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R.:W.: C. DONALD PROSSER: A BAND OF BROTHERS

In the past I saw a wonderful movie called “Band of Brothers” that reminded me of how I became a Freemason. The three people that I joined with were a Lieutenant from the Naval Medical Service, a postal clerk, and a gun salesman. We all came together to form a new class in Freemasonry just as the men in “Band of Brothers” did. The service required a mixture of men from all over America to form the required abilities of war. They became warriors to fight the cause of freedom for their country. Not all of their band of brothers survived but they all fought courageously and died with honor.

My co-candidates and I felt like a Band of Brothers as we aspired to become worthy as Freemasons. I went on to serve 50 years for my Lodge. I thank each Worshipful Master for allowing me to teach the new candidates as they became new Brothers. It meant so much to me to be able to share my knowledge and enthusiasm for the Masonic Order with each and every candidate.

I also joined Scottish Rite for 50 years and was rewarded with the 33rd Degree. That was another proud honor for me to share with others who worked hard to further the beliefs of the Scottish Rite Order. I am blessed to be part of both organizations and cherish all the memories.



R.:W.: Prosser receiving The Pillar Award on January 9th, 2021.

As I have aged my abilities to perform the duties that I have done in the past have become impossible. That has not diminished my commitment and love for Freemasonry, however. May God be with all my “Band of Brothers” in Freemasonry.

Your Brother,
C. Don Prosser

Right Worshipful C. Donald Prosser is a Past Master of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 (1978) and Past District Deputy Grand Master. He faithfully served our lodge as our Lodge Mentor from 1979 until present. He also served as Director of Work at the Valley of Tampa Scottish Rite for many years and earned the 33rd degree.

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

WORSHIPFUL MASTER



Brethren of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25,

First, let me express my sincere appreciation for the honor bestowed upon me by your election in December. Leading this historical Lodge has been a tremendous thrill, one that is unmatched in my years of involvement in my fraternal career. I am proud of the progress and accomplishments we have attained, and look forward to great things happening in 2022.

Our Lodge birthday celebration in January was a break in the norm, but was received remarkably well by those who attended. We saw a great turnout of Brethren, and they seemed to embrace the laid-back atmosphere instilled into the event.

Coming in April is the Southeastern Masonic Education Symposium, and all the members of the Lodge are encouraged to attend. We have lined up some great speakers from throughout the Masonic fraternity, bringing their

insight and leadership anecdotes from not only their own Masonic Lodges but also several of the appendant bodies. It will be a great event and details will come out shortly!

And, remember, we continue to collect goods for the Masonic Home, specifically Corky's Cupboard, which provides toiletries and sundry items for the residents at the Masonic Home.

As you can see, we started the year with some great activities right out of the gate. It's great to be active at Hillsborough Lodge, whether you're an officer, a catechism instructor, in need of ritual instruction, or seeking further light in Masonry, we are the premier Masonic Lodge in Tampa and your participation is essential to future success. I look forward to seeing you at Lodge soon!

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

R. J. "Jody" Meguiar

Worshipful Master
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JUNIOR WARDEN



My Brothers,

It is being an enjoyable start of the year with the Raising of some Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason as well as the celebration of the 172 Hillsborough Lodge Anniversary. In this last event, which was done in an open event, we had the great opportunity to listen to the presentation of the lodge history presented by Worshipful Brother Billy Schmidt, our Secretary and Br

Jody Meguiar, our Worshipful Master. Through all these years Hillsborough Lodge has moved buildings three times but it has always remained in the same area of Tampa Downtown. The current lodge building on Kennedy Boulevard has become one of the city landmarks.

As we move on through the year the Worshipful Master and his officers are preparing for more Masonic events to be held. It is the idea of the Worshipful Master to make Stated Meetings and events more attractive and enjoyable. A part of my duty as Junior Warden is to contribute to the Masonic Education of the brethren, hence I will continue to bring over to the Stated Meetings educational stuffs from the GL 208. It is also part of my duties to provide refreshment, talking of which, I would like to encourage any Brother who would like to partake in providing dinner on Tuesdays to step up and sign the dinner sheet

schedule which is found on the back of the kitchen door. Still on this subject, we recently had the Kitchen Health Inspection which I am glad to say that as expected it all went well, with the only one remark that a Food Manager is needed and for that I am planning myself to take a course and obtain such certification.

