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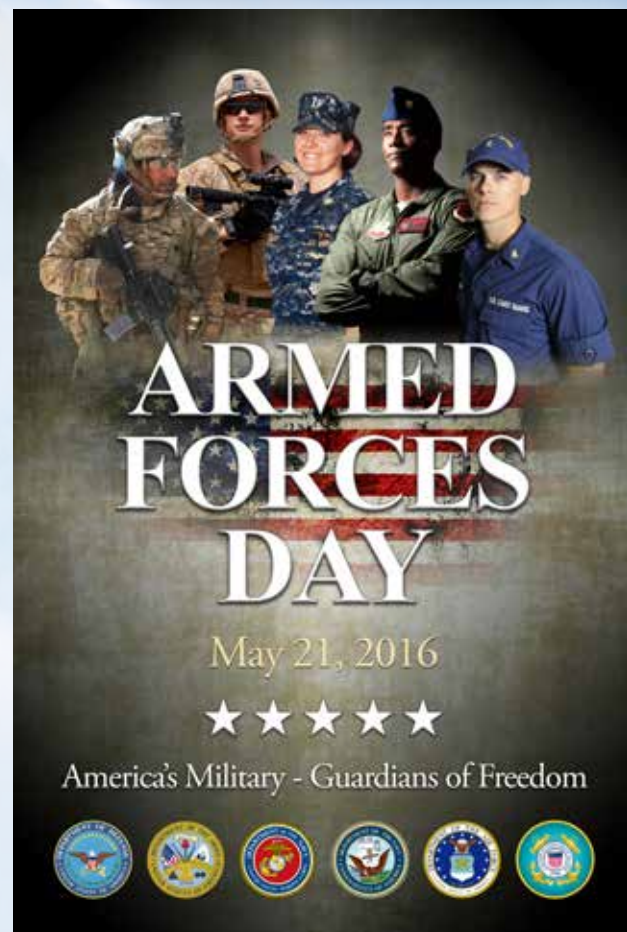
MASONIC PATRIOTISM

On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department -- the Department of Defense. Each of the military leagues and orders was asked to drop sponsorship of its specific service day in order to celebrate the newly announced Armed Forces Day.

In a speech announcing the formation of the day, Brother and President Truman "praised the work of the military services at home and across the seas" and said, "it is vital to the security of the nation and to the establishment of a desirable peace." In an excerpt from the Presidential Proclamation of Feb. 27, 1950, Brother Truman stated:

"Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 20, 1950, marks the first combined demonstration by America's defense team of its progress, under the National Security Act, towards the goal of readiness for any eventuality. It is the first parade of preparedness by the unified forces of our land, sea, and air defense."

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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



Fraternal Greetings, Brothers!

A very big thanks goes to all the Brothers and family members who supported the Master's Charity this year by either donating or participating in the JDRF One Walk event. By the time the event was completed, we had raised over \$2000, and everyone who came out had a super time!

I also commend all the Brothers who took the time to attend the Andrew Hammer Masonic Education event sponsored by Masters & Wardens. Opportunities like this to experience a speaker of this caliber are rare and should not be missed. We are all better men and Masons for taking the time and making the effort.

At the end of May, your officers and any other interested Brothers will be attending the Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Florida which will be held this year in Jacksonville. We will hold a legislation review in place of the Called Communication on May 17th. Come down and join us for pizza and an informal evening of Masonic Education.

As we move into the summer months, our work making Masons continues with a few important Degrees during the month of June. The young Masons passing through these Degrees are the future of our Lodge, so please come out and support them with your attendance, knowledge and participation.

Summertime also means spending time with our families and friends and enjoying outdoor activities. One great way to experience the outdoors while also promoting Masonry is by attending events like your local Independence Day Parade while wearing Masonic and patriotic regalia. Let's show our community who we are!

To my many Brothers who have not yet visited the Lodge this year: We miss your presence, conversation and good cheer!

"If you want to know where the future of Freemasonry will grow and prosper, it's simple: in the heart . . . in your heart, in my heart, and in the hearts of those who follow us.."

— Most Worshipful Conrad Hahn, PGM Connecticut

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Kenneth R. Skillman



Worshipful Master

PILLAR STRENGTH



Greetings Brothers,

The Annual Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the State of Florida will be held May 30th through June 1st in Jacksonville. At our first Stated Communication in May, I will be giving a detailed report of the proposed legislation that will be presented and voted upon at the Annual Grand Communication. I encourage you to review the proposed legislation

and share your thoughts with the principal officers of our Lodge before the Annual Grand Communication since it will impact the future of our fraternity.

Our investment accounts and financial business are running smoothly. I have been working closely with the Finance Committee and our financial adviser, Brother Jeremy Hall, to confirm that everything is being managed and handled properly. Right now, everything is steady as we continue to diligently monitor the market and the financial affairs of our Lodge.

