

TRESTLE BOARD

JULY | AUG A.L. 2021

MASONIC SPOTLIGHT: M.: W.: JEFFREY S. FOSTER

M.: W.: Jeffrey S. Foster joined the United States Navy after graduating from high school in 1981. He spent 20 years in Naval Aviation and retired in January of 2002 as a Chief Petty Officer. He graduated "Cum Laude" from Jones College in 2001, receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Information Systems. After retiring from the United States Navy, he went to work for Watson Realty Corp. as their Network Manager until 2010. In 2010 he went to work for Florida State College at Jacksonville and is currently employed as Director of Technology Support. M.: W.: Foster married Lady Hollyn on February 4, 1984, and they have one son, Cory, who was born on January 8, 1989.

M.: W.: Foster received the Three Symbolic Degree of Freemasonry in Orange Park Lodge No. 267 in 2004. Orange Park Lodge No. 267 had placed first in the State Ritual Degree Competition and were invited by M.: W.: John R. Givens, P.G.M., to confer the Third Degree at the Annual Chitlin Degree held in Chipley, Florida, M.: W.: Foster was the candidate at that Degree.

M.: W.: Foster served his Lodge as Chaplain, Junior Steward, Senior Steward, Junior Deacon, Junior Warden, Senior Warden, and was elected as Worshipful Master in 2010. In 2008, Lady Hollyn was elected as a Perpetual Friend of the Lodge for her hard work planning and preparing meals during M.: W.: Foster's term as Junior Warden. In 2012, he was elected Secretary of his Lodge and served this position for 6 years.



M.: W.: Foster served the Fraternity on several different committees from 2011 through 2017. M.: W.: Danny R. Griffith, P.G.M., appointed him as District Deputy Grand Master in 2013. M.: W.: Steven P. Boring, P.G.M., appointed him as Junior Grand Deacon in 2015.

M.: W.: Foster was elected to the station of Junior Grand Warden on May 31, 2018; Senior Grand Warden on May 30, 2019; Deputy Grand Master on May 28, 2020; and installed Most Worshipful Grand Master on June 2, 2021.

Continued on page 6

DOWNTOWN TAMPA | SINCE 1850

Visit our Online Calendar at hillsborough25.org for upcoming events.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER



My Brothers,

I hope this Trestle Board reaches you all in good health. We have been making strides during this pandemic, and am happy to say, that things around the lodge are returning to "normal." I do hope that everyone still practices social distancing when appropriate and remains healthy. Your health is priority.

We had a very successful Grand Lodge Communication at the beginning of June, and in my opinion have made many good choices for our Fraternity going into the future. We had a lot of legislation to get caught up on, 2 years' worth, and it went off without a hitch. Our Brother Secretary has the results from legislation voting, if any brother is interested in the results. I would like to congratulate our new Grand Master, Most Worshipful Jeffrey S. Foster, and wish him a most successful year. I also want to congratulate R. W. Robert Lambert, R. W. Glen Bishop, and R. W. Don Cowart on their appointments, and wish them the best of luck guiding our fraternity this year.

Our lodge continues to be busy with degrees being performed, fixing up the lodge, and running the day-to-day business of the lodge. If anyone is interested in helping

SENIOR WARDEN



My Brothers,

As we have navigated through the course of this global pandemic, the concept of the cable tow becomes especially meaningful. For several months, our cable tows were freed from many of our fraternal responsibilities and possibly pulled to a different direction – perhaps to our families, to our faith base or to our jobs. The added stress on all of us called for priorities to be shifted,

and several of our own personal "sacred cows" were ultimately threatened.

However, I am happy to say that we have emerged stronger than ever before – filled with the fellowship and brotherly love that defines our fraternity. We continue to welcome new visitors to our dinners, initiate, pass and raise new Brothers to our Lodge, and attract the positive attention from our Grand Lodge leaders.

