

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

TRESTLE BOARD

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THE FUTURE OF MASONRY: FLORIDA MASONIC YOUTH CHARITY

As sponsors to these Masonic Youth Groups, we need to provide more than a building for them to meet. Granted, a meeting location is essential to their operation, but we also have a human interest towards their success. We have a responsibility to provide for them, to protect them, and to perpetuate their success. For example, if they need additional quality adult leaders, we need to help them seek out those leaders. If they have a need for youth members, we need to assist them in developing programs to promote their organization and recruit new members, possibly by requesting referrals from our own members. If they are short of funds, we need to network on their behalf, urging local Masonic Groups to consider providing financial support for their benefit.

As our youth groups recruit new members, the organizations themselves will grow in popularity and status. We will ultimately be calling on more of our Florida Lodges to sponsor youth organizations; it will be the responsibility of Masons and Committeemen to facilitate these conversations; finding Lodges which are both willing and able to sponsor a new youth organization and communicating this willingness to the State

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M.:W.: Richard G. Hoover has designated March as Masonic Youth Month in Florida .

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 My Brothers,

The first quarter of the year has flown by. We have initiated new Brothers into our Fraternity and we had our first family night of the year. Lodge business is moving smoothly, and we are picking up momentum with new Brothers sitting in new chairs for the first time. A great start!

I want to thank the officers for their hard work and dedication to the Lodge, specifically our Brothers, the Junior Warden, Brother Billy Schmidt, who has been working hard to keep the kitchen in order and providing the Brothers a delicious meal each week; Our Senior Warden, Brother Billy Scott for his focus on the work of the property and finance committee; and our Secretary W.: Drew Baldwin who works everyday and many weekends to keep the records and paperwork of the Lodge in order and up to date.

To those Brothers who are able and are making an effort to come by the Lodge for supper and a meeting, "Thank you". If you haven't been in a while, we have Degrees that will be coming up in the year and these new Brothers will really appreciate your support.

We have a busy year ahead of us and much work in the quarry. Our mission in the Blue Lodge is to "Make Masons." All of our effort is to continue to take good Men and make them better Men. With your support, we will accomplish our goals.

Lastly, remember the Scottish Rite Reunion will be held Saturday and Sunday May 5th and 6th. All Master Masons who plan to petition, please see a member in our Lodge and get your petition in early to Scottish Rite.

Fraternally,

Joe Davis

Worshipful Master



PILLAR STRENGTH



My Brothers,

We have already completed work done to the main entrance to the Lodge by having them professionally clean, polished, and sealed against the elements. The Property committee is looking at other ways to improve and maintain the beauty of our Lodge for years to come. Our Property and Finance committees meet in our Past Masters room every 3rd Thursday of the month. If you have time or would like to see

where we stand, I invite you to attend.

Our annual Grand Communication is quickly approaching, and as in years past will be held at the Rosen Plaza in beautiful Orlando, FL. There, we will not only have an opportunity to interact and converse with our Brothers from around the state, but also have an opportunity to take part in the direction of our Craft for years to come. Proposed Legislation changes will be distributed to the district and Lodges soon and I will be making a presentation of them at a Stated communication prior to Grand Lodge. Look

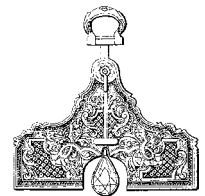
for further information both here in the trestle board and on our social media sites as to when this presentation will occur.

In closing my Brothers, I want to remind all Masons in good standing that it is our duty to make Masons. If you, in your circles of acquaintances come across a man whom you believe to be of good moral character and you believe may make a good Mason, invite them to join us for supper one Tuesday evening. If we haven't seen you in Lodge in some time do not let that discourage you from coming back. Looking forward to future fellowships.

Fraternally,

Billy D. Scott, III

Senior Warden



PILLAR BEAUTY



My Brothers,
It's like to congratulate our newly initiated Entered Apprentices! I look forward to each Brother continuing their journey through their catechisms as well as their Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees. Are you looking to instruct and earn a Silver Card? If so, please contact me! If you have not received your Silver Card yet, W. Mike Fletcher is available on Thursday evenings to help you earn your proficiency card and teach a class.

A big thank you to each Brother who has completed the Master Mason I, II, & III exams, the Lodge Officer Training Course, and other Masonic Education or Leadership trainings. Master Mason exams are intended for every Brother to be aware of the rules and regulations within our jurisdiction. Become a knowledgeable Mason by completing one or more courses! These exams are available within Circumscribe, <https://glfl.circumscribe.net>. Other programs are found at <http://grandlodgefl.com> under the education tab.

Ritual practice is mandatory for all Brothers who are

SECRETARY'S DESK



Greetings, Brothers!
March has been designated as Masonic Youth Month. I encourage you to support our very own Paul Revere Chapter of DeMolay and all of the Masonic youth organizations in all the great things they do.

Please confirm that we have your current contact information. If you didn't receive your 2018 dues notice that was mailed last year, please contact me at secretary@hillsborough25.org. We might have outdated contact information on file for you. A few of the 2018 dues notices have been returned as undeliverable.

