

TRESTLE BOARD

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LODGE HISTORY: THE LOSS OF OUR TEMPLE

On January 10, 1928, our Lodge formally adopted a resolution to construct our fourth and current building. Between when our third structure was torn down and our fourth building was finished, the Lodge met at the Egypt Shriners' Temple, which met at 402 South Boulevard in Hyde Park at the time.


The cornerstone was laid on June 18, 1928 by Most Worshipful Cary B. Fish, Grand Master. A procession from the Shriners' building in Hyde Park formed with the Egypt Temple Band and Chanters leading and then the Ivanhoe Commandry as the escort of honor. This was the first cornerstone laying to be held at night. The streets in front of the site had been blocked off so all those in attendance could hear the address and ceremony. The event was even broadcast live on the local radio station WDAE.

The first meeting of the Lodge in the new Temple was held on February 19, 1929, even though some of the interior was not fully complete. The early years in our new building were met with numerous problems. Due to the Great Depression that started in 1929, the Lodge had its charter suspended twice for being unable to pay the Grand Lodge Per Capita Tax.

The Lodge also lost the building temporarily in 1934 when the Acacia Life Insurance Company bought the



building and the Lodge was evicted by court order. During this time, the Lodge met next door in the Scottish Rite building.

Numerous trips were made to Washington, D.C. by Worshipful Master Wilmont Fitts to negotiate. An agreement was made where all rent from the stores on the first floor went directly to Acacia Life Insurance Company until the Lodge was in a position to pay off its debt. This arrangement would last until 1945, 11 years in total, but the Lodge was able to reoccupy our Temple on Christmas Day in 1934. 

Source: Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 F & AM: A Cornerstone of the Community 1850 by Right Worshipful C. Donald Prosser

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,

This will be my last article I write to you from the East. This has been a wonderful year and I wish to thank all the Brothers who have served with me as officers, both elected and appointed, throughout my years as an officer. Your combined efforts have help me make this a great year.

Our District Deputy Grand Master's Official Visit to the Lodge was a success and we passed our inspection without question. It was great to see so many Brothers in attendance for Right Worshipful Baldwin's visit. Thank You.

The Lodge invited Brother Juan Sepúlveda, host of The Winding Stair's podcast, to the lodge in October to be a guest speaker. This is a precursor to the Masonic Symposium we are planning for spring of 2020. Brothers from both Districts 19 and 20 as well as others from the surrounding area made the trip to enhance their knowledge in Freemasonry and fantastic fellowship was had by all.

My Brothers, Hillsborough Lodge has the great luck to have a steady influx of interest in Freemasonry and many

SENIOR WARDEN



My Brothers,

The end of the year is near, and we have much to be thankful for. We preformed a great number of degrees this year. Degree work is often a skill and artform learned over the course of time, but we have seen our newest Master Masons and officers step up and give it their all throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who stepped up. As always, if

you're interested in helping perform our ritual, we welcome you to any degree practice. All you have to do is show up.

Masonic Education efforts have been strong this year. All three principal officers have completed the MLT workshops, LOTC, and MM exams. Many officers and Brothers have been attending those same offerings – as well as steady attendance at District School. Many thanks to everyone who seek the light that these programs offer. Let's continue to build a strong foundation!

Building projects and planning continue as we review the

of these men choose to submit petitions to join our Fraternity. Along with these new petitioners, the Lodge is obligated to provide these new Masons with proper instruction. We need your help in teaching these new Brothers. Not only in their catechism, but also with their foundation of being a Mason. The Lodge needs Brothers willing and able to take on a class so we can best prepare our new members. If interested please contact either myself or Brother Bryan Seland, the Junior Warden, for details.

Elections for our 2020 Lodge Officers will be held on December 10th, 2019. This will be our last communication of the year and I would love to finish strong by having as many brothers in attendance as possible. If you are available, please make plans to attend.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Billy D. Scott, J.I.I.

Worshipful Master



various issues that need to be tended to. Estimates are being sought for work and potential grants will be investigated. Lodge finances continue to be healthy and solid. If you are interested in these and our other projects, you are welcome at any Property & Finance meetings.

Thank you to Worshipful Master Billy Scott on planning and executing a successful year of programming. His display of servant leadership has helped guide a young officer line and kept our Lodge operating at it's best.