A special congratulations is offered to R. W. Tom Newton, H25 Past Master in 1985, who was selected to represent the Grand Master as his Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master for this Masonic year.

out, please come down to lodge, or get with an officer and express your willingness to help. If you haven't been to lodge in a while, don't be shy, we will not judge. We would like to have as many brothers attend lodge as possible. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the brothers, and their families for the support of our officers, and our lodge. We could not continue on without you. I hope everyone has a safe, restful, and healthy holiday. Remember we are dark during the month of August. I hope to see you down at lodge soon.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Bryan Seland

Worshipful Master
bryan.selandH25@gmail.com



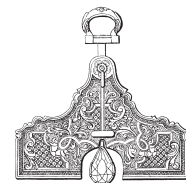
Brethren: Please plan to attend your Lodge in the coming weeks and months. We have several new programs in the works, based on the results of the surveys. Your corps of officers are striving to make it a fraternal experience that represents the members, and we can't accomplish that goal without your participation.

Lastly, please remember to support our resident DeMolay Chapter – Paul Revere Chapter. DeMolay was first brought to Hillsborough Lodge in 1957 when the Chapter moved from the Scottish Rite temple next door. DeMolay is for young men between the ages of 12 and 20, and instills Masonic values and life skills based on the foundational tenets of filial love, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness and patriotism. If you know of a young man who you wish to get involved, please contact me at jodyh25@fldemolay.com.

Sincerely & Fraternaly Yours,

R. J. "Jody" Meguiar

Senior Warden
jodyh25@fldemolay.com



JUNIOR WARDEN



My Brothers,

It was great to be back at Grand Lodge this year! It was wonderful to see so many we haven't seen in two years and even better to meet some new Brothers and make some great new friendships.

Over 1400 attended including Past Grand Masters, Past Masters (240+), Delegates (650+) and Honored

guests. The Bahamas (English and Scottish Constitutions), Mexico, Venezuela, Romania and Czech Republic were represented as well as Grand Lodges from Alabama, Colorado and South Carolina.

There were many pieces of legislation that had to be voted on as we had hold overs from 2020. I am happy to give you more detail if you want to reach out to me but the summary breakdown was:

Legislation summary:

- 2020 final adoption: Both items failed
- 2020 new legislation: 16 items total, 9 passed, 7 failed
- 2021 new legislation: 9 items total, 1 was revoked before the vote, 6 passed, 2 failed.

The new Grand Line was elected and they are:

- Grand Master:** M.: W.: Jeff Foster
Deputy Grand Master: R.: W.: Robert Lambert (from our own district – Holyrood Lodge)
Senior Grand Warden: R.: W.: Glen Bishop (Pinellas County)
Junior Grand Warden: R.: W.: Don Cowart (our sister district from the Brandon Lodge)
Grand Secretary: M.: W.: Richard Lynn
Grand Treasurer: R.: W.: Rudy Boatright

Our local representatives are:

- DDGM:** Our very own R.: W.: Tom Newton
District Instructor: Our very own R.: W.: Drew Baldwin takes another turn around the sun as DI

We would like to thank R.: W.: Steve Fortier for the great job his did as DDGM this year and R.: W.: Drew Baldwin for keep us educated and on the right path as DI.



The second stated in May was a debate on how should we prepare a candidate for the three symbolic degrees and also how should we prepare him to become a contributing member of the lodge. It was scheduled to 20 minutes, but there was some really enlightening and well thought discussion for over an hour and it was a totally worthwhile evening.

Continued on page 6

SECRETARY'S DESK



My Brothers,

Congratulations to our new District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Thomas C. Newton, on his appointment! R.: W.: Newton has been one of our most active members, for decades, and has served as our Secretary several times (and if I haven't told you yet, he was Master the year I was born - 1985!). I look forward to your leadership and success this year.

Congrats go to R.: W.: Drew Baldwin as well on his re-appointment as District Instructor. His District School is always a great place for you to learn.

With over 500 members, our lodge should never be desperate for extra hands. Yet, the dozen or so officers and maybe dozen or so other Brothers that show up regularly struggle to press forward at times. It isn't necessary that you do and attend everything, but if each of us can contribute just a little... we can do so much more. Maybe it's helping call Brothers to check on them, teaching a catechism class, being a mentor, taking a part in certain degrees, or just showing up to certain events.

As I write this, we have about 50 members who still have not paid their 2021 dues or contacted us for assistance.

