

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

# TRESTLE BOARD

JANUARY A.L. 2014

## MASONIC SPOTLIGHT: W.: STEVEN J. SILVERS


Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 is fortunate to have a long line of outstanding Worshipful Masters, and our newest Past Master, W.: Steven J. Silvers, continues the tradition.

W.: Silvers was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on May 6, 2008, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on September 10, 2008, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on October 21, 2008. Since becoming a Master Mason, Steve has exemplified Masonic leadership in many areas.

Steve has been very active in Masters & Wardens, and served as its President in 2012. He has received accolades for his fundraising work on the Grand Master's Charity, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory.

W.: Silvers has continued his Masonic journey by becoming a 32° Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Tampa.

For the Silvers family, Masonry is a family affair. Steve, his father and grandfather are all Masons, and Steve's brother Jason is advancing in the line at Jupiter Light Lodge No. 340 in Palm Beach County. Throughout the years, Steve has also enjoyed the support of his loving wife Joy, daughter Jenna and son Eric (Go Noles!).

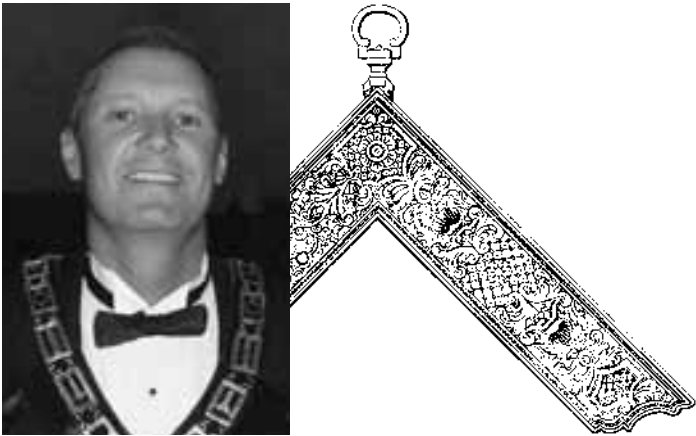
Steve is an avid sportsman who enjoys fishing, hunting, golf, ballroom dancing and the pursuit of the perfect cigar. 



*W.: Steven J. Silvers (2013) has cemented his name in the history of Hillsborough Lodge. He is a true lover of all things Masonic, and has a bright future in the fraternity.*

**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 Brothers,

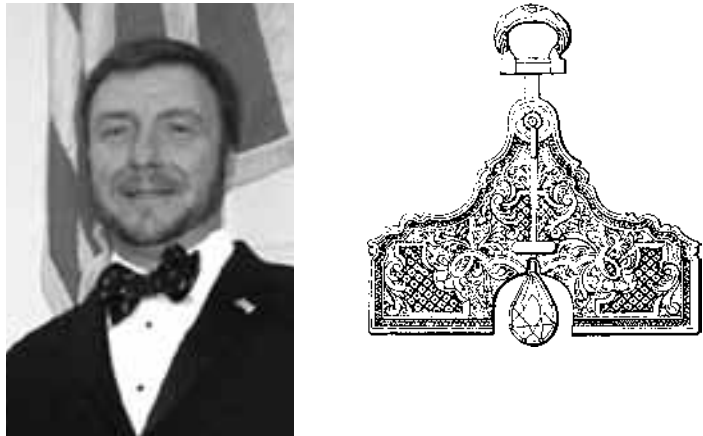
I am sincerely humbled and honored to serve the Craft as Worshipful Master of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 for the year 2014. When I was an Entered Apprentice in 2007, I did not intend to become an officer. My goal was to become a better man and Mason. I was thrilled to be in a fraternity that includes the founding fathers of our country, as well as the prestigious men who have led our Lodge. My catechism instructor was R.W. John D. Hooker, and my first appointment as Associate Steward was during W.C. Miles Hartnett's year. I have thoroughly enjoyed the journey through the chairs and hope all the officers have the same positive experience. Thanks to all for the support through the years. The Brothers I have met at Lodge have become some of my closest friends and most trusted advisors. Thanks to all the Past Masters for their council, and to W. Gonzalez and W. Silvers for their leadership. This year will certainly be easier because of the labor of the Past Masters before me. Thanks to the Installation Team and this year's officers for your service to the Craft. Thanks to all who attended election night, I greatly appreciate your vote of confidence.

