

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

TRESTLE BOARD

NOV : DEC A.L. 2017

MASONIC SPOTLIGHT: BROTHER JOHN HANCOCK

Brother John Hancock was born on January 23, 1737, in Braintree, Massachusetts, in a part of town that eventually became the separate city of Quincy. He was the son of Col. John Hancock Jr. of Braintree and Mary Hawke Thaxter (widow of Samuel Thaxter Junior), who was from nearby Hingham. After his father died in 1744, Brother Hancock was sent to live with his uncle and aunt, Thomas Hancock and Lydia (Henchman) Hancock. Thomas Hancock was the proprietor of a firm known as the House of Hancock, which imported manufactured goods from Britain and exported rum, whale oil, and fish. Thomas Hancock had close relations with the royal governors of Massachusetts and secured profitable government contracts during the war.

Upon Brother Hancock's graduation from Harvard University in 1754, he began to work for his uncle, just as the French and Indian War had begun. He learned much about his uncle's business during these years and was trained for eventual partnership in the firm. When his uncle died in August 1764, Brother Hancock inherited the business, Hancock Manor, and thousands of acres of land.

Continued on page 7



Source: commons.wikimedia.org

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!

As the end of 2017 approaches, I want to personally thank each and every one of you for giving me the opportunity to serve our great Lodge as the Worshipful Master for 2017. It was truly a blessing and an honor to serve this year. From first becoming a Mason in January 2011; to first being appointed to the Officers line in 2012 as the Tyler for the Worshipful Master that year, R.:W.: Joseph A.

Gonzalez; to serving as the Worshipful Master this year, it has been an incredible journey that I am very proud to have undertaken. I have learned so much from so many different people during my six years in the Officers line.

As I stated at my installation last January, I became a Mason because I wanted to become a better man. It was as simple as that. For the Craft to have elected me to serve as the Worshipful Master this year is beyond my wildest dreams from when I first knocked on the door of Freemasonry. Thank you for placing your confidence in me. I have been so fortunate to meet so many great

people throughout this journey and I have experienced so many different things that I never dreamed I would. Right before I was installed last January, a Past Master of our Lodge told me that my experience this year in the East would enable me to learn so many new and positive things about our great Fraternity and about myself as a Mason. He said that the experience this year would further help me in my continuous journey to become a better man and Mason. That Past Master was exactly right. 2017 was one of the best years of my life. I am forever grateful. I will always treasure the memories.

I want to thank my wife, Kathleen, for her endless support, understanding, patience, and encouragement during my entire six-year journey in the Officers line, and especially during my time in the East this year. To my fellow Officers, thank you for your dedication and commitment to making this year a success. As I told you many times throughout the year, we are a great team and it showed every single week at our Lodge. Every Officer worked hard and contributed greatly this year. Our Lodge was extremely blessed to have such an outstanding line of Officers. I couldn't have done it without your support and commitment. You have made our Lodge a better place. To all of my fellow Brothers, I want to say thank you for your support and participation this entire year.

Continued on page 6

PILLAR STRENGTH



Greetings Brothers,

What a tremendous year! The leadership, task detail and organization of W.: Baldwin has made serving as Senior Warden an enjoyable and productive year. It's an honor to have been mentored by W.: Baldwin. He brings a high standard of work in every capacity. Because of this, we as a team of officers have accomplished much this year. W.: Baldwin has served in many capacities in Masonry and no

doubt will continue in the future. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Thank you to all the officers for your hard work and assistance in the Lodge, and congrats to Brother Scott on an outstanding year of cooking. I also thank W.: Skillman for your continued service to make sure the back office is well maintained and the day to day business is accomplished.

Property and Finance of the Lodge ran rather smoothly, with issues properly handled in a timely manner. Much

thanks for the guidance and counsel of the committee members. Our investments performed very well, and thanks goes to Brother Hall for his continued service.

We still have events on the calendar for the remainder of the year and I look forward to seeing Brothers I haven't seen in a while. November, we have our Toys for Tots, canned goods food drive and our Past Masters Degree. December, we have a family night/holiday party on Dec. 5th and election of officers on Dec. 12th. This will most definitely be a fun night of fellowship.

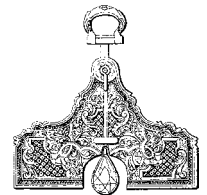
We have had many quality Brothers petition and join our fraternity this year and hopefully that trend will continue. I wish much success and growth in your masonic journey and hope you will continue to participate in our Lodge seeking light.

