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MASONIC SPOTLIGHT:

W.: CLIFFORD M. ALLEN, P.M., A.L. 2015

W.: Clifford M. Allen was initiated an Entered Apprentice in 2009, originally at Gulf Beach Lodge No. 291, and affiliated to Hillsborough Lodge that same year. He was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in 2010, under the instruction of R.:H.: Steven Silvers, District Instructor. Shortly thereafter, W.: Allen was appointed to the Officers line as Marshal in 2011, and quickly moved to Junior Deacon in 2012, elected Junior Warden in 2013 and Senior Warden in 2014.

W.: Allen is a proud member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Tampa as a 32° Mason, Fall Class of 2010, and became a Noble of the Egypt Temple Shrine, Spring Class of 2011. W.: Allen is active in the Citrus Shrine Club, Greeters Unit and the Y.E.S. Club.

W.: Allen has a long family history in Florida and Freemasonry. He is preceded by his grandfather, W.: John A. Allen, Past Master of Inverness Lodge No. 118 in 1954, and his father, Bro. John A. Allen, Jr., who has recently been appointed the Junior Deacon of Madison Lodge No. 762, A.F. & A.M., Madison, Tennessee.



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W.: Clifford Allen was installed Worshipful Master of Hillsborough Lodge at the 165th Installation of Officers, and is a Plural Member of Inverness Lodge No. 118, Florida.

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

PILLAR WISDOM



Greetings, My Brothers!

Welcome to the Year of Light 6016! I hope you enjoyed a relaxing and pleasant holiday break with friends and family. Before I dive into the new year, I am pleased to extend my heartfelt thanks to W.: Cliff Allen, the Officers, Committeemen, Instructors, Ritualists, and all of the Brothers who contributed to make 2015 a successful year. Congratulations, Brothers, on a job well done. We have an exciting year ahead, starting with our 2016 Officer Installations. Congratulations to the new 2016 Appointed Officers, who will be as follows:

- Senior Deacon: Bro. Billy Scott
- Junior Deacon: Bro. Mike Huster
- Senior Steward: Bro. Bryan Seland
- Junior Steward: Bro. Patrick McCall
- Associate Steward: Bro. Domenick Lazzara
- Chaplain: R.:H.: Brian Manne, PDI
- Marshal: Bro. Rodney Kohler
- Tyler: Bro. Travis Ferkich
- Associate Tyler: Bro. Jason Armstrong

I also commend all of the Brothers who will be serving on Lodge Committees this year. Together with the rest of our Brethren, we will all be working to improve our Lodge and make participation in Masonry a rewarding experience for all. Please be sure to come down to Lodge on Tuesday, January 12th for our first business meeting. We will be approving the budget for the upcoming year, and I will be delivering the Worshipful Master's Message. As usual, dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and Lodge opens at 7:15.

Finally, to all of my Brothers, thank you for your confidence. I am very excited about serving the Craft of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25, and this is your opportunity to get involved and have some fun too! I look forward to welcoming you again to the Lodge, enjoying a meal, a good conversation, and having your participation at our meetings and Degrees. Please feel free to contact me at: kenneth.r.skillman@gmail.com or 813-545-2446.

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like hard work."

— Thomas A. Edison

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Kenneth R. Skillman

Worshipful Master



PILLAR STRENGTH



Greetings Brothers,

I hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday and a very happy new year. 2016 is finally upon us as we get back to work at Hillsborough Lodge.

Thank you again for electing me to serve as the Senior Warden of Hillsborough Lodge. I am very humbled and honored by this incredible opportunity. Thank you for your support and confidence. The privilege to serve

Hillsborough Lodge and our great fraternity as the Senior Warden is something that I will never take for granted.

W.: Ken Skillman did an outstanding job maintaining and improving our historic Lodge building last year and managing our financial business. W.: Skillman, thank you for all of your hard work and time last year. I look forward to continuing the work of Property and Finance this year with W.: Skillman, R.:W.: Joseph A. Gonzalez, and the committee members, to further improve our Lodge.

