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## MASONIC SPOTLIGHT SIR ALEXANDER FLEMING

Sir Alexander Fleming was born in rural Lochfield, in East Ayrshire, Scotland, on August 6, 1881. He attended the Loudon Moor School, the Darvel School and Kilmarnock Academy before moving to London in 1895, where he lived with his older brother, Thomas Fleming. In London, Fleming finished his basic education at the Regent Street Polytechnic (now the University of Westminster).

Fleming was a member of the Territorial Army, and served from 1900 to 1914 in the London Scottish Regiment. He entered the medical field in 1901, studying at St. Mary's Hospital Medical School at the University of London. While at St. Mary's, he won the 1908 gold medal as the top medical student.

In November 1921, while nursing a cold, Fleming discovered lysozyme, a mildly antiseptic enzyme present in body fluids, when a drop of mucus dripped from his nose onto a culture of bacteria. Thinking that his mucus might have some kind of effect on bacterial growth, he mixed it with the culture. A few weeks later, he observed that the bacteria had been dissolved.



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*Sir Alexander Hamilton, Doctor, Biologist, Scientist, and Freemason, 1881 - 1955. Discovered penicillin, and received the Noble Prize in 1945.*

**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



Brothers All,

The first quarter of the year has flown by, and as many have alluded, my year is going by faster than any year I have ever traveled through before. The Officers of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 and Brother Kenneth Skillman have been working diligently on multiple building issues, and his finance committee has been wisely investing our money with Brother Jeremy Hall. We have also been busy making Masons. We've received 10 Entered Apprentices, Passed 6 to Fellow Craft, and Raised 10 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, with 13 additional candidates to be received as Entered Apprentices.

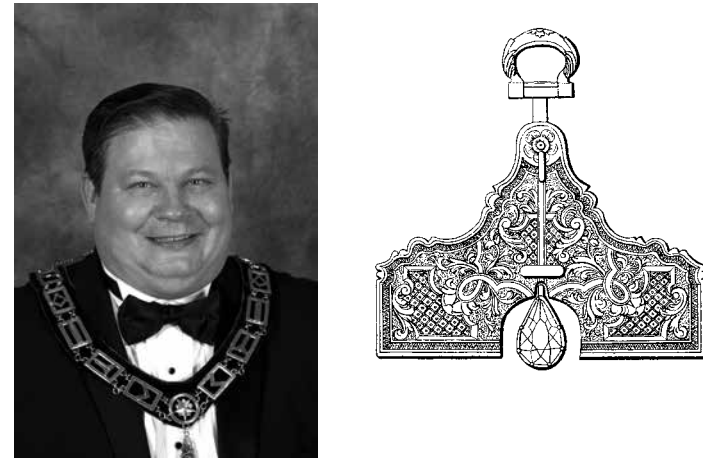
We need more instructors to continue building the future of our great Lodge and Fraternity. If you are silver card certified and willing to teach a class, please email me at cliff.allen@mail.com. Also, I am looking for Brothers who are willing to serve the Lodge and community. If you're interested, please email me and the Lodge will find service opportunities for you. As we begin the second quarter of the year, I will review my progress and reassess my goals. Any successes thus far is not solely because of me, but certainly due to the labor of the Officers and Craft of Hillsborough Lodge. I thank you all for your efforts, as the Lodge is progressing because of you. I look forward to three more successful quarters.

Fraternally,

*Clifford M. Allen*

Worshipful Master

## FROM THE WEST



Greetings, My Brothers!

This month, I continue my theme of how we interact, respect each other, respect the fraternity and present ourselves to those unfamiliar with Masonry. We close each meeting by saying that we meet upon the level, act by the plumb and part upon the square. These are not idle words; rather, they remind us that Masonic rights, duties, and privileges are the same for all Brothers. We should be ever-conscious of our rectitude of conduct and carry these virtues with us as we interact with others.

One specific area to improve upon is our decorum while conferring Degrees. I've observed on many occasions an incessant chatter from the sidelines to the point where it becomes a distraction to the ritualists and, more importantly those receiving the Degree. I've also had a number of Brothers complain about this essentially idle chatter and how it detracts from the serious nature of the Degree work. We all remember the evening when we were made a Mason. It is life-changing, and should leave only positive memories. Chatter from the sidelines is no less distracting than a cell phone ringing, and for some reason, these Brothers causing the commotion feel that they are above the requirements of respectful behavior. If you choose to disrupt a Degree ceremony, don't be surprised when another Brother admonishes you to pipe down.

