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MASONIC EDUCATION: ORIGIN OF THE FEAST OF KADOSH

The Feast of Kadosh commemorates the founding of the Poor Fellow Soldiers of Christ and of the Temple of Solomon on January 18, 1119. We know this group as the Knights Templar.

The Templars were prominent in the Christian community in the 12th and 13th centuries and among the most wealthy and powerful of the western military orders. Officially endorsed by the Roman Catholic Church around 1129, the Order grew rapidly in membership and power.

After the First Crusade recaptured Jerusalem in 1099, many Christians made pilgrimages to the Holy Land. Bandits and marauding highwaymen preyed upon these pilgrims as they attempted to make their journey.

In 1119, the French knight Hugues de Payens proposed creating a monastic order for the protection of these pilgrims to King Baldwin II of Jerusalem. King Baldwin agreed and provided the Templars a headquarters in a wing of the royal palace at the Temple Mount.

In addition to providing military security, the Templars established financial networks across the whole of Christendom.

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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



Greetings, Brothers!

Things are progressing very well so far this year.

The Lodge officers have been very active in activities, both in and out of the Lodge. Our Lodge has been very well-represented in the district and throughout the state. Several Brothers have started working on earning proficiency cards. In the short period of time so far this year, we have already had an Entered

Apprentice Degree, Fellow Craft Degree, and Master Mason Degree. The ritual work performed by all of the officers in all three Degrees was outstanding. The Degrees definitely reflected all of the hard work and preparation that everyone put in to get ready for them. I encourage our new Master Masons to get involved in the ritual work and in earning proficiency cards. It will be very rewarding and it will be an integral part of your Masonic journey.

This past January, we celebrated our Lodge's birthday at the January 31st Family Night. I cannot recall having a Family Night that early in the year during my years of membership at our Lodge. It was a very unique

opportunity to learn more about our Lodge's rich history and to share that with our loved ones who attended so they can further understand why we are so proud of our Lodge and proud to be Masons.

One of my goals this year is to have a special guest speaker present a Masonic Education program once a month at one of our Stated Communications. This past January, R.:W.: Rob Lambert kicked it off by presenting a very informative Masonic Education presentation. This past February, R.:W.: Jim Rocha presented a great Masonic Education presentation. On March 28th, we will have M.:W.: Bill Berman, Past Grand Master of New Jersey as our guest speaker. On April 11th, we will have W.: Casey Fletcher, the Director of Work for the Tampa Scottish Rite, as our guest speaker. If you haven't been to Lodge in awhile, come to Lodge and take advantage of these wonderful opportunities to learn from some of the most educated Brothers in our Fraternity.

Fraternally,

Brew Baldwin

Worshipful Master



PILLAR STRENGTH



Greetings Brothers,

We have started the year with a fast pace at Hillsborough Lodge.

By the time you receive this Trestle Board I will have conducted the 2016 audit of the Lodge finances and approved budget, and everything is in great order.

We have had two property and finance meetings and the Lodge is in good working order, except for a few issues we are addressing quickly. The chandelier in the foyer is being fixed, as well as a few minor issues in the bathrooms. We are also in the process of hiring a maid service to keep up on some of the major cleaning that must be performed monthly to keep Hillsborough looking sharp and our reputation as one of the best looking Lodges in the state. Our new dishwasher and refrigerator in the kitchen has been an excellent investment for the Lodge for many years to come.

Also, our investment adviser, Brother Jeremy Hall, gave an excellent report in January and is keeping our investments

moving in the right direction. Every Brother in the Lodge, if you see him, let him know how much we appreciate his service to the Lodge over the years. I know personally how much work is involved.

Our next property and finance meetings will be Thursday March 23rd and Thursday April 27th. Meetings will start at 6:30pm. Interested Brothers are encouraged to attend.

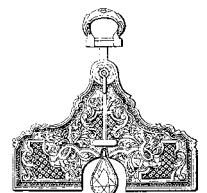
A reminder: the Scottish Rite will be having their spring reunion on Saturday April 22nd and Saturday April 29th. If you are a Master Mason, and not yet a member of the Scottish Rite, I encourage you to seek further Light by joining the "college of Freemasonry" and sign up for the Degrees. Please ask any Brother in our Lodge that is a member and he will be glad to provide you a petition.

Lastly, I encourage all Officers to attend the Masonic Home Board meeting each month and show our support to your home.

Fraternally,

Joe Davis

Senior Warden



PILLAR BEAUTY



Greetings Brothers,

February has come and gone and Spring is right around the corner.

We had a very successful first Family Night of 2017 and had the grand opportunity to celebrate the Lodge's 167th anniversary. I want to thank everyone for attending.

I would like to invite the Brothers to continue their education

through taking part in District School of Instruction. District School is held every first Wednesday of each new month at John Darling lodge #154 from 7pm-8pm. Useful Masonic information is disseminated as well as poignant discussions amongst the Brothers present from the various District 22 Lodges (will be District 19 as of June 1). Often Masonic Leadership Training or MLT courses are held just prior to the District school so check your cards and see which modules you need and come on out.

