

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

TRESTLE BOARD

DECEMBER A.L. 2014

LODGE MASON OF THE YEAR R. H. THOMAS C. NEWTON, PDI

R. H. Thomas Charles Newton was born on March 20th, 1951. A graduate of Plant High School and the Sanford Naval Academy in 1969, he has been employed at Harris-McBurney for the past 15 years. His community involvement in professional and youth soccer leagues is unparalleled, as he has been a very active member of the Florida State Referees Association for over 30 years.

R. H. Newton began his Masonic career at a very early age in DeMolay. He was a member of the Paul Revere and Owen A. Coile Chapters. He served as Master Counselor, Chapter Scribe, and received a number of recognitions including P.M.C.M.S.A., R.D., Top Hat, and the Legion of Honor. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 on March 20th, 1973. R. H. Newton entered the Officers line, and as he has demonstrated, was very dedicated to learning ritual and business of the Lodge. He was elected the Worshipful Master in 1985. Since then, his 41-year Masonic career includes membership in the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Tampa, the Egypt Temple Shrine, and served as President of Masters and Wardens.

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R. H. Tom Newton, Secretary of Hillsborough Lodge, smiles upon receiving his 40 year Service Award from the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Florida.

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,

The year is about over and this is my final Trestle Board article. I greatly appreciate the hard work and dedication of the 2014 Officers. Your contributions have made the Lodge a better place, and all of the accomplishments are yours. I sincerely thank the Brothers who placed their confidence in me to be Worshipful Master and all those who attended meetings in 2014.

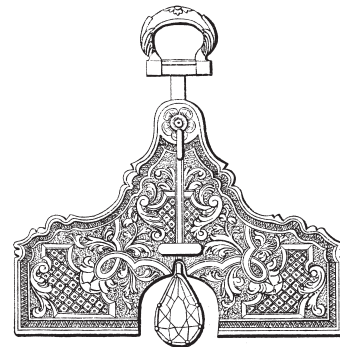
Congratulations to R.:H.: Tom Newton on being selected as Mason of the year; you made my job so much easier. The Lodge is a better place due to your work on the fire inspection upgrades, Lodge lighting, Chief Catechism instruction, and the day-to-day work as Secretary. Thank you so much Brother Secretary.

I was taught early in my Masonic career that the beauty of our Fraternity is that which brings Brothers together, who if not for the Fraternity, would constantly remain at a perpetual distance. This is a fact, and makes me extremely proud to be a Mason. I have met so many wonderful, charitable, virtuous men in this Fraternity whom I am honored to call my friends and Brothers. I have had the distinct privilege of sharing and sympathizing their misfortunes and celebrating their victories. I have had the honor of representing Hillsborough Lodge at the Masonic Home of Florida and have seen first hand the great work we do. By visiting the Paul Revere Chapter of DeMolay, I've met the outstanding young men that our Fraternity helps forge for the future of Freemasonry. The Craft has shown me that Brotherly love and affection do flourish every time we break bread and have a meeting.

Special thanks to R.:W.: Hooker, PDDGM, who was my instructor and introduced me to all of the beauty of Freemasonry; and to my Mentor R.:W.: Steve Jacobson, PDDGM, for reaffirming that tenderness and kindness are not signs of weakness, but manifestations of strength and resolution.

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FROM THE WEST



Fraternal Greetings from the West,

This has been a great year! I thoroughly enjoyed serving the Brethren of Hillsborough No. 25 and working with our W.:M.: David Liniger. It has been a great experience learning from him and all of our Past Masters. I also want to thank the committees, without which we would not have enjoyed as much success. All of our rental properties are occupied and our building looks like a shining beacon of Tampa once again. We have accomplished many great things this year and have much to be thankful for.

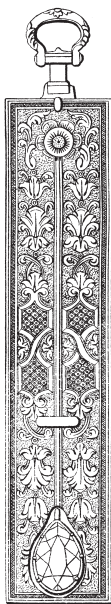
As we embark on the New Year, I thank everyone who made last year a success, and I look forward to a continuance of fellowship and Brotherly love.

I would like to challenge everyone this year to a couple of things that will benefit our Lodge and Freemasonry. My first challenge alludes to attendance and support. I know how it feels being absent from Lodge for a long period of time, and can speak from personal experience that the longer you do not attend, the harder it is to return. With that said, I challenge the Brethren who have not attended Lodge in the past 12 months to make an effort to attend at least one Lodge function a month. I understand that life has a way of pulling Brother's away from Lodge but please try to make an effort to show your support and care for our fragile Craft. If transportation is an issue, we can arrange transportation for you to and from Lodge. We are only a phone call away.

