

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

TRESTLE BOARD


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MASONIC SPOTLIGHT:

W.: WILLIAM D. "SHORTY" POWELL, JR.

William David Powell, Jr. was initiated an Entered Apprentice on April 5, 1949, passed to Fellowcraft on July 19, 1949, and raised to Master Mason on October 18, 1949. He served as Worshipful Master of Hillsborough Lodge during 1959-60, and is the oldest living Past Master of Hillsborough Lodge. He is a perpetual member, and completed sixty years in 2009. He has served as Lodge Musician for many years, and you always know it will be a great meeting when you walk into the lodge and he is in the far northeast corner. By the way, he earned his nickname "Shorty" because he is only four feet tall.



A Tampa native and WWII veteran, Shorty served in the U.S. Army from 1943-1946 in France, Holland, Belgium and the Czech Republic and retired from the U.S. Army Reserve in 1961 as a Captain. He also retired from General Telephone & Electronics Corp. after 41 years, and for the past 12 years he has worked for Busch Gardens in Tampa. He is a member of the Egypt Shrine and is the Emeritus Musician for Hillsborough Lodge No. 25. 

Brother Powell seated at the Lodge's new organ.

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

FROM THE EAST



My Brethren,

We are now entering the second quarter of the year 2011. At my installation and in the January *Trestle Board*, I outlined my agenda of special projects for the year. I am pleased to report that we have now acquired a very fine organ for the Lodge, replacing the one we had. I thank Worshipful Shorty Powell for his efforts in finding the new organ and Brother Jerry Olbrys for removing the old one. The fan in the kitchen has been removed, and the hole has been covered. Again, thanks Brothers Olbrys and Hines. Brother Clifford Allen donated new coffee makers, making it more convenient to make coffee. The Brothers in general have been working together making repairs and improving the Lodge. A lot of the improvements and repairs are done voluntarily, which I appreciate. One of my goals was an improved *Trestle Board*. Thanks to Brother Ken Skillman and our Senior Warden Joseph Gonzalez, we are now producing a *Trestle Board* with more pages, pictures, Masonic education, interesting articles and advertising, and we have invited the DeMolay and Eastern Star to participate. From the Secretary's desk you can see we are having a very good year initiating new Brothers into the Lodge. It takes a lot of practice by the Lodge to successfully initiate, pass and raise new brothers. The Degree and Floor Work committee is maintaining a standard of excellence in our degrees, continuing the tradition established in our Lodge.

We have a lot more to do this year, and I look forward to accomplishing the remainder of the goals I set for the Lodge this year, as we "MOVE FORWARD IN 2011."

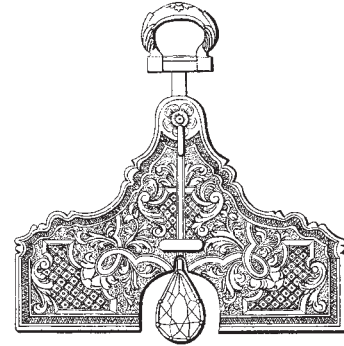
I thank all the Brothers for their enthusiasm and for working together in peace and harmony.

With brotherly love and affection,

John D. Hooker

Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST



Brethren,

I am happy to inform you that our online payment and donation system is fully operational on our website. The link is: http://www.hillsborough25.org/onlinepay_main.php. The main link is also located within the Membership header, listed as "Online Payments." The finance committee will be discussing tentative plans to offer a subscription based payment plan that would defer payments over six months for upcoming 2012 dues. I will make you aware of this option if/when it becomes available.

Improvements within the Lodge and property are ongoing. Renovation of the Morgan Street office is underway and should be completed by the middle of April. Improvements will include old carpet removal, bathroom renovation, wood panel removal, and general maintenance. This is being done in an effort to assist the MAHR group in marketing an updated office space. With any luck, this will attract potential renters and improve our financial position. In addition, the Lodge room has a new organ, thanks to the efforts of W. Shorty Powell and all the Past Masters who contributed to this improvement fund. I encourage you to visit the Lodge to hear him play, and bring another Brother with you! Let him see the progress that we've made & enjoy the fellowship that you've experienced.

Finally, advertising space is available in our newly redesigned *Trestle Board*. Please contact Brother Ken Skillman for information, pricing, and deadlines at k.skillman@lexiconmedia.com. I hope to see you all in Lodge!

