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MAY A.L. 2011


## MASONIC SPOTLIGHT:

### R.:W.: STEPHEN B. JACOBSON

R.:W.: Stephen B. Jacobson was initiated an Entered Apprentice on January 19, 1965, passed to the degree of Fellow Craft on December 21, 1965 and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on February 15, 1966. When he was elected Worshipful Master of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 for the year of 1975, he became the second youngest of all our brothers to hold that office. When asked what was the high point of his year in the East he said, "being elected into so fine a group of men as the Worshipful Masters of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25."

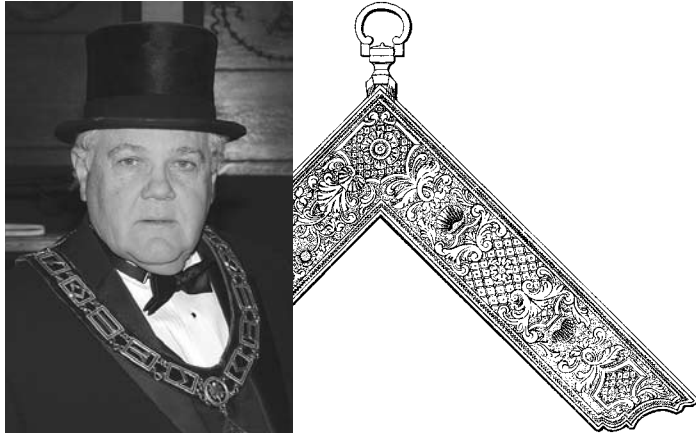


This past year R.:W.: Jacobson served as the District Deputy Grand Master for the 22nd Masonic District. He is particularly proud of his traveling committee. "These men represent one of the greatest tenants of Freemasonry, that is, who best can work and best agree."

Brother Jacobson is an avid student of history and paleontology, and after a 40-year hiatus, he went to Eckerd College and obtained a Bachelor of History degree with post graduate reading at St. Edmond's College, Oxford University, England. He's also the only person we know who has a fully articulated 50,000 year old cave bear skeleton (we hear he skinned it himself). He is a 32° K.C.C.H. Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of The Egypt Temple Shrine. 

**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,

Our first Family Night was held on March 29. After another great dinner from our Jr. Warden Steve Silvers, we moved to the Lodge Room where the Lodge was presented with a Proclamation by Jr. Steward Daniel Blair from Florida Governor Rick Scott. Bro. Walter R. Harris and W.: Thomas E. Johnson Jr. were presented with their 25-year pins and certificates, and Brothers Charles Henry Robbins and Howard Elmer Sykes was presented their 40-year pins and certificates. Our Jr. Warden, Steve Silvers was presented the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award, authorized by the Boy Scouts of America and presented to those Masons who have lived a life of Masonic Service to mankind by working with youth in the local community. Brother David Suarez was presented his apron by R.:W.: Gary Esteppe. Our guest speaker, Yvonne Marrone, gave us a very informative talk about the Hillsborough County Guardian Ad Litem Program. The Guardian Ad Litem Program is our charity this year, and the Lodge presented them with a check for \$500.

On April 17, Sr. Warden Joseph Gonzalez, Jr. Warden Steve Silvers and I attended the Masonic Home monthly meeting and presented the Grand Master with \$200.00 from Hillsborough Lodge for his MMRL charity.

Grand Lodge will be held in Orlando from May 29 to June 1. All Master Masons are invited to attend. I will be there along with Sr. Warden Gonzalez and Jr. Warden Silvers.

On September 6, Hillsborough Lodge will host a Table Lodge, so mark your calendars.

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,

All insurance policies for the Lodge have been reviewed and renewed by vote of the finance committee and the Craft. In addition to the General Liability, Property, and Bond policies, we have added a flood policy which covers \$250,000 on the building and \$50,000 in contents. It will cover rising water and water entry into the building. I am happy to report that even with the addition of this fourth policy, we have spent \$600 less than last year's renewal and \$1,400 less than was budgeted for this expense. Brother Joseph Wilkinson and members of the Finance & Property Committee are to be commended for their efforts.

The renovations for the Morgan Street office space are complete, with the exceptions of the plate glass replacement and floor improvement. The plate glass is on order, and the floor improvement has been postponed until we have a prospective tenant. Activity and interest generated through the MAHR Leasing group has sharply increased, and the property is being shown regularly. I invite you to take a look at these improvements next time you come to Lodge. If you know any prospective members, friends, or business partners in need of 1800 sq. ft. of renovated office space, please direct them to me.

Special thanks are in order for W.: Terry McLaughlin and R.:W.: C. Don Prosser for all of their hard work and dedication in keeping the Secretary's office running smooth and efficiently. All forms and reports to Grand Lodge are being filed on time, and all payments incurred by the Lodge are being paid promptly.

Please keep Illustrious Brother Vernon Clark and his family in your prayers. I hope to see you in Lodge soon.