An additional training opportunity exist within our own lodge if you are so inclined. We would love to see both new and old Brothers obtain their Silver cards and be able

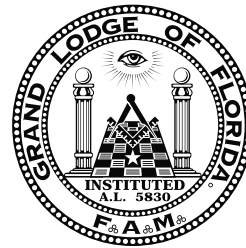
to instruct the new Brother's catechism as they progress through the 3 Degrees. No matter how recent or long ago it will come back to you and you get to pass on to the next generation of Masons your experience. To begin working for your silver card, it's as easy as coming down to Lodge any Thursday evening and beginning your training with W.: Michael Fletcher.

Hope to see you in Lodge soon my Brothers.

Fraternally,

Billy D. Scott, III

Junior Warden



Annual Grand Communication
is May 29 - 31, 2017



SECRETARY'S DESK



Greetings, My Brothers!

When was the last time you attended a Lodge meeting? If it has been a while, I can assure you that your presence is missed. Each Brother adds to and receives something special from the Fraternal experience. But if you don't go, you won't know! The more you participate, the more we all benefit, so make plans to come down to Lodge one Tuesday soon.

Here's another question: Have you paid your 2017 dues yet? If not, you can do so by logging into the Grand Lodge's new Circumscribe member management system at: <https://glfl.circumscribe.net>

Instructions can be found on page 6. Once you have logged in, you will be required to provide your email address which becomes your User Name, and enter a new password. You will also have the opportunity to upload a photo of your face which will appear on your new Grand Lodge of Florida permanent, plastic ID card.

Don't wait. This system will allow you to do many things such as change your contact information, review your Masonic Record, and makes payments, so please log in to Circumscribe today.

As your Secretary, I am prepared to assist you with any Masonic issues or questions you may have. Please send an email to secretary@hillsborough25.org, or stop by the Secretary's Office any Tuesday or Thursday evening. If I don't know the answer, I will find someone who does, and we will learn more about Freemasonry together.





Finally, please remember the Masonic Home in your will. If you need assistance with your legal paperwork, R.:W.: Stephen R. Gladstone, Legal Counsel for the Home's Board of Trustees, has graciously offered to produce an "end of life" set of documents at no charge for any Brother who leaves something to the Masonic Home in his will. He can be contacted by email at bocamason@earthlink.net or by phone at (561) 394-0096.


Fraternally,

Kenneth R. Skillman

Secretary



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 Meeting 1 p.m.
5	6  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	7  No Lodge Meeting	8	9  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	10	11 HIGH TWELVE LODGE Meeting at Noon
12	13  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	14  Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.	15	16  Masonic Education & Catechism Officers Meeting PM Room 7:00pm	17	18 Masonic Home Pilgrimage Day 10 a.m - 4 p.m. All are Welcome to Attend St. Pete, FL
19 MASONIC HOME BOARD MEETING 11 a.m. 3201 1st St. NE St. Pete, FL	20  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	21  Degree Night For Candidates & Brothers prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.	22	23  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	24 Masters & Wardens Meeting Stu Lang Bldg Egypt Temple Tampa, FL. 6:30 p.m.	25 Zone School of Instruction 9am - Noon Scottish Rite 5500 Memorial Hwy, Tampa, FL
26	27  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	28  Stated Communication Guest Speaker MW Berman Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.	29	30  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	31	

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<h2>MORE MASONIC EVENTS</h2> <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="text-align: center;">   </div>						 Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.
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Having acquired large tracts of land, both in Europe and the Middle East; they managed farms and vineyards; they constructed churches and castles; and engaged in manufacturing & trade, both import and export; they had their own fleet of ships; and at one point owned the entire island of Cyprus. The Knights Templar arguably qualify as the world's first multinational corporation.

During the mid-12th century, the tide turned in the Crusades. The Muslim world became more united and factions arose among the Christians. The Templars became at odds with the two other Christian military orders, the Teutonic Knights and Hospitalliers.

In 1305, Pope Clement V summoned Templar Grand Master, Jacques DeMolay, and the Hospitallier Grand Master, Fulk de Villaret, seemingly to discuss the merger of the two Orders. DeMolay and Pope Clement also discussed criminal allegations that had been against the Templars. Pope Clement subsequently consulted King Philip IV of France. King Philip charged the Templars with heresy.

On Friday, October 13, 1307, King Philip ordered the simultaneous arrest of DeMolay and scores of Templars. The Templars were charged with all manners of heresy, denying Christ, engaging in indecent behavior and worshipping idols. Many of the accused confessed under torture.

After King Philip threatened military action against the papacy, Pope Clement issued a number of proclamations disbanding and condemning the Order in 1312. Grand Master DeMolay and Geoffroi de Charney, Preceptor of Normandy, ultimately retracted their confessions and were burned at the stake as heretics on March 18, 1314.

The Scottish Rite Feast of Kadosh commemorates the founding of the Poor Fellow Soldiers of Christ and of the Temple of Solomon, and celebrates the rich and storied lessons of chivalry, virtue, manners and moral conduct that Knights Templar have provided to Freemasonry. 

Source: Commander Casey Fletcher, 32° K.C.C.H, Director of Work, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Tampa.

EDITOR'S NOTE

My apologies to the Worshipful Master and Brothers of the Lodge for the delay in this year's publication. Every effort will be made to produce and publish future Trestle Boards on time. Thank you for your patience.

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— Albert Pike, 33° Freemason

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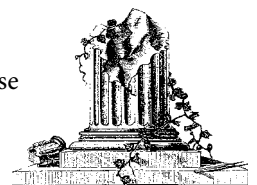
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