

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

TRESTLE BOARD

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MASONIC SPOTLIGHT: BROTHER FRANK S. "DAD" LAND

Frank S. Land was born June 21, 1890, to William Sherman Land and Elizabeth Sampson, in Kansas City, Missouri. His mother was granddaughter of the Pioneer Daniel Boone. At the age of 10 in the family home in St. Louis, Frank became known as "The Little Minister" by teaching a Sunday school class for the children in the neighborhood. This timid 10 year old boy, who was often afraid to recite lessons in his classroom, was somehow able to speak with complete confidence to children from the neighborhood. He began by saying "Friends are very important, we must have friends. We must share with them. We must help each other."

In 1902, his parents separated. His dad stayed in St. Louis, while he and his mother and sister moved to Kansas City to live with his grandmother. It was especially difficult for Frank. He felt the loss of his father and the lack of a masculine figure. He was in a new home, in a new city and he had a new life. He became shy to the point that many times he walked all the way around the block to avoid the girls in his classroom. He was enrolled in the Longfellow School, which had an enrollment of just over 300. He graduated in 1905 and enrolled at Manual High School. His classes challenged

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"Dad" Land, champion of Freemasonry and founder of the Order of DeMolay in March of 1919.

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



Welcome back, Brothers!

I hope that everyone enjoyed the break while we were dark in August. Many of us stayed busy with visits to Port Tampa Lodge No. 153, Brandon Lodge No. 114, and others, as well as various projects around the Lodge, including getting ready for our 16th Annual Table Lodge. A big thanks goes to M.:W.: Stanley L. Hudson, Grand Master of Masons of Florida, and all the

Brothers from around the state who took the time to come out and make this year's event a big success!

I am very pleased to see several groups of extremely dedicated young Brothers coming down to Lodge once or twice a week to attain their Catechism proficiency. As a result, we will have a solid Degree schedule throughout the Fall. Please make it a point to attend these Called Communications to show your support for our newer Brothers who are advancing through the Degrees. There are many ways to participate in your Lodge . . .

I know many Brothers at Hillsborough Lodge who are avid readers and Masonic scholars. During the next

few months, I will be establishing the "Free & Accepted Masonic Book Club" which will meet monthly to discuss common passages and themes pertaining to Freemasonry. A few Brothers have already expressed interest. If you would like to participate, sit in, or just be added to the list, please send an email to: kenneth.r.skillman@gmail.com

Finally, it's not too early to mark your calendar to attend the D.D.G.M.'s Official Visit to Hillsborough Lodge on Tuesday, November 8th. The District Deputy Grand Master this year for the 22nd Masonic District is none other than our own R.:W.: Steven J. Silvers, so please come out and support our Lodge, our distinguished Brother, and his traveling companions!

"The highest morality may also prove to be the highest wisdom when the half told story comes to be finished."

— Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Kenneth R. Skillman

Worshipful Master



PILLAR STRENGTH



Greetings Brothers,

I hope everyone had a great month of August while the Lodge was dark and that everyone is ready to get back to work.

As we have reached the home stretch of the year, the Property and Finance Committees have remained very diligent in caring for our Lodge affairs. The main project recently has been the air conditioning for the Lodge room and the dining room.

The Committees conducted extensive due diligence and met numerous times to discuss repairs and the potential courses of action to be taken to get the air conditioning system operating correctly in the Lodge room and in the dining room. I am pleased to announce that these repairs are well underway. I'd like to thank the Committees for their hard work and time in connection with this project.

In addition, the Committees have also formulated a plan to repair the ceiling in the W.: Master's office and

to repair the front door of the Lodge. Our Lodge elevator has successfully passed inspection to enable us to renew the license, and the bathroom sinks downstairs have also been repaired.

As you can see, it takes a lot of work and commitment to maintain our Lodge building. The maintenance never ceases. Our next Property and Finance Committee meetings will be on September 15th and October 20th.

It was great seeing so many Brothers from our Lodge at the Grand Master's Official Visit to Districts 22 and 23, especially several Brothers who attended for the first time. Keep up the good work, stay active, and keep participating in our great fraternity.

If you haven't been able to attend in awhile, come to Lodge this Fall and be a part of what the Lodge is doing.

Fraternaly,

Brew Baldwin

Senior Warden



PILLAR BEAUTY



My Brothers,

Our 16th annual Table Lodge was a tremendous success. It was great to have had many Brothers from all over the state attend and visit our Lodge, some for the first time. Brotherly love and fellowship was enjoyed by all. A very special thank you to W.: Walter Schoepf and his staff for the excellent seven-course meal. Everyone enjoyed the toasts, especially the cannon fire.

I encourage everyone that has not attended Lodge in a while to come out for a tasty meal and enjoy the great fellowship with Brothers. There are many new faces; come out and introduce yourself to our new Brothers. The next Family Night will be November 29th and we are looking forward to a great crowd. At this special Family Night, we are planning to present our annual Toys for Tots donation to the Marines. Please plan on attending, and bring an unwrapped, new gift for our donation.

Finally, I want to thank the Brothers that take their time on Thursday every week to teach catechism. Especially, a huge thank you to W.: Fletcher for instructing those

SECRETARY'S DESK



MASONS ARE CHARITABLE BECAUSE IT IS WHO WE ARE.

I tell men all the time that are interested in becoming a Mason that Masonry is not a Charitable or Social Organization. Rather, Masonry is about making Good Men Better.

It is because of who we are, that Masonry is Charitable. The Mason's of Hillsborough Lodge consistently rank at the top of

the 22nd Masonic District and among the top givers in Grand Lodge to the "LET YOUR PENNIES MAKE GOOD SENSE" program. For the 2015-2016 Masonic fiscal year, Hillsborough Lodge Brothers donated \$28,448.16, and was ranked Number 3 in the State.