Fraternally,

*Joseph Gonzalez*

Senior Warden

## FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

Can you remember the reason why you became a Mason? What drew you to the door of Freemasonry, more specifically Hillsborough Lodge, and caused you to knock? This month, I would like to address Lodge attendance and involvement. Consider this question. Why would a man take the time to petition a Lodge, spend a considerable amount of money, advance through the three degrees and spend months learning catechism and then not attend Lodge? This, my Brothers, is the question on the minds of active and involved Brethren throughout Masonry.

Not every Brother is interested in becoming an officer. Many desire to become a part of something larger than themselves. For others, it's an opportunity to make new friends and become part of a larger family. For ALL of us, it's an obligation to support our Brothers in need, their widows and orphans. We should all be attending Lodge meetings, if within the length of our cable tow. In order to follow through on this obligation, Brothers need to attend Lodge to keep up with current Lodge business. If you want a voice in the future of YOUR lodge, you need to be present to make your voice heard. Not every Brother will agree on every issue. It is only by these differing opinions on important issues that we stimulate a dialog, which enables us to make the choice that best serves the Lodge.

The following excerpts were taken from Volume 1 Issue 16, of an ongoing distribution from the Senior Grand Warden, Jorge Aladro entitled "DISCOURSE":

*All too often Brothers take on duties, which they are neither qualified for, nor do they intend to do the work. They take on a committee or whatever, just for the sake of having a name tag or a position. This is a total shame, because they not only cheat themselves, they cheat their Brothers. First, for failure to perform and second, for standing in the way of a Brother that*

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## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Brethren,

We are down to 101 members who have not yet paid their dues. It is important for all the members to remember that we are here to help those who are having financial difficulties. We need to know if this is the case so that you are not dropped for nonpayment. Please let us extend Masonic charity to those who need this assistance.

On June 7th, John A. Baldwin, Michael Desiderio, Mark B. Maxey, Robert L. Martin, Billy D. Schmitt, Michael H. St. James and Craig A. Trover will be passed to the degree of Fellow Craft.

Fraternally,

*Thomas C. Newton*

Thomas C. Newton, PM, PDI




Above: W.: John Hooker presents Guardian Ad Litem representative Yvonne Marrone with a check for \$500.

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

The month of May will bring a couple guest chefs to our kitchen once again. I have been trying to bring a wide variety of meals made with the best ingredients. I hope that everyone has been enjoying the food thus far. Due to the guest chefs and their meals, I am not going to print this month's menu selections. Rest assured that we will be eating well during the month of May.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	3  Daniel D. MacLean, Terry L. Montgomery, Todd W. Ousley, Taylor S. Phillips & Austin M. Tally Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	4 <b>DISTRICT SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION</b> John Darling Lodge No. 154 • 7 p.m. 4601 N. Habana Ave. Tampa, FL	5  Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	6	7  Chapter 11 1 p.m. <b>OUTDOOR ROCKET DEGREE</b> w/M.:W.: J. "Dick" Martinez 11 a.m. 2002 Lake Drive Cocoa, FL 32936
8	9  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	10  Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	11	12  Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	13	14 <b>LEADERSHIP TRAINING</b> A.W. Windhorst Lodge 8 a.m. to Noon  R.:W.: Stephen B. Jacobson <b>D.D.G.M. ROAST</b> Zendah Grotto 6 p.m. • Tickets \$10
15	16  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	17  Douglas R. Maclean, Benny O. Rivera & John L. Simmons Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	18	19  Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	20 <b>MASTERS &amp; WARDENS MEETING</b> Fellowship Lodge No. 265 • 7 p.m. 306 N. Lincoln Ave. Tampa, FL	21  Chapter 11 1 p.m.  Zone 6 <b>SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION</b> Tampa Scottish Rite
22	23  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	24  Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	25	26  Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	27	28 <b>COMMITTEE ON WORK RITUAL COMPETITION</b> Winter Park Lodge No. 239 • Noon - 7 p.m. 1495 Grand Road Winter Park, FL 32792
29	30	31 <b>NO MEETING</b>	JUNE 1			
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## MASONIC CHARITY

We have a motorized scooter at the Lodge to be donated to a Brother who might be in need of one.

When you come down to the Lodge, remember to bring your donations for our Food, Clothing and Toy Drive.

The Grand Master's Charity is the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. Take some time to learn about this important program and help him reach his goal for each Lodge to contribute \$5,000. 

*Right: Brothers Clifford Allen and Steve Silvers present Masonic Home Administrator Lisa Tsotsos with donated items collected by Hillsborough Lodge. The Brothers report, "She was thrilled!"*



## MASONIC EDUCATION



### True Happiness

*From W.: George Washington's Copy Book, 1745*

These are the things which once Possess'd  
Will make a life that's truly bless'd  
A Good Estate on healthy Soil  
Not got by Vice, nor yet by Toil;  
Round a warm Fire, a Pleasant Joke,  
With Chimney ever free from Smoke;  
A Strength entire, A Sparkling Bowl,  
A quiet Wife, a quiet Soul,  
A Mind as well as body, whole  
Prudent Simplicity, constant Friends,  
A diet which no art Commends;  
A Merry Night without much Drinking  
A Happy Thought without much Thinking;  
Each Night by Quiet Sleep made Short  
A Will to be but what thou art;  
Possess'd of these, all else defy  
And neither wish nor fear to Die.

