

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

TRESTLE BOARD

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MASONIC SPOTLIGHT:

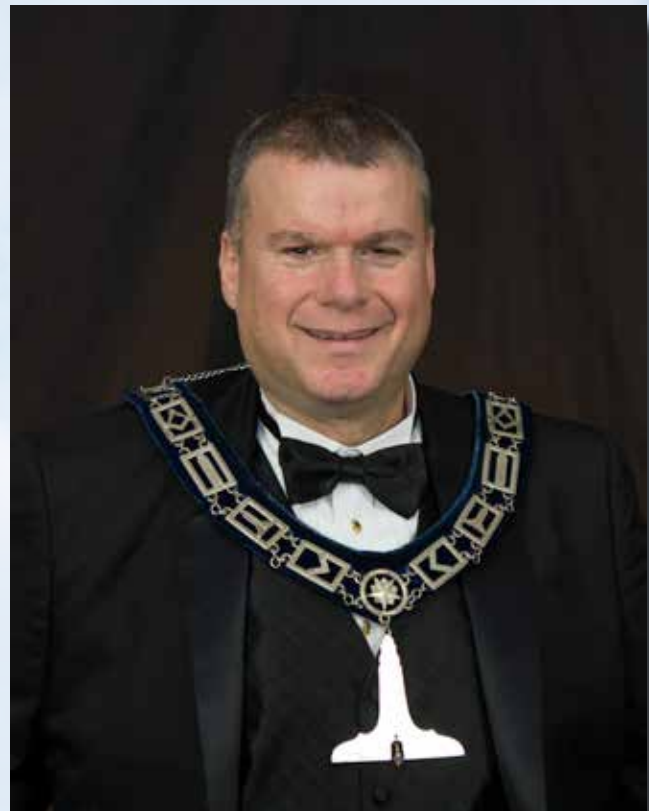
W.: ROBERT "JOEY" DAVIS, PM

W.: Robert "Joey" Davis was initiated an Entered Apprentice April 17, 2012, and Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on September 18th of the same year. He was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 20, 2012, and was appointed Tyler of the Lodge for the 2014 Masonic year. W.: Davis served as the Senior Deacon in 2015, Junior Warden in 2016, and Senior Warden 2017. He was elected Worshipful Master for the 2018 Masonic year.

W.: Davis is an active member of both the Scottish Rite Valley of Tampa as a 32° Mason, and a Noble of the Egypt Temple Shrine. W.: Davis is currently the Master of Ceremonies in the Tampa Chapter of Rose Croix, Valley of Tampa, and participates in several of the higher Degrees of the Rite.

W.: Davis has continued his Masonic education throughout the years, earning his Silver Proficiency card to instruct, and completing Master Mason Exams I, II and III. He is also a perpetual member of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25.

W.: Davis and his wife Marcia have enjoyed this Masonic journey, and continue to reside in Apollo Beach, Florida. 



Worshipful Joey Davis was Master of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 for the 2018 Masonic Year.

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

WORSHIPFUL MASTER



My Brothers,

In August of 2013, I petitioned and was accepted as a Brother into our historic Lodge. Having been raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in May of the following year I began sitting in degrees learning as much ritual as I could. And at the beginning of the following year W.: Cliff Allen appointed me as an officer of the Lodge. Thank you Cliff for giving me the opportunity to serve The Craft.

I have had many Masonic mentors and leaders both in our Lodge and as I continue to travel and meet new learned Brothers and they are too numerous to mention here. Learning my catechism from my first mentor, W.: Robert "Joey" Davis, gave me a solid foundation to build upon. In addition to W.: Davis being my catechism instructor he has also led and advised me as we have both progressed through the officers' line. Thank you so much Joey for stepping up and taking the time to obtain you Silver card and teach the brothers of the lodge. I also would like to thank Brothers: R.: W.: J. Gonzalez, R.: W.:

S. Silvers, R.: H.: T. Newton, W.: K. Skillman, and W.: D. Baldwin, who have always taken the time to answer any question I have had or to point me in the direction to find my answers, for this I will always be grateful.

I hope to lead our Lodge with humility and am continued to be humbled by the confidence and support I have received since my election was official. I will strive to continue the great traditions of our historic lodge and help us continue into the future.

Installation of officers will be held at the Lodge on Saturday, January 5th, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. I invite all Brothers and their families to join us on this very special day.

We will have our first regular Stated Communication on January 8th, 2019 with the meal, prepared by Brother Bryan Seland, to be served at 6:30pm.