Recently, while at the Masonic Home, R·H· Goldman improved upon my father's "first impressions" saying from last month's article by phrasing it as follows, "You never get a second chance to make a first impression." I couldn't agree more! Again, let's all take this message to heart, and move through the Lodge and world in a manner that will make us all proud to call ourselves Masons!

Sincerely & Fraternally

*Kenneth R. Skillman*

Senior Warden

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## FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings Brothers,

The ritual work at our Lodge is an extremely important part of our Masonic Education. By being active in ritual work, it is a great way to contribute to your Lodge. Not only are you assisting your fellow Brothers, but through your participation, you are reinforcing time-honored traditions and principles that make Freemasonry the greatest fraternity in the world.

We typically have a formal Degree practice the Thursday night before the next Degree. I invite you to sign up and be a part of our ritual work. Even if we are not having a formal practice on a Thursday night, there are always Brothers at Lodge who are eager to teach you the ritual work. I also encourage the appointed Lodge Officers to set a goal to learn the seats that are ahead of you and work to advance to higher seats for our Degrees. A few of our newly raised Brother Master Masons have been attending our Degree practices, and I want to commend them for their eagerness to learn and participate.

R·H· Goldman, District Instructor holds District School of Instruction on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Check the calendar on our website for the location of the next District School of Instruction. Zone Schools of Instruction are normally held on Saturday mornings, every other month, at the Tampa Scottish Rite Center. Written books containing the ritual and esoteric work of the Three Degrees in Freemasonry are opened and available for study. You must be a Master Mason in good standing to attend this school, and be sure to bring your current Dues card. For more information about the dates of upcoming Schools of Instruction, please feel free to contact me at Drewbaldwin33@gmail.com.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

*Drew Baldwin*

Junior Warden

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## SECRETARY'S DESK


















My Brothers,

If you have not paid your 2015 dues, please do so as soon as possible. If you did not receive your dues notice, please contact the Secretary's Office and give us your updated information. We have found that many Brothers did not receive the original notice that went out. Why, we don't know, but we have been getting several messages every week concerning dues notices. If at all possible, send us an email so that we will have a way to get in touch with you. Please confirm your mailing address and phone number. Also, you can go on line at [www.hillsborough25.org](http://www.hillsborough25.org) and pay your dues with a credit or debit card. We will get your notice of paid dues and will send your card to your shortly. Don't forget your Masonic Home when you pay your dues. We did quite well last year in our contributions, and as usual, we are at the top of the list of those Lodges that reach or exceed our goal. Thank you and let's keep up the good work!

Petitions are on the rise. We have had several EA degrees in the month of March and will be having several more in the coming months. We need instructors to help with the catechism of the Three Degrees. W· Michael Fletcher is still teaching instructors, and we need more Brothers with Silver Cards to instruct. Our instructors are being stretched to the limit, so we need your help. The Officers need to be working on the Degree work, and if they are teaching classes, that will take away from practices for the Degree itself. Please check your cable tow and see if you can come back to Lodge and assist in the teaching of the catechism of the Three Symbolic Degrees.

One last item, if you call the Lodge and leave a message, please speak clearly and SLOWLY. Please leave your name and a contact number so that we can get back to you. Be sure to include your AREA CODE and phone number. Remember that we have several Brothers with the same first and last names, so we need to know who you are. If you can, please leave your membership number, which is

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 District 22 EA School of Instruction  John Darling Lodge • 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL	2  Masonic Education & Catechism  6:30 p.m.	3	4  Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.
5	6  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	7  Degree Night  For Candidates & Brothers prepared.  Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.	8	9  Masonic Education & Catechism  6:30 p.m.	10	11 HIGH TWELVE LODGE  Meeting at Noon
12	13  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	14  Stated Communication  Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.	15	16  Masonic Catechism 6:30 p.m.  Finance & Property PM Room 6:30pm	17	18  Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.
19 MASONIC HOME BOARD MEETING  11 a.m. 3201 1st St. NE St. Pete, FL	20  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	21  Degree Night  For Candidates & Brothers prepared.  Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.	22	23  Masonic Education & Catechism  6:30 p.m.	24 Masters & Wardens Meeting  Fellowship Lodge No. 265 7 p.m. 306 N. Lincoln Ave, Tpa, FL.	25
26	27  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	28  Stated Communication  Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.	29	30  Masonic Education & Catechism  6:30 p.m.		