Fraternally,

Joseph Gonzalez

Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

The first quarter of 2011 has come to an end; and the year just seems to be progressing faster and faster. I would like to thank those Brothers who have so generously been contributing to our collection of clothing for the Masonic Home. We have excelled in this effort. Please do not forget to bring non-perishable foods to add to our collection efforts so that when we deliver it to our local food bank, we can be proud of our efforts.

This month, like many others, there will be many opportunities to learn more about Masonry, degree work, how Hillsborough Lodge fits into the larger framework of Lodges in our district (district 22), our zone (zone 6) and throughout the State of Florida. The Grand Lodge makes sure that Masons have opportunities to attend district schools to learn the degree work. Zone Schools to solidify your knowledge by opening up the books for more in-depth study opportunities without the necessity of using a cipher. Masonic Leadership Training programs are planned to communicate the necessary knowledge and skills, which will help to prepare you for future leadership positions within your Lodge. The Masters & Wardens Association of Hillsborough County provides an opportunity for brothers within the County to meet and share information about Grand Lodge programs, fundraising opportunities and events held throughout the county by other Lodges.

Many Masons are Initiated, Passed and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason into their blue Lodge and feel content with attending an occasional meeting. Some desire positions of responsibility in the officers line, but rarely venture beyond the walls of their own Lodge. Brothers, there is a much larger Masonic society beyond the walls of Hillsborough Lodge. You may learn much of what you need to know for advancement within our Lodge, but if you do not go out into the world as a Mason and really experience what it is to be a Mason, you are selling yourself short.

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Brethren,

April 5th will be a Fellowcraft degree for brothers Terry Lee Montgomery, Todd William Ousley, Taylor Scott Phillips, and Austin Mathis Tally. April 19th will be an EA degree for Mr's Alberto Lazarro Canamero, Ronald Thomas Le Clair Jr., Peter Justin Ridgeway, and John Lee Simmons. May 3rd will be a Master Mason Degree for Brothers Montgomery, Ousley, Phillips, and Tally. We welcome Entered Apprentices Michael Desiderio, Craig Trover, David Lawson, Mark Neel, and John Yates who were initiated on 3/15/11.

At the business meeting of April 12, we will vote on Mr's Douglas Richard MacLean, Jason Cortis Sampson, and Christopher William Hutchinson for the three degrees and reinstatement for brother Earnest E. Moore.

We have lost contact with the following brothers: Barry M. Glenn, Gary L. Graham, John P. Griffin, Harold R. Haffner III, James W. Jernigan, Nick Julian Jr, and James R. Keese. Anyone with an address, phone number, or information, please let the lodge know.

















Another reminder to all members that due are due and payable on 12/27/2010, We still have 127 members who have not paid their dues. We again urge those with any financial difficulties to call the lodge and let us help, and the rest to please save us time and money, to remind them they have not yet paid their dues. Thanks,

Fraternally,

Thomas C. Newton

Thomas C. Newton, PM, PDI

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY					
					1	 <p>OES Chapter 11 - 1 p.m.</p>					
3	 <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	4	 <p>Terry Lee Montgomery, Todd William Ousley, Taylor Scott Phillips, Austin Mathis Tally Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	5	 <p>DISTRICT SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION John Darling Lodge No. 154 • 7 p.m. 4601 N. Habana Ave. Tampa, FL</p>	6	 <p>Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.</p>	7	 <p>Benefit for MMRL DINNER & DANCE Morocco Shrine 3800 St. John's Bluff Rd. Jacksonville, FL 5 p.m. • Tickets \$30</p>		
10	 <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	11	 <p>Voting for Douglas Richard MacLean, Jason Cortis Sampson, and Christopher William Hutchinson & Bro. Earnest E. Moore</p>	12	 <p>Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.</p>	13	 <p>OES Chapter 11 - 1 p.m.</p>	14	 <p>Benefit for MMRL DINNER & DANCE Morocco Shrine 3800 St. John's Bluff Rd. Jacksonville, FL 5 p.m. • Tickets \$30</p>		
17	 <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	18	 <p>Alberto Lazarro Canamero, Ronald Thomas LeClair Jr., Peter Justin Ridgeway, John Lee Simmons Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	19	 <p>Zone 6 LEGISLATIVE MEETING St. Petersburg Lodge No. 139 • 7 p.m. 114 4th Street South St. Petersburg, FL</p>	20	 <p>Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.</p>	21	 <p>MASTERS & WARDENS MEETING Fellowship Lodge No. 265 - 7 p.m. 306 N. Lincoln Ave. Tampa, FL</p>	22	 <p>Benefit for MMRL DINNER & DANCE Morocco Shrine 3800 St. John's Bluff Rd. Jacksonville, FL 5 p.m. • Tickets \$30</p>
24	 <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	25	 <p>Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	26	 <p>Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.</p>	27	 <p>Zone 5 MASONIC LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP Orlando, FL Breakfast 8 a.m. Workshop 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Manual \$35 • RSVP</p>	28	 <p>Benefit for MMRL DINNER & DANCE Morocco Shrine 3800 St. John's Bluff Rd. Jacksonville, FL 5 p.m. • Tickets \$30</p>		