To you and your family, Season Greetings and Happy Holidays!

Fraternally,

Joe J. Davis

Senior Warden



PILLAR BEAUTY



Greetings Brothers,

As we enter into this year's holiday season, I would like to take the time to ask that each of us give a little to those in need. The Lodge will be placing bins in the front lobby to collect canned goods to donate to those less fortunate. These good will be delivered to a local support distribution center. I am also looking into getting some time for the Lodge to volunteer to assist with the distribution of

food and supplies through Metropolitan Ministries. This is an organization I have supported in the past and I would love to see the Lodge take part.

As in years past, Hillsborough Lodge will be collecting and making a donation to the United States Marine Corps' annual Toys for Tots drive. Toys will be collected in the Lodge until the end of November, when we will have representatives from the local USMC reserve center join us for dinner and a presentation. Toys will be staged in the Lodge until then. Please bring an unwrapped gift (for boys or girls) and place it in the north east corner of the Lodge

room. If you have any questions feel free to contact me directly.

In closing, I would like to thank the Brothers who have continued their own Masonic educations either through Masonic Leadership Training, Master Mason 1,2 & 3, district schools of instruction, zone schools, ritual and degree team practices and Silver card qualifications. You Brothers are setting the example to others by proving you never stop learning. Keep up the great work and I hope to see you all in Lodge very soon.

Fraternally,

Billy D. Scott, III

Junior Warden



November 28, 2017

SECRETARY'S DESK



Greetings, Brothers!

We are now in the home stretch of our Masonic year, and we still have a lot of work to do before we break for the holidays. Your officers have been busy with many projects that are impacting the Lodge, and we can always use your help with things as simple as greeting Brothers at the door, to participating on committees, teaching catechism, or participating in ritual —

Freemasonry will take you as far as you want to go!

nurture his progress in our art. And then, once again, he finds himself fundamentally on his own. Every Brother who has made his mark in the Initiate's mind, given aid to a Fellow, or offered wise counsel to a Master, has made an investment in the future of our honorable order. Let us each take advantage of this time to "make" the kind of Masons with whom we will always be proud to associate.

In closing, Brothers, I wish each of you and your families a healthy, happy, and relaxing holiday season. I'll see you at Lodge in 2018!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,















Kenneth R. Skillman

Secretary, PM



I have heard it said many times that the Blue Lodge is "in the business of making Masons." This perfunctory explanation is certainly accurate in the strictest sense, but what does it mean to "make" a Mason? We know that first, he must be prepared both within and without. After that, he is afforded all the tools which are available in pursuit of his purpose. During this time, it is incumbent upon the Brothers of our Lodge to do our very best, not only to answer all of his questions, but to enfold him in the warm and supportive mantle of Freemasonry and

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<p>1</p> <p>District School of Instruction</p> <p>John Darling Lodge • 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL</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>
<p>5</p>  <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>Past Masters Degree</p> <p>Master Mason</p> <p>Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>Masonic Education & Catechism</p> <p>6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>WM and Youth Night Open Mtg</p> <p>Tampa Scottish Rite • 6 p.m. 5500 Memorial Hwy Tampa, FL</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>Stated Communication</p> <p>Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>Masonic Education & Catechism</p> <p>Officers Meeting PM Room 6:30pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Masters & Wardens Meeting</p> <p>John Darling Lodge • 6:30 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Outdoor Degree MM</p> <p>Masonic Park and Youth Camp 9:00 a.m.</p>
<p>19</p> <p>MASONIC HOME BOARD MTG</p> <p>Masonic Home of Florida St. Petersburg 11 a.m.</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>No Lodge Meeting</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>Masonic Education & Catechism</p> <p>6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Zone School</p> <p>Tampa Scottish Rite • 9 a.m. 5500 Memorial Hwy Tampa, FL</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>  <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	<p>28</p>  <p>Stated Communication</p> <p>Toys for Tots Presentation</p> <p>Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>  <p>Masonic Education & Catechism</p> <p>6:30 p.m.</p>		

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: www.hillsborough25.org, 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
	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 FAMILY NIGHT! Dinner 6:30 p.m. Awards 7:30 p.m.	District School of Instruction John Darling Lodge • 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL	 Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 Stated Communication Election of 2018 Officers Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.		 Masonic Education & Catechism <hr/> Officers Meeting PM Room 6:30pm	Masters & Wardens Meeting John Darling Lodge No. 154 6:30 p.m. Tampa, FL.	 Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
MASONIC HOME BOARD MTG Masonic Home of Florida St. Petersburg 11 a.m.	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 Degree Night For Candidates & Brothers prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.		 Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	 <hr/> Merry Christmas!	 No Lodge Meeting				

