

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

TRESTLE BOARD

MAY : JUNE A.L. 2017

MASONIC SPOTLIGHT:

R.· W.· STEVEN J. SILVERS, D.D.G.M.

R.· W.· Steven J. Silvers, DDGM, was initiated an Entered Apprentice on May 6, 2008, passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on September 16, 2008, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on October 21, 2008. He was appointed to the officers line in 2010 as the Junior Deacon, elected Junior Warden in 2011, Senior Warden in 2012, and Worshipful Master in 2013. He served as the Lodge Secretary in 2015, and currently serves as the Chaplain.

R.· W.· Silvers is a 32° Master of the Royal Secret, Scottish Rite Valley of Tampa, where he currently serves as the Junior Warden for Tampa Chapter of Rose Croix, and is very active in the Knights of St. Andrews. R.· W.· Silvers is also a Noble of Shriners International, Egypt Shrine Temple in Tampa.

R.· W.· Silvers is very well known in District 22, having served as the President of Masters and Wardens of Hillsborough County. Further, he has represented the Grand Lodge of Florida for many years, as District Chairman of LYPMGC in 2010, Grand Master's Charity 2011-12, Masonic Education Committee 2014, and Penal Affairs Panel 2014-15. He served as District Instructor in 2015, and appointed as the District Deputy Grand Master for 2016.

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R.· W.· Steven J. Silvers D.D.G.M. proudly stands with his Grand Master, M.· W.· Stanley L. Hudson, at the Installation of Grand Lodge Officers, Annual Grand Communication, June 1, 2016.

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

PILLAR WISDOM



Greetings, Brothers!

The 188th Annual Grand Communication will be held from May 28th through May 31st at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando. I encourage you to review all of the proposed legislation that will be debated and voted on at the Annual Grand Communication. Share your thoughts with the principal officers of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25, because the legislation will impact the future of our

Fraternity, including our Masonic Home in St. Petersburg. At our May 9th Stated Communication, our Senior Warden, Brother Joey Davis, will give a presentation about all of the proposed legislation. Please plan to attend and let your voice be heard on May 9th as we discuss all of the proposed legislation that evening.

On May 23rd, Illustrious Sir James Lich and the Egypt Shrine Divan will be visiting our Lodge as our guest speakers that evening at our stated communication. Illustrious Sir Lich is one of the Brothers who first opened the door to Freemasonry for me. Our Lodge is well

represented in the Egypt Shrine and I encourage you to attend on May 23rd to welcome the Divan.

The Grand Master's official visit will be on Saturday, June 17th at the Tampa Scottish Rite. This will be the Grand Master's first official visit of his term. Please mark this date on your calendar, as a roll call of Lodges in the District will be conducted. Our Lodge is the largest in this District, and we should show our support to the Grand Master.

At our June 27th stated communication, the incoming District Deputy Grand Master will make his official visit to Hillsborough Lodge. Please make every attempt to attend this important meeting.

At our Lodge officers installation this past January, I told each officer to always remember why he became a Mason. This is the greatest Fraternity in the world and we should never take our membership for granted. I likewise urge you to keep this basic principle in mind and to always remember why you became a Mason.

Fraternally,

Brew Baldwin

Worshipful Master



PILLAR STRENGTH



Greetings Brothers,

The property and finance committee continues to work hard and stay on top of challenges that arise in the Lodge. Our investments are doing well and communication about upcoming trends in the market and adjustments as needed will continue to be monitored by our investment manager Brother Jeremy Hall. For now, let's continue to enjoy this wave of portfolio growth.

By the time you receive this article, our insurance agent, Brother Wilkinson, will have made his presentation to the Craft for the renewal of all our policies. His hard work has paid off, and he will again be saving premiums on our renewal for another year. Let's thank Brother Wilkinson for a great job.