Congratulations to all of the elected and appointed Lodge Officers for 2016. Our 2016 Officers will do great things this year. I have no doubt about that. We have set several goals and have created a game plan to make 2016 a year of progress and growth for Hillsborough Lodge. I can't begin to tell you how motivated we are to make a difference in our Lodge, and represent the Lodge at activities within the district. I'm looking forward to everything that we have in store.

If you didn't come to Lodge a lot in 2015, now is the best time to come back and get involved as we begin the new year. Don't miss out on the exciting things that we will be doing this year.

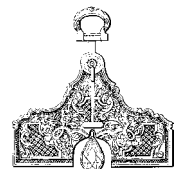
"So far as I am acquainted with the principles and doctrines of Freemasonry, I conceive it to be founded in benevolence and to be exercised only for the good of mankind."

— Bro. George Washington

Fraternaly,

Drew Baldwin

Senior Warden



PILLAR BEAUTY



My Brothers,

Happy New Year! I am humbled and honored to be elected to serve the craft this year as the Junior Warden. I would like to congratulate W.: Skillman and Brother Baldwin and look forward to working with them closely and learning from their experience and leadership. Also, congratulations to the appointed Officers. W.: Skillman has put together a tremendous band of

Brothers, and I look forward to working with them this year as we move Hillsborough Lodge forward.

I also thank W.: Clifford Allen and W.: Dave Liniger for the opportunity and confidence in me to serve as one of their appointed Officers. I congratulate W.: Clifford Allen on a great and successful year.

A big thank you goes to R.: W.: Joseph Gonzalez, R.: H.: Steven Silvers, District Instructor, W.: Michael Fletcher, R.: H.: Tom Newton, R.: W.: C. Donald Prosser, 33° and R.: W.: Stephen Jacobson, 33° for their fellowship, mentorship, assistance and guidance. I am forever grateful.

I hope everyone had a chance to spend some quality time with family and friends over the holidays and took a moment to reflect how Masonry has enriched their lives. I know it has enriched mine tremendously. I am grateful for the companionship and Brotherly love exhibited in our Lodge, and look forward to another great year.

I urge everyone to get involved in Masonic education. The ritual work and catechism is the keystone to our Masonic life. We are always looking for Brothers to receive their silver card and become catechism instructors. Teaching a class can be a rewarding experience.

Also, I look forward to serving delicious meals each week and working closely with the different committees. If you would like to prepare a meal this year, please let me know.

If I can be of any assistance to any Brother, please reach out to me at 813-760-5782.

Looking forward to a great year.

Fraternally,

Joe J. Davis

Junior Warden



SECRETARY'S DESK



My Brothers,

As we continue our journey into 2016, it becomes my duty to remind each of the Brothers to pay your 2016 Lodge Dues. If you are suspended for non-payment of dues, you will be required to submit a Petition for Reinstatement, which will require a vote of the Craft to be accepted. Be a responsible Mason and Brother and support your Lodge by paying your dues on time. You can

pay your dues on the internet by going to our website, www.hillsborough25.org. It is safe and you can pay by credit card. Also, send the Lodge your current address, phone number and email address. You can send the Lodge information and any question you have by Email to secretary@hillsborough25.org; or write to Hillsborough Lodge No. 25, 508 E Kennedy Blvd, Tampa, FL 33602; or call us at 813-229-2305.

Don't forget to contribute to Let your Pennies Make Good Sense. Hillsborough Lodge has led the Grand Lodge each year by being the highest contributor per Lodge and per

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member within the district. Let's keep up the good work.

Hillsborough Lodge has been recognized for the large number of Brothers who attend the Masonic Home Board Meeting each month and for donating \$50.00 to a worthy resident of the Home. Let's continue the tradition in 2016.

The Grand Master State Award is based on points given Brothers for participation at Masonic Functions. Please keep track of your Masonic activities and report them to our Junior Warden. You can also enter your Masonic Function attendance records by going to our website www.hillsborough25.org where you will find an area to enter this information for the Junior Warden.