The Hillsborough Lodge Kitchen has been firing on all cylinders so far this year. I hope you agree that our dinners have been interesting and tasty. I would like to thank my Brothers who regularly show up and assist with preparation and clean up. You make my job that much more enjoyable by just being there to share the experience.

April 5th
Cajun Jambalaya
Salad
Bread
Dessert

April 12th
Linguini w/Garlic Herb Butter
Vegetables
Garlic Bread
Salad
Dessert

April 19th
Grilled Cheese
Tomato Soup
Salad
Dessert

April 26th
Baked Ziti
Peas
Garlic toast
Salad
Dessert

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MASONIC EDUCATION



Masonry's "Failure"

An Old Tiler Talk by Bro. Carl H. Claudy 33° (1879-1957)

"Why does Masonry fail so much?" puzzled the New Brother, dropping into a chair beside the Old Tiler in the anteroom. "I didn't know it did," commented the Old Tiler. "But then, I'm an old man and my eyes are not very good. Maybe I don't see clearly any more. Tell me about it."

"Oh, you see well enough! You just don't want to admit that the order to the service of which you have devoted so much time and thought is just a failure!"

"Is that so!" The Old Tiler seemed surprised. "You interest me! But pity my foibles and tell me your side of it!" "Masonry fails because it doesn't interest men sufficiently to make them practice what they preach. I was at Jones' house tonight. Went to bring him to lodge in the car. After we had left he said: 'Of course you know I'm not really going to lodge! Got a hen on! Nice fat lil' poker game. Want to sit in?' I told him I didn't. But I took him to his 'nice fat lil' game!' Now, there is a man who tells his family he is going to lodge, and then plays poker. I say Masonry has failed with him. It hasn't even taught him to tell the truth!"

"Remember Roberts? He was arrested last week for forgery. He has been a member for several years. Yet Masonry couldn't teach him to be honest. There was Williamson, who tried to kill his doctor; and Burton who has been defending an ugly divorce suit...they are lodge members, but Masonry didn't teach them to be what they ought to be. And say...did you hear about Larson? Well..." the New Brother lowered his voice. "It's being whispered about that..." He leaned over to talk in the Old Tilers ear. "Now, that isn't Masonry...it's a violation of all his obligations. So I say Masonry has failed with him. What do you say?"

"Yes, Masonry failed to make an impression on these men to suit you, even as Masonry has failed to make an impression on you to suit me!" snapped the Old Tiler. "That last remark you made was an unadulterated scandal! Does Masonry teach you to talk scandal? But never mind that! Let me dig a few weeds out of the scrubby, ill-tended, and unwatered garden you miscall your mind and see if we can't get it ready to grow one straight thought!"

"I know Jones. He is a member of the city club, the country club, Dr. Parkin's church, and a luncheon club. Neither church nor luncheon club teach deception or

foster lies. Both instruct in morality, one by precept, the other by practice. By what right do you blame Masonry for Jones' failure to tell the truth, any more than the church or the luncheon club? Is Jones' mother to blame because she didn't teach her boy never to tell a lie? How about his Sunday School teacher and his wife? Are they to blame? If not, why is Masonry to blame?

"Roberts has been accused of forgery. I don't know whether he is guilty or not. Williamson seems to have had some real justification for feeling enmity toward his doctor, although nothing justifies murder, of course. Burton may be a sinner or sinned against...I don't know. As for Larson, it will take more than your whispers of scandal to make me believe ill of a brother until I know something.

