	 <p><b>Paul Revere Chapter</b> 7 p.m.</p>	 <p><b>Stated Communication</b> Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	24	 <p><b>Masonic Catechism</b> 6:30 p.m. <b>Finance &amp; Property</b> PM Room 6:30pm</p>	26	<p><b>Masters &amp; Wardens Meeting</b> John Darling Lodge No. 154 6:30 p.m. Tampa, FL.</p>	27
28	 <p><b>Paul Revere Chapter</b> 7 p.m.</p>	 <p><b>FAMILY NIGHT!</b> Dinner 6:30 p.m. Lodge Presentations at 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>MORE MASONIC EVENTS</b> View more Masonic events and updated information on the Lodge web site: <a href="http://www.hillsborough25.org">www.hillsborough25.org</a>, or follow us on Facebook and Twitter, links available on the web site.</p>  				

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](mailto:hwhite3@tampabay.rr.com) or phone (813) 884-8529.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!

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Brian E. Fulton  
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Don't miss the Fellowship and a seven course, 5-star meal prepared by W. Walter Schoepf and Brother Karlo Degiacomi. Included in the program are celebratory toasts and responses!

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Brothers,

Two months ago, the Officers of your Lodge asked for your feedback concerning the meetings of the Lodge. To date, the number of feedback submissions is very low. Your opinion and feedback are very important to the Officers.

We want to hear from you, specifically, why you come to Lodge, and why you may avoid coming to Lodge. We're asking for your honest answers as to your attendance, and, if you were the Worshipful Master, what you would do to change or improve the Lodge.

We've uploaded a short, five question survey on the main page of the website, [www.hillsborough25.org](http://www.hillsborough25.org). Scroll down half way and you'll see the link to the survey. The survey is set up to be completely anonymous, and most answers are free text based. This survey is accessible via any mobile device through the website. So, please tell us your honest opinion, so that we may direct the Lodge in a manner befitting the consensus of the Brethren.

Below are the questions we're asking. Take a moment to provide your Officers with this valuable information. Thank you for your feedback.

1. What do you like best about attending Lodge?
2. What do you like least about attending Lodge? (please be specific in your answer)
3. What was the last date you attended Hillsborough Lodge?
4. If your attendance was more than 3 months ago, what is your main reason for not attending?
5. If you were the Worshipful Master, what would you change or improve in the Lodge?


*"Most Worshipful Boring" continued from page 1...*

(Senior Sergeant's Course and First Sergeant's Course), and was a member of the Florida Army National Guard Pistol Shooting Team for over 30 years.

M·W· Boring received the Three Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry in East Gate Lodge No. 355, Clearwater, FL. He was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on December 23, 1974. After moving to the central Florida area, M·W· Boring became a member of Saint Johns Lodge No. 37 and served as Worshipful Master in 2006. M·W· Boring served on several District, Zone and State Committees including Child ID, Jurisprudence, Masonic Education, Public Relations and Publicity, Arrangements, and the Grand Lodge Corporate Board.

In 2008, M·W· Boring was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the 16th Masonic District by M·W· Joe Fleites. In 2009 he served as the Grand Marshal, in 2010 was appointed Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and served as the Junior Grand Steward for M·W· Jim J Harris in 2011. M·W· Boring is also a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Orlando, Past Master of the Knights of St. Andrews and Past Master of the Lodge of Perfection; Sanford York Rite Bodies Monroe Chapter No. 15, Taylor Commandery No. 28, and Sanford Council No. 20; Past Monarch of Zangi Gortto; member of Bahia Shrine Ambassadors; Royal Order of Scotland; Memorial Lodge No. 16; Seminole Chapter No. 373 National Sojourners; and Space Coast Council No. 32 Knight Masons. He is a Past Patron of DeLand Chapter No. 16, Order of the Eastern Star. He served as a DeMolay Dad Advisor, and as a member of the Advisory Board of DeLand Assembly No. 31, International Order of Rainbow for Girls for several years and is a holder of the Grand Cross of Color. Since 2010 M·W· Boring has been a member of the Masonic Youth Association of Florida, serving as the Secretary in 2011 and 2012.

On May 28, 2012, M·W· Boring was elected by the Craft and installed on May 30, 2012, as Junior Grand Warden of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Florida. After being elected to Senior Grand Warden in 2013, Deputy Grand Master in 2014, he was elected and then installed Most Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida on May 27, 2015.

M·W· Boring had the honor and privilege of Raising his son Tim and his step-son Alan to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Both Tim and Alan are Past Masters of their respective Lodges. M·W· Boring's hobbies include guns, racing, and classic cars. M·W· Boring spends his leisure time working in the yard and spending time with his family. 