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November 2017

Aaron H. Lewis	John H. Erb III
Anthony M. Noto	John J. Hillyer III
Brian L. Shrader	John S. Laing
Bruce K. Bowers	John S. Zacheis
Charles H. Trexler III	Joseph G. Wamsley
Cyril Silver	Karl Degiacomi
Dale L. Hatchell	L. Robert Then
Denny R. Young	Lawrence T. Bryan
Donald J. Hawald	Lowell L. Logerwell
Donald R. Valverde	Matthew D. Feck
Errol L. Duren	Matthew R. Setzer
Everett I. Hodsdon	Norman M. Rusch
Fernando B. Muniz	Rafael L. Pizano
Franklin R. Florence Sr	Richard W. Taylor
Hugh C. Sullivan Jr.	Robert E. Adams
James G. Bennett	Robert G. Harz
James G. Vanderloop	Ronald Spencer
Jerry M. Handy	Roy D. Hagan
Jimmy C. Fischer	Samuel R. Whitaker
Jimmy C. Mills	Thomas W. Kaenrath
Joel H. Baez	Weldon L. Weber Jr
John D. Hooker	William T. Staunko

December 2017

Benjamin B. Risinger Jr.	Julian Weber
Bryan M. Seland	Kevin M. McLaughlin
Charles L. Kane	Marwam Taouil
Christopher J. Roberts	Miles B. Beamguard
David E. Montgomery	Nicholas T. Awad
David S. Liniger	Oliver T. Davis III
Donald G. Anderson	Richard A. Kammier
Donald R. Marsee	Richard L. Davis
Dwight K. Hamborsky Jr	Robert A. Provencher
Eli R. Bobo	Robert C. Weaver
Frank L. Rosenblatt	Robert J. Nagy
G. Robert Edenfield	Ronald S. Lucas
George D. Drew	Rufus M. Smith
Harold G. Gnann	Samuel T. Schiavone
Harold M. Wagoner	Scott M. Sandoval
Jack T. Marsh	Stanley M. Derryberry
James E. Doling	Stanley W. Baker
James T. Butler	Steven E. Rhodes
Jay R. Wolfington	Travis A. Van Buren
Jeremy R. Hall	Walter R. Ireland
John A. Rivera	Walter Schoepf
John O. Zilba	William A. Taylor
Johnny C. Butler Jr.	William R. Williams III
Joseph Lange	

"Pillar Wisdom" continued from page 2...

But...2017 is not officially over just yet! We have more business and fun events to do before this year is over. On Tuesday, November 7th, we will have the annual Past Masters Degree. At our Stated Communication on Tuesday, November 28th, we will have the annual Toys for Tots presentation, so please start bringing in new, unwrapped toys for children up to age 12. In November, we will also have a canned food drive at our Lodge.

And, I am very excited to announce that we will have a FAMILY NIGHT on Tuesday, December 5th. Because of how this year's calendar was shaped, we have only been able to have one Family Night this year and it occurred way back on January 31st. So, I have decided to make Tuesday, December 5th a Family Night. It will be a Lodge Holiday Party and an open meeting for all Brothers and their family and friends. We will present service awards; Aprons to newly-raised Master Masons who have successfully given back their Master Mason catechism; the Mason of the Year Award; and a teacher recognition award. It promises to be a fun evening for everyone! We look forward to seeing you and your family and friends at Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 on Tuesday, December 5th for our Family Night / Lodge Holiday Party.

Thank you again for the wonderful opportunity to serve our Lodge. May God bless each and every one of you.

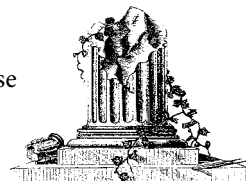
Fraternally,

Drew Sadwin

Worshipful Master



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.



“Brother John Hancock” continued from page 1...

Brother Hancock was chairman of the committee which protested the Boston Massacre and demanded the removal of British troops from the city. He was also the president of the first and second provincial congresses, and was one of the few men excluded from the offer of general amnesty by the British. An expedition was sent by General Gage to Lexington and Concord in April, 1775, to capture Brother Hancock, as well as destroy the materials of war. Brother Hancock was a member of the Continental Congresses from 1775-80, being its president from May, 1775, until October 1777.