On the property front, we have been conducting the routine maintenance and services to help preserve and care for our property. Our commercial tenants have been doing well and they are staying current with their rental payments every month. Our next Property and Finance Committee meetings will be on Thursday, May 26th and Thursday, June 23rd, both at the usual start time of 6:30 p.m. At the May 26th meeting, we will be discussing a couple of potential projects for our building that we may undertake this summer.

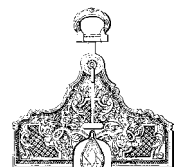
What an excellent Family Night we had on March 29th! The supper was terrific and it was so great to see such a large crowd. Congratulations to all of the Brothers who received awards and special recognition at the March 29th Family Night.

"Freemasonry is 'veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols' because these are the surest way by which moral and ethical truths may be taught." — Bro. Carl H. Claudy

Fraternaly,

Drew Sadwin

Senior Warden



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PILLAR BEAUTY



My Brothers,

Our first Family Night was held on March 31st and by most counts a record crowd to celebrate R.:W.: Stephen Jacobson 33° earning his fifty year pin and award. It was a tremendous night for friends and family to see firsthand the great work at our lodge. Congratulations to the Brothers who received their aprons. I commend your hard work and dedication to the craft.

Now is a great time to continue your education and start the journey to earn your silver card and/or sit in a chair for a degree. Also, I congratulate those Brothers that received their sixty-five, fifty, and twenty-five pin and award. Our next Family Night will be November 29th.

The 187th Annual Grand Communication will be held on May 30th, 31st, and June 1st in Jacksonville. I encourage you to review the proposed legislation and share your thoughts with the Officers. The proposed legislation will impact our Fraternity in the future.

One of my duties as Junior Warden is Masonic education. We must always be mindful of our duty to seek additional

Light in Masonic knowledge. To this end, I address the topic of allegory. Masonic allegorical lessons can be interpreted as symbolic Masonic themes incorporated in our daily lives, our surroundings, and even our culture, often unbeknownst to the non-Mason, but only truly visible to the enlightened Mason. These Masonic allegorical themes are in art, literature, architecture, movies, on television, on our currency, in law and even our different levels of government. This has led the un-informed to a great many conspiracies. As the informed Mason quickly learns, the craft is an ancient form of moral interpretive learning. It teaches us how to think and act in a moral way. This is the real benefit a man receives in his Masonic Education. But, seek out your own knowledge based on the ancient teachings. I will close with a quote from Brother Albert Pike on the issue of interpreting allegory. Brother Pike was very clear about interpreting allegory when he wrote “each interpreting them for himself, and being offended at the interpretation of no other” (Albert Pike, M&D 1871 p.276)



Fraternally,

Joe J. Davis

Junior Warden

SECRETARY'S DESK



OH BROTHER,
WHERE ART THOU...

YOU KNOW WHERE YOU ARE and WE KNOW WHERE WE ARE. But if you don't tell us when you change your address, WE WILL NOT KNOW WHERE YOU ARE.

I have many returned Membership Cards because the address I have on file is incorrect because the Brothers have not notified the Lodge of a change and the Post Office is not forwarding your mail. Without a valid address (we would like to have your email address as well), you may not be receiving valuable Masonic information. When you change your address, please contact the Lodge by USPS, or email the Lodge at: secretary@hillsborough25.org. In the future, you will be able to maintain your Masonic Profile with the Lodge through a new program being designed called: CIRCUMSCRIBE.

Also, I have a number of Brothers who have not paid their 2016 Dues. Failure to pay your Membership Dues will

result in Suspension of Membership and loss of valuable Masonic privileges. There is also Masonic Legislation that has passed that will discount the suspension time from a Brothers Masonic service time.

To regain Active Membership Status after Suspension, you must Petition the Lodge for Reinstatement, undergo another background investigation and receive a favorable recommendation by the Petitions Committee and then be Balloted upon. Again, more unnecessary and wasted time and energy by the Craft.

I remind everybody that the Craft spent a lot of time, money and energy raising you to the sublime Degree of Master Mason.

So keep safe and Inviolate your Masonic Membership by keeping the Lodge informed of your address and your Dues current.
















Fraternally,

John D. Hooker

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




SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1	 <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>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>	6	 <p>Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.</p>	
8	 <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	11	 <p>Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.</p>	13	<p>HIGH TWELVE LODGE Meeting at Noon</p>	
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29	<p>MASONIC HOME BOARD MEETING at Grand Lodge</p>	<p>187th Annual Grand Lodge Hyatt Regency Jacksonville, FL</p>	31	<p>187th Annual Grand Lodge No Lodge Meeting</p>			<p>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.</p>  