The second challenge is for every Brother to talk to at least one non-Mason about the Fraternity in a positive light. This will help promote our Fraternity and increase awareness within the community that our Lodge is the corner stone of the community in Tampa. Membership in Freemasonry in general is in decline and we should take every opportunity to ensure our time-honored Fraternity continues. These challenges lie in the hands of each and every Brother until time shall be no more.

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FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings My Brothers,

As the year draws to a close, it is time for us to wrap up our Masonic activities and spend some quality time with our loved ones. Thanks to those Brothers who came out for the Masonic Leadership Training on November 15th. All the information presented was extremely useful, and it is always great to see some of the newer Brothers showing an interest in the workings of the Lodge. We still have one or two meetings coming up before the holiday break, and if at all possible, please plan on attending the Election of 2015 Officers on December 9th.

The Lodge continued its annual tradition of participating in the USMC Toys for Tots campaign, and a big thanks goes out to Chris Di Stefano for organizing the drive and to all those who generously made donations. There is nothing that warms the heart more than knowing you have helped an underprivileged child.

Congratulations to those Brothers who have recently earned their Silver Cards. This accomplishment is very worthy, as it is in some ways the life blood of our time honored Fraternity. Taking the time to teach catechism to Brothers who are going through the Degrees not only ensures a solid foundation of member participation, but also reinforces the instructor's knowledge, making them a great, long-term resource for the Lodge.

"If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

—Bro. Benjamin Franklin

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Kenneth R. Skillman

Junior Warden

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 ■ TRESTLE BOARD

SECRETARY'S DESK



My Brothers,

The end of the year is almost here, and elections will be held on December 9th. Be sure to bring your current 2014 dues card. Without that 2014 dues card, you cannot come into the Lodge and vote. Your 2015 Officers need your support, and if you have not paid your 2014 dues, please get that taken care of soon.

We have had a sudden influx of petitions for the Degrees, and are processing those petitions as quickly as Masonic Law will allow. Brother Billy Schmidt, our Senior Deacon, needs your assistance to get the investigations done. If you can assist him, please let him know or contact the Lodge and we will pass your information on to him.











Dues notices have been sent out, so get your 2015 dues in as soon as possible so we can get your 2015 dues card out to you. There is a new link on our webstore for payment of 2015 dues. Grab your card and member number, go to www.hillsborough25.com and pay them online. The Lodge will mail your new dues card as soon as we receive notice of your payment. It's that easy!

Come to Lodge and renew old acquaintances and make new ones as well. If you haven't been to Lodge in some time, come down and see what you're 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas C. Newton

Secretary, PM, PDI

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	 Degree Night For Candidates & Brothers prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.	District 22 School of Instruction John Darling Lodge • 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL	 Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	4	Grand Master Official Visit Scottish Rite Temple 5500 Memorial Hwy Tampa, FL 33634 Dinner 6 p.m. ALL Family & Guests welcome for Dinner Tyled Mtg to Follow
7	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 Stated Communication Election of 2015 Lodge Officers Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.	10	 Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	12	HIGH TWELVE LODGE NO. 317 Lunch at 11 a.m. Meeting at Noon
14	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	Enjoy the Holiday Season Brothers! Lodge Closed	17	 Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	19	Masters & Wardens Meeting John Darling Lodge No. 154 7 p.m. 4601 N. Habana Avenue
MASONIC HOME BOARD MEETING 11 a.m. 3201 1st St. NE St. Pete, FL	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	Enjoy the Holiday Season Brothers! Lodge Closed	24	 Merry Christmas! Lodge Closed	26	St. John the Evangelist Day
28	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	Enjoy the Holiday Season Brothers! Lodge Closed	31			

ELECTION NIGHT

2014 DECEMBER						
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!

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HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 ■ TREASURY BOARD

2015 INSTALLATION



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PAST MASTERS DEGREE NIGHT



On November 4, 2014, the Past Masters conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree upon Brother Domenick Giovanni Lazzara

Front Row, left to right: R. H. Tom Newton (1985), R. W. Joseph Gonzalez, DDGM (2012), W. M. David S. Liniger (2014), W. Steve Silvers (2013), W. Joseph Citro (2006), W. Willie Jones (2007), W. Robbins Denham (1979).

Back Row, left to right: R. H. Brian Manne, A.W. Windhurst, R. W. Sam Pesola (1988), R. W. Stephen Jacobson (1975), R. W. C. Don Prosser (1978), R. W. Bob Cloversettle (2003), R. W. John Hooker (2011).

MASONIC EDUCATION


My Brother, as you have been instructed, to relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent upon all men, but more particularly Masons. The Masonic Low Twelve Club of Tampa is a benefit fund organized for Master Masons, whose dual or current membership is in a Masonic Lodge within Hillsborough County, Florida. The purpose of the Low Twelve Club is to provide immediate monetary relief and benefit to the widow, or other beneficiary, of said Low Twelve Club member in good standing, upon his demise.