I am very happy and honored to keep serving Masonry after so many years and I would like to specially thank Hillsborough Lodge 25 for receiving me and helping me join the lodge as an affiliated Past Master from Albert Edward 1780 located in Southampton, England.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Alexander Rodriguez Galano

Junior Warden
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SENIOR WARDEN



My Brothers,

Many great improvements going on at the lodge already this year.

We are replacing various lodge room items that have seen better days such as the Senior and Junior Warden columns, ritual rods, and some of the gavels. We are also working to update and replace portions of the audio systems so all the microphones work again. We will

be also looking at the lighting system in the lodge room to see how we can update it and what it will cost.

The front door now has an exit button and a motion sensor for the magnetic lock system making it more functional and safer.

I also know the Worshipful Master has other projects in mind which I am sure he will announce as they get closer.

A big thank you to our Junior Warden and Junior Deacon for disposing of the old, broken refrigerator, coffee machines and ice tea machine. In case you haven't been to lodge lately we have new single serve coffee machines in the dining room as well as one upstairs next to the Past

Masters room.

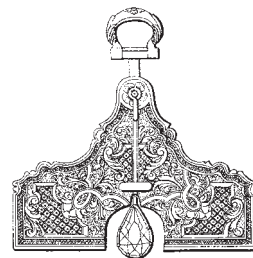
The officers are really driving to make improvements in your lodge to make it more user friendly and give you, the Brothers, the best experience we can. If you have any suggestions how to make your experience better, I would love to hear them!

As always, I look forward to our new as well as our long-term Brothers being involved in lodge and I welcome any conversation to make you feel welcome and facilitate your involvement. There are many committees you can be part of and we can certainly use your expertise and input. This lodge only exists to serve you and the craft. Come be a part of it.

Fraternally,

Ritch A. Carroll

Senior Warden
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SECRETARY'S DESK



My Brothers,

As is one of the duties of the Secretary, I recently delivered a report to the lodge on our Lodge Membership. In that report, I noted that we currently have 489 active Master Masons at Hillsborough No. 25, of which 321 were subject to the Grand Lodge per-capita fees and Lodge dues in 2021. The remaining members are either exempt (Emeritus or 50 year exempt) or perpetual /

life members. I also provided information on our total membership by year over the last decade and compared data such as the number of members we Raise in a year vs. how many are still on our rolls. Such numbers may show a decline in the number Raised to Master Mason in a year... but the trend appears to show we are retaining those that we do bring in much better. Those current members interested in the presentation can email me at billy.schmidtH25@gmail.com and I'll happily send it over.

I hope each of our members continues to find value in this Fraternity. A member might not be able to attend every meeting, but an overwhelming number of activities exist

that you can take part in. Find your thing and stick to it! If you need help finding that thing, stop in or contact an officer to explore what you can do to get - and provide - value.

If you do not have a 2022 dues card already, I recommend you log into the Circumscribe portal and see if you've paid. If not, you're delinquent and your prompt attention is necessary. Remember, should you encounter hardship, please reach out. NO member should ever need to be suspended for NPD - it only occurs when you don't act.

A lodge is only as active and successful as it's members make it. I hope to see every member at some point this year. See you soon.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,



















Billy D. Schmidt

Secretary
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MARCH

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CHARITY ACTIVITY During the months of January, February and March, the Lodge will collect items for donation to "Corky's Cupboard" at the Masonic Home. Please see the bottom of page 2 for more information.		1 Lodge Closed No meeting or degree on this date.	2 District School of Instruction John Darling Lodge MLT 6 p.m. School 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL	3  Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes	4  OES Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.	5
6  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	7  Stated Communication Business Meeting Balloting, Votes, etc. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.	8	9  Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes Degree Rehearsal 7 pm	10 MASONIC PARK BOARD MEETING Tampa Lodge No. 240 Tampa, FL 7 p.m.	11 MASONIC PARK BOARD MEETING Tampa Lodge No. 240 Tampa, FL 7 p.m.	12
13  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	14  FC Degree Night For Brothers who are prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.	15	16  Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes	17  Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes	18  OES Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.	19
20  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	21  Stated Communication Limited Business Masonic Education Speakers Series Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m. Fellowship After Mtg	22	23  Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes	24  Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes	25 MASTER MASON ASSOCIATION MEETING John Darling Lodge No. 154 6:30 p.m. Tampa, FL.	26 ZONE SCHOOL & OPEN BOOKS John Darling Lodge No. 154 Tampa, FL. 9 a.m.
27  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	28  Friends & Family Night Open program & awards. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Program 7:30 p.m.	29	30  Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes Degree Rehearsal 7 pm	31  Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes Degree Rehearsal 7 pm	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.	