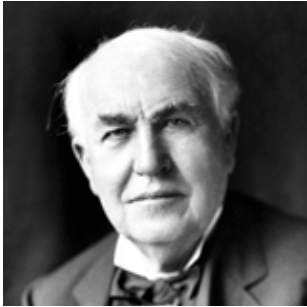












I also encourage you to visit the Grand Lodge of Florida website where you will find a lot of useful information, www.grandlodgefl.com.
















Fraternally,

John D. Hooker

Secretary
P.M., P.D.D.G.M



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY					
		<p><i>"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."</i></p> <p>— Thomas A. Edison Inventor & Freemason</p>			1	 <p>Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.</p>					
3	 <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	4	5	<p>No Lodge Meeting</p>	6	<p>District School of Instruction</p> <p>John Darling Lodge • 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL</p>	7	<p>No Lodge Meeting</p>	8	9	<p>Installation of 2016 Officers 10am, Lodge Room 508 W. Kennedy Blvd Tampa, FL 33602 ALL Family & Guests welcome to attend. Brunch to Follow</p>
10	<p>MASONIC PARK BOARD ELECTION 2 p.m. Tampa No. 240 6920 Chelsea St Tampa, FL 33610</p>	 <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>12</p>	<p>Stated Communication 2016 Budget Review Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	13	 <p>14</p>	<p>Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.</p>	15	 <p>16</p>	<p>Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.</p>	
17	 <p>18</p>	 <p>19</p>	<p>EA Degree Night For Candidates & Brothers prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.</p>	20	 <p>21</p>	<p>Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.</p>	22	23			
24	<p>MASONIC HOME BOARD MTG 11am</p>	 <p>25</p>	 <p>26</p>	<p>Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	27	 <p>28</p>	<p>Masonic Catechism 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Finance & Property PM Room 6:30pm</p>	29	<p>Masters & Wardens Meeting John Darling Lodge No. 154 6:30 p.m. Tampa, FL.</p>	30	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	 <p>MM Degree Night For Candidates & Brothers prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>District School of Instruction John Darling Lodge • 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL</p>	 <p>Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.</p>	5	 <p>Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.</p>
7	 <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>Stated Communication Lodge Finance Presentation Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	10	 <p>Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.</p>	12	<p>HIGH TWELVE LODGE Meeting at Noon</p>
14	 <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>FC Degree Night For Candidates & Brothers prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.</p>	17	 <p>Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.</p>	19	 <p>Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.</p>
<p>MASONIC HOME BOARD MEETING 11 a.m. 3201 1st St. NE St. Pete, FL</p>	 <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	24	 <p>Masonic Catechism 6:30 p.m. Finance & Property PM Room 6:30pm</p>	<p>Masters & Wardens Meeting John Darling Lodge No. 154 6:30 p.m. Tampa, FL.</p>	<p>Masonic Park Rusty Nail Degree 9 a.m. 18050 US 301 S Wimauma, FL 33598</p>
28	 <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>FIRST FAMILY NIGHT! Tuesday, March 29, 2016 Dinner 6:30 p.m. Lodge Presentations at 7:30 p.m.</p>				

2016 LODGE COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

Brother Drew Baldwin, *Senior Warden, Chairman*
Brother Joey Davis, *Junior Warden*
R·W· Joseph Gonzalez, PM, PDDGM, *Treasurer*
R·W· John Hooker, PM, PDDGM, *Secretary*
Brother Joe Osman
W· Tom Johnson, PM, *Treasurer Emeritus*
Brother Jeremy Hall
Brother Suraj Nayee

Property Committee

Brother Drew Baldwin, *Senior Warden, Chairman*
Brother Joey Davis, *Junior Warden*
R·W· Joseph Gonzalez, PM, PDDGM, *Treasurer*
W· David Liniger, PM
Brother Joe Osman
R·W· Stephen Jacobson, PM, PDDGM
R·H· Steven Silvers, PM, *District Instructor*

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R·W· Joseph Gonzalez, *Treasurer, Chairman*
Brother Joey Davis, *Junior Warden*
Brother Joe Osman