Installation of officers will be January 11th at 10:00 a.m., and is open to families and friends; refreshments to follow. The appointed officers for 2014 are:

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| Senior Deacon:  | Bro. Billy Schmidt     |
| Junior Deacon:  | Bro. Drew Baldwin      |
| Senior Steward: | Bro. Michael St. James |
| Junior Steward: | Bro. Jose Coll         |
| Marshal:        | Bro. Donald Valverde   |
| Tyler:          | Bro. Joey Davis        |
| Chaplain:       | Bro. Joshua Sussman    |
- Installation Team:
- |           |                       |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| Officer:  | R.W. Stephen Jacobson |
| Marshal:  | R.W. John D. Hooker   |
| Chaplain: | W. Steven J. Silvers  |

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FROM THE WEST



My Brothers,

Thank you for entrusting me to serve the Craft of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 as Senior Warden for 2014. It is truly an honor to server our Lodge, and I look forward to a productive new year.

I would also like to congratulate Worshipful David Liniger and the elected and apportioned officers; I am elated to work with you all in the upcoming year. Worshipful Silvers did an outstanding job leading the craft in 2013, and I am utterly confident that Worshipful Liniger will continue the legacy of outstanding leadership for the craft for 2014. Worshipful Liniger is a humble man and the poster child for Freemasonry.

I welcome all Brothers to attend the Finance and Building Committee meetings and encourage all to email me with any ideas or comments at: cliff.allen@mail.com. Thank you to all the Brothers who attended elections. It is great to see all the Brothers come to practice the principles of Freemasonry, and it would be a good thing to see you at more Lodge meetings in 2014.

The first Finance Committee meeting will be January 23 at 6:00 p.m. in the Past Masters Room. I hope to see you there. Tell a Brother, bring a friend.

Fraternally,

*Clifford M. Allen*  
Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

I am honored that you have chosen me to serve as Junior Warden for the 2014 calendar year, and I intend to honor my commitment to the Lodge in all the areas of our common work.

First, I will mind my obligation and charge my Brothers to do the same by encouraging circumscription and regularity in all measures whenever we meet.

Second, I will foster Masonic Education at every turn, endeavoring to provide that rare spark which has hope one day of growing into the full light of illumination.

Third, I will work closely with my fellow officers, the various committees and directly with the Brethren to ensure the smooth and judicious operation of the Lodge.

What's that? . . . Did I leave something out? . . . Tsk-tsk!

Several Brothers have asked me over the years, whether or not I could cook. Rest assured, I certainly can! I'm gonna work that kitchen like the family mule, and will always do my best to provide hearty meals for the Brethren and our guests. If any Brother has dietary restrictions, special requests or would like to volunteer to cook a meal, please let me know. I can always be reached at:

kenneth.r.skillman@gmail.com or (813) 545-2446

Finally, congratulations to my fellow officers — both elected and appointed — and a big congratulations to W. Steve Silvers for an outstanding year in the East!

Looking forward to a great year ...

Sincerely & Fraternally,

*Kenneth R. Skillman*  
Junior Warden

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Brothers,

It is indeed an honor and privilege for me to continue to serve you as the Secretary of this Lodge. I want to thank you for the trust you have reposed in me to take care of the business of this historic edifice. With the assistance of Worshipful Terry McLaughlin we will endeavor to continue to provide the members with outstanding service.

As we enter into Q1 of 2014, we will once again be very busy. Dues for 2014 will continue to come in, and several reports must be filed with the Office of the Grand Secretary. Our newly elected Worshipful Master, Bro. David Liniger, will also be relying on the Secretary to ensure that he has everything he needs to make his year a success.