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY



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OES Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.

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Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.

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Lodge Closed

No meeting or degree on this date.

5

District School of Instruction

John Darling Lodge
 MLT 6 p.m.
 School 7 p.m.
 4601 Habana Tampa, FL

6



Masonic Education
 Lodge Open 6:30 p.m.
 Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes

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MASONIC PARK BOARD MEETING

Tampa Lodge No. 240
 Tampa, FL
 7 p.m.

8



Southeastern Masonic Education Symposium
 8 a.m. Registration
 9 a.m. Presentations Begin
 More info & tickets at <http://H25SMES.ORG>
 Tickets required.

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Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.

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Stated Communication
 Business Meeting
 Balloting, Votes, etc.

Dinner 6:30 p.m.
 Meeting 7:15 p.m.

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Masonic Education
 Lodge Open 6:30 p.m.
 Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes

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OES Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.

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Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.

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Lodge Closed

No meeting or degree on this date.

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Masonic Education
 Lodge Open 6:30 p.m.
 Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes

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MASTER MASON ASSOCIATION MEETING

John Darling Lodge No. 154
 6:30 p.m.
 Tampa, FL.

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No Zone School in April.

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Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.

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Stated Communication
 Limited Business
 Masonic Education
 Speakers Series

Dinner 6:30 p.m.
 Meeting 7:15 p.m.
 Fellowship After Mtg

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Masonic Education
 Lodge Open 6:30 p.m.
 Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes

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Paint Your Heart Out Tampa
 Charity Activity
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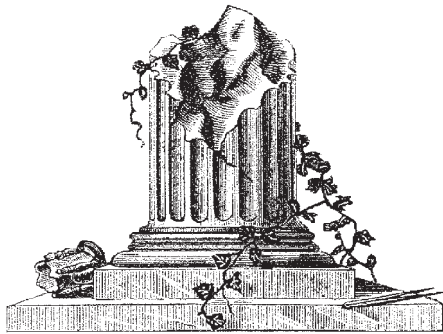
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March

James Bustin	Shane Moore
Jeremiah Bustin	Ricardo Muga
Jose Coll	James Mungovan
Eugene D'Amore	Geoffery Newton
Patrice Falardeau	Thomas Newton
Stephen Farley	Michael Penland
Frank Frantom	Wayne Pickard
Gerry Gilbert II	David Puzzo
Daniel Guggenheim Jr	Thomas Ream
Robert Jackson Jr	Benny Rivera
Frederick Janke	Rex Sano
Jay Kaufman	Nestor Santiago
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Larry Kuykendall	Charles Silliman
Ronald Le Claire Jr	Michael Smalley
Paul Lowe Jr	Bruce Stritter
Douglas MacLean	Richard Swann Jr
Daniel Maclean	Jonathan Tennis
John Menard	Michael Wilson
Terry Montgomery	Daniel Wolfe

April

Kurt Beste	Jonathan Meadows
Jarret Bonar	Alberto Meyer
Dale Chastek	Michael Molitor II
Michael Concaugh	Charles Morgan
William Crenshaw	Jorge Noda
Clyde Curtis Jr	Brian O'Hair
Scott Davis	David Odell II
Christopher Di Stefano	Albert Perotti Jr
Roger Dixon	Gerald Personius
Gary Esteppe	Chester Rider
John Faircloth Jr	Ronald Samson
Dennis Field	Frederick Sattes Jr
Christopher Fortner	Billy Schmidt
Barry Glenn	Sidney Schuster
Joseph Gonzalez	Melvin Segal
Juan Gonzalez	Michael Shaheen
Thomas Granahan	Wayne Simmons
Howard Harris	Julio Soto
Thomas Johnson Jr	William T. Williams
David Kazar	James Young III
Ehab Korabi	Richard Zach Jr
John Lorenz	Carlos Zuniga



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.

