

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

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MASONIC SPOTLIGHT: BROTHER JOHN PAUL JONES

John Paul Jones is probably the best known Naval figure of the Revolutionary War. He was born John Paul (The Jones was added later in America) in Kirkeudbright, Scotland, July 6, 1747. His father, also named John Paul, was a gardener and his mother was Jean MacDuff. Seven children were in his family, John was number five. His oldest brother William Paul migrated to Fredericksburg, Virginia and was an important point of contact on this side of the Atlantic.

John went to sea at the age of twelve after finishing school, and made his first trip to Fredericksburg before he was thirteen years old. In 1768, he was assigned to a British Merchant ship and during the voyage back to Scotland had to assume command due to the death of the captain and the first mate. His career as a merchant seaman ended in 1773 at age 26, when he inherited his brother's plantation in Virginia. It was stipulated that in order to inherit the plantation he must assume the name of "Jones" which he did and was thereafter John Paul Jones. It was during this period that he made application to St. Bernard Lodge 3122, Kirkcudbright, Scotland and was initiated on November 27, 1770. Masonry played a big part in Jones' life from then on.

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Brother John Paul Jones is known in Naval history for his famous reply, "No, I have just begun to fight." His Masonic journey began in Scotland, 1770.

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,

Well, July is here and I am delighted to report that the Lodge is running like a well-oiled machine. The work on the north wall is half complete; it visibly more beautiful and a vast improvement. The elected and appointed Officers are working fantastically well together and it is awesome to see the relationships begin to flourish. I want to especially thank our newly elected Secretary, R.·H.· Brother Steven Silvers, District Instructor, for taking ownership of his new position. Please take a moment and thank him for his dedication and service.

With the year seven months in, we still have much work to accomplish. We are fortunate to have a steady influx of candidates who desire to become Mason's and we are still in need of instructors. Therefore, please take the time to come down and pour the knowledge of Masonry into the newly Received, Passed, and Raised Brothers.

I would want to thank everyone who attended the Official Visit of R.·W.· Michael Goldman's, District Deputy Grand Master, last month. It was a very exciting evening and his findings were above satisfactory. Therefore, I express my appreciation to the Brethren who put their effort into Hillsborough Lodge No. 25.

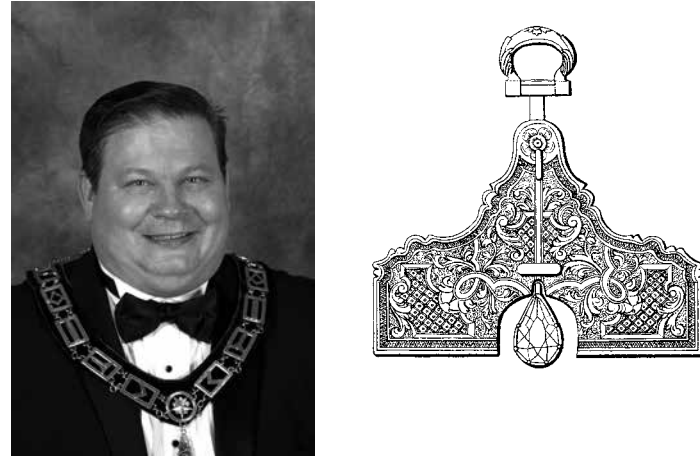
Just a friendly reminder, we will be dark in August. Table Lodge will the first meeting back on September 1, 2015, please purchase your tickets early and often.

Fraternally,

Clifford M. Allen

Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST



Greetings, My Brothers!

I am happy to report that the progress on the north wall repointing is continuing as planned. Also, the reglazing and sealing of the window systems in the Kiss & Tales office space and Fusion Bowl restaurant is completed. The Property Committee will be obtaining additional quotes for the same maintenance concerning the 2nd floor windows of the Lodge. Additional work continues on the A/C units and the roof, specifically over the Worshipful Master's Office. Further discussion on these topics will continue at the next scheduled Finance and Property meeting on Thursday, July 23, 2015, 6:30pm, in the Past Master's room. All interested Brothers are welcome to attend and observe the committee at work.

Every month, the Officers of the Lodge attend the board meeting at the Masonic Home of Florida. At the meeting, we present the resident of the month with a check for \$50, which they are free to use at their discretion. This program began in 2011, under R.·W.· John D. Hooker, and has continued to present day. The next board meeting will be Sunday, July 19, 2015, at 11am. If your cable tow allows, please plan to attend the meeting, and assist the Officers of our Lodge in presenting the next check to the Home resident of the month. Let's show our Brothers and Sisters at the Home how much we care about and support them.

"Brotherly love is not a tangible commodity. We cannot touch it or weigh it, smell it or taste it. Yet it is a reality; it can be creative, it can be fostered, it can be made a dynamic power."