Each year, I notice a slight drop in attendance from our meetings. We seem to have just a handful of Brothers that attend at least one meeting or more a month. It is an obligation of each able Mason to support the Lodge with

their dues and time, cable tow permitting. We've all heard at the end of the Degrees, "You get out of Masonry what you put into it". Ok, then once Raised, are we getting or putting any effort to create and seek further Light or an atmosphere of fellowship and Brotherly love? You should ask yourself what was your "why" on becoming a Mason.

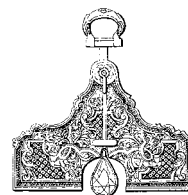
It is the responsibility of the officers to provide a good meeting; however, to create the synergy that fosters learning and further Light, we need Brothers to sit in Lodge.

W.. Baldwin has done an excellent job inviting guest speakers to provide Masonic education, and Brother Scott has done a tremendous job providing excellent meals. All officers work hard each week to provide good ritual for our candidates and Brothers. Let us all make an effort to foster an atmosphere of growth by coming to the Lodge on Tuesdays. I'm very proud of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25, and want our Lodge to prosper for many generations.

Fraternally,

Joey Davis

Senior Warden



PILLAR BEAUTY



Greetings Brothers,

The 188th Annual Grand Communication will be held on May 29th, 30th, and 31st at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando. I encourage you to review the proposed legislation that will be discussed and voted upon at the upcoming Annual Communication. Share your thoughts with the Officers of Hillsborough Lodge because the proposed legislation will impact the future of our Fraternity.

Legislation will be presented at the District 22 and 23 Masters and Wardens meeting held at John Darling Lodge No. 154 on April 28th, then further discussed at a following stated communication in early May at Hillsborough No. 25.

As chairman for Masonic education this year, it has been my privilege to track and monitor the progress of all of our Brothers going through catechism so far this year. Many motivated Brothers have been progressing through the Degrees. I encourage all that can attend our called communications and show our support for our Fraternities

newest members; even if you are a little rusty this is a great opportunity to get a refresher.

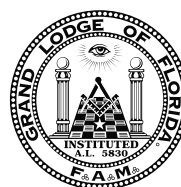
I encourage any and all Brothers wishing to gain further Light to attend both District and Zone Schools. Brothers from many of the district Lodges come together for fellowship and education. District school is held the first Wednesday evening of the month, usually at John Darling Lodge, and Zone school at the Tampa Valley Scottish Rite Temple.

Hope to see you in Lodge soon my Brothers.

Fraternally,

Billy D. Scott, III

Junior Warden



Annual Grand Communication
is May 29 - 31, 2017



SECRETARY'S DESK



Greetings, My Brothers!

As we approach the mid-point in our calendar year, it is that time again when we will be preparing dues notices for those Brothers who have not yet paid their 2017 dues. If you have not paid for 2017, then you do not have a current dues card, and you are not eligible to participate in Masonic activities or receive Masonic Funeral Services. If you are unable to pay for any

reason, please contact me at the Lodge Secretary's office to discuss your situation and see if there is any way the Lodge can assist.

The Grand Lodge of Florida has a new member management system named Circumscribe which gives each Brother direct access to their own profile, contact information, outstanding balance owed, online payments, Masonic Education, etc. PLEASE LOG IN TODAY by visiting: <https://glfl.circumscribe.net>. Your initial User Name is: "FL#####@changeyourmail.info" and your initial Password is "FL#####" where "#####" is your

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Grand Lodge Member Number for both.

Once you have logged in, you will be required to provide your actual email address which becomes your new User Name, and enter and verify a new password. You will also have the opportunity to upload a photo of your face which will appear on your new Grand Lodge of Florida permanent, plastic ID card. DON'T WAIT. If you have any questions about this process, please email me at: secretary@hillsborough25.org or (813) 517-9539.

Finally, remember the Masonic Home in your will. If you need assistance with your legal paperwork, Legal Counsel for the Board of Trustees, R·W· Stephen R. Gladstone, has graciously offered to produce an "end of life" set of documents at no charge for any Brother who leaves something to the Masonic Home in his will. He can be contacted by email at bocamason@earthlink.net or by phone at (561) 394-0096.