I do want to remind each brother that your dues for 2014 are now due. You can send a check to the lodge as in the past, or you can pay your dues in person when you come to lodge. There is still one other option which is available to you, and several brothers have taken advantage of using the web site to pay their dues on line. It's easy and convenient to do so. Just go to [www.hillsborough25.org](http://www.hillsborough25.org) and click on the tab to pay your dues. This will automatically be sent to the lodge notifying us that your dues have been paid on line, and we will issue your dues card and mail it to you. We have a lot of younger Master Masons in the lodge, and I also encourage you to think about purchasing a Perpetual Membership in the Lodge. This will actually save you money in the long run. A Perpetual Membership is twenty (20) times the annual dues. If you remain a member of this lodge for 25 years, you will have saved money by not having to pay dues past the 20th year. You do have to pay it off in 5 years, and that can be done in payments. I will be more than happy to assist you with the paperwork and set things up for you to get this done. The Lodge will benefit long after you have passed.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	 2 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	3	 4 Chapter 11 1 p.m. <b>INSTALLATION of OES Ch. 11 2014 OFFICERS</b>
5	 6 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	7 <b>NO LODGE MEETING</b>	8	 9 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	10	11 <b>INSTALLATION of Hills No. 25 2013 OFFICERS</b> <b>HIGH TWELVE LODGE NO. 317</b> Lunch at 11 a.m. Meeting at Noon
12 <b>MASONIC YOUTH PARK ANNUAL MEETING</b> Tampa Lodge No. 240 • 2 p.m. 6920 E. Chelsea St. Tampa, FL	13  14 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	14  15 Stated Communication Balloting on New Petitions & Approval of the 2014 Budget  Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	15	16  17 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	17	18  19 Chapter 11 1 p.m.
19 <b>MASONIC HOME BOARD MEETING</b> 11 a.m. 3201 1st Street NE St. Pete, FL	20  21 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	21  22 For Brothers who are prepared.  Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	22	23  24 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	24 <b>MASTERS &amp; WARDENS MEETING</b> Fellowship Lodge No. 265 • 7 p.m. 306 N. Lincoln Ave. Tampa, FL	25
26	27  28 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	28  29 Stated Communication  <b>D.D.G.M. OFFICIAL VISIT</b>  Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Meeting 7:15 p.m.	29	30  31 Masonic Education 6:30 p.m.	31	

NOTICE OF SPECIAL  
JANUARY MEETING

Please mark your calendars!

January 11th  
Installation of 2014 Officers

DECEMBER 2013						
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# MASONIC EDUCATION

**Like a Maiden**  
by George O. Thorne, Past Grand Master of New Mexico

Masonry is like a virtuous and beautiful maiden of many moods.

SHE IS QUIETLY RELIGIOUS – as when, mindful that she is a companion to religion and not a religion herself, she solemnly charges us never to engage in any great or important undertaking without first invoking the aid and blessing of Deity.

SHE IS PROUDLY PATRIOTIC – as when, under the folds of Old Glory, she exhorts us to be quiet and peaceful citizens who are true to our government and who do not countenance disloyalty or rebellion, but patiently submit to legal authority.

SHE IS COY – as when, if only for a fleeting moment, she would give the appearance of levity, but instead dramatically proclaims her profound Lesson of Charity.

SHE IS RESOLUTE – as when she demands of each of us a strict obedience to her laws and to her obligations, under penalties sanctioned by ancient usage or modern jurisprudence, or when she calls us to the discharge of the Three Great Duties of a Freemason: To God, to our neighbors, and to ourselves.

SHE IS SCHOLARLY – as when, with patient and consummate skill, she leads us up the Winding Stairs to the Light and Wages of the Middle Chamber and stimulates within us a new and greater appreciation for the Liberal Arts and Sciences and their application to our daily living.