— M.·W.· Carl H. Claudy, PGM, District of Columbia 1943

Sincerely & Fraternaly

Kenneth R. Skillman

Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings Brothers,

If you haven't already done so, I encourage you to complete the Master Mason I, II, and III exams. These educational exams can be printed after July 5th from the Grand Lodge of Florida website. They are open book type examinations using the Digest of Masonic Law of Florida. The purpose of these exams is to teach you how to use the Digest of Masonic Law of Florida while increasing your Masonic knowledge and education. Additionally, our Lodge receives Masonic Education points when you complete these exams. After you have completed them, please print your answers and turn them into me. In the future, you will be able to complete these exams online, receive immediate scoring, and have it recorded to your member profile.

The District School of Instruction is held on the first Wednesday of every month at John Darling Lodge No. 154 at 7:00 p.m. The District School is conducted by our own R.·H.· Steven Silvers. This is another excellent way to increase your Masonic Education. You'll learn about a variety of topics, such as the ritual work, the Digest of Masonic Law, Lodge business at Stated Communications, and Masonic etiquette.

On Monday, September 14th, the Tampa Scottish Rite will be hosting its annual Worshipful Master and Masonic Youth Recognition Night at Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center. This event is open to everyone. Please mark this date on your calendar. Bring your friends and family as we honor W.· Allen and all of the local Worshipful Masters and Masonic Youth Organizations. Dinner will be at 5:45 and the program will begin thereafter.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Drew Baldwin

Junior Warden

SECRETARY'S DESK



Greetings Brothers,

It's been a very fast 3 months since I assumed the duties of the Secretary at Hillsborough Lodge and the office is operating quite smoothly. I must say that I am extremely pleased at the response so far from the second round of dues notices sent out in May. Payments have arrived at a steady pace. If you have not yet paid your dues, please remember to do so, as soon as possible. According to Chapter 24 of our Digest of Masonic Law, section 4.02, "Every member of a Lodge who is six (6) months or more in arrears for dues shall be notified thereof by the Secretary, and in case of failure or refusal to come forward and pay his dues, or give satisfactory excuse, within three (3) months after such notification, may be suspended at the discretion of the Lodge." Our strength as a Lodge comes from our membership. Please be mindful of our regulations in order to avoid suspension.
















During the month of June, we Initiated 3 new Brothers as Entered Apprentices and Passed 5 Brothers to the Degree of Fellowcraft. Our new District Deputy Grand Master made his official visit on June 9th and it was determined that all of the records at the Lodge were in good order. Although you may hear this often from our three Principal Officers, I remind you of the importance of attendance at our Stated and Called communications. I hope to see an increase in your participation in the near future.

In order for the Lodge to be able to communicate with you effectively, your contact information needs to be correct in our database. Finally Brothers, I wish you all a safe and happy 4th of July holiday, as we all celebrate the founding of our Great Nation.

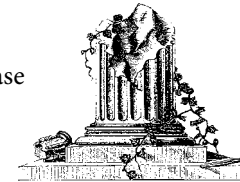
Fraternaly,

Steven J. Silvers

Secretary
District Instructor

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 District School of Instruction John Darling Lodge • 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL	2  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	3	4  Chapter 11 No Meeting Happy 4th of July!!
5  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	6  FC 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	10	11 HIGH TWELVE LODGE Meeting at Noon
12  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	13  No Lodge Meeting by Vote of the Craft.	14  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	15	16	17	18  Chapter 11 No Meeting MLT Training & Education Fellowship Lodge 9am
19 MASONIC HOME BOARD MEETING 11 a.m. 3201 1st St. NE St. Pete, FL	20  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	21  MM Degree Night For Candidates & Brothers prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.	22	23  Masonic Catechism 6:30 p.m. Finance & Property PM Room 6:30pm	24 Masters & Wardens Meeting John Darling Lodge No. 154 6:30 p.m. Tampa, FL.	25 Zone 6 School 8:30 a.m. 5500 Memorial Hwy, Tampa, 33634 Master Masons Only
26  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	27  Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.	28	29	30  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	31	

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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!

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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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While in Virginia he met many patriots including Patrick Henry, Washington, and most importantly, Ben Franklin, who was to play a large role in Jones’ career in later life.

In 1775, shortly after the battle of Lexington and Concord, Jones’ offered his services to the American cause. An organized force was available for fighting on land (The Militia), but no organized force existed to fight at sea. America needed a Navy and turned to John Paul Jones. He was invited by John Hancock and the Naval Committee of the Continental Congress to lay before the Committee such information and advice as may seem useful in assisting the said Committee to discharge its labors. He gave much time and effort in working out plans for a new Navy.