We have attempted to reach each member who is delinquent by mail, phone, and e-mail. A 'notice of delinquent dues' will have been sent out before June 30th. If you are still delinquent, please contact me immediately so we can assist you or you can make arrangements to pay. No one should ever need to be suspended for non-payment, unless you fail to act.

A resolution to increase annual dues was accepted by vote of the lodge on June 8th and will come before the lodge for a final vote on July 13th. This increase provides much needed coverage for our expenses as our income from dues cannot sustain us if we lose other revenue (tenants, programs, etc). The proposal is from \$166 to \$225 (plus per capita). Simply put, costs such as insurance, utilities, and upkeep of our historic building continue to grow and our budget must meet the minimum demands. If you'd like a copy of the resolution, please e-mail me.















As always, if you have questions or concerns with any membership issues, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to seeing you all very soon.












Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Billy D. Schmidt

Secretary
billy.schmidtH25@gmail.com



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| <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 Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes | 2 |  3 OES Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m. |
| 4 |  5 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m. | 6 No Degree or Meeting Lodge Closed | 7 District School of Instruction John Darling Lodge MLT 6 p.m. School 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL |  8 Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes | 9 MASONIC PARK BOARD MEETING Tampa Lodge No. 240 Tampa, FL 7 p.m. | 10 |
| 11 |  12 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m. |  13 Stated Communication Business Meeting Balloting, Votes, etc. <i>Final Vote on Dues Increase By-law Change</i> Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m. | 14 |  15 Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes <hr/> Called Comm. for FC Proficiency Lodge Room 7:00 p.m. Degree Rehearsal After | 16 |  17 OES Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m. |
| 18 |  19 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m. |  20 MM Degree Night For Brothers who are prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m. | 21 |  22 Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes | 23 MASTER MASON ASSOCIATION MEETING John Darling Lodge No. 154 6:30 p.m. Tampa, FL. | 24 ZONE SCHOOL / OPEN BOOKS Scottish Rite Tampa, FL 9 a.m. |
| 25 |  26 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m. |  27 Stated Communication Limited Business DDGM Official Visit Official Visit of RW Thomas C. Newton to our Lodge. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m. Fellowship After Mtg | 28 |  29 Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes | 30 | |

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|--|--|--|---|---|--|
| 1 |  <p>2 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p> | <p>3 No Degree or Meeting Lodge Closed Lodge is 'dark' for the month of August</p> | <p>4 District School of Instruction John Darling Lodge MLT 6 p.m. School 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL</p> |  <p>5 Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes</p> | 6 |  <p>7 OES Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.</p> |
| 8 |  <p>9 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p> | <p>10 No Degree or Meeting Lodge Closed Lodge is 'dark' for the month of August</p> | 11 |  <p>12 Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes</p> | <p>13 MASONIC PARK BOARD MEETING Tampa Lodge No. 240 Tampa, FL 7 p.m.</p> | 14 |
| 15 |  <p>16 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p> | <p>17 No Degree or Meeting Lodge Closed Lodge is 'dark' for the month of August</p> | 18 |  <p>19 Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes</p> | 20 |  <p>21 OES Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.</p> |
| 22 |  <p>23 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p> | <p>24 No Degree or Meeting Lodge Closed Lodge is 'dark' for the month of August</p> | 25 |  <p>26 Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes</p> | <p>27 MASTER MASON ASSOCIATION MEETING John Darling Lodge No. 154 6:30 p.m. Tampa, FL.</p> | 28 |
| 29 |  <p>30 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p> | <p>31 No Degree or Meeting Lodge Closed Lodge is 'dark' for the month of August</p> | <p>2021 TABLE LODGE We hope you can join us for another fantastic Table Lodge this year! The fellowship, the great meal, and the program make this one of the best events of the year. We hope to see you. To be held at the EGYPT SHRINE CENTER this year. <i>Tuesday, September 7, 2019 at 6:30 pm sharp.</i> Purchase tickets online at http://www.hillsborough25.org/table_lodge.html</p> | | | |