Only Master Masons which are in good standing within their respective Masonic Lodges, not over 65 years of age, and in good health are eligible to apply for membership. For more information, or to obtain an application, contact R. W. Houston D. White, PDDGM, at email address hwhite3@tampabay.rr.com or phone (813) 884-8529.

"Mason of the Year" continued from page 1

R. H. Newton was appointed as District Instructor to District 20 West for two consecutive years. Most recently, R. H. Newton was initiated into Chapter 11, Order of the Eastern Star, which meets at Hillsborough Lodge.

R. H. Newton's passion and zeal for Freemasonry and Hillsborough Lodge is as strong today as years past, as he is serving his fifth consecutive term as Secretary of the Lodge. In addition to his elected duties, R. H. Newton is the Lodge Degree Instructor, and is also passing on his knowledge to a catechism class.

R. H. Newton, by his selfless acts, has empowered our Lodge to achieve new heights and realize our goals. He has provided a fabric of stability to the Officers for the past five years, to which the Brethren and Past Masters are most appreciative. As Mason of the Year, the Brothers of Hillsborough Lodge thank you for all the hard work and dedication you've given to our Lodge and Fraternity. 

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Brother Bill Cobb

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Tampa Chapter No. 11 wishes everyone a very
Happy Holiday Season!

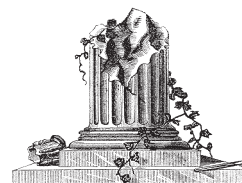
Please note that we will not be holding our meeting on
December 6, 2014.

If you need a ride, please contact the Secretary and we
will make the necessary arrangements to get you to a
meeting. And don't forget, we have a working elevator.

Sandra Johnson, PM, Secretary
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CELESTIAL LODGE

*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.*



"From the East" continued from page 2

Thank you W. Shorty Powell for showing me the person
I would like to be as I age; God Bless you Shorty. Finally,
to my family, Lana, Rachel, and Cody. I am so thankful
for your patience and support as I have traveled on this
journey. I love you very much....I'm coming home. I will
treasure the memories Brothers, love you all and peace.

*"The greatest gift of life is friendship and I have received
it." Hubert H. Humphry, 38th VP of the United States,
Cataract Lodge No. 2 A.F.&A.M. Minneapolis, MN.*

Sincerely,

David S. Kniger

Worshipful Master

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I look forward to serving the Lodge this coming year and
to participate in the many great events we have ahead of
us. I hope everyone has an enjoyable holiday season.

Sincerely & Respectfully,

Clifford M. Allen

Senior Warden



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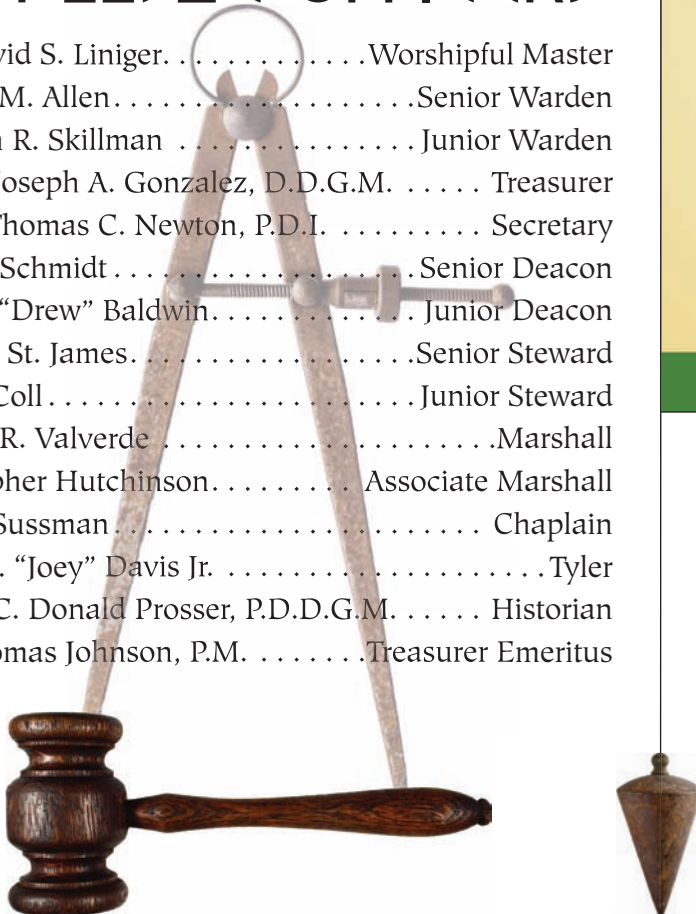
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