Fraternally,

Billy D. Scott, III

Worshipful Master



SENIOR WARDEN



My Brothers,

It is with great honor and humility that I assume the position of Senior Warden this year. I'd like to thank my fellow Brothers for allowing me the honor of helping lead our exceptional Lodge. I look forward to working with a great number of dedicated Officers and Brothers this year, and I hope to see each member get involved in some way.

We had a strong showing of interest in 2018 with petitioners knocking on our door. We saw 22 Brothers go through the degrees. With petitioners continuing to knock, we need your help with investigations, ritual, and instruction. We must continue to guard the West Gate while also providing an exceptional experience for our candidates. This is the bedrock of our Fraternity and we can use your help, if you're willing.

Ever have something you wanted or expected out of the Lodge or Fraternity, but haven't seen yet? We all have ideas and wishes, but they only come about through ac-

tion on someone's part. I hope to see members willing to step up and dedicate a little time towards the aforementioned needs as well as committee work in the areas of education, outreach, or fellowship. A little dedication by each of us can make huge impacts. We hope to see you soon.

As of this writing, our finances appear sound and our building maintenance continues without any critical issues. An audit will be conducted pursuant to section 10.02 of our Lodge Bylaws and a report made by the end of January. A brief summary should appear in our March / April Trestleboard. Many thanks to our Worshipful Master Billy Scott for his strong leadership and management last year concerning property and finance.

Joint Finance Committee and Property Committee meetings are open to all Lodge members and are typically held on the third Thursday of each month in the Past Master's Room - the first of which will be January 17, 2019 at 6:30 pm (meetings will be posted on our Lodge website calendar). Finance issues, the audit, and an overview of potential and necessary building projects will be discussed and presented. Notable building projects to be discussed are

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JUNIOR WARDEN



My Brothers,
First off I would like to start the year off by saying, it is an honor to be selected by the craft to sit at the glorious position of Junior Warden in the South. This position has been held by many great brothers in the past who have done great things for our lodge, and fraternity as a whole. I hope to continue that streak with another smooth, but busy year in 2019.

Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 has had a strong showing of raised Master Masons over the last few years, and we hope to continue that streak in 2019. With the large influx of potential brothers, we are going to need brothers to volunteer for instruction of these newly raised brothers. If any brother can assist please let the Junior Warden or any officer know, and we will get in contact with you.

As any Mason can tell you, education is an important aspect of Freemasonry. As masons, we need to further our own education, to better ourselves as masons, and men in general. I would like to invite any active brother to District School of Instruction, on the first Wednesday of each

month, at John Darling Lodge No. 154, between the hours of 7pm-8pm. Masonic Leadership Training begins at 6pm, just prior to each District School of Instruction.

Finally, I would like to say that we will be hitting the floor running in 2019. We will have instruction going on, degrees to be performed, and charities to be completed. If any brother has any interest in getting involved with degree work, instruction, or any number of other committees available, please let an officer know, your help is needed, and we are grateful. I hope that all brothers and families had a happy holidays, and a happy new year, and hope to see you all at a lodge meeting soon.

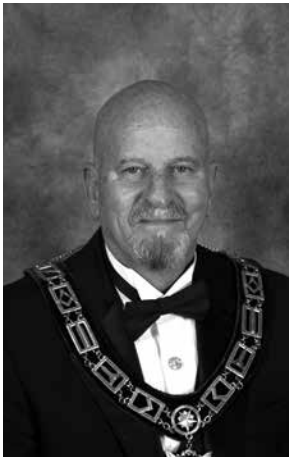
Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Bryan Seland

Junior Warden



SECRETARY'S DESK



Brothers,
It is with a great deal of pride and humility that I have been elected to re occupy the office of Secretary of this lodge. I will strive to continue the great work which has been done in the secretary's office since my departure. Service to the craft is of the upmost concern along with the recording of the business of the lodge in the minutes. After a four year hiatus from the office of secretary, I look

forward to getting back into the business of the lodge and re-acquainting myself with every member of the lodge. I am looking forward to working with our new Worshipful Master and all the elected officers to continue the great work that has always been done at our lodge.

I would ask that each of you remember your obligation to keep the secretary and the lodge abreast of changes in your address and any other information that you feel the lodge should be aware of. Please feel free to let us know of sickness and or distress in your life of the life of one of our















brothers, even if that brother is from another lodge. Please send the information to secretary@hillsborough25.org.