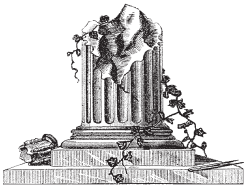
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July

| | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Clifford Allen | John "Tim" Lazzara Jr |
| John Ashby | Michael Lezcano |
| John Bast III | Hal Lucas |
| Lawrence Bryan | Ramon Martinez |
| Bruce Cameron | Thomas McClure |
| Gary Canady | RJ "Jody" Meguiar |
| Thomas Climer | Donald Mendez Jr |
| George Cloversettle Jr | Brian Miller |
| Ryan Concordia | Harold Packer |
| Thomas Crandell | Daniel Pereda |
| Randal Crites | C. Donald Prosser |
| Kenneth Dausy | David Reeder |
| Robert DeLuna | Kent Roberts |
| Richard Di Cicco | Bruce Ryals |
| Kyle Ellis | Albert Ryan |
| Larry Flynn | Walter Schoepf |
| Ignazio Fonte Jr | Eric Silvers |
| George Fox | Kenneth Skillman |
| Donald Ganassi | Michael Snyder |
| Jeffrey Haning | Michael St. James |
| Steven Hawkins | Matthew Taheri |
| John Heffernan Jr | Alfred Thompson |
| Richard Henry | Joseph Valles |
| Julian Hook | James Warren III |
| Melvin Jacobson | Eric Wenzel |
| Cody Keleman | Joseph Wilkinson |
| Jack Lamb | Jack Wolcott |
| Angelo Lazzara | Aaron Wooldridge |

August

| | |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Robert Boychuk | Shea McDowell |
| Jerry Brady Sr | Christopher Muratore |
| Ritch Carroll | Jonathan Neal |
| Henry Christian | Aren Nilsson |
| James Crook | James Perrone |
| Michael Daves | Daryl Polk |
| Michael Deininger | James Roberts |
| Michael Desiderio | Milton Roche |
| Ronald Dominguez | Derrick Ryan |
| Travis Ferkich | Raymond Sapp |
| Justin Franke | Brian Scott |
| John Garrett | Cole Scudder |
| Christopher Hartnett | Robert Shamblin |
| Matthew Haynie | W Brian Sherwin |
| Paul Hohenzollen | Morgan Streetman |
| Mitchel Horowitz | Bryan Thompson |
| John Jernigan | Martin Van Buren |
| Winfield Lamb | Merle Wares |
| Otis Le Compte III | Lerone Wilson |
| Mark Lewis | Matthew Wise II |
| Jerold Little | Wayne Witczak |
| Michael Manning | Ira Zichlin |



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.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE

You are hereby notified that a resolution came before the Lodge to *raise annual Lodge dues from \$166.00 a year to \$225.00 a year* (plus GL per capita in both cases). The resolution came before the Lodge for it's first vote where it was accepted on June 8th, 2021.

Members of the Lodge may request the full resolution from the Lodge Secretary by emailing the request to secretary@hillsborough25.org.

Therefore, you are hereby peremptorily notified that the FINAL VOTE of the Craft will take place during our Stated Communication on Tuesday, July 13th, 2021 with dinner at 6:30 pm and the meeting beginning promptly at 7:15 pm.

Note: if passed in our final vote, the dues increase will be adopted and in immediate effect once the by-law change is approved by the Grand Master.

"Masonic Spotlight" continued from page 1...

M.: W.: Foster is a 32° Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Jacksonville; a member of the Jacksonville York Rite Bodies; Morocco Shriners; Ozz Grotto; and the Allied Masonic Degrees. M.: W.: Foster is a Perpetual Member of Orange Park Lodge No. 267.

"Junior Warden" continued from page 3...

The June second stated was a really amazing town hall discussion on what we all want from our lodge. July's second stated will be our very own Tom Newton's DDGM visit which I am sure you will not want to miss. August we will be dark.

As always, we are looking for Brothers to instruct our newly initiated EA brethren and mentor them through their journey to Master Mason. We've lost some instructors to moves, and job-related conflicts. This is one of the most important roles in the lodge, is very fulfilling and we need your assistance.

Again, I want to thank all the Brothers who have stepped up and volunteered to take a meal on Tuesdays. There have been some really tasty meals put out by our Brothers and I greatly appreciate the outpouring of assistance. There is a signup sheet on the kitchen door for you to put your name in for a Tuesday or please ask me. I am looking for some brother to take meal in July and September.

