

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

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JULY : AUGUST A.L. 2016

## MASONIC SPOTLIGHT:

### M.:W.: STANLEY L. HUDSON, G.M.

M.:W.: Stanley (Stan) L. Hudson was born in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was lovingly raised by his maternal grandparents and moved to Florida in 1960. M.:W.: Hudson graduated from Rockledge High School, and one week after graduation, he married his High School sweetheart, Vera Joyce "Joy". They have two sons, three grandsons, and one granddaughter.

M.:W.: Hudson's working career has mostly been in the field of HVAC and currently is the Facilities Manager at Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies in Port St. Lucie.

His Masonic career began when he was Initiated into Cornerstone Lodge No. 386 in Port St. Lucie on September 13, 1997. He was Passed on January 27, 1998, and Raised on April 18, 1998. Stan was a Past Master of Cornerstone Lodge 2003, 2010, and 2011. He is currently a member of Ft. Pierce Lodge No. 87 and a plural member of Okeechobee Lodge No. 237. He is a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Lake Worth; Ft. Pierce York Rite Bodies; Ziba Grotto; Amara Shrine; and a Past Patron of Ruth Chapter No. 7, Order of the Eastern Star.



*M.:W.: Stanley L. Hudson was installed Grand Master of Masons of Florida at the 187th Grand Communication.*

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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!

Let me ask you a question . . . “Why did you become a Mason?” To be fair, the question is simple, but there are many answers, and in some cases they can be quite complicated. In my case, nearly every man in my family was a Mason, but my father was not active while I was growing up, so I arrived mid-life with a burning curiosity. Many Brothers may have had the good

fortunate to have become Masons as young men. Others may have joined the Blue Lodge as a gateway to the appendant bodies of Scottish Rite, York Rite and Shrine. All of these are excellent answers, but a more important question to ask might be “What keeps you a Mason?”

Honoring your Obligation is the first qualifier. Without exercising certain values in your life, you cannot properly be a Mason. In a very different way, paying your dues also makes you a Mason by allowing you to participate in the Fraternity which has given you that Light which leads to all good things. In an accident of fate, we are forever and inextricably connected with she who has conceived,

nurtured, and given birth to us. Remember your Mother Lodge.

“But what does my Lodge need?” you might ask. The answer may be easier than you think . . . Your Lodge needs your presence. More than your money or volunteer time, your Lodge simply needs your presence. Without it, she is a ship without a rudder. A well-funded, well intentioned juggernaut without the ability to stay the course. Your very presence — a handshake, a smile, a word — can make all the difference. Please come down and join together with your Brothers on the level as we shepherd our beloved Lodge into the 21st century!

*“Real joy comes not from ease or riches or from the praise of men, but from doing something worthwhile.”*

— Sir Wilfred Thomas Grenfell, KCMG

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

*Kenneth R. Skillman*

Worshipful Master



# PILLAR STRENGTH



Greetings Brothers,

I hope everyone is having a good summer so far.

I enjoyed seeing so many Brothers at the 187th Annual Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Florida in Jacksonville. Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 was very well-represented at all of the proceedings and events. It was great seeing several Brothers

from our Lodge attend the Annual Grand Communication for the first time and taking an interest in the business that is transacted there. Keep up the good work and let's have another strong showing at the next Annual Grand Communication in Orlando next year.

Our Property and Finance Committee meetings will be on Thursday, July 21st and Thursday, August 18th. Each meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Past Masters room. Our investment accounts remain steady and we are managing diligently those accounts and the finances of

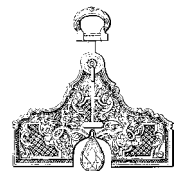
the Lodge. We continuing to maintain the Lodge property with a variety of different projects and items.

Our annual Table Lodge is coming up on Tuesday, September 6th. This is our signature event with visitors from our area and from throughout the entire state. If you haven't bought a ticket, don't wait much longer. Get a ticket and don't miss out. It is a wonderful evening of fun, fellowship, and delicious food. This is indeed one of the major events that our Lodge is known for. Right after last year's Table Lodge, several Brothers told me that they were already looking forward to the 2016 Table Lodge, which is now upon us. I look forward to seeing you there.

Fraternaly,

*Drew Baldwin*

Senior Warden





# PILLAR BEAUTY



My Brothers,

It was an honor and a pleasure to have attended the Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Jacksonville. I would like to Congratulate our Past Master, R.: W.: Steven J. Silvers on being appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the 22nd Masonic District of Florida. If you have never attended a Grand Lodge Communication I highly encourage you to do so. You will meet

Brothers from all over the state, but more importantly the camaraderie of spending time with Brothers from our own Lodge. It is a time to share ideas and learn more about each other. One of the wonderful aspects of Freemasonry is its ability to bring together Brothers of different backgrounds to talk as fellow human beings. I realized that we are all very much the same in our reasons for joining Masonry. So spend time to get to know your Brothers in Lodge and let them know how much you truly appreciate them and enjoy their company in Lodge. If you haven't attended in a while, come on in for a tasty meal and good fellowship. Summer vacations will soon be over and the last quarter of this year will be upon us. The last family

night of the year will be November 29th and I am looking forward to another huge and successful night.

I want to give a big thank you to the Brothers who have signed up and cooked a meal this year. Our goal is always to provide tasty meals to enjoy before we get to work.

I also want to thank the Brothers who have generously given of their time to teach catechism classes. We have experienced some excellent work by instructors and the students giving back their proficiency in open Lodge. Also, I am very proud of the Brothers who week after week show up for practice and are performing Degree work. I must commend the work and dedication you have all put in the Lodge.