If you haven't paid your 2019 dues, please do so as soon as you can and don't forget to support the masonic home with your donation of the \$7.30 in addition to the annual dues. Remember that Charity is one of our Cardinal Virtues. If you want to purchase a perpetual membership which will continue to support the lodge long after your earthly ties are done, I will be more than happy to assist you with the application for that perpetual membership. You can also purchase an honorary perpetual membership for a deserving brother, and I will assist you with that as well.

Try to make plans to come to lodge at least once a month. Find out what you have been missing by not being with the brothers of the lodge. If you want to get involved with the ritual work or assist with a class, we would love to have you back. Remember, when you became a brother, that a brother of the lodge donated his time to teach you your obligations and it may be time for you to pay if forward.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 District School of Instruction John Darling Lodge • 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL	3	4	5 Installation 2019 Officers 9:30 a.m. Lunch to Follow Tampa, FL
6	7  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	8  Stated Communication Budget and WM Message Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.	9	10  Masonic Education & Catechism Officers Meeting PM Room 6:30pm	11 MPYC Annual Election / Board MTG Tampa 240 Tampa 2 p.m.	12
13	14  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	15  Degree Night For Candidates & Brothers prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.	16	17  Masonic Education & Catechism Finance / Prop. Meeting PM Room 6:30pm	18	19 MASONIC HOME BOARD MTG Masonic Home of Florida St. Petersburg 11a.m.
20	21  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	22  Stated Communication SW Report of Audit for 2018 Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.	23	24  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	25 Masters & Wardens Meeting John Darling Lodge • 6:30 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL	26 Zone 4 School Instruction AASR Temple 8:30 a.m. 5500 Memorial Hwy Tampa, FL
27	28  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	29	30	31  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.		

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<p>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>					<p>1</p>  <p>Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.</p>	
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January

February


Alforso B. Noto
 Barrett B. Smith
 Brian L. Taylor
 Charles E. Seely
 Charles E. Sowers
 Charles F. Burdick III
 Charles T. Jr. Earle
 Christopher J. Manning
 Christopher S. Anderson
 Dennis A. Payne
 Donald L. Whitlock
 Edward B. O'Hair
 Edward W. Collins
 Fredric R. LeVarge
 Harry P. Bean Jr
 Henry L. Lopez
 Homer B. Claytor Jr
 James C. Nix
 James K. Skomp
 James M. Roberts
 Joel R. Markison II
 John J. Hillyer IV

John M. Bankhead Jr
 Joseph W. Lorello Jr
 Lawrence J. Lane
 Lawrence W. Stone
 Lewis K. Molnar
 Michael J. Huster
 Paul Haimovitz
 Pedro Hevia
 Peter M. Dashko
 Raul Ramos
 Regis F. Neary
 Robert A. King
 Ronald C. Read
 Ronald P. Netterfield
 Roy L. Hutson
 Ryan A. Larrison
 Saarin E. Auker
 Tarek N. Fahmy
 Theodore C. Taub
 Timothy M. Ceelen
 Walter R. Harris
 William R. Williams Jr

Anthony M. Shortt
 Byron E. Townsend
 Charles E. Peterman II
 Cory M. Tidwell
 Daniel S. Fisher
 Derek D. Hopkins
 Forrest G. Klinger
 Gerald F. Hussey
 Giovanni F. Sekulits
 Haynes T. Hendry
 Henderson R. McArthur
 Horton E. Gafford
 James V. Crawford II
 Jamey H. Neely
 John R. Grimaldi
 John L. Rutland
 John L. Vath
 Jorge A. Santamaria
 Joseph J. Zevchak
 Joseph M. Wilkinson
 Joseph V. Osman

Joshua A. Sussman
 Kenneth G. Robbins
 Kevin M. Kilbourne
 Louis V. Torres
 Manuel Gonzalez
 Matthew C. Lucas
 Milton P. Zamore
 Randall T. Leavitt
 Reese C. Letcher
 Richard J Schwartz
 Richard L. Harrell
 Robert H. Beebe
 Robert J. Davis Jr
 Rodney K. Taucher
 Rodney W. Kohler
 Shawn R. Gilbert
 Thomas F. Granaham
 Todd W. Ousley
 William B. Smith
 William R. Macgillivray

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Sincerely & Fraternaly,

 Secretary, PDI, PM



FIRST 2019 FAMILY NIGHT!

Tuesday, April 30, 2019
 Dinner 6:30 p.m.
 Lodge Presentations at 7:30 p.m.

