

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

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## SPOTLIGHT: LORD WILLIAM LEVER

Brother William Hesketh Lever was born on September 19, 1851, in the small town of Bolton, Manchester, England. He was the seventh child of grocer James Lever and Eliza Hesketh. Although an academic non-achiever at school, Lever threw himself into extracurricular activities and aspired to be an architect; however, his father had other plans. In 1867, Lever was recruited into the family grocery business, where one of his chores was to cut the large blocks of soap into slices and wrap them for sale. When Lever was aged 21, his father made him a junior partner in the business. With this, his salary rose to £800 a year and his dream of marrying his childhood sweetheart, Elizabeth Hulme, became a reality.

Looking at his father's humble empire, Lever's gaze fell upon one thing – soap. In 1885, along with his brother James, he established Lever Brothers and brought soap to the masses. After much market research and international travel, they began to corner the market. Sunlight Soap, the world's first packaged and branded laundry detergent, was born. Massively successful products helped launch subsidiaries in the US, Switzerland, Canada, Australia and Germany.

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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!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our backpack and school supply drive. We delivered the backpacks and school supplies to Booker T. Washington elementary school in Tampa. The school principal, Jaime Gerding, and the school staff were very thankful. In total, we donated 21 backpacks and 416 school supplies. Ms. Gerding told us that many of the students cannot afford to buy the

items that we donated and the school truly appreciated our generosity. Brothers, you were tremendous in stepping up to help with this worthwhile cause and I thank you. Continuing on the charity note, Hillsborough Lodge will be having a canned food drive and our annual Toys for Tots donation program this Fall.

On September 11th at 7:00 p.m., the Tampa Scottish Rite will host the Worshipful Master and Youth Appreciation Night. This event is open to the public and everyone can attend. The Scottish Rite Fall reunion is also on October 21st and 28th. If you haven't joined the Scottish Rite,

# PILLAR STRENGTH



Greetings Brothers,

It is my hope that each Brother enjoyed the month of August as a great opportunity to spend time with family and explore new adventures. Hopefully we will have time to share these fun-filled stories with each other.

As we enter the fourth quarter, maintenance such as HVAC, plumbing, lighting and miscellaneous items continues as a priority for the upkeep of our historic

building. Without sacrificing your time and talents, this could not be accomplished. Thank you for your commitment to keep our Lodge as one of the top in Florida.

A big thank you goes to W.: Schoepf and Brother Karlo Degiacomi for their continuous efforts year after year to make Table Lodge a big success. And without saying, a huge thank you goes out to all the officers and Brothers who diligently gave their time setting up this great event.

I encourage every Brother in the fourth quarter to make

I strongly encourage you to do so. Our Lodge is very well-represented in the Scottish Rite, including our very own R.:W.: Joseph A. Gonzalez, currently serving as the Master of Kadosh for 2017. I'm confident that you will increase your Masonic knowledge and thoroughly enjoy the great fellowship that stems from being a member of the Scottish Rite.

On Tuesday, September 26th, Illustrious Sir Thomas Robinson will be our guest speaker for Masonic Education. He will present an interesting program on Freemasonry's connection with geometry.

Finally, on Tuesday, October 3rd, Hillsborough Lodge will host the Shrine Master Mason Degree. Brothers from our Lodge, and others will perform the first section. The Past Masters Unit of the Egypt Shrine will perform the second section. This Degree has been held at other Lodges in the past. This year, Illustrious Sir James Lich selected our Lodge. We are excited and grateful for this wonderful opportunity, and look forward to a great Degree and a fun evening.

Fraternally,

*Brew Baldwin*

Worshipful Master



contact with a Brother whom they haven't seen in a while and invite them to a Lodge meeting. This is also a great time to let them know you will be thinking about them over the holidays. It is this little turn of the rudder that can move a big ship.

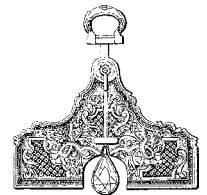
As the year comes to a close, I consider myself very fortunate and honored to serve as Senior Warden with other great officers. When I walk into the Past Masters' room, I am humbled and stand amazed at the love, talent and dedication each one has given to our Lodge. To continue the forward motion and momentum of this year and past, it takes hard work and commitment. If anyone is interested in becoming an officer, I would welcome the opportunity to discuss the time involved in this honorable commitment.

Lastly, a big thank you to Worshipful Master Baldwin and Brother Huster, and all the Brothers who contributed to the back-pack school drive. It was a success!

Fraternally,

*Joe Davis*

Senior Warden



# PILLAR BEAUTY



Greetings Brothers,

I hope everyone enjoyed their down time and is looking to get back to attending communications with refreshed vigor. I always enjoy this opportunity to spend time with friends and family, but also to take the time to visit other Lodges in the local area and to share in our fraternal brotherhood that our busy schedules do not always permit.