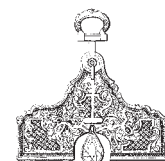
Of course, thank you to the members of this Lodge for having the confidence in me to elect me and allow me to serve as your Senior Warden. If you haven't been to the Lodge in a while, I hope you can take some time and visit soon and say hello. Our Election of Lodge Officers will occur December 10th and we have plenty of other activities ongoing that we would love to see you at.

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Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Billy D. Schmidt

Senior Warden



JUNIOR WARDEN



My Brothers,

Greetings from the Junior Warden in the South. This year continues to move forward at a fast pace. We had one Entered Apprentice Degree in September. I would like to congratulate newly initiated Brothers Falcher, Henriquez, and Lynch who joined our Fraternity.

We had our annual Table Lodge event held the first Tuesday in September, as we do each year. A great thank you to Worshipful Schoepf for an amazing menu and successful Table Lodge. The event would not be a success without him. We also hosted our very own Past Master of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25, Right Worshipful Drew Baldwin, for his official DDGM visit. Thanks to the many Brothers that showed up and supported our DDGM during his homecoming.

We will continue to remain busy with scheduled degrees, and our lodge elections throughout the remainder of the year. Our lodge continues to generate a lot of interest and we will be having a few more Entered Apprentice degrees throughout the rest of this and next year. The lodge, and these newly initiated Brothers, will need instructors. If any Brother is interested in learning lodge ritual, partaking in degree work/committee work, or would like to instruct catechism, please let myself or any officer know.

SECRETARY'S DESK



Brothers,

You should have received your 2020 dues notice by the time you receive this Trestle Board. You may notice that the total amount due is \$5.00 higher this year than last. This is due to a resolution that was passed at the last Grand Lodge which raised the Per Capita Tax on each member from \$20.00 to \$25.00 this year and will go up \$5.00 per year for the next four years.

If you have not paid your 2019 dues as of the date listed on the final dues notice and summons, you are subject to suspension and will have to file a petition for reinstatement with the current dues and a \$15.00 fee for a background check. Delinquent dues notices have been sent out to those that have not paid as of yet, and it is your duty to pay your dues to remain in good standing.

In closing Brothers, I would like to thank all of our Brothers in our lodge for the trust and confidence you had in me to be your Junior Warden this year. The Junior Warden is a difficult position, but prepares you immensely for the running of a lodge. I have enjoyed serving you this year as Junior Warden and hope you enjoyed coming down to lodge this year. If anything could have been done differently, or you have any suggestions for improvement in the future, please let me know.



Finally, I would like to thank all of my fellow officers who assisted me throughout the year with meal and education preparation. I would like to thank our Senior Warden Billy Schmidt, and our Worshipful Master Billy Scott, III for their hard work and dedication they put into running this lodge. It is not easy, and we would not be where we are today, without them. Thank you, Brothers Scott and Schmidt, for all of the assist you have given me throughout the year. I couldn't have done it without you. As the year is coming to an end, I hope that all of our brothers have a wonderful and relaxing holiday season with their friends and family.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Bryan Seland
Junior Warden

Dues can be paid on Circumscribe, and if you have not registered in Circumscribe, send me an e-mail to secretary@hillsborough25.org I will send you the information on how to get into the system.

Elections will be held on December 10th. I urge you to attend this meeting to select those who will serve the following year.

HAVE YOU MOVED? If so, have you informed the Secretary's Office of your new address? If not, then you need to e-mail me your name, member number, and your new address to secretary@hillsborough25.org so that our records will be up to date.

Hope to see you in Lodge,

Thomas C. Newton

Secretary, PM, PDI














Lodge Officer Nomination Forms are due to the Lodge Secretary BEFORE the start of our November 12th, 2019 business meeting.