"But let us suppose Roberts a forger, Williamson a murderer, Burton a Don Juan. All these men grew up, went to school, got out in the world, joined clubs, societies, orders, became Masons, members of a church...Why pick on Masonry as the failure when these men go wrong? Is it just? If the church of God can't keep a man straight how can Masonry be expected to?

"It is rankly unjust to blame Christ for the failures of those who profess to follow Him. Was it Christ's fault that Peter denied Him and Judas betrayed Him? Was it the fault of the religion they professed? Or was it the fault of the man, the character, the up-bringing, the times?

"Men fail, and fall, and rise and try again...or fall and stay in the mud. To those who rise Masonry has a helping hand to extend. To those who fail and stay fallen, she has charity. Not hers the fault that humanity is frail. She hold the torch; if they close their eyes to its radiance and refuse to see the narrow path that the torch illumines, will you blame the torch?

"Masonry does not fail men. Men fail Masonry. Masonry has the teachings, the thought, the ennobling influence, the example to set, the vision to show those who have eyes to see. If they close their hearts to the ennobling influence, will not profit by the example and shut their eyes to the vision, is that the fault of Masonry?

"You, my brother, have just talked scandal without proof; a whispered slander against the good name of a Mason. Has Masonry failed with you that it has not taught you tolerance, brotherly love, reticence, charity of thought? Or is the failure in you as it may be within these men you mention?" "The Old Tiler waited. The New Brother hung his head. At last he spoke. "I am most properly rebuked. How shall I make amends?" "A great teacher said to you and all like you and to me and all like me; 'Go, and sin no more!'" answered the Old Tiler reverently. **12**

ORDER OF DEMOLAY

Paul Revere Chapter



Meets at Hillsborough Lodge every Monday at 7 p.m.

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My Brothers, I have had the opportunity to venture out into the world of Masonry and strongly believe that by doing so, I have broadened my knowledge about our fraternity. Not to mention the great friendships that I have made with Brothers from other Lodges. Men I would not have met, if not for my broader curiosity of how we fit into the Grand scheme of things. Through involvement in other Masonic organizations (Masters & Wardens, The Scottish Rite, York Rite etc.) we expand our knowledge about Freemasonry, make new friends and become a part of the philanthropic endeavors that help children, support seniors and provide support for a research facility that bears the name Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, which is one of the leading research laboratories for diagnosis and treatment of cardiac illnesses worldwide.

I hope that you will join me and participate in the educational Masonic programs that are planned and provided for your benefit. They are sure to enlighten your Masonic path and provide vital educational opportunities that are a necessary part of your Masonic growth.

Fraternally,

Steven Silvers

Junior Warden

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 ■ TRESTLE BOARD

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



Meets at Hillsborough Lodge 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 1 p.m.

*Look to the day with a purpose
Of fulfilling the plans that you've had,
With a joy in your heart that will never depart.
For God's made this day to be glad!*

April will be a busy month for Tampa Chapter 11. April 2nd is our Friends Day. We have invited officers from the other chapters in our district to come and do the opening and closing ceremonies for that day. We will have a special program entitled "The Garden of Friendship" under the direction of Sister Gail Cumber, P.M. We welcome all visitors of the Eastern Star. Lois's Sharps and Flats meets at 2 pm at DeSoto Lodge to work on Sister Lois Mock's Homecoming. Sister Lois is our Associate Grand Matron for the Grand Chapter of Florida. At our April 16th meeting, we will have a special treat. As part of our Easter program presented by our Conductress Sister Dayna Dye, the Job's Daughters will perform their beautiful and inspirational cross ceremony. This is part of our year-long goal to highlight our Masonic youth. The Grand Chapter of Florida will be held during the week of April 17th at the Renaissance Resort at the World Golf Village in St. Augustine. Our Worthy Patron, Brother Terry McLaughlin, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Florida and Past Master of Hillsborough Lodge, is Co-Chairman of Grand Chapter. He has done this job for many years and always does an outstanding job. Our Secretary, Sister Sandra Johnson, P.M. will be the escort to Grand Martha and will be installed as our next district Grand Instructor. Our Worthy Matron, Sister Claudine Rogers, P.M., current Grand Instructor, will be special page to Sister Tammy Clawson, Ambassador for the Most Worthy Grand Matron to Aruba.

As we enter spring and celebrate Passover, Good Friday and Easter, we wish everyone a time of remembrance, renewal and peace. May the One who is our hope, life and love bring you unending JOY. Remember to trust and obey and love one another.

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