As has been our tradition for the past 17 years, we are starting off September with our annual Table Lodge. This year's event is sure to be one of the best yet, and those who participate will enjoy a wonderful evening of camaraderie, high spirits and superb cuisine. Although tickets have been going fast, it may not be too late to join in the fun. Ask any Lodge Officers or visit our website at [www.hillsborough25.org](http://www.hillsborough25.org) for details. I look forward to hoisting a charged vessel with all who can attend.

The winter months are quickly approaching and I encourage all the Brothers to remember that the food banks will begin ramping up for their food drives. I will

be placing several bins in the foyer and encourage all to donate. Around the end of October, the Lodge will deliver our collection to Metropolitan Ministries, so please bring in your nonperishable items to be delivered to the Food Bank.

Fraternally,

*Billy D. Scott, III*

Junior Warden



**Start Collecting Toys Now  
for the Marines and Kids!**

# SECRETARY'S DESK



Hello, Brothers!

This is the season that we return to our labor after some well-deserved refreshment. Unfortunately, it is also the season when Brothers who have not paid their 2017 dues will be officially suspended for Non-Payment of Dues. Missing this final chance to remain current on your dues means two things: 1) You will lose all Masonic rights and privileges including the

ability to attend meetings, vote, participate in appendant orders, and receive Masonic communication and Masonic burial services. 2) If you ever want to regain your status as a member in good standing, it means a lot of extra work for both you and the Lodge . . .

- You must file a Petition for Reinstatement with two signers from the Lodge;
- Your Petition for Reinstatement must be received by the Craft and layover for a Masonic Calendar (30 days);

- You must submit to and pay for an online criminal background check;
- You must be investigated by an Investigating Committee made up of three Brothers;
- Your Petition must be subjected to a ball ballot.

Is all that worth it? Well, yes, it is; but why go through it all when you can simply pay your dues and remain current? If you have not yet paid your 2017 dues, please do so immediately so that you will not be dropped from our rolls.

If you have any questions, concerns or Lodge matters that I can assist with, please email me at: [secretary@hillsborough25.org](mailto:secretary@hillsborough25.org) or call (813) 517-9539.







I hope to see you in Lodge soon, Brothers!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

*Kenneth R. Skillman*

Secretary, PM



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h2>MORE MASONIC EVENTS</h2> <p>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.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">   </div>					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	 <b>Sunrise MM Labor Day Degree</b> <b>John Darling Lodge - 7am</b>	 <b>17th Annual Table Lodge</b> Open to all EA, FC, & MM Reservations Req'd Dinner 6:30 p.m.	<b>District School of Instruction</b> John Darling Lodge • 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL	 Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	<b>WM and Youth Night Open Mtg</b> Tampa Scottish Rite • 6 p.m. 5500 Memorial Hwy Tampa, FL	 <b>Stated Communication</b> Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.		 Masonic Education & Catechism <b>Officers Meeting</b> PM Room 6:30pm		 <b>Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.</b>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>MASONIC HOME BOARD MTG</b> Masonic Home of Florida St. Petersburg 11a.m.	 <b>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</b>	 <b>FC Degree Night</b> For Candidates & Brothers prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.		 Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	<b>Masters &amp; Wardens Meeting</b> John Darling Lodge • 6:30 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL	<b>Zone School</b> Tampa Scottish Rite • 9 a.m. 5500 Memorial Hwy Tampa, FL
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	 <b>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</b>	 <b>Stated Communication</b> <b>Guest Speaker Ill Tom Robinson</b> Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.		 Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	 <b>Shrine MM Degree Night</b> For Candidates & Brothers prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.	<b>District School of Instruction</b> John Darling Lodge • 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL	 Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	6	 Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.
8	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 <b>Stated Communication</b> Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.	11	 Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	13	14
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29	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 <b>No Lodge Meeting</b> <hr/> <b>Happy Halloween!</b>				



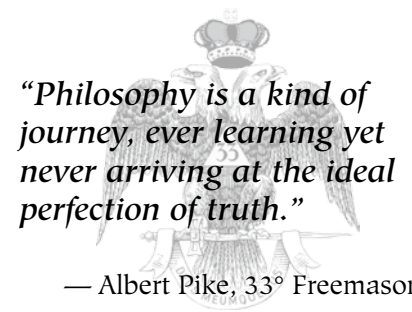
# LIGHT IN MASONRY

- The conventional establishment of Freemasonry is usually dated to 1717, when the Grand Lodge of London emerged on the 24th June. The emergence of this Grand Lodge marks the beginning of Grand Lodges governing other Lodges.
- The third degree did not exist at the beginning of Freemasonry. In fact, it only started in the 1720s, and it took quite some time to spread through Masonic Lodges.
- Built in 1892, the Masonic Temple in Illinois, Chicago, used to be the world's tallest building. At the time it was built, it was 22 floors high.

## Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Valley of Tampa

Fall Initiation October 21st and 28th, 2017

[www.tampascottishrite.org](http://www.tampascottishrite.org)



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

— Albert Pike, 33° Freemason

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## September 2017

Aaron M. Jarrell	Kenneth A. Pepper
Alejandro V. Villagra	Kenneth P. Hudgins
Arthur L. Picard	Kermit J. Hines
Austin M. Talley	Kevin C. Tribout
Bill D. Kerwood	M. Jeffrey White
Christopher P. Callas	Mark A. Linsky
Clayton R. Milligan	Michael M. Shelton
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David J. Conedera	Pedro Rivera
David P. Wakeen	Raul Fernandez III
Dean J. Di Leo	Reed A. Lienhart
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Edward M. Monjesky	Richard T. Wise
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John R. Manning	Tony E. Vidal IV
John R. Maye	Walter D. Lawless Jr.
Joseph J. Olbrys	William C. Cobb
Joseph Lopez	William M. Shemela

## October 2017

Angelos Berios	John V. Jernigan
Arthur J. Pamas III	Julian S. Hook Jr.
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Carl H. Mulleur	Lance L. Connors
Charles C. Bever Jr.	Larwrence D. Kessler
Charles J. Pesola	Lehmon A. White
Christopher S. Bajsa	Luis R. Rivera
Christopher W. Simms	Mark B. Maxey
Clinton C. Hobbs	Michael C. Andrews
Daniel A. Astacio	Michael G. Bajsa
Dennis F. Dittinno	Michael Gonzalez
Dennis M. McDonald	Michael N. Maltezos
Donald S. Keen	Michael W. Farrier II
Elton G. Morrow Jr.	Michael W. Fletcher
Ernest E. Moore Jr.	Nicholas M. Bowers
Frank F. Cossoutha Jr.	Otto Weiss Jr.
Frank T. Caballero	Paul E. Cimino
Fredrick K. Powell	Ray L. Hodges
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Harold A. Tubbs	Spencer M. Greene
Ira J. Brewer	Stephen B. Jacobson
Jacob L. Eichenbaum	Terry D. McLaughlin
James R. Miller Sr	Theodore F. Ball
John A. Jones	Wayne R. Garrison
John D. Veale	William J. Smalley

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This company is known today as Unilever, Britain’s first multinational company.

It was in Port Sunlight that Lever’s masonic career began when a group of local Masons, many of whom were employees of Lever Brothers, decided to open a Lodge in the village. To honour their chairman, they named it William Hesketh Lever Lodge, No. 2916. Lever was duly initiated at the first meeting of the Lodge in 1902 and went on to become Master in 1907. He later formed Leverhulme Lodge, No. 4438; was a co-founder of no fewer than 17 Lodges; became Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England; and was appointed Provincial Senior Grand Warden of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire.

Brother Lever saw Freemasonry as a useful tool to promote social cohesion and high standards of personal conduct and actively encouraged membership amongst his workforce. He established a Masonic network at Port Sunlight which deliberately reinforced the existing hierarchy within Lever Brothers. Separate Lodges were created for managers, supervisors and workers. Freemasonry was an important instrument in his paternalistic policy for the welfare of his workers.

Brother Lever passed to the Celestial Lodge above at his London residence in Hampstead on May 7, 1925. 

Sources: [freemasonry.com](http://freemasonry.com), [freemasonrymatters.co.uk](http://freemasonrymatters.co.uk), [mercylodge5434.org](http://mercylodge5434.org)

## LOW TWELVE CLUB

My Brother, as you have been instructed, to relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent upon all men, but more particularly Masons. The Masonic Low Twelve Club of Tampa is a benefit fund organized for Master Masons, whose dual or current membership is in a Masonic Lodge within Hillsborough County, Florida. The purpose of the Low Twelve Club is to provide immediate monetary relief and benefit to the widow, or other beneficiary, of said Low Twelve Club member in good standing, upon his demise.

Only Master Masons which are in good standing within their respective Masonic Lodges, not over 65 years of age, and in good health are eligible to apply for membership. For more information, or to obtain an application, contact R·W· Houston D. White, PDDGM, at email [hwhite3@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:hwhite3@tampabay.rr.com) or phone (813) 884-8529.

## 2017 TABLE LODGE

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F. & A.M.

Tuesday, September 5th 2017

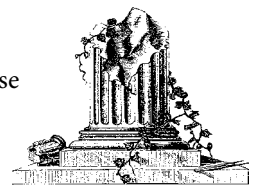
Don’t miss the Fellowship and a seven course, 5-star meal prepared by W·: Walter Schoepf and Brother Karlo Degiacomi. This event is open to all Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts. Avouchment for EA’s & FC’s is required by Master Masons in good standing. Aprons are not required, and free parking is available on any street North of Kennedy Blvd.

Here’s an example of past menus:

- 1st Course: Shaved Prosciutto & Melon Appetizer
- 2nd Course: Chilled Cucumber Soup
- 3rd Course: Maryland Crab Cake w/Creole Marmalade
- 4th Course: Garden Salad w/Balsamic Dressing
- 5th Course: Fresh Sorbet w/Mint
- 6th Course: Chicken Champaign w/Wild Mushrooms and Beef Medallions w/Spatzle and Vegetable Medley
- 7th Course: Strudel A-la-Mode with Vanilla Bean Ice Cream
- Dinner Rolls w/Butter, Iced Tea, Coffee, Water, and of course the Cannon Toasts (*you keep the Cannon*).

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