NOVEMBER

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | | | | | |
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| <p>Events, Meetings, and Degrees are subject to change. Continuously updated information is available on the Lodge website calendar: www.hillsborough25.org. Facebook events are also updated regularly and are a good way to receive event reminder notifications - just click the 'interested' or 'going' links for any particular event on Facebook.</p> | | | | | 1 |  <p>Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.</p> | | | | | |
| 3 |  <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p> | 4 |  <p>FC Degree Night Past Masters Degree Team Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.</p> | 5 |  <p>District School of Instruction John Darling Lodge MLT 6 p.m. School 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL</p> | 6 |  <p>Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.</p> | 7 |  <p>MASONIC PARK BOARD MEETING Tampa Lodge No. 240 Tampa, FL 7 p.m.</p> | | |
| 10 |  <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p> | 11 |  <p>Stated Communication Lodge Officer Election Nomination Forms Due Before Meeting Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p> | 12 | 13 |  <p>Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.</p> | 14 |  <p>MASTER MASON ASSOCIATION MEETING John Darling Lodge No. 154 6:30 p.m. Tampa, FL.</p> | 15 |  <p>Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.</p> | 16 |
| 17 |  <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p> | 18 |  <p>EA Degree Night For Candidates who are prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.</p> | 19 | 20 |  <p>Masonic Education & Catechism</p> | 21 |  <p>Finance / Prop. Meeting PM Room 6:30 p.m.</p> | 22 | 23 | |
| 24 |  <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p> | 25 |  <p>Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p> | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |
| | | <p>Charity Committee Mtg PM Room 6 p.m.</p> | | | | | | | | | |

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| 15 |  <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p> <p>Masonic Home of Florida St. Petersburg 11 a.m.</p> |  <p>Possible Degree or Education Night None ready at time of publication. Check the website calendar for updates.</p> | 18 |  <p>Masonic Education & Catechism Finance / Prop. Meeting PM Room 6:30pm</p> | 20 |  <p>MASTER MASON ASSOCIATION MEETING John Darling Lodge No. 154 6:30 p.m. Tampa, FL.</p> |
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| 29 |  <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p> | 31 | <p>170TH INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS <i>Saturday, January 4th, 2020</i> Join us while we install our 2020 Lodge Officers! The event is open to all friends and family and we hope you can join us. This will mark our 170th installation. 9:30 a.m. <i>Lodge Room Open</i> 10:00 a.m. <i>Installation Begins Promptly</i> 12:00 p.m. <i>Lunch After Installation</i></p> | | | |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November

Joel Baez
James Bennett Jr
Marquise Blair
Bruce Bowers
Lawrence Bryan
Karl Degiacomi
John Erb III
Jimmy Fischer
Jerry Handy
Robert Harz
Dale Hatchell
Donald Hawald
Thomas Hebert
John Hillyer III
Everett Hodsdon
John Hooker
John Laing
Jimmy Mills
Fernando Muniz

Anthony Noto
Rafael Pizano
Michael Rogers
Ernest Seal Jr
Matthew Setzer
Brian Shrader
Cyril Silver
Ronald Spencer
William Staunko
Hugh Sullivan Jr
Richard Taylor
Luis Then
Charles Trexler III
Donald Valverde
Joseph Wamsley
Weldon Weber Jr
Samuel Whitaker
Dennis Young
John Zacheis

December

Donald Anderson
Zachary Armocida
Nicolas Awad
Ryan Bastek
Miles Beanguard
Eli Bobo
Johnny Butler Jr
Oliver Davis III
Richard Davis
George Edenfield
Kenneth Gibson
Gary Graham
Jeremy Hall
Dwight Hamborsky Jr
Walter Ireland
Charles Kane
Jerry King Jr
Joseph Lange

David Liniger
Donald Marsee
Kevin McLaughlin
David Montgomery
Robert Provencher
Steven Rhodes
Benjamin Risinger Jr
Christopher Roberts
Frank Rosenblatt
Scott Sandoval
Samuel Schiavone
Noah Schmiedecke
Bryan Seland
Marvam Taouil
William Taylor
Harold Wagoner
William Williams III
Jay Wolfington

CIRCUMSCRIBE LOG IN

Circumscribe is the Grand Lodge of Florida's membership database system. **We encourage ALL members to log into Circumscribe and verify their contact information.** The system allows you to edit your contact information as well as view your Masonic record, pay dues online, and take the Master Mason exams online. The Lodge uses the address, email address, and phone number listed within the system to contact you when needed. We often find members without updated contact information and it sometimes leads to suspension for non-payment of dues.

