

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

# TRESTLE BOARD


OCTOBER A.L. 2011

## MASONIC SPOTLIGHT: JACK H. JONES

During the 2011 Imperial Session held in Denver July 3-7, Jack H. Jones of St. Petersburg, Florida was re-elected as Imperial Recorder of Shriners International, a role he held for 30 years before his election as Imperial Potentate (president and CEO of Shriners International) in 2009-10. As Imperial Recorder, he serves on the Board of Directors for the fraternity and Shriners Hospitals for Children®. This past December, Jones also took on the responsibility of serving as Executive Vice President of Shriners International.

While serving in the United States Air Force, Jones attended the University of Southern Mississippi and the University of Tampa where he majored in business administration.

Brother Jones is a recipient of several Grand Lodge awards: the Benjamin Franklin Medal from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; the Henry Price Medal from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and the Andrew Jackson Medal from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. He is an emeritus member of the DeMolay International Supreme Council and a recipient of the DeMolay Grand Cross and DeMolay Legion of Honor. He was elected honorary Grand Master of DeMolay International in 2009. In 2006, he was presented the Imperial Potentate's Award of Merit, which is the highest honor in the Shriners fraternity. He is the recipient of the Knights Templar Grand Cross. He is a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason and a recipient of the Grand Cross of Honor.

His Masonic affiliations include Egypt Shriners, Hillsborough Lodge #25, F.& A.M., Tampa York Rite, Tampa Scottish Rite, Red Cross of Constantine, Order of Quetzalcoatl, Royal Order of Jesters and National Sojourners. Jones has two sons, Steve and Brian, four grandchildren, Jared, Jessie, Valerie and Ryan and a great-grandson, Owen. 



*Hillsborough Lodge's Brother Jack H. Jones, Imperial Recorder and Executive Vice President of Shriners International.*

**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,

At our October 11, 2011 Stated Communication, the Finance Committee will propose two Amendments to our By-Laws and recommend an increase in member dues. These Amendments and the proposed increase in dues was thoroughly discussed by the Finance Committee with five Past Masters active in the Lodge and unanimously approved to be sent before the Brothers for vote. Approval of the increase in dues will assure that the Lodge will maintain a strong financial future for future maintenance of our Lodge property and continue to ensure Hillsborough Lodge No. 25's history of charitable giving.

When the Masonic Home Meeting was held on September 18, Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 made it first of its monthly charitable donations of \$50.00 to a resident of the Masonic Home. Your Lodge has begun this new contribution at the request of Grand Lodge and is highly appreciated by all. Remember that the Masonic Home is there for you and your wife. Contact the Lodge secretary for more information.

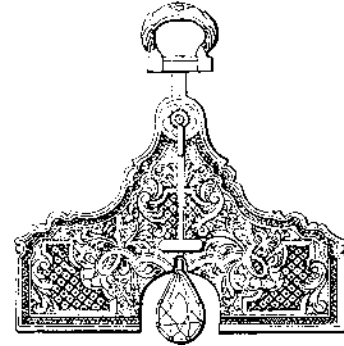
If you have not attended Lodge this year, you are missing out on really great meals at refreshment and excellent degree work at Called Communications. Recently the Lodge added two new columns in the foyer and upgraded the columns in the Lodge Room and illuminated the Lodge Room with new high energy lights. It has been great seeing all the Brothers working together improving the Lodge property and participating in the Masonic Ritual work.

With brotherly love and affection,

*John D. Hooker*

Worshipful Master

## FROM THE WEST



Brethren,

The previously scheduled Finance presentation on September 27th, 2011, has been rescheduled for October 11, 2011. The finance committee has adopted a ten year plan in order to meet future financial obligations of the Lodge. The presentation will include a history of our investment account, a current demographic of our members, and a detailed outline of the finance committee's recommendation. Two resolutions have already been read, adopted, and approved at the Stated Communication on September 13, 2011. Final vote on these resolutions will be taken after the presentation on October 11, 2011, so please make every effort to attend this very important communication.

I would like to thank all the Brothers who gave so freely of their time to set-up and service Family Night on August 30th, and the Table Lodge on September 6th: Brothers Steve Silvers, Mark Neel, John Yates, Jeremy Hall, Mike Ortabello, Kyle Ellis, Dana Kinney, Billy Schmidt, W. Terry McLaughlin, W. Joseph Citro, W. C. Miles Hartnett, Worshipful Master John Hooker, and all the Officers who contributed.

Please keep our Chaplain, Brother Joshua Sussman, and his family in your prayers for his recovery from illness.

Fraternally,

*Joseph Gonzalez*

Senior Warden

## FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

The year has surely been flying by. We now find ourselves in October and the Lodge has made great strides over the past nine months. Many improvements, repairs and beautification efforts have been completed, and I have to say, that they have made a big difference in our Lodge. We have been fulfilling our obligations by contributing to our youth organizations, our Masonic Home, local charities and the Grand Masters Charity. For myself, I can only say that being a Mason and serving the Craft of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 brings me great pride. I have truly enjoyed serving as your Junior Warden, helping to create an enjoyable atmosphere for our Brothers and our guests throughout the year.

I want to thank all of the Brothers who have helped me to get the job done, especially during our last family night, when we served over 170 dinners. Also, our 11th Annual Table Lodge was a huge success this year due to a TEAM effort of coordinating and following through with our plans.