See you in Lodge!


















Fraternally,

Kenneth R. Skillman

Secretary, PM



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 Degree Night For Candidates & Brothers prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.	District School of Instruction John Darling Lodge • 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL	 Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.		 Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.
7	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 Stated Communication Review of AGC Legislation Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.	10	 Masonic Education & Catechism Officers Meeting PM Room 7:00pm	12	HIGH TWELVE LODGE Meeting at Noon
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 188th AGC of Grand Lodge Orlando, FL	 188th AGC of Grand Lodge Orlando, FL	 188th AGC of Grand Lodge Orlando, FL No Lodge Meeting	 188th AGC of Grand Lodge Orlando, FL Grand Lodge Installation			

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MORE MASONIC EVENTS View more Masonic events and updated information on the Lodge web site: www.hillsborough25.org , or follow us on Facebook and Twitter, links available on the web site.  				 1 Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	2	 3 Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.
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18 MASONIC HOME BOARD MTG Masonic Home of Florida St. Petersburg 11a.m.	 19 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 20 Degree Night For Candidates & Brothers prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.	21	 22 Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	23 Masters & Wardens Meeting John Darling Lodge No. 154 6:30 p.m. Tampa, FL.	24
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 2017

Andrew W. Smith	Jesse V. Dominguez
Barry E. Williams	John M. Totten, Jr
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Jaime Solano	Richard G. Reinhard
James W. Warren, IV	Robert D. Campbell
Jason D. Montes	Steven J. Silvers
Jeremy Walker	

June 2017

Albert M. Netterfield	Johnny C. Sandot
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Jerry J. Myer	Weldon C. Harrison
John A. Baldwin	William J. Demeter
John A. Hatcher, Jr	William P. Jones
John S. Moose, Jr	

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R. W. Silvers is fortunate to be a part of a family tradition richly steeped in Masonic heritage. His grandfather was a Mason, and his father is currently a member of Jupiter Light Lodge No. 340 in Palm Beach. As luck would have it, his Brother, Worshipful Jason Silvers is the current Worshipful Master of the same Lodge.

R. W. Silvers draws support for his love of our Fraternity from his loving wife Joy, daughter Jenna and son Eric. Both of his children are graduates of Florida State University, and are continuing the Silvers tradition of success in their own endeavors and continuing education. R. W. Silvers was given the distinct honor and privilege of Raising his son Eric as a Master Mason in his home Lodge, Hillsborough No. 25 F. & A.M.

R. W. Silvers is an avid sportsman who enjoys fishing, hunting, and golf. To relax and unwind, he enjoys a great cigar with friends and Brothers, and much deserved vacation time with his family. There is no doubt that he is a true leader, and a lover of our Fraternity. **TE**

GUEST SPEAKER

Illustrious Sir James Lich, 2017 Potentate of Egypt Temple Shrine, accompanied by the Divan, will be the featured guest speaker at our stated communication on Tuesday, May 23, 2017. Dinner will begin at 6:30pm, with the meeting following at 7:15pm. All Masons & Nobles are welcomed!





W. John Drew Baldwin and Brothers welcomed W. Casey Fletcher, 32° KCCH, Commander and Director of Work at the Valley of Tampa Scottish Rite, to Hillsborough Lodge on April 11, 2017. W. Fletcher expounded on philosophy and Freemasonry, including reasons why we as Masons continue our journey in Light. Don't miss the next Masonic education and enhancement series for this year, Tuesday, May 23, 2017.

LOW TWELVE CLUB

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 hwhite3@tampabay.rr.com or phone (813) 884-8529.

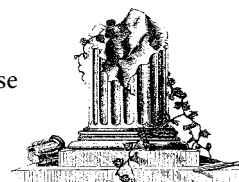
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Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Valley of Tampa

If you missed the Spring Reunion, the next one will be in Fall, October 21st and 28th, 2017.

To learn more, come to Lodge and ask to speak with a member of the Valley of Tampa, or visit www.tampascottishrite.org

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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