In closing, my education this month reminds me of how Freemasonry is progressing in the 21st century and is titled: Rivers of Life, by Owen Shieh

Much wisdom lies in the river as a symbol for human life. A river is a product of causes and conditions. As a flowing entity, it embodies the essence of change. It meanders through changing terrain, sometimes rocky, other times smooth. It resists nothing, always going with the flow. But, it is steadfast, cutting a path



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# 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](mailto: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 Inviably 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

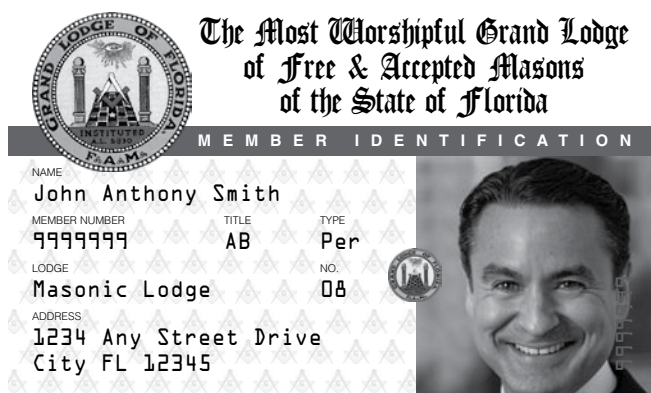


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>MORE MASONIC EVENTS</b> View more Masonic events and updated information on the Lodge web site: <a href="http://www.hillsborough25.org">www.hillsborough25.org</a> , or follow us on Facebook and Twitter, links available on the web site.  					1	2  Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.
3	4  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.  Happy 4th of July!!	5  No Lodge Meeting	6  District School of Instruction  John Darling Lodge • 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL	7  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	8	9  HIGH TWELVE LODGE Meeting at Noon
10	11  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	12  Stated Communication  Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.	13	14  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	15  HAPPY BIRTHDAY W.· Master  Have a fantastic day!!	16  Grand Master's Official Visit  Scottish Rite 6 p.m. 5500 Memorial Hwy, Tampa, FL
17  MASONIC HOME BOARD MEETING  11 a.m. 3201 1st St. NE St. Pete, FL	18  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	19  Degree Night  For Candidates & Brothers prepared.  Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.	20	21  Masonic Catechism 6:30 p.m.  Finance & Property PM Room 6:30pm	22	23
24  31	25  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	26  No Lodge Meeting	27	28  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	29  Masters & Wardens Meeting  John Darling Lodge No. 154 6:30 p.m. Tampa, FL.	30

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1	 <p><b>Lodge Dark</b> No Meeting</p>	<p><b>District School of Instruction</b></p> <p>John Darling Lodge • 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL</p>	 <p>Masonic Education &amp; Catechism 6:30 p.m.</p>	5	 <p>Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.</p>	
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28	 <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Lodge Dark</b> No Meeting</p>	31	 <p><b>OUR LAST FAMILY NIGHT!</b></p> <p>Tuesday, November 29, 2016 Dinner 6:30 p.m. Lodge Presentations at 7:30 p.m.</p>			

# NEW TECH

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.



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

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# 2015 TABLE LODGE

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F. & A.M.  
Tuesday, September 6th 2016

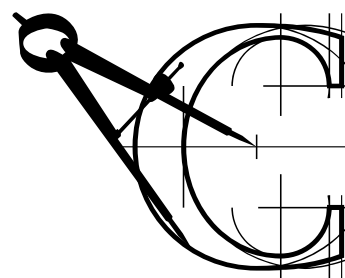
Don't miss the Fellowship and a seven course, 5-star meal prepared by W.: Walter Schoepf and Brother Karlo Degiacomi. Included in the program are celebratory toasts and responses!

Purchase your ticket online at  
[www.hillsborough25.org/table\\_lodge.html](http://www.hillsborough25.org/table_lodge.html)

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.



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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!

July 2016

August 2016

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 Hal R. Lucas  
 Harold W. Packer  
 Ignazio Fonte Jr.  
 Irving J. Smith  
 Jack D. Lamb  
 Jack H. Wolcott  
 James K. Clyman  
 James W. Warren, III  
 Jeffery L. Haning  
 Jerome M. Meguiar

John A. Eldridge  
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 Joseph A. Bever  
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 Julian Hook  
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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.



*"Masonic Spotlight" continued from page 1...*

M.:W.: Hudson served as District Deputy Grand Master for M.:W.: Robert D. Trump in 2006 and Senior Grand Deacon for M.:W.: Jim J Harris in 2011. He has served on the Board of Trustees on the Long Range Planning Sub-Committee for the Masonic Home from 2009 until his election to Junior Grand Warden on May 27, 2013. M.:W.: Hudson has served as a Grand Lodge of Florida Committeeman consecutively from 2002 to present: MH-100 (2002, 03, 04, 07, 08 and 12); L.Y.P.M.G.C. (2004, 07, 08 and 12); Wills and Gifts (2004, 07 and 08); and Masonic Renewal (2005).

M.:W.: Hudson has served as Cub Master; Scout Master; Little League Coach; Little League Umpire; Football Parent/Booster; and a Band Parent/Booster; Board of Trustees for the FUMC; and later for the FCC/UCC Church both in Port St. Lucie. In his spare time, he likes to scuba dive and hunt in Tennessee. 

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whenever it is necessary. It is soft, yet strong. It can be slow, yet it can be a raging rapid. It transcends duality and eludes description. The Greek philosopher Heraclitus once said:

*"You cannot step twice into the same river."*

Fraternally,

*Jocely Davis*

Junior Warden





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