## 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

## O.E.S. CHAPTER II



Members: Our Official Inspection with Sister Linda Rae Every, Associate Grand Matron, will be on May 16, 2015 at 1:00pm Refreshments to follow.

Stop by and see some old friends! If you would like to attend the Official, but 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: THE GAVEL

The Common Gavel, it is a symbol both of labor and of power. As the Square is no doubt the oldest instrument of our science, so the Gavel is its oldest working tool - some trace it back to the rude ax of the stone age. How simple it is - just a piece of metal with a beating surface at one end and a cutting edge at the other, with a handle for better effect in use. Every Mason knows by heart the explanation of its meaning, given him in the First Degree.

While the Square, the Level and the Plumb has each one use and office, the Gavel is used in many ways, either by itself or with other tools all the time. Cutting, chipping, driving and setting it is always busy, always close to the hand of a Mason; for suppression and for construction, its work never ends. It is the first tool of the Craftsman, and the last he uses as Master of the Lodge, if he is counted worthy of that honor by the merit of his labor and the trust of his Brethren. The Gavel is capable of doing great work, or of spoiling good material; it is at once the test and the triumph of a Mason.

So, naturally, the Gavel is an emblem of power. It is an emblem of the power for good or ill in the hands of each man, being the commonest of tools; and also of the power of the Lodge in the hand of the Master. If wielded roughly, it means ruin. If wielded weakly, it means failure. If it is wielded wisely, and in the spirit of Brotherly love, it is a

wand of magic and a scepter of good will. Man is tempted and tested by power as by nothing else. Few are the men able to use it and not abuse it. No man can be a Master Mason, or fit to be the Master of a Lodge, until he has learned to use the Gavel with dignity, self-control and gentle skill.

As the Gavel sounds in the East, calling us to another year of Masonic Labor, each of us ought to ask himself such questions as these, and answer them honestly in his own soul. What kind of a Lodge would my Lodge be if all its members were like me? What value would Masonry be to the world, if every one of its sons made the same use of it as we do? Do we answer the signs and summons sent to us by the Lodge, as we vowed to do at its Altar? If not, what is a Masonic Obligation worth, and what does it mean - nothing? Such questions tell us where we are in Masonry, and why we may do so little with it. Surely it only fair to ourselves, as well as to the Craft, to ask such questions point blank. As citizens, one thing we lack more than anything else in America today is a sense of personal responsibility for laws and institutions, which enshrine the spirit and genius of our nation. If Masonry had a great place in the early days of the Republic, it was because Masons gave it a great place by serving the nation in its spirit. Truth wins if we are true to it and make it win.

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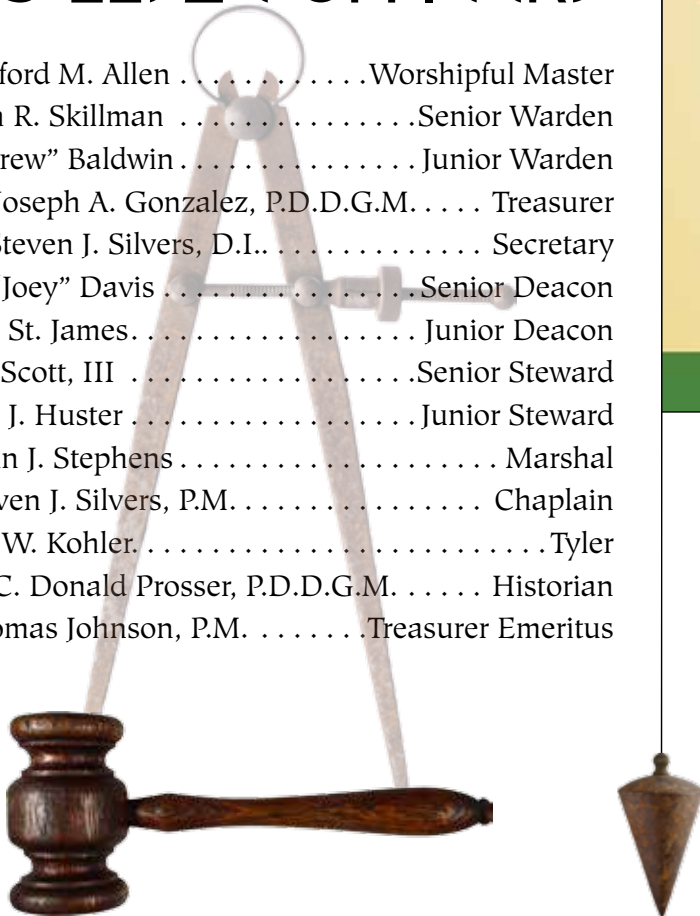
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