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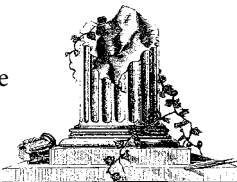
*“Philosophy is a kind of  
journey, ever learning yet  
never arriving at the ideal  
perfection of truth.”*  
— Albert Pike, 33° Freemason

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
BROTHERS!

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# MASONIC EDUCATION

Why does Masonry insist so strictly upon exactness in its Ritual? There is a profound reason, not to be forgotten or ignored. True, it is the Spirit, not the Letter, that giveth life; but the Letter does give a Body, without which the Spirit of Masonry would be a formless blur, losing much of its meaning, if not all of its beauty. Ceremony keeps things up; without form the spirit melts into thin air and is lost.

What is true of Masonry is equally true of religion, of manners and of art. The Poet Tennyson speaks of those, whose faith hath center everywhere, nor cares to fix itself in form. That is, they believe in everything in general and nothing in particular. Their faith is like the earth in the story of creation, as the Bible tells it, without form and void; a vague sentiment, as flimsy as a mist and as frail.

Manners, it has been said, are minor morals. That is, they are forms of a social ritual in which the spirit of courtesy and amenity finds expression. So essential are they as a form of social fellowship, that, as Emerson said, if they were lost, some gentlemen would be obliged to re-invent such a code. The phrase, It is not done, has more than mere convention behind it. It bespeaks a standard, a sense of propriety, a fineness of feeling, a respect for the rights and feelings of others.

The same is true of Masonry. Gentle, wise, mellow with age; its gracious spirit has fashioned a form, or body, or an art; if we call it so, in which its peculiar genius finds expression. Its old and lovely ritual, if rightly used, evokes the Spirit of Masonry, as each of us can testify. The mere opening of a Lodge creates a Masonic atmosphere in which the truths of Masonry seem more real and true. It weaves a spell about us, making fellowship gracious. It is a mystery; we love it, without caring to analyze it.

By the same token, if the rhythm of the ritual is bungled, or slurred, or dealt with hastily or without dignity; its beauty is marred and its spell broken. Just imagine the opening of Lodge, or any one of the Degrees, jazzed up, rushed through with, and how horrible it would be. The soul of Masonry would be sacrificed, and its spirit evaporated. For that reason we cannot take too much pains in giving the ritual such a rendering as befits its dignity, its solemnity and its haunting beauty.

No wonder Masonry is so jealous of its ceremonies and symbols. It hesitates to make the slightest change, even when errors have crept into the ritual, lest something precious is lost. Indeed, it is always seeking that which is lost, not alone in its great Secret, but in all its symbols which enshrine a wisdom gray with age, often but dimly seen, and sorely needed in the hurry and medley of our giddy-paced age.

Source: [www.masoniceducation.com](http://www.masoniceducation.com)

# WISE COUNSEL

Brothers,

In the erection of every Masonic edifice, the first, or the cornerstone is always placed in the North East corner. As our Lodge's well being is the primary concern of the elected and appointed Officers, it's progress is directed by the Brethren. As such, in an effort to promote higher levels of participation, and improve the harmony within our historic Lodge, we the Officers again turn to you, the cornerstone of our building.

We want to hear from you, specifically, why you come to Lodge, and why you may avoid coming to Lodge. We're asking for your honest answers as to the last date of your attendance, and, if you were the Worshipful Master, what you would do to change or improve the Lodge.

We've uploaded a short, five question survey on the main page of the website, [www.hillsborough25.org](http://www.hillsborough25.org). Scroll down half way and you'll see the link to the survey. The survey is set up to be completely anonymous, and most answers are free text based. So, please tell us your honest opinion so that we may direct the Lodge in a manner befitting the consensus of the Brethren.

If you don't have internet access, below are the questions we're asking. Simply write down your answers, and either mail or fax your responses, again as anonymously as you can, or if you're so inclined, include your name and return mail address. The purpose of this survey is not to point fingers, but to improve our Lodge.