Jones’ name was placed on the first National Navy list as number one on the list of Lieutenants and he was the first of the officers on that list to receive his commission. Historical records show that he received his commission from the hand of John Hancock in Philadelphia, PA. Jones went to Newport, Rhode Island, took command of the ship Providence and on June 14, set sail. The records from that voyage show that Jones captured 16 enemy vessels, destroying 8 and sending the rest to America as booty. He returned to port to find that he had been promoted to Captain, and the sad news that his plantation had been burned to the ground by the British. 1777 found Jones in Philadelphia at the Naval board where he argued for a mission to European waters. An interesting note is that on June 14, 1777, Congress passed two separate resolutions.

The first, that The flag of the thirteen United States of America be thirteen stripes, alternating red and white; that The Union be thirteen stars in a blue field representing a new constellation. The second resolution passed was that Captain John Paul Jones be appointed to command the ship Ranger. Jones was so moved by this that he wrote “That flag and I are twins; born the same hour from the same womb of destiny. We cannot be parted in life or in death. So long as we can float, we shall float together. If we must sink, we shall go down as one.”

Jones went to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, to outfit the ship Ranger and sailed her to France, arriving December 2, 1777. He arrived in Brest Roads and sailed through the French Fleet, receiving the first national salute to the American flag by a foreign power. In September 1778, he turned the Ranger over to Lt. Simpson. He then took the command of a larger ship, LeDuras, which he renamed Le Bon Homme Richard after his friend, and fellow Mason Benjamin Franklin, who wrote Poor Richard’s Almanac. It was the ship that would make Jones a legend in the American Navy and American history. Sailing from the Road of Groaix on August 14, 1779, with three other ships in the Alliance, the Pallas and the Vengeance, he captured five prize ships in 40 days. On September 23rd he met

with the British ship Serapis, a 44 gun man-of-war. The battle between the two started at 7:00 in the evening and lasted until well after 11:00. The fighting was heavy from the beginning, with both ships sustaining serious damage. At one point during the fight, after a cannonball had taken away the Richard’s flagstaff, Cpt. Pearson of the Serapis leaned over his rail and cried “Do I understand that you have struck? Jones’ reply was “No, I have just begun to fight!” It was this incident that earned everlasting fame in the annals of Naval History. Finally Jones brought his ship close in, lashed both ships together, led a boarding party onto the deck of the British ship, and engaged in a furious hand to hand fight. Captain Pearson seeing the heavy casualties, struck his flag and surrendered to Jones. The casualty figures showed that the Americans had sustained 67 dead and 106 wounded; the British had 87 dead and 134 wounded. Another casualty was the Richard. Her back broken, and taking on water, she sank in the early morning hours still flying the flag of the United States. Jones and his crew having transferred to the Serapis made what repairs they could and sailed into the Dutch harbor of Texel on October 3, 1779. It was during the year 1780 that John Paul Jones was invited to join the Lodge of Nine Muses in France. Franklin had been the Master of this Lodge for two years and they welcomed the new American hero with open arms. The noted sculptor Houden also started on Jones bust having already made the busts of Washington, Franklin and Voltaire, who had joined the Lodge at the age of 80. This was a Lodge that numbered philosophers, liberals, and several leaders of the still to be fought French Revolution, among its members.

He left France bound for the United States on December 18, 1780, aboard the ship Ariel, landing in Philadelphia in February of 1781. May 1781, he gave up command of the Ariel and with it his active service in the Continental Navy. He was appointed as Special U.S. Agent to France in 1783. Here he was instrumental in collecting prize money that had not been paid to American Seamen during the war. In 1787, he received the only gold medal given by Congress to a Navy hero of the Revolutionary War. In 1788, he accepted appointment from Empress Catherine of Russia as a Rear Admiral in the Russian Navy. He commanded a Naval force on the Black Sea fighting the Turks, and was instrumental in winning several engagements for the Russian fleet. It is said that Empress Catherine, herself antimasonic, found that Jones was a proud member of the Craft and for this reason discharged him with full pay. He returned to France and shortly before his death retired from her service.

The trip to Russia may have been the undoing of Jones, for it surely hastened his death. In the last days of his life Jones lived quietly receiving many visitors. He was ill and suffered from a heart condition.

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ORDER OF DEMOLAY Paul Revere Chapter



Congratulations to Brother R.J. Meguiar Executive Officer of Florida DeMolay.

The Officers and Brothers of Hillsborough Lodge are very proud of you. Your zeal for our Fraternity and that of DeMolay shows in everything you do. We stand ready to assist you in any way!

“Bro. John Paul Jones” continued from page 6...

