

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

TRESTLE BOARD

JUNE A.L. 2011

MASONIC SPOTLIGHT:

R.:W.: C. DONALD PROSSER


R.:W.: C. Donald Prosser is a Florida native. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1952 until 1956, and then retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 34 years of work. R.:W.: Prosser has been married to his lovely wife, Peggy, for 54 years! They have two daughters and are the proud grandparents of one grandson.

Initiated an Entered Apprentice in 1971 and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1972, C. Don was Worshipful Master of Hillsborough Lodge in 1978 and District Deputy Grand Master in 1983.



During his term as Worshipful Master, numerous repairs were made to the Lodge building including replacing the outdated steam heating system. He also acquired the two glass display cases which are used for sales of Masonic jewelry and regalia.

R.:W.: Prosser has had a Blue Card since 1976 and has given the pre- and post-degree lectures for the Lodge since 1972. He was State Chairman of Masonic Education for four years. In 1993, he was appointed Grand Representative to Barano Lodge.

C. Don is the Lodge Historian. He has written a book on the history of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 and made many contributions to our Masonic Education. He conducts Masonic Funerals for the Lodge and is a 33rd Degree Mason in the Scottish Rite where he serves as Director of Work. 

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,

May was another busy month for your Lodge Officers. The Sr. Warden, Jr. Warden and I attended the Masonic Home Meeting where the Lodge received two awards for having all three officers present at two meetings this year. Seven brothers attended the Masonic Leadership Training, and later that evening twelve brothers attended the D.D.G.M. Roast, where our own Brother, Steve Jacobson, was roasted. We also had the most Brothers at Masters and Wardens in May.

The pillars and arches from our second Lodge building in 1902 were delivered to the Masonic Home to be erected. Brothers Joshua Sussman and Brian O'Hare are busy building the bases and chapters for the new columns that we are installing in the Lodge foyer. I had the honor of presenting a check to Jobs Daughters for their national charity, the HIKE Fund, and the Lodge gave \$250.00 to the Tornado Relief Fund through Grand Lodge to help displaced victims. We are having great participation in the Lodge this year with teaching, lecturing, mentoring, doing Degree Work, and the general maintenance of the Lodge. Our Sr. Warden Joseph Gonzalez gave an excellent first-time Fellow Craft lecture as did Jr. Warden Steve Silvers for the EA Degree.

My Brothers, your officers are working hard for you, but we still need your help. Please send your email addresses to hills25@verizon.net so that we can better communicate, hear what you are thinking and make the Lodge a better place.

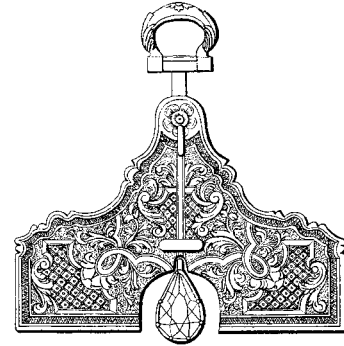
Please take some time to examine your Cable Tow, and make some time to help us Initiate, Pass and Raise more Masons. Our primary purpose in the Blue Lodge is to make better men. All I ask is that you attend at least four Called Communications a year. Remember, someone did it for you.

With brotherly love and affection,

John D. Hooker

Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST



Brethren,

I am pleased to report that our financial investments have increased by 4% from Jan to May 2011, and a review of Lodge expenses to date indicates that we are on track to be below the 2011 budget approved by the Craft. The Finance and Property Committees have begun the task of identifying potential electrical issues and the corrective steps to be taken for the safety and preservation of our building. A full report will be given to the Craft upon completion of this inspection. We've also approved replacement of the bathroom faucets in the Lodge, and will soon begin restoration of the upstairs men's room.

Obligations, duties, and privileges are binding to all Masons, and it important that we periodically reflect on those obligations we've sworn to and duties we have accepted as Brothers, Officers, and Masters. It has come to the property committee's attention that particular items are missing from the Lodge. Under the current circumstances, the committee has no choice but to deem these actions as theft of Lodge property. These actions are unacceptable, inexcusable, shameful, and downright unmasonic. They do not exemplify the morals and values of Masonry and detract from the beauty and traditions of Hillsborough Lodge. Regrettably, the craft has had to approve the Property Committee to take specific action pursuant to securing the Lodge. These actions should not be necessary in a Masonic environment, however, as the custodians of Lodge property we are charged with this responsibility. Brother's interested in viewing the petition of a Lodge member should make his request to the Master and Secretary of the Lodge. Petitions and sensitive information regarding members of our Lodge shall not be removed from the premises under any circumstance, or for any reason. If any Brother would like to have something inside of the Lodge, a request to the Master for these items to be returned to him will be accommodated.