First Time Circumscribe Log In Instructions

- Open your internet browser
- Navigate to: <https://glfl.circumscribe.net>
- Enter your initial Username:
"FL" + "Your Grand Lodge Number" + "@changeyouremail.info"
(example: FL1234567@changeyouremail.info)
- Enter your temporary Password:
"FL" + "Your Grand Lodge #" **(example: FL1234567)**
- You will be immediately prompted to change both your username and password
- Your NEW username can be any email address that you frequently use, or have regular access to.
- Your NEW password must contain at least eight characters and one number. You must enter it twice.
- Upon successfully entering both, you will be required to logout, and then log back in with your new credentials.
- Once you have logged back in, select 'Profile' from the menu items on the left side of the screen. Review your profile and make any appropriate changes, or contact the Lodge Secretary if you require other changes.
- Finally, upload a current picture for your new permanent ID card. Please avoid hats, sunglasses, other individuals or animals in the picture.
- Select 'Save Profile' to complete the process.

Please note, if you or the Lodge Secretary have already added your personal email address to the system, you will need to log in using that email address and your known password or use the "forgot password" feature. If you aren't sure which email address you used, or if one is already in the system, email the Lodge Secretary at secretary@hillsborough25.org and he can verify the email address.



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.

SOCK TREE

The Paul Revere DeMolay Chapter is collecting new socks and blankets throughout the holiday season to benefit Metropolitan Ministries. This collection will be in the form of a "sock tree" erected in our Lodge. Instead of being decorated in traditional holiday fashion, donors will use clothespins to attach socks of any size, shape or color to the tree's branches, and blankets will be placed under the tree in place of a tree skirt. This is a holiday tradition we hope to continue (and grow) each year, and we invite the Lodge Brothers and their families to participate in this most worthy cause.



Paul Revere Chapter, DeMolay Installation August 19th, 2019: Congratulations to our newly elected and installed officers for the Paul Revere Chapter, Order Of DeMolay! We wish you much success as you lead your great organization.



DISTRICT SCHOOL



Many thanks to the Officers and Brothers of our Lodge that made it out to the District 19 School of Instruction October 2nd, 2019! Our Lodge was able to reclaim the Column Under Constriction award for having the most members in attendance. Hillsborough Lodge has had the honor of having the most members in attendance four months this year.

District 19's School of Instruction (DSI) takes place on the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm at John Darling Lodge. Masonic Leadership Training (MLT) Workshops start at 6pm for those interested. DSI is a great place to enhance your knowledge on specifics in ritual and other subjects.



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RECENT DEGREES



EA Degree September 17th, 2019: Congratulations to Brothers Falcher, Henriquez, and Lynch on being Initiated as Entered Apprentices last night! Thank you to Right Worshipful Silvers for the lecture, Right Honorable Newton for the charge, the Degree team for a good job, and to everyone who was able to make it out and welcome these men into the Fraternity. Pictured is everyone who made it to the end.

MM Degree October 15th, 2019: Congratulations to Brothers Lezcano and Wilson on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason! Thank you to the degree team for all of their hard work and Right Worshipful McAlister for the lecture and Worshipful Scott for the charge. A special thanks to all the Brothers who were able to make it out for the degree. Pictured is everyone who made it to the end.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



August 2nd, 2019: Thank you to everyone who donated during our annual backpack and school supply drive! Our Worshipful Master Billy Scott and our Senior Deacon Mike Huster took time out of their busy Friday to gather and drop off all of our donations for this years school supply drive to BT Washington Elementary. Thank you to everyone for

donating, to our Brothers for the drop off, and to BT Washington Elementary for helping shape the minds of our young children! The school tweeted out that Hillsborough Lodge "consistently pours their time, effort, and resources into our school. They are removing barriers for kids and taking the burden off our families. We appreciate all of your support each and every year!"

DDGM VISIT



DDGM Official Visit September 24th, 2019: Thank you to everyone who came out to our DDGM Official Visit and his homecoming! It was a pleasure having Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master Drew Baldwin, our Right Honorable District Instructor Steve Fortier, and all of the District committeemen with us. We also had in attendance eleven of our Past Masters, many PDDGMs, Right Worshipful Hampton (DDGM D20), Right Honorable Severino (DI D20), Right Worshipful Wynn (Grand Tyler), Right Worshipful Lambert (Junior Grand Warden), and so many more. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our great District Deputy and helped welcome him home to our Lodge.

TABLE LODGE



Table Lodge September 3rd, 2019: THANK YOU to everyone who made it out to the 19th Annual Table Lodge! From our Most Worshipful Grand Master to our EAs, we are glad you could join us for some great fellowship and a good program. We look forward to seeing everyone for the 20th Annual Table Lodge next year on Tuesday September 1st 2020!



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