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*would be willing to perform those same duties with dedication, fervor and conviction. My Brothers it is up to us to do what needs to be done. Positions are given not as entitlements for seniority or acquaintances, but for the previous demonstration of zeal, dedication and actions on behalf of the Fraternity, or by a Brother demonstrating the willingness to perform the same.*

It's a pleasure to see some of our younger Brothers beginning to take interest in and become active in the Lodge. Several EA's are helping tremendously in the kitchen on Tuesday nights. My heartfelt thanks go out to those Brothers for their assistance. We also have young Brothers interested in getting involved in the officer's line. To these Brothers and our young appointed officers I say this: There is no substitute for knowledge. Learn everything you can. Study your catechism and earn your silver card. Teach a class and show up for degree practice. Attend District and Zone schools of Instruction. Take this work seriously my Brothers. It will affect your ability to move up in the line or earn you a position therein.

Our clothing and wish list drive for the Masonic Home ended with a substantial delivery made on April 18th by Brother Clifford Allen and myself. I know they sincerely appreciate our efforts on their behalf. Our donation included a substantial amount of clothing, envelopes, greeting cards, hangers, a toaster, a high quality walker and cane and a host of other personal hygiene items. Brothers, don't forget to support our food drive. Receptacles are located in the dining room for your donations. I look forward to seeing each of you at Hillsborough Lodge in the near future.

Fraternally,

Junior Warden

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## ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



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

*Bright and happy springtime thoughts  
and special wishes, too...  
Sincerely sent and warmly meant  
especially for you.*

Our Sister Officers Tea at the Empress Tea Room was a warm, fun experience. We learned all kinds of secrets about one another and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We also chose secret pals who will not be revealed until our last meeting in February. Our Friends Day was well-attended and proved to be a wonderful "Garden of Friendship." We hope more friendships will sprout as everyone was given a pot of "Forget-me-nots" to grow. At our Easter meeting the Jobs Daughters performed their beautiful and inspiring Cross ceremony. The Easter theme was carried out in the dining room with pastel colored decorations including a cross cake and jellybean filled Easter eggs. Some of the eggs had gold dollars or a gift coupon inside.

Keeping with our theme of supporting our Masonic Youth, Master Counselor Corey Hutson will perform the Rose talk for our May 7th meeting when we honor all Mothers. This is greatly anticipated by our members. To have a son who is in DeMolay and to be honored in this manner is truly awe-inspiring and does bring tears to the eyes. That evening Sister Lois Mock, our new Worthy Grand Matron from Riverview, and Brother Carl Hargrove, our new Worthy Grand Patron from Mt. Dora, will have their Homecoming at the Riverside Golf and Country Club in Ruskin. The theme is "The Phantom of the Opera." Dinner is at 5:30p.m.; attire is formal, black tie; and tickets are \$20.00.

On May 11 Palma Ceia Chapter #243 will have their Official Visit with the Worthy Grand Matron at 8p.m. at Fellowship Lodge in Tampa. Tropical Chapter #38 in Bartow will have their Official Visit on May 17 at 8p.m.

At our May 21st meeting we will celebrate Armed Forces Day and honor all of our Brothers. Past Patron Harry Cumber, a retired Marine, will give the Armed Forces tribute. Associate Matron Sally Leon and Associate Patron

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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:*

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

Joe Citro will head up the program for our brothers. All Master Masons who are members of the Order of the Eastern Star are invited and encouraged to attend.

That evening is also the Associate Grand Matron's and Associate Grand Patron's honoring at the Barefoot Bay Community Center. The theme is a "Rock-n-Roll Party." Dinner is at 5:30p.m.; attire is casual, classic 50's; and tickets are \$20.00.

On May 23rd Temple Terrace Chapter #277 will have their Friends Night at 7:30p.m. Come support your Worthy Matron-Claudine Rogers, Worthy Patron-Terry McLaughlin, Secretary-Sandra Johnson, Organist-Norma Pinner, and Sister Martha-Sylvia Olson who have been asked to serve. The last event for the month is the Grand Officers School of Instruction at Linsley Chapter #152 in Brandon at 7p.m. This will be the closest location for a Grand Officers School this year. This is a good chance for everyone to "brush up" on their work before we have our own school in June.

As you can see, there is a lot going on in Eastern Star. You can be as active as you want to be! It is a good opportunity to get out and socialize with people who have the same principles and interests as you do. If you need transportation, call our Chaplain Sister Maudelene McCleary at 813-238-8973 or Worthy Matron at 813-681-3399. When we work together for the benefit of others, we can accomplish great things! *Grant me, I pray, the willingness to serve in all that I do.* Remember to trust and obey and love one another.

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