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FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

By the time this *Trestle Board* arrives, your elected officers will have traveled to Orlando to participate in the Grand Communication. It being my first trip, I am looking forward to being there to represent Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 as your Jr. Warden.

The kitchen has been a busy place, and I enjoy cooking for my Brethren today as much as ever. I wish to thank those Brothers that have been helping with preparation and service in the dining room.

I am happy to report that our Lodge continues to initiate new Brothers, and advance them as they become proficient in the degrees. Ritual practices are held on Thursday evenings, and all are welcome that are of the appropriate degree based on our practice. Mastering your catechism and learning degree ritual are a very important part of every Mason's education. Only you can ask for excellence from yourself, and only you can achieve it by demanding it of yourself. Hillsborough Lodge and Masonry at large needs Masons of quality, not quantity. We need Brothers that are dedicated to Masonry's teachings and those who dedicate themselves to learning what is necessary to be a "good and bright" Mason.

Our Lodge continues to be charitable each month. During the month of May, we contributed to our neighbors in the north who have suffered through terrible tornados. Our Lodge is still collecting food for local food banks, so please continue to bring in non-perishable food. We will also be collecting Toys For Tots later in the year.

I look forward to seeing you all at Hillsborough Lodge in the near future. Peace and Love to all of my Brothers...

Fraternally,

Steven Silvers

Junior Warden

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Brethren,

I have finally made it back from the State of Tennessee and am back in the Office at the Lodge. While I have been gone, R·W·C. Donald Prosser has been sitting in my place in the Lodge as Secretary, and to him I say, "Thank you, Don." The daily operations of the lodge have continued with the very able assistance of W·Terry McLaughlin who has been acting in my place while I was out of town.


The lodge now has the capability of accepting dues payments online thru PayPal. The process is quick and secure. Just go to www.hillsborough25.org and follow the instructions. We will, of course, still accept checks which may be sent to the lodge when the 2012 dues notices are sent out. We will be asking for some additional information this year, that being a current home or cell phone number along with an email address that we can put on file in the Secretary's Office. Hillsborough Lodge, along with the Grand Lodge, is working to bring every aspect of the fraternity into the 21st century. By submitting your e-mail address, you can opt to receive the *Trestle Board* directly via email, and should the lodge need to inform you of some special event or pass on news of great importance, this is the fastest way to get that information to you. So, if you have NOT done so, please send your email address to www.hills25@verizon.net so that we can include you in all the news and activities of the lodge.

July 5th and 12th will be Master Mason Degrees for those brothers who are ready.

Fraternally,

Thomas C. Newton

Thomas C. Newton, PM, PDI

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the State of Florida 182nd GRAND COMMUNICATION Rosen Plaza Hotel Orlando, FL	2  Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	3	4  Chapter 11 1 p.m.
5	6  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	7  FC John A. Baldwin, Michael Desiderio, Robert L. Mar- tin, Mark B. Maxey, Billy D. Schmidt, Michael H. St. James & Craig A. Trover Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	8	9  Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	10	11
12	13  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m. FLAG DAY Tampa Scottish Rite	14  Vote on Petitions of: Dana S. Kinney, Michael A. Ortabello, IV, Scott M. Sandoval & Bradley K. Silver Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	15	16  Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	17	18  Chapter 11 1 p.m.
19	20  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	21  EA For those who were elected to receive the degrees at the June 14th business meeting Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	22	23  Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	24 MASTERS & WARDENS MEETING Fellowship Lodge No. 265 • 7 p.m. 306 N. Lincoln Ave. Tampa, FL	25
26	27  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	28  Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	29	30		



Above: W. John Hooker, Bro. Jack Lawrence and Bro. Gator Costello delivering the Pillars and Arch from the building which housed Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 from 1902 until 1908. The Pillars and Arch were recovered by Worshipful Robbins Denham and Worshipful Bill Williams when the old Lodge building was demolished in 1974.

