

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

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MASONIC EDUCATION: THE SQUARE AND COMPASSES

The Square

It is one of the most important and significant Symbols in Freemasonry. As such, it is proper that its true form should be preserved. French Freemasons have almost universally given it with one leg longer than the other, thus making it a carpenter's square. The American Freemasons, following the incorrect delineations of Brother Jeremy L. Cross, have, while generally preserving the equality of length in the legs, unnecessarily marked its surface with inches; thus making it an instrument for measuring length and breadth which it is not. It is simply the trying square of a stone-mason, and has a plain surface. The sides or legs embrace an angle of ninety degrees, and is intended only to test the accuracy of the sides of a stone, and to see that its edges subtend the same angle.

As a Masonic symbol, it is of very ancient date, and was familiar to the Operative Masons. In the year 1830, the architect, in rebuilding a very ancient bridge called Baal Bridge, near Limerick, in Ireland, found under the foundation stone an old brass square, much eaten away, containing on its two surfaces the following inscription, the U being read as V: I. WILL. STRIUE. TO. LIUE.- WITH. LOUE. & CARE.- UPON. THE. LEUL.-BY. THE. SQUARE., and the date 1517.

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The Lodge Square and Compasses were generously gifted to Hillsborough Lodge by R. W. C. Donald Prosser, PDDGM, Past Master in 1978.

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



Greeting Brothers,

As we go dark for August, take advantage of the time away from Lodge to spend time with your family and friends. All too often we forget that our Fraternity is not supposed to conflict with our families, career, and faith. Many times, I have neglected my cable tow and I will never get those moments back. These important duties and responsibilities are on no account to be neglected.

Table Lodge tickets are currently available on our Lodge website: www.Hillsborough25.org. If you plan to attend, please purchase your ticket online ASAP.

R. W. Joseph Gonzalez will make his official visit to our Lodge on September 23, 2014; please attend this meeting. I have personally witnessed how hard this Brother has worked and couldn't be prouder of his appointment.

Finally Brothers, strive to improve in the month of August. If you don't regularly attend Lodge, do some good works in your community. Let the world observe the strength of Freemasonry. Let it be said at the end of your days, "well done good and faithful servant".

Peace Brothers,

David S. Liniger

Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST



Brethren All,

We have many great things to be thankful for. Our historic building is in awesome shape and our Lodge investment account is looking sound. I'm very happy to report that The Order of Eastern Star and lobby bathroom projects are now complete.

I would like to thank those Brothers for taking time to come down on a Saturday to finish up the painting on the restrooms and enjoy some Brotherhood development. It is nice to have these projects behind us, for the future enjoyment of our visiting family, friends and Brothers.

If you have any suggestions, or wish to sit in on the next Building, Finance & Property Meeting, join us at 6pm, on September 25, 2014, in the Past Masters Conference Room at the Lodge.

Thank you very much for entrusting me with our building. It is a true cornerstone of Tampa and Freemasonry.

Sincerely & Respectfully,

Clifford M. Allen

Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings My Brothers,

As we go dark in August, now is a good time to pause, reflect upon our challenges and accomplishments thus far, and to prepare ourselves for a strong effort to close out the year.

As always, I want to thank those Brothers who have generously given of their time to teach catechism classes — more especially, W. Terry McLaughlin who seems to be continuously teaching, W. Mike Fletcher who never misses a Thursday, and R. H. Tom Newton who has volunteered to teach a class, despite all of his other official duties. To those Brothers who have responded to our call to earn Silver Cards, I thank you. We can always use new instructors, and you will personally reap the benefits of your efforts. Finally, thanks to those Brothers who attended the District School of Instruction in July. R. H. Goldman is taking an aggressive and creative approach to Masonic Education, and the results are both fun and enlightening.

A big thank you goes to all those Brothers who have been volunteering to cook meals this year! Your participation is greatly appreciated by myself, the Craft and our guests. Thanks also to the ladies of the Eastern Star who helped make our family night on July 29th a big success! We are always grateful for your support.

"Character is the architect of achievements."

—Brother Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain)

Polar Star Lodge No. 79 A.F.&A.M.

St. Louis, MO

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Kenneth R. Skillman

Junior Warden

SECRETARY'S DESK



My Brothers,

I will be sending out delinquent dues notices this month to those Brothers who have not paid their 2014 dues. This is your Lodge, and we need your support to continue to offer Freemasonry to those who seek Light. If you have not paid your dues, I encourage you to do so by going online to the newly redesigned web site at www.Hillsborough25.org. Click on the link to pay dues and do it with a credit card. We will send your dues card as soon as the computer notifies us that your dues are paid.

This next year, there will be an additional \$6 fee attached to the dues. This is as a result of the increased Per Capita Tax that we pay to the Grand Lodge each year for each member. This is not a voluntary contribution, but will be part of your dues. So this next year, the dues will be \$186.00 plus the \$7.30 for the Masonic Home. The total amount due from each member will be \$193.30. If you have questions regarding this increase, please call us.