Feel free to email me with any questions or suggestions on how we can serve you, the craft better. My email is ritch.carrollh25@gmail.com

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Ritch A. Carroll

Junior Warden
ritch.carrollh25@gmail.com

RECENT DEGREES

DDGM & DI



April 20th, 2021: Congratulations to Brothers Beatty and Cote on being initiated as Entered Apprentices April 20th! We would like to thank all of our visitors for attending, especially those from the far north - J.F. Swartsel Lodge No. 251! Thank you to the degree team for a fantastic job. Special thanks to Right Worshipful Silvers for presiding in the East as well as giving the lecture and closing charge!



June 15th, 2021: Congratulations to Brothers McNeill and Rivera on having been initiated as our newest Entered Apprentice Masons June 15th! Many thanks to our degree team, everyone who made it out, and to Right Worshipful Silvers who presided in the East and gave the lecture.



June 2nd, 2021: Congratulations to our new Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master Thomas C. Newton and Right Worshipful Drew Baldwin who has been re-appointed as District Instructor for a second year! Both representing our 19th Masonic District and both are members and Past Masters of Hillsborough Lodge. Their installation took place on the last day of the Grand Lodge Communication, June 2nd. Again, congrats! We wish you the best for a successful year ahead.

TIME TO LOG INTO CIRCUMSCRIBE!

What can you do within the Circumscribe online membership system? The two most important things you can do are: 1) easily pay your annual dues via debit or credit card and, 2) check your profile and ensure your contact information is correct. Make sure we have a valid mailing address, phone number, and e-mail for you. The system also allows you to complete the Master Mason I, II, and III exams online and record attendance at certain events and activities so the lodge earns credit towards awards. If nothing else, we encourage you to use the system for dues payments and checking your contact information! **Log in now at <https://glfl.circumscribe.net>.**

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.

COMMITTEES

Education Enrichment

Chairman:
Bro. Matthew Taheri
matthew.taheri@gmail.com

Fellowship

Chairman:
Bro. Suraj Nayee
surajnayee@gmail.com

Community Outreach

Chairman:
Bro. Mike Huster
mhuster1@verizon.net

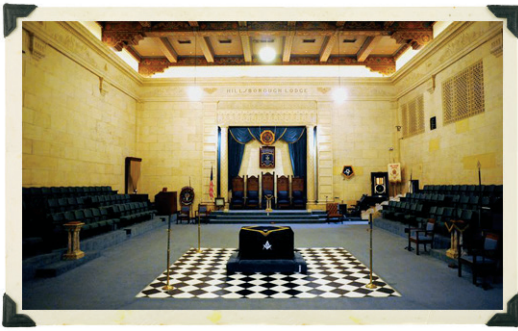
Property & Finance

Chairman:
Bro. Jody Meguiar, SW
jodyH25@fldemolay.com

Vigilance

Chairman:
Bro. Ritch Carroll, JW
ritch.carrollh25@gmail.com

For other committee contact information, contact the Secretary at billy.schmidtH25@gmail.com



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: (877) 690-8997
 e-mail: secretary@hillsborough25.org
 web: www.hillsborough25.org

Address Service Requested

*Notice of Proposed By-law Change on Page 6
 Final Vote on July 13th, 2021*

2021 LODGE OFFICERS

W.: Bryan M. SelandWorshipful Master
 Bro. R.J. "Jody" MeguiarSenior Warden
 Bro. Ritch A. CarrollJunior Warden
 W.: Billy D. Scott, III, P.M. Treasurer
 W.: Billy D. Schmidt, P.M. Secretary
 W.: Alexander Rodriquez Galano, P.M. Senior Deacon
 Bro. Kenneth B. Gibson Junior Deacon
 Bro. Lerone D. WilsonSenior Steward
 Bro. Matthew J. Taheri Junior Steward
 Bro. Jack J. Hughes. Marshal
 R.:W.: Steven J. Silvers, P.D.D.G.M. Chaplain
 Bro. Michael J. Huster. Tyler
 W.: Tom Johnson, P.M. Treasurer Emeritus
 Bro. Joshua SussmanChaplain Emeritus
 R.:W.: C. Donald Prosser, P.D.D.G.M. Historian
 TBD Musician



Follow us online!

Search and follow our accounts on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for the latest updates, photos, and more.



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