1. What do you like best about attending Lodge?
2. What do you like least about attending Lodge? (please be specific in your answer)
3. What was the last date you attended Hillsborough Lodge?
4. If your attendance was more than 3 months ago, what is your main reason for not attending?
5. If you were the Worshipful Master, what would you change or improve in the Lodge?

You are certainly welcome to provide these answers to any Officer of the Lodge, as these will be topics of discussion at future Officer meetings.

Thank you for your feedback.

# 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, Executive Office of DeMolay  
813-835-1793

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on your dues card at the top, or make sure that you leave us your middle name or initial.

Know someone who you think would be a good Mason? Talk to him. You don't have to wait for him to ask you first, you can mention the Fraternity and see where it goes.

Moving or have moved? Let us know so that we can change your address in our records and change the records at Grand Lodge.

Freemasonry is a way of Life. Let your Light so shine before all men that they may know your good works and Glorify the Great Architect of the Universe.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Thomas C. Newton*

Secretary, PM, PDI

# O.E.S. CHAPTER 11



Tampa Chapter No. 11 wishes a happy, healthy and successful year to our new Worthy Matron, Sister Maudelene McCleary and our new Worthy Patron, Brother Paul Barber.

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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*"Sir Alexander Fleming" continued from page 1*

Thinking he had found an enzyme more powerful than lysozyme, Fleming decided to investigate further. What he found out, though, was that it was not an enzyme at all, but an antibiotic -- one of the first to be discovered.

On the heels of Fleming's discovery, a team of scientists from the University of Oxford, led by Howard Florey and co-worker Ernst Chain, isolated and purified penicillin. The antibiotic eventually came into use during World War II, revolutionizing battlefield medicine and, on a much broader scale, the field of infection control.

Brother Fleming joined Freemasonry in 1909, initiated into Santa Maria Lodge No.2682 London, becoming the Master in 1924. He was installed as Master of Lodge Misericordia No.3286 London in 1935, and elected Senior Grand Warden in 1948 of the United Grand Lodge of England, and Grand Warden in 1948.

Brother Fleming died of a heart attack on March 11, 1955, at his home in London, England. He was survived by his second wife, Dr. Amalia Koutsouri-Vourekas, and his only child, Robert. **TE**

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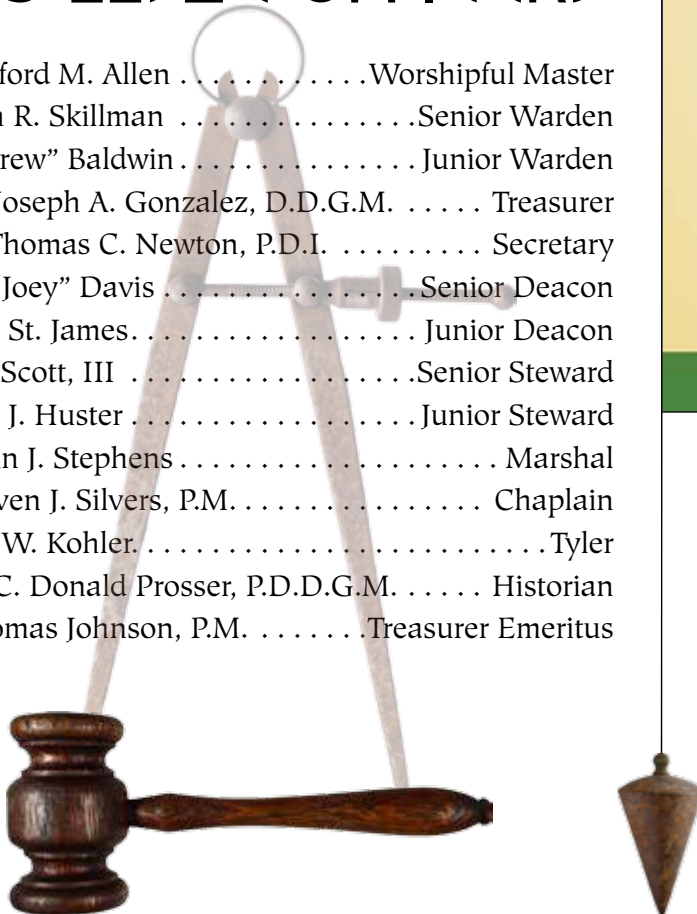
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