As of July 31, 2016, the Brothers of Hillsborough Lodge have contributed \$76,095.81 averaging \$131.20 per Brother this year alone and we are 179.73% above our projected \$4,254.00 contributions.

The proceeds of the "LET YOUR PENNIES MAKE GOOD

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Brothers who endeavor to obtain their silver card. Your dedication is crucial to our Lodge and is never taken for granted. Thank you Worshipful for your service, time and continued support.

"If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

— Brother Benjamin Franklin, U.S. President 1785 - 1788

Fraternally,

Jeff Davis

Junior Warden



Don't Forget to Bring
Toys to Lodge
for the Marines.



SENSE" program go toward the operation of the Masonic Home, which is available to all qualified Masons, their Widows, Mothers. As a result of the 2016 Annual Grand Communication, Private Care is now available to non-Florida Masons, their wives, widows, parents, and members of the Order of Eastern Star.

We can be proud that all of our Brothers contribute to "LET YOUR PENNIES MAKE GOOD SENSE" and I give a special "SHOUT OUT" to the Estates of our late Brother's, A. Sigmund Weil, Brother Jason Merrill Smith and Brother William Funk, three Deceased Brothers who continue to contribute from their Estates.

















Remember, you too can make Hillsborough Lodge and the Masonic Home a Beneficiary in your Estate. See me for more information.

















Fraternally,

John D. Hooker

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



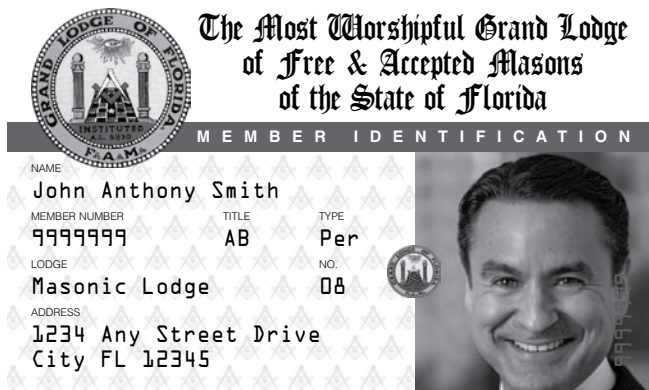
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p align="center">MORE MASONIC EVENTS</p> <p>View more Masonic events and updated information on the Lodge web site: www.hillsborough25.org, or follow us on Facebook and Twitter, links available on the web site.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; gap: 10px;">   </div>				1  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	2	3  Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.
4  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	5	6 16th Annual Table Lodge 6:30pm	7 District School of Instruction John Darling Lodge • 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL	8  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	9	10 HIGH TWELVE LODGE Meeting at Noon
11  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	12	13  Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.	14	15  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	16	17  Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.
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25	26  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	27  Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.	28	29  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	30	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
  <p style="text-align: center;">OUR LAST FAMILY NIGHT! Tuesday, November 29, 2016 Dinner 6:30 p.m. Lodge Presentations at 7:30 p.m.</p>						 Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.
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There's still time to get your new permanent ID with the new Grand Lodge membership system. Simply follow the instructions below:

- Open your internet browser
- 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. 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.

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him and he gradually gained self-confidence. Boys of his own age and older found him to be wise beyond his years and often came to him for advice. They came to him with problems and questions regarding life and told him of their ambitions.

June 21, 1911, his 21st birthday, Grandmother Sampson commented, "Frank, you are now 21 years old. I am proud of you and what you have done." She handed him an envelope and said "Your grandfather was a Mason. I would be happy if you joined the Fraternity he loved. In his memory and as a gift from me, you will find in this envelope the money necessary for you to present a petition for the Degree of Masonry. Do as your heart directs, but it would please me so much to have you do this."

His petition was received on April 25, 1912, in Ivanhoe Lodge No. 446, A.F. & A.M., signed by Charles Homer Talbot and Clarence J Trigg. He was initiated an Entered Apprentice May 25, 1912, passed to Fellowcraft on June 17, 1912, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on June 29, 1912. Masonry turned out to be his passion. In the following months, he joined Kansas City Chapter No. 28 Royal Arch Masons, receiving the Mark Master Degree July 23, 1912, Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees on October 18, 1912, and the Royal Arch Degree on October 25, 1912. He went on to receive the Order of the Red cross, November 21, 1912, Order of the Temple on December 19, 1912, and the Order of Knights of Malta, January 2, 1913. He became a 32° member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States in the November Class of 1912 at Kansas City, MO. He was appointed to the officers line of the Council of Kadosh, becoming the presiding officer of that body as Commander in 1919. He was created a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Ararat Temple in 1912, served as Potentate in 1931, and was elected the Imperial Potentate of the Imperial Council for North America in 1954.

In March, 1919, Brother Land met with a young man named Louis Lower. His father had died, leaving him without a father figure in his life. "Dad" Land took the time to listen to Louis, learn about his dreams, and to help him. He learned that others like Louis sought companionship, leadership, inspiration and competition. He asked Louis to invite some of his friends to attend a meeting. The original group of nine DeMolays met, and at a second meeting, there were a total of 31 young men present. They were excited about their new club. The group needed its own identity and its own name. After Dad Land related the story of Jacques DeMolay, the group decided to name itself for this historical figure connected with masonry. The rest, as they say, is history! 

Source: www.mastermason.com, author Herb Phares

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!

September 2016

October 2016

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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.



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“Have ambition to work, willingness to work and integrity in what you do.”

— Colonel Sanders
Founder KFC & Freemason



“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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