Vigilance Committee

Brother Joey Davis, *Junior Warden, Chairman*
R·W· Joseph Gonzalez, PM, PDDGM, *Treasurer*
Brother Billy Schmidt

Petitions Committee

R·H· Steven Silvers, PM, *District Instructor, Chairman*
R·W· John Hooker, PM, PDDGM, *Secretary*
W· Tom Johnson, PM, *Treasurer Emeritus*

Charity Committee

W·M· Kenneth Skillman, *Chairman*
Brother Drew Baldwin, *Senior Warden*
Brother Joey Davis, *Junior Warden*

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Brother Drew Baldwin, *Senior Warden*
Brother Joey Davis, *Junior Warden*

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Brother Bryan Seland, *Senior Steward*

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R·H· Steven Silvers, PM, *District Instructor*
R·H· Tom Newton, PM, PDI
W· Michael Fletcher, PM

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R·W· Joseph Gonzalez, PM, PDDGM, *Treasurer*
R·H· Brian Manne, PDI, *Chaplain*
Brother Billy Schmidt

Ritual Instructors

R·H· Steven Silvers, PM, *District Instructor*
R·H· Tom Newton, PM, PDI

Chief Catechism Instructor

R·H· Tom Newton, PM, PDI

Silver Card Instructor

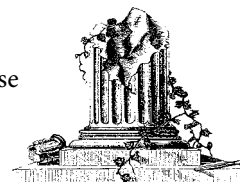
W· Michael Fletcher, PM

Lodge Mentor

R·W· C. Donald Prosser, PM, *Historian*



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

JANUARY 2016

Alforso B. Noto	John M. Bankhead Jr.
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Charles T. Jr. Earle	Paul Haimovitz
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FEBRUARY 2016

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John R. Grimaldi	Rodney W. Kohler
John L. Rutland	S M. Richards
John L. Vath	Shawn R. Gilbert
Jorge A. Santamaria	Thomas F. Granaham
Joseph J. Zevchak	Todd W. Ousley
Joseph M. Wilkinson	William B. Smith
Joseph V. Osman	William R. Macgillivray

LIGHT IN MASONRY


The qualifications that are essential in those who apply for initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry are of two kinds, Internal and External.

It is true that the ritual of the First Degree says that "it is the internal and not the external qualifications which recommended a man to be made a Mason;" but the context of the sentence shows that the external qualifications there referred to are "worldly wealth and honors." The ritual, therefore, has of course no allusion to the sort of external qualifications which are here to be discussed.

The internal qualifications of a Candidate are those that lie within his own bosom, and are not known to the world. They refer to his peculiar disposition toward the institution — his motives and design in seeking an entrance into it. Hence, they are known to himself alone; and a knowledge of them can only be acquired from his own solemn declarations.

The external qualifications are those that refer to his outward physical fitness for initiation, and are based on his moral and religious character, the frame of his body, the constitution of his mind, and his social position. A knowledge of these is to be acquired from a careful examination by a Committee appointed for that purpose.


The person who desired to be made a Mason must be a man, believing in the existence of a Supreme Being, and of a future existence; at least eighteen years of age; of good moral character, temperate, industrious and capable of reading and writing, and earning an honest livelihood; he must come of his own free will and accord, uninfluenced by mercenary or other improper motives; be of sound mind and body; and not deformed or dismembered.

Any doubt of physical conformation should be referred to the Grand Master. The use of an artificial substitute by candidates, to comply with the requirements of the ceremonies is not permitted except by special dispensation from the Grand Master for exceptionally good cause shown. 

Source: Florida Blue Masonic Monitor, Grand Lodge of Florida

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W. Allen is a graduate of Cumberland University, Class of 2001, and a long time member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

Upon reflection of his Masonic journey, W. Allen said that he "feels honored and blessed to have been a part of such an extraordinary Fraternity, kept together by men of tremendous character. For many years, I traveled very often for business, and was welcomed at every Lodge I visited across this great land of ours." 



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