Brother Hancock was one of Boston’s leaders during the crisis that led to the outbreak of the American Revolutionary War in 1775. In 1776, Brother Hancock was commissioned a major general of the militia in Massachusetts and in August, 1776, he commanded troops in an effective Rhode Island expedition. His military leadership, however, was not as outstanding as his abilities in the political field. Brother Hancock nominally commanded 6,000 militiamen in the campaign, although he let the professional soldiers do the planning and issue the orders. His command ended a fiasco. Yet, Brother Hancock went on to be elected the first governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1780, and served nine terms from 1780-85 and 1787-93. Brother Hancock went to London in 1760 on business and, while on a similar trip to Quebec, was made a Freemason in Marchants Lodge, No. 277, in 1762. Upon his return to the colonies, Brother Hancock affiliated with the Lodge of St. Andrews, Boston on October 14, 1762.

Brother Hancock was put forth as a candidate in the 1789 U. S. presidential election. As was the custom in an era where political ambition was viewed with suspicion, Brother Hancock did not campaign or even publicly express interest in the office; he instead made his wishes known indirectly. Like everyone else, Brother Hancock knew that Brother George Washington was going to be elected as the first president, but Brother Hancock may have been interested in being vice president, despite his poor health. Brother Hancock received only four electoral votes in the election; however, none of them from his home state. The Massachusetts electors all voted for another Massachusetts native, John Adams, who received the second-highest number of electoral votes and thus became vice president.

Brother Hancock was an American merchant, statesman, and prominent Patriot of the American Revolution, which made him one of Boston’s richest and best known residents. As the first signer of the Declaration of Independence, he is remembered for his large and stylish signature, so much so that the term ‘John Hancock’ has become a synonym in the United States for one’s own

signature upon a document.

With his wife at his side, Brother Hancock passed to the Celestial Lodge above, in bed, on October 8, 1793, at 56 years of age. By order of acting governor Samuel Adams, the day of Brother Hancock’s burial was declared a state holiday. The lavish funeral was perhaps the grandest given to an American up to that time. **17**

Sources: wikipedia.org, freemasoninformation.com



“Tomorrow hopes we have learned something from yesterday.”

— John Wayne
Famous Actor
& Freemason



**HOLIDAY PARTY
FAMILY NIGHT!**

Tuesday, December 5, 2017
Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Lodge Presentations at 7:30 p.m.





NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
 U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
 PERMIT NO. 29
 TAMPA, FL

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM
 508 EAST KENNEDY BOULEVARD
 TAMPA, FLORIDA 33602-4909

PHONE: (813) 229-2305
 FAX: (813) 228-7623
 E-MAIL: SECRETARY@HILLSBOROUGH25.ORG
 WWW.HILLSBOROUGH25.ORG

Address Service Requested

2017 LODGE OFFICERS

W.: John "Drew" Baldwin Worshipful Master
 Robert "Joey" Davis Senior Warden
 Billy D. Scott, III Junior Warden
 R.:W.: Joseph A. Gonzalez, P.D.D.G.M. Treasurer
 W.: Kenneth R. Skillman, P.M. Secretary
 Billy D. Schmidt Senior Deacon
 Bryan Seland Junior Deacon
 Patrick W. McCall Senior Steward
 Marquise Blair Junior Steward
 Rodney W. Kohler Associate Steward
 Benjamin Stephens. Marshal
 R.:W.: Steven J. Silvers, P.D.D.G.M. Chaplain
 Ryan Bastek. Tyler
 W.: Tom Johnson Treasurer Emeritus
 R.:W.: C. Donald Prosser, P.D.D.G.M. Historian
 W.: Bob Davidson Musician

Follow Hillsborough Lodge News and Announcements



Go to www.hillsborough25.org
 and follow the links!



MASONIC HOME OF FLORIDA Caring for Masonic Families For Over 100 Years

Situated along the shores of St. Petersburg's Coffee Pot Bayou, the Masonic Home is considered one of the premier retirement facilities in the State of Florida. The Home offers comprehensive healthcare services designed to fit your needs.

- Florida Masons and those from other states are welcome to apply
- Qualified members of the Order of the Eastern Star (OES) are eligible to apply
- Wives, widows and mothers of qualified Masons are also invited to apply
- Both private pay and life care plans are available
- Assisted Living and Skilled Care all under one roof
- Meals and activities included
- Waterfront dock and gazebo
- Masonic activities on site



Call Toll Free 1-866-868-6749

3201 1st Street NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33704

www.masonichomeofflorida.org