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 or phone (813) 884-8529.

2019 LODGE COMMITTEES

Finance

Bro. Billy Schmidt, Senior Warden, Chairman
Bro. Bryan Seland, Junior Warden
R·W· Joseph Gonzalez, PDDGM, Treasurer
W· Drew Baldwin, PM
Bro. Marquise Blair, Senior Deacon
Bro. Jeremy Hall

Property

Bro. Billy Schmidt, Senior Warden, Chairman
Bro. Bryan Seland, Junior Warden
W· Drew Baldwin, PM
W· Tom Johnson, PM
R·W· Joseph Gonzalez, PDDGM, Treasurer

Investigation

Bro. Marquise Blair, Senior Deacon, Chairman
Bro. Michael Huster, Junior Deacon

Petitions

W· Billy Scott, Worshipful Master, Chairman
Bro. Billy Schmidt, Senior Warden
Bro. Bryan Seland, Junior Warden

Masonic Education

Bro. Brian Seland, Junior Warden, Chairman
Bro. Jerry King
Bro. Jonathan Tennis
R·W· C. Donald Prosser, PDDGM
W· Michael Fletcher, PM

Charity

Bro. Michael Huster, Junior Deacon, Chairman
Bro. David Odel

Masonic Relief

W· Billy Scott, Worshipful Master, Chairman
Bro. Billy Schmidt, Senior Warden
Bro. Bryan Seland, Junior Warden

Silver Card Instructor

W· Michael Fletcher, PM

Lodge Mentor

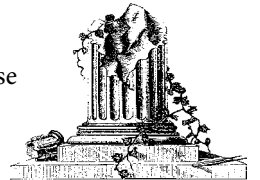
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Vigilance

Bro. Bryan Seland, Junior Warden, Chairman
R·W· Joseph Gonzalez, PDDGM, Treasurer
R·W· Steven Silvers, PDDGM



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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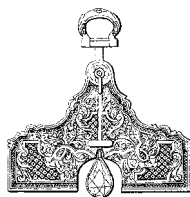
a total A/C system inspection, tree trimming, pressure washing, replacing outdoor lighting, and the skylight repair.

If you have any questions or want to get involved, please come talk to me anytime or email me at billyschmidtH25@gmail.com.

Fraternally,

Billy D. Schmidt

Senior Warden



Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Valley of Tampa

Spring Initiation May 5th and 6th, 2018
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"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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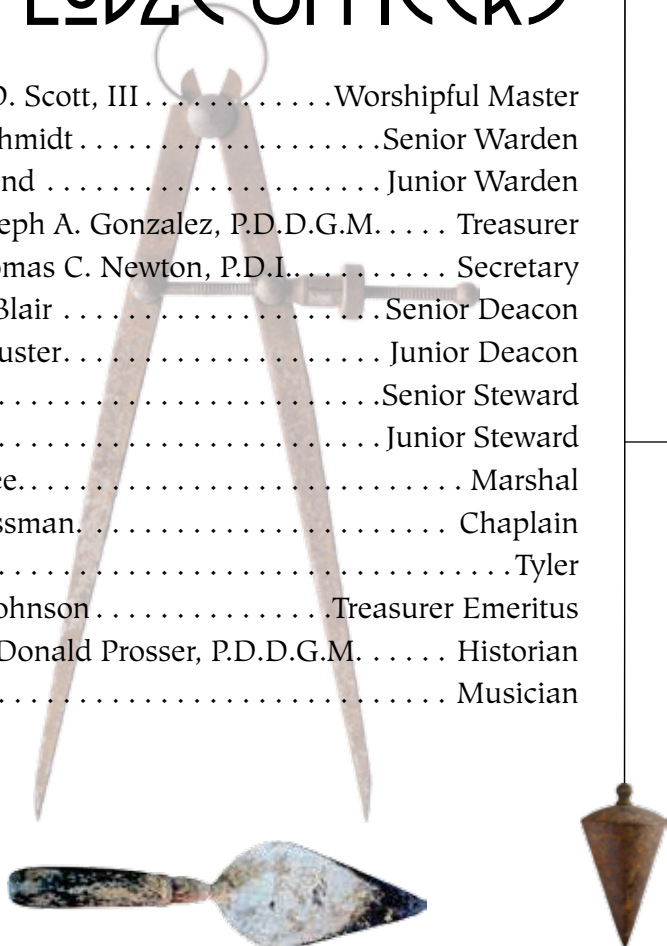
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