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			<p>1</p> <p>187th Annual Grand Lodge</p> <p>Installation of Grand Lodge Officers</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>Masonic Education & Catechism</p> <p>6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.</p>
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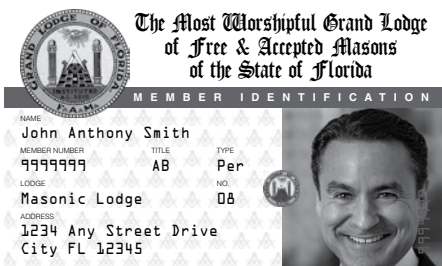
The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated by parades, open houses, receptions, and air shows. In Washington D.C., 10,000 troops of all branches of the military, cadets, and veterans marched past the President and his party. In Berlin, 1,000 U.S. troops paraded for the German citizens at Templehof Airfield. In New York City, an estimated 33,000 participants initiated Armed Forces Day “under an air cover of 250 military planes of all types.” In the harbors across the country were the famed mothballed “battlewagons” of World War II, the Missouri, the New Jersey, the North Carolina, and the Iowa, all open for public inspection. Precision flying teams dominated the skies as tracking radar were exhibited on the ground. All across the country, the American people joined together to honor the Armed Forces.

Armed Forces Day is celebrated annually on the third Saturday of May. Armed Forces Week begins on the second Saturday of May and ends on the third Sunday of May, the day after Armed Forces Day. Because of their unique training schedules, National Guard and Reserve units may celebrate Armed Forces Day/Week over any period in May.

Give thanks this month to the men and women of our Armed Forces, and thank them for their service! 

CIRCUMSCRIBE


At the 186th Annual Grand Communication of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Florida, a new software application, Circumscribe, was presented and implemented during the Masonic year. This new system will allow access to all Brothers of the Lodge, and include online Master Mason Exams I, II and III. You will also be able to report attendance, make changes to your address or phone number, and eventually pay annual dues. Our Lodge membership data migration is now complete, and you now have access to the new system. It is important for you to login as soon as possible, review your profile, make any appropriate changes to your contact information, and upload a current picture for your new permanent ID card.



“Circumscribe” continued...

To login to Circumscribe, simply follow these instructions:

- Open your internet browser
 - NOTE: be sure to enable cookies, and disable private browsing
- Navigate to: <https://glfl.circumscribe.net>
- Enter your initial Username: “FL” + “Your Grand Lodge Number” + “@changeyouremail.info” (example: **FL1234567@changeyouremail.info**)
- Enter your temporary Password: “FL” + “Your Grand Lodge” (example: **FL1234567**)
- You will be immediately prompted to change both your username and password
- Your NEW username can be any email address that you frequently use, or have regular access to.
- Your NEW password must contain 8 characters and 1 number, and you must enter it twice.
- Upon successfully entering both, you will be required to logout, and then log back in with your new credentials.
- Once you have successfully logged back in, navigate to your Masonic profile by selecting ‘Profile’ from the menu items on the left side of the screen. Review your profile and make any appropriate changes to your contact information, or contact the Lodge Secretary if you require other changes.
- Finally, upload a current picture for your new permanent ID card. You must upload your picture within 60 calendar days of July 1, 2016. After 60 days, you will be sent a dues card without your picture, and replacement cards are \$5.00 each. When uploading your picture, use as high a resolution as possible, and your face should be positioned to take up as much of the photo square as possible. You should avoid hats, sunglasses, other individuals or animals in the picture.
- Select ‘Save Profile’ to complete the process.

Online help is available at <http://help.circumscribe.net>, or by clicking the question mark icon on the top right of the Circumscribe system once you are logged in. Thank you for your participation and feedback. 

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 2016

Andrew W. Smith	Jesse V. Dominguez
Barry E. Williams	John M. Totten, Jr.
Benjamin J. Stephens	Joseph A. Almaguer
Billy Mills	Joseph J. Wessel
Charles D. Williams, Jr.	Juan A. Martinez
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Jaime Solano	Richard G Reinhard`
James W. Warren, IV	Robert D. Campbell
Jason D. Montes	Steven J. Silvers
Jeremy Walker	

June 2016

Albert M. Netterfield	Johnny C. Sandot
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Billy D. Scott, III	Joseph M. Stout
Brian D. Maddux	Joseph V. Citro
Brian D. Rumble	Karl Larson
Brian E. Fulton	Kenneth M. Baylor
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Charles Urbinek	Marvin W. Campbell
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Jerry J. Myer	Tyler A. Rouse
John A. Baldwin	Weldon C. Harrison
John A. Hatcher, Jr.	William J. Demeter
John S. Moose, Jr	William P. Jones

2015 TABLE LODGE

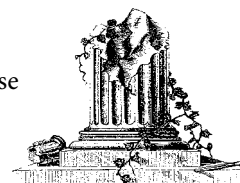


Don't miss the Fellowship and a seven course, 5-star meal prepared by W.: Walter Schoepf and Brother Karlo Degiacomi. Included in the program are celebratory toasts and responses!

Purchase your ticket online at www.hillsborough25.org/table_lodge.html



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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"Philosophy is a kind of journey, ever learning yet never arriving at the ideal perfection of truth."

— Albert Pike, 33° Freemason



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