CORKY'S CUPBOARD DONATION DRIVE

During the months of January, February and March, the Lodge will collect items for donation to "Corky's Cupboard" at the Masonic Home. The "wish list" is posted online at the provided link, and ranges from small, sundry items to some bigger-ticket items, based on the interest of each particular donor:

<https://masonichomefl.com/wp-content/uploads/Wish-List-2021-1.pdf>

Should you wish to make a monetary donation, please donate to the Lodge so that one check may be cut to the Masonic Home for this particular collection/purpose. Include "Corky's Cupboard" in the memo line.

CORKY'S CUPBOARD WISH LIST

(New items only, please)

Mouth wash
Cologne or body spray (men & women)
Denture adhesives & cleansers
Tissues
Body lotion (men & women)
Body wash (men and women)
Pond's facial cream
Panty-liners (long length)
Baby wipes (flushable wipes)
Tooth paste (crest is highly requested)
Dental floss
Soap (bars or liquid)
Deodorant
Disposable razors (men & women)
Liquid hand soap
Hairspray
Emery boards, nail clippers
Nail polish remover
Electric shave, pre-shave
Cotton balls, cotton pads
Room freshener & disinfectant spray (no push-up)
Fabric softener, dryer sheets
Small liquid laundry detergent
Eyeglass lens cleaners (individual packages)
Jewelry (all types for women and men)
Unique items / knick-knacks to sell in the Gift Shop
Unused greeting cards
Postage stamps
Cash donations
Gift Cards to: Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, Target etc.

ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT WISH LIST

Pool sticks
Baby Dolls / Alzheimer's toys
12" balloons & ribbon
Arts / Crafts / Painting Supplies
Colored pencils
Decorative paper
Woodworking supplies
Clothing – New
Elastic waist pants
Socks (new only)
Undershirts (Women & Men)
Cardigans (Men & Women)
Jewelry – all types
Watches (men & women)
New irons & toasters
Magnifying glasses
Electric razors
Wheelchair & walker cushions/ bags
Cordless TV headphones
Echo Dot (Alexa)
Hanging mobiles
Paintings / artwork for rooms
Large wall clocks
Flat screen televisions (Only) - up to 40", no Roku televisions
Universal TV remotes
Office Supplies / printer paper

Cash Donations to F-503 Treat Fund
For Special meals/activities or large ticket items such as; concerts, baseball games, museums, etc.

BIRTHDAY!



January 25th, 2022: Thank you to everyone who came out on Tuesday January 25th to our Lodge Birthday Celebration! We hope you enjoyed a relaxed evening celebrating the 172 years of history that our humble organization has created. The evening started off with a great meal and cake, after which we headed up stairs for a brief look back at some of our important or unique milestones. After that, our Secretary brought out our first minute book from 1850 for everyone to look over. We look forward to seeing you all again soon!

Hillsborough Lodge received dispensation to meet on January 24th, 1850 and received our charter on January 17th, 1851.

FC DEGREE



February 15th, 2022: Congratulations to Brothers Ene, Goldberg, Rodriguez, and Shanholtzer on being Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft this on February 15th! Thanks to the degree team for a good degree and Right Honorable Manne for the lecture. A special thank you goes out to everyone who was able and willing to come out and support these Brothers.

MM DEGREE



January 18, 2022: Congratulations to Brothers Drake, Kadous, Cote, and Beatty on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on January 18th! Thank you to the degree team, Right Honorable Manne for the lecture, and Worshipful Meguiar for the charge. A special thank you to all of the Brothers who came out to support these four Brothers, including a large group traveling from PTF United Lodge No. 153.

Paint Your Heart Out Tampa 2022!



Join us on **Saturday April 30th, 2022** as we take on another house during this year's Paint Your Heart Out Tampa (PYHOT) charity event. Each year, numerous organizations and businesses team up together to paint homes for those in need in our city during the PYHOT event. If you would like to volunteer without lodge team, contact our Community Outreach Chairman, Brother Huster, at mhuster1@verizon.net.

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