Remember that the Lodge will be dark in August, and we will resume Labor on September 2nd with the Annual Table Lodge. If you haven't purchased your ticket, please go to the web site www.Hillsborough25.org and purchase yours now.

Come to Lodge, renew some old acquaintances and make new ones as well. If you haven't been to Lodge in some time, come down and see what you are missing. Try to find one night to come down and meet new Brothers who are working hard to make Hillsborough Lodge the finest Lodge in the State of Florida. We get lots of visitors from other countries who have heard of our Lodge and they are always impressed when they come to see us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas C. Newton

Secretary, PM, PDI

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HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F. & A.M.
14TH ANNUAL TABLE LODGE

Tuesday, September 2nd, 2014

Don't miss the Fellowship and a seven course, 5-star meal prepared by W. Walter Schoepf and Brother Karlo Degiacomi. Included in the program are several toasts, responses and attendance by
 Most Worshipful James W. Ford
 Grand Master of Masons of Florida.

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MASONIC EDUCATION

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The Square and Compasses are the embodiment of the rectangular and round, just as the prophets of old were the embodiment of a due relationship between man and man.

The Compasses

As in Operative Freemasonry, the compasses are used for measurement of the architect's plans, and to enable him to give those just proportions which will ensure beauty as well as stability to his work. In Speculative Freemasonry is this important implement symbolic of that even tenor of deportment, that true standard of rectitude which alone can bestow happiness here and felicity hereafter?

Hence are the compasses the most prominent emblem of virtue, the true and only measure of a Freemason's life and conduct. As the Bible gives us light on our duties to God, and the square illustrates our duties to our neighbor and Brother, so the compasses give that additional light which is to instruct us in the duty we owe to ourselves; the great, imperative duty of circumscribing our passions, and keeping our desires within due bounds. "It is ordained," says the philosophic Burke, "in the eternal constitution of things, that men of intemperate passions cannot be free; their passions forge their fetters." Those Brethren, who delight to trace our emblems to an astronomical origin, find in the compasses a symbol of the sun, that circular pivot representing the body of the luminary, and the diverging legs his rays.

In the earliest rituals of eighteenth century, the compasses are described as a part of the furniture of the Lodge, and are said to belong to the Master. Some change will be found in this respect in the ritual of the present day. Even so, the word is sometimes spelled and pronounced compass, which is more usually applied to the magnetic needle and circular dial or card of the mariner from which he directs his course over the seas, or the airman when seeking his destination across unknown territory.

The Square and Compasses are nearly always together, and that is true as far back as we can go. While in the order of the Lodge the Square is first, it is not the first in order. The Square rests upon the Compasses, which is to say, just as a perfect square is a figure that can be drawn only within a circle or about a circle, so does the earthly life of man move and is built within the circle of Divine life. It is this law of love which surrounds, sustains, and explains it. As the most skilled artificers are unable, without the aid of the Square and Compasses to produce perfect rectangles or perfect circles, so must all Masons apply these tools figuratively to their lives. **TM**

Source: Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, and the Masonic Service Association of North America.

NEW MEMBERS



Brother Matthew Anthony Wise II was initiated an Entered Apprentice on July 1, AL 6014. Brother Kenneth Skillman, Junior Warden, presiding in the East.

WORD ORIGINS

"**august** event" - pronounced au • gust: meaning dignified or imposing; of noble birth or high rank. Word Origin C17, from Latin augustus.

"**superfluity**" - pronounced super • flu • ity: meaning a quantity or thing that is in excess of what is needed; a thing that is not needed. Word Origin C14, from Old French superfluité.

"**wrought**" - pronounced wraught: it is a verb, past tense of work. As an adjective, meaning shaped by hammering or beating; formed or fashioned as specified; decorated or made with delicate care. Word Origin C16, variant of worht, from Old English geworht.

ORDER OF DEMOLAY

Paul Revere Chapter



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

For more information, please contact:
Brother Bill Cobb
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813-835-1793

Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Valley of Tampa

Fall Initiation October 25th, 2014
www.tampascottishrite.org



"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal."
— Albert Pike, 33° Freemason

TRAVELING COMPANIONS

Brother Kenneth Skillman, Junior Warden, presiding in the East, welcomes our Traveling Companions from across the Bay. The Brothers of Gulf Beach Lodge No. 291, F. & A.M., Madeira Beach Florida, were treated to a delicious steak dinner and an Entered Apprentice Degree. Thank you Brothers for traveling, you are welcome back any time!



O.E.S. CHAPTER II



Meets at Hillsborough Lodge

We will be dark for the months of July and August
Hope Everyone has a Great Summer!

Our first meeting will be Saturday, September 6th, 2014, at 1pm

Hope to see you there.

Sandra Johnson, PM, Secretary
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If you hear of a Brother who has passed to that Celestial Lodge Above, please inform the Lodge Secretary so the Lodge can give proper condolence and assistance to his Widow.





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