Likewise, if you have paid your 2018 dues and haven't received your 2018 dues card, please send an email to the address above, call the Lodge, or stop by the Secretary's office, since it could possibly be that we have outdated contact information for you.

signed up to take part in a degree team. A formal practice always occurs the Thursday before the degree, but any Thursday is available for you to practice. We have many knowledgeable Brothers who are more than willing to help if you are interested in sitting in a chair for a degree. Please reach out to any Officer or sign up via the dry erase board in the coffee room upstairs.

I'd like to thank every Brother who has assisted in the kitchen with serving and clean up. Brothers Wise, Blair, and Huster have rolled up their sleeves to wash dishes or clean up. We are all indebted for their tremendous efforts. Interested in cooking one evening? A sign up list is posted on the kitchen door.

If you have any questions or need anything, especially concerning the subjects above, please come talk to me anytime or email me at billyschmidtH25@gmail.com.

LUX E TENEBRIS.

Fraternally,

Billy D. Schmidt

Junior Warden



Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Drew Baldwin

Secretary, PM



FIRST 2018 FAMILY NIGHT!

Tuesday, January 30, 2018
Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Lodge Presentations at 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY				
				1	2	 Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.				
4	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	5	 Degree Night For Candidates & Brothers prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.	6	District School of Instruction John Darling Lodge • 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL	7	 Masonic Education & Catechism	8	9	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 <hr/> Finance / Prop. Meeting PM Room 6:30pm	15	16	 Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.	17
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 Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	22	23	Masters & Wardens Meeting John Darling Lodge • 6:30 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL	24
25	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	26	 Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.	27	28	29	30	31		

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8	<p>Ceremony Remembrance & Renewal Scottish Rite Tampa 7:15 p.m. Open to All</p>	 <p>Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	11	 <p>Masonic Education & Catechism Officers Meeting PM Room 6:30pm</p>	13	14
<p>MASONIC HOME BOARD MTG Masonic Home of Florida St. Petersburg 11a.m.</p>	 <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>Degree Night For Candidates & Brothers prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.</p>	18	 <p>Masonic Education & Catechism Finance / Prop. Meeting PM Room 6:30pm</p>	20	 <p>Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.</p>
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29	 <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	<p align="center">MORE MASONIC EVENTS</p> <p align="center">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 align="center">   </div>				

LOW TWELVE CLUB

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Chairman so that appropriate arrangements can be made with the jurisdictional leaders of each organization. It should be stressed that our Youth Groups teach good morals and that we need to work hard to encourage more young people getting involved.

The Masonic Youth Association, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) Corporation. Incorporated under the Laws of the State of Florida as a Charitable Corporation, all contributions are tax deductible. Since its inception, this association has helped to support state leadership for our Masonic Youth Organizations within Florida. All Lodges, Appendant Bodies, Clubs, and Groups, as well as each of us individually, are encouraged to contribute and support this worthwhile organization in every way we can.

The Adult Leaders of our Youth Groups do not belong to these organizations and do not work with them for any fame or glory. They do it because they want to make a difference and enjoy working with our young people. Our Youth Groups have their own ways to recognize and reward our Adult Leaders; however, as Masonic sponsors, we should recognize these adult volunteers and present them with Certificates of Appreciation for their individual efforts. This should be done in their Particular Lodge or in a Chapter/Bethel/Assembly Stated Meeting by the appropriate representative.

Brothers, the youth of today will be the future of our country and the future of our Fraternity. The more we help mold the good morals for America's youth, the better off is our country's future. Our Masonic Youth Organizations are our best tool to have an impact on that future. Your work to help DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls, and Job's Daughters grow and prosper is extremely important. **TE**

Source: *Committee Book, Bro. R.J. “Jody” Meguiar, State Chairman*

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 or phone (813) 884-8529.

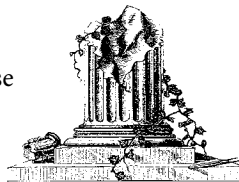


“No amount of law enforcement can solve a problem that goes back to the family.”

— J. Edgar Hoover
Director of the FBI
& Freemason

CIRCUMSCRIBE ID

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.



Brothers, all Circumscribe ID cards, will be delivered to the Lodge Secretary prior to the Annual Grand Lodge Communication in May 2018. If you have already uploaded a picture, it will be printed on your new card. If you have not, you will be receiving a card without a photo. If you would like to add a photo, after May 31, 2018, you may do so within your Circumscribe profile, and pay a nominal fee of \$5.00 to receive a new one.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 2018

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Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Valley of Tampa

Spring Initiation May 5th and 6th, 2018
www.tampascottishrite.org

Brothers, The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Florida will hold its 189th Annual Grand Communication

Monday, May 28, 2018

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, located at 9700 International Drive, Orlando, Florida, 32819. The schedule has not yet been released, but will be updated as soon as it is finalized..

Book your room at <https://www.rosenplaza.com/>



“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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