SHE IS DRAMATIC – as when, on the stage of symbolism, she unfolds that great and consoling Lesson of Immortality veiled in the life-death allegory of the Sublime Degree.

SHE IS MERCIFUL – as when, in inspiring Prestonian literature, she reminds us that every human being has a claim upon our kind offices and exhorts us to ever be mindful of our obligations to all mankind.


SHE IS CONSTANT – as when she entreats us to be diligent,

prudent, temperate, discreet — at all times in all things, remembering to avoid all extremes in living-thinking which would impair our relationship with our God and with our fellowman.

SHE IS TENDER – as when, with misty eye, she watches while saddened Brethren gather about the bier of a departed Brother to redeem a solemn pledge and tenderly lay his Lambskin above his breast.

SHE IS COMPASSIONATE – as when she points to our constant duties to a distressed worthy Brother and to the widow and the orphan.

SHE IS PROUD – as when she proclaims the Goal for which she has steadfastly carried the banner for countless ages: The Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God.

Yes, Masonry is like a comely and virtuous maiden of many moods. She displays many more than these. But she never appears with such sedate beauty as when you and I, in our daily living, permit her to be seen by the world arrayed in all the queenly dignity of the Jewels of the Craft. 

Reprinted from The Royal Arch Mason, Spring, 1966.

“From the East” continued from page 2

On Tuesday, January 14th, we will have the first Stated Communication of the year. There will be the presentation of the 2014 Budget for approval and the Worshipful Master’s message. I hope to see all at Lodge to meet the 2014 Officers and look forward to a great year. Please feel free to contact me with any comments or suggestions at:

davidliniger@gmail.com or (813) 368-0766.

Peace, Brothers,

*David S. Liniger*  
Worshipful Master

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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

“From the Secretary’s Desk” continued from page 3

Please remember your Masonic Home when you pay your dues. The \$7.30 voluntary contributions to the Home helps support our Brothers and Sisters who are residents there. Remember, any one of us might need the Home later in life.

If you haven’t been to Lodge in some time, come down and see what you are missing. Remember that the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays are degree nights and the 2nd and 4th are business meetings. Dinner is at 6:30 and lodge opens at 7:15. Try to find one night to come down meet new Brothers who are working hard to make Hillsborough Lodge the finest Lodge around. We get lots of visitors from other countries, and they are always impressed with their visit.

One last item...if you move to a new address, please notify the Lodge of your change of address and give us a phone number. We do need to contact brothers from time to time to let them know that we have an award for them. We have quite a few certificates of membership for 25, 40, and more years of service that we would like to present, but we can’t get in touch with you. We will once again try to contact brothers who are due membership awards, to come to the family night on April 29th, and we hope to see you and your family at that meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Thomas C. Newton*

Thomas C. Newton, PM, PDI

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# ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



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

The members of Tampa Chapter No. 11 would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! We wish you happiness and joy! May you have a happy, healthy, and successful year.

For our Members: If you would like to attend a meeting, but need a ride, please call the Secretary — rides can be arranged. And don’t forget, we have a working elevator.

For more information about Tampa Chapter No. 11 or the Order of the Eastern Star, please contact:

**Sandra Johnson, PM, Secretary**  
P.O. Box 9046 • Tampa, FL 33674-9046  
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Rest in Peace, our Brothers in the Celestial Lodge Above...

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.



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Clifford M. Allen. . . . . Senior Warden  
Kenneth R. Skillman . . . . . Junior Warden  
W.: Joseph A. Gonzalez. . . . . Treasurer  
R.:H.: Thomas C. Newton . . . . . Secretary  
Billy D. Schmidt . . . . . Senior Deacon  
John A. "Drew" Baldwin. . . . . Junior Deacon  
Michael St. James. . . . . Senior Steward  
Jose E. Coll. . . . . Junior Steward  
Donald R. Valverde . . . . . Marshall  
Christopher Hutchinson. . . . . Associate Marshall  
Joshua Sussman. . . . . Chaplain  
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