On July 18, 1792, Jones passed to the Celestial Lodge above. He died from dropsy, pneumonia, and a heart condition in Paris, France, at the young age of 45. He was buried with full Masonic honors in a lead coffin at a cemetery in Paris. You might think that this is the end of the story, but we are not quite finished. Some 113 years later, under orders from the President of the United States, Brother Theodore Roosevelt, the body of John Paul Jones was recovered from the cemetery and made a long slow trip across the Atlantic to be placed in a crypt at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Paul Jones lived a short but very full life. Reading about his life is almost like reading fiction; his lowly birth, his meteoric rise in the American Navy, and his attainment of the rank of Rear Admiral in the Russian Navy. His love of the Masonic Craft was second only to his love of Liberty and the United States. He lived his life according to the Masonic principles that he studied. John Paul Jones, Mason, Diplomat, Seaman, a man who was admired by his friends and his enemies.

Source: Short Talk Bulletin - by Bro. Kanihack, Past Master of Charles W. Moore Lodge, Fitchburg, MA., Past Sr. Grand Deacon of The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. He is a graduate of Fitchburg State College, serving the Samuel Croker Lawrence Library of the Grand Lodge as its Library Technician.

O.E.S. CHAPTER II



Tampa Chapter No. 11 will be dark during the months of

JULY and AUGUST

The first meeting back will be September 5, 2015, 1pm.

For more information, please contact:

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LIGHT IN MASONRY

“boaz” - pronounced bo • az: means “swiftness” in Hebrew; a kinsman of Naomi, who married her daughter-in-law Ruth; one of David’s ancestors. *Word Origins from Latin booz.*

The meaning of Boaz is clearly seen in the book of Ruth. Whatever may be our personal opinions regarding the vexed questions of dogmatic theology, we can all agree as to the general principle indicated in the role acted by Boaz. He brings back the alienated estate into the family - that is to say, he “redeems” it in the legal sense of the word. His motive for doing it is love, his affection for Ruth. Without pushing the analogy too far we may say, then, that Boaz represents the principle of redemption in the widest sense of reclaiming an estate by right of relationship, while the innermost moving power in its recovery is Love. This is what Boaz stands for in the beautiful story of Ruth, and there is no reason why we should not let the same name stand for the same thing when we seek the meaning of the mysterious pillar. Thus the pillar Boaz, together with the second pillar, typify Unity, and the redeeming power of Love, with the significant suggestion that the redemption results from the Unity. They correspond with the uniting principles spoken of by St. Paul, “the Unity of the Spirit which is the Bond of Peace,” and “Love, which is the Bond of Perfectness.”

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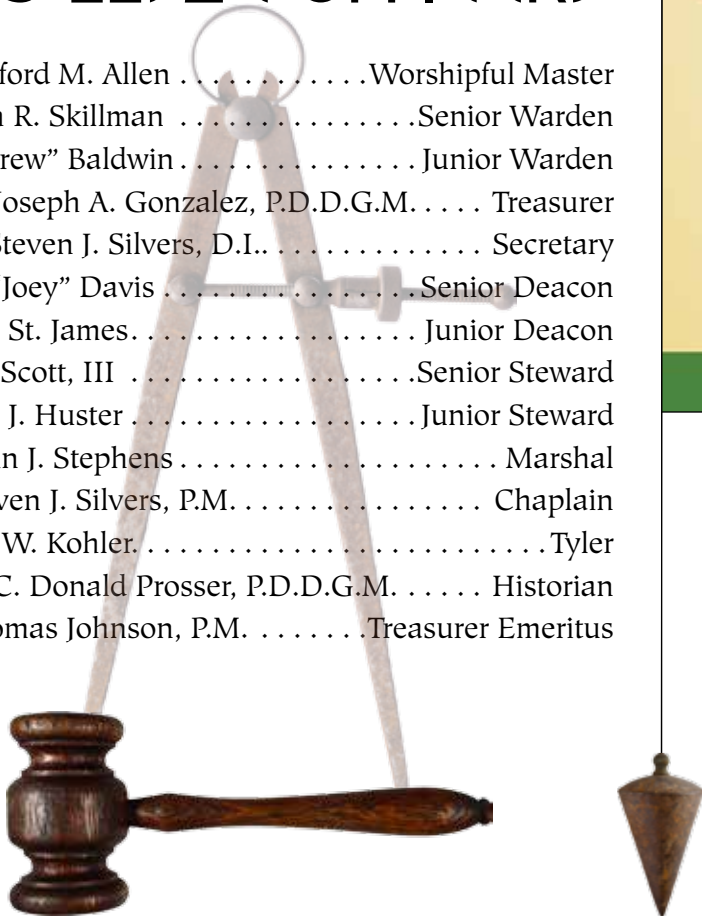
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