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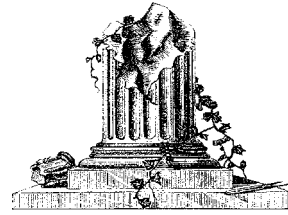
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the official and final notice to all brothers who have not paid their 2011 dues that they will be dropped from the roles of Hillsborough Lodge in September of this year. Reinstatement after that time will be contingent upon satisfactory payment of amounts past due and the vote of the Brethren.


Rest in Peace, our Brothers in the Celestial Lodge Above...



Darrell W. Mayfield
Charles W. Herndon
Mark W. Curry, Jr.

If you hear of a brother who has passed to that Celestial Lodge above, please inform the Lodge Secretary so he can send out the Widows' Certificate.

Our next Family Night will be August 30th, and we will be honoring our First Responders from Hillsborough County.

Hillsborough Lodge is pleased to announce that we will once again hold our annual Table Lodge this year. The event will be bigger and better than ever, with delicious food and entertainment for our guests! Tickets will be available in the next few weeks. 



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It is my opinion that a Mason is truthful by nature, charitable by design, and driven by hope for a better future. I've heard with clarity R·W· Jimmy Crowder's conviction when he recites the closing charge: "Remember that, at this Alter, you have promised to befriend and relieve every Brother who shall need your assistance. Remember also, that you have promised to remind him, in the most tender manner, of his failings, and aid his reformation; to vindicate his character when wrongfully traduced; and suggest in his behalf the most candid and favorable circumstances. Is he justly reprehended? Let the world observe how Masons love one another." I hope for the participation of such dedicated Brothers to continue toward peace and harmony in our Lodge and this fraternity.

Fraternally,

Joseph Gonzalez
Senior Warden

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Above: It's a family affair for Brothers Daniel D. MacLean, MM (left) and Douglas R. Maclean, EA (right). Please help us welcome all of our new brothers to Hillsborough Lodge!



Above: Hillsborough Lodge was recently honored by a visit from Brother Paul Bridges, Assistant Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer, Wayford Lodge No. 8490, United Grand Lodge of England, Norwich, United Kingdom.

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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



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

*Four things you can't recover:
The stone...after the throw. The word...after it is spoken.
The occasion...after it's missed. The time...after it's gone.
Be kinder than necessary, for everyone
you meet is fighting some kind of battle.*

Grand Chapter was resplendent with violets, lily of the valley, lilacs and pink roses. Fittingly, the main emblem for the "Peace and Love Session" was the lion and the lamb. Highlights were the moving tribute given to POWs and MIAs, the cavalcade of Grand Representatives flags, and the introduction of all 50+ year members. The installation of Sister Lois A. Mock, GWA and Brother Carl Hargrove, WGP gave us a foretaste of the beautiful and inspirational music that their "Musical Garden of Faith Session" will bring next year.

At our June 4th meeting we will have a tribute to our American flag presented by Brother Harry Cumber. After lunch we will have our School of Instruction conducted by our Grand Instructor, Sister Sandra Johnson. The state honoring for our Grand Conductress and Grand Sentinel will be on June 11 at 5pm at the Manatee Technical Institute in Bradenton. The theme is "A County Fair" and our chapter will have a clown bean bag toss. Dress is casual, tickets are \$20.00 including dinner, and may be purchased from your Worthy Matron. At our June 18th meeting our Associate Patron will present the Landmarks and Sister Elaine Brandl will present a Father's Day program. A proficiency Boot Camp will be held at Temple Terrace Chapter #277 on June 29 with covered dish at 6pm and meeting at 7pm.

Tampa Chapter will be dark during July and August but will resume at our September 3 meeting when we honor our Grand Instructor. The covered dish Rob Morris picnic will be held on August 28 at 1pm at Fellowship Lodge.

Remember to trust and obey and love one another.

Claudine Rogers, P.M., Worthy Matron • 813-393-7490
Terry McLaughlin, P.G.P., Worthy Patron • 727-412-4053

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ORDER OF DEMOLAY

Paul Revere Chapter




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

For more information, please contact:

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Personal Representative to
the Executive Office of DeMolay
813-835-1793

MASONIC CHARITY

Don't forget that Hillsborough Lodge is still collecting food for local food banks. We hope to make a very substantial contribution just prior to the Thanksgiving holiday, so please continue to bring in non-perishable food items. 



Worshipful Master John Hooker presenting a check for \$150.00 to Honor Queen Erin Sleeper, Bethel Lodge No. 13, Jobs Daughters for their National Charity, The HIKE (Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment) Fund, to help hearing impaired children.

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