Last month, I asked for responses to the question, "What does Masonry mean to you?" To this date, I have not received a single response. This, my Brothers, is an important question and one that each of us must know within our hearts. Why are we here? Why have we chosen to travel the path of Masonry? What lessons have we learned as a result of being a Mason? Not having received a response, I will print my answer in hopes that it may give some clarity to those who may still be searching for the words.

In the beginning, Masonry represented a pathway wherein I could follow in the footsteps of and carry on in a tradition of my grandfathers. Once I became a Mason, my focus shifted in the direction of obeying the obligations learned in the three symbolic and higher degrees of the Scottish Rite. What does all that mean? In short, it means understanding that following the path of intelligent, great men will lead to great results. It means being a faithful member

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## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Brethren,

The Masonic year is drawing to close, and there are several issues that need to be address by the lodge. At our stated communication of September 13th, we placed 24 brothers on the emeritus list for the year 2012. We also have some 70 brothers who have not paid their dues for 2011 and will be suspended for NPD on September 30, 2011 if the lodge has not been contacted and arrangements made for payment.

While petitions continue to come into the lodge, we are losing members thru attrition. There has been a revitalization of interest in the fraternity; there is still a large gap in the average age of our current members and those seeking to become masons.

You should have received a notice from the lodge that a proposed change to the by laws will be brought up in lodge for your approval. The proposals to increase the dues and the initiation fees are important to all the brothers and the operation of the lodge. I urge you to mark your calendars for October 11th and make plans to attend this VERY IMPORTANT MEETING.

Dues notices for 2012 will be in the mail very shortly, and you will now be able to pay your dues on line thru the Hillsborough Lodge web site. Checks will still be accepted in the secretary's office if you chose to pay by check.

Those brothers, who received your white leather aprons at the family night, will be able to pick you your engraved aprons on September 27th.

My thanks to all the brethren for their support and to Joe Gonzalez for his work on the electrical system in the lodge room and in the secretary's office. New lighting has been















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## NOTICE OF IMPORTANT OCTOBER MEETING

Please mark your calendars!

### Oct. 11th - Stated Communication

To vote on new annual dues structure, new initiation fees, and deposit plan approved by the Finance Committee.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						 Chapter 11 1 p.m.
2	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 EA Edward W. Collins & Brian D. Maddox  Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	<b>DISTRICT SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION</b> John Darling Lodge No. 154 • 7 p.m. 4601 N. Habana Ave. Tampa, FL	 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	7	8
9	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 II Vote on new annual dues structure, new initiation fees, and deposit plan approved by the Finance Committee.  Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	12	 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	14	 Chapter 11 1 p.m.
16	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 MM Albert Canamero, Christopher Hutchinson, Ronald LeClair, Jr, Douglas R. Maclean, Brian M. Morales, Benny O. Rivera & Jason C. Sampson Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	19	 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	21	<b>MASTERS &amp; WARDENS MEETING</b> Fellowship Lodge No. 265 • 7 p.m. 306 N. Lincoln Ave. Tampa, FL
23	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	26	 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	28	29
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# FAMILY NIGHT



## 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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of my Lodge, serving my Brothers without the expectation of anything in return. It means giving of myself, to provide for those who need my assistance. It means obeying the laws of the country where I live and living an upright and honest life, one that I can be proud of. It means carrying on a tradition which began thousands of years ago, and brought to our country by our founding fathers. It means feeling the comfort of knowing that I have friends and Brothers who will be as willing to support me as I them in time of need, no matter where I may be on the face of the earth. Freemasonry gives me the satisfaction of learning the lessons that another Brother has taken his time to teach me and passing that knowledge on to other Brothers, that they might strive as I have to become knowledgeable in the teachings of Freemasonry. It means understanding that I will never know all there is to know, but having the fortitude to continue studying anyway.

Now that we are in the month of October, I ask that any other donations of clothing for the Masonic Home be delivered directly to them and not to the Lodge. Brothers... please consider bringing in your donations of non-perishable food items soon as we will be delivering the collected items in mid November.

Fraternally,

*Steven Silvers*

Junior Warden

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## ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



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

WE'RE BACK! Our first meeting back from summer vacation was September 17 when we honored the Rainbow Girls and had majority members who are also members of Eastern Star serve in our offices. It was a colorful, fun time!

On September 24th we went to the Fun Day and Picnic at the Southeastern Guide Dogs Association in Palmetto. We had a great time viewing the dogs and raising money for our "Paws for Patriots" state-wide service project which will help provide guide dogs for impaired returning veterans.

At our October 1st meeting we honored our own Sister Sandra Johnson who is our Grand Instructor. Sister Norma Pinner is program chairman. We will have an initiation on October 15. Our Chapter will also take dinner to guests family members of our severely wounded returning veterans at the Haley VA Hospital's Fischer House in Tampa.

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installed in the secretary's office, making our job much easier now that we have better lighting.

Petitions referred to the investigations committee: James Francis Mongovan and Ronald Richard King Jr., and for re instatement: James Martin Roberts. Elected to receive the Three Symbolic Degrees: Mr. Brian David Maddox. Welcome to Fellow Craft Brother Raul Ramos, transfer of membership by demit from Orange Park Lodge #267.

Remember your Masonic Home in your wills and gifts.

Fraternally,

*Thomas C. Newton*

Thomas C. Newton, PM, PDI



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## Food & Toy Drives for the Holidays



Remember to support the food drive. Thanksgiving is getting closer, and the Lodge hopes to make a nice donation to a local food bank. Shortly after that, we will be collecting toys for donation during the holidays.