

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

TRESTLE BOARD

JULY : AUGUST A.L. 2017

MASONIC SPOTLIGHT:

M.:W.: RICHARD G. HOOVER, GM

M.:W.: Richard (Rick) G. Hoover was born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, May 31, 1952. He attended the public schools in the area and graduated from Williamsport High School in 1970. He worked in his father's construction business for several years until moving to St. Petersburg, FL, in 1977. Rick returned to Williamsport to marry his high school sweetheart, Robyn (Bobby) L. Allen, on December 17, 1983. Together they have two sons: Richard A. and J. Ryan. M.:W.: Hoover has a daughter, Tammie Hartland, from a previous marriage. Rick and Bobby enjoy spending time with their 3 beautiful Granddaughters: Alexis, Marissa, and Audrey Rose.

Since moving to Florida, M.:W.: Hoover has been employed in the Pest Control Industry. He has worked with several of the largest firms in the Nation in management, with duties including technician training, customer relation and retention, and management. In 1988 Rick and Bobby incorporated All R's Pest Management to give a type of service prospective customers look for, a company who cares. This business has been successfully serving customers for almost 30 years.



M.:W.: Richard G. Hoover was installed the Grand Master of Masons of the State of Florida at the Annual Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, May 31, 2017.

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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!

Things have been progressing very well at our Lodge. The Annual Grand Communication in Orlando went very well, as did the Grand Master's Official Visit to Districts 19 and 20 on June 17th. Several Brothers from our Lodge attended both for the very first time. Our Lodge was very well-represented at both events, which is a good thing to see.

We had a great turnout for the official visit of our new District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Chuck Osborne, on June 27th. I'm very pleased to announce that R.W. Osborne found our books and records to be in order, and he complimented our Lodge for all of the good work that we are doing for our Fraternity and the community. We will continue to support R.W. Osborne in all of his endeavors.

Our 17th Annual Table Lodge is rapidly approaching on September 5th. Preparations are underway, so don't miss it! Go to our Lodge website and get your ticket now! This is always a fun event and one that our Lodge is known for. We'll have Brothers attending from throughout the state.

At our Stated Communication on July 11, we will present the Joseph Moore College Scholarship award to Ms. Morgan Vandall. This scholarship presentation will be made at 7:15 p.m. before we open the Lodge.

The Lodge will be dark in August on Tuesdays, but will remain open on Thursday evenings for catechism instruction, ritual practice, and fellowship. The Lodge Officers and I will also be visiting other Lodges in District 19, and surrounding Districts. These visitations will be posted on the online calendar on our Lodge website. Come join us on our travels!

You will see two large bins in the downstairs lobby of the Lodge very soon. We will be sponsoring a school backpack and supply drive for underprivileged children at local elementary schools. Please donate generously for these students. When the school year begins, the Officers and Brothers from our Lodge will hand-deliver these supplies to the local elementary schools, so we can give back to our community. May you and your family have a wonderful Fourth of July!

Fraternally,

Brew Baldwin

Worshipful Master



PILLAR STRENGTH



Greetings Brothers,

Wow! The year is half over and we will be going dark in August, with much labor to be done in the second half of the year. The officers and Brothers are back from the 188th Annual Grand Lodge Communication, and it was an excellent time to fellowship with our own Brothers and those from around the state. I extend congratulations to our newly elected Grand Master, M.W. Richard G. Hoover.

Also, we are now District 19, and I congratulate our new District Deputy Grand Master R.W. Charles Osborne.

Our beautiful building is looking great and better than ever. To assist in keeping our Lodge looking sharp, starting this month, The Maids will be cleaning the Lodge twice a month to keep it looking like the jewel of Tampa and maintain a pristine appearance.

Our next Property and Finance meetings will be Thursday, July 20th, as well as Thursday, August 17th, both in the

Past Masters room, beginning at 6:30pm. All interested Brothers are encouraged to attend.

Our Annual Table Lodge is just around the corner and is set for Tuesday, September 5th. This is the event of the year and many Brothers from around the district and state look forward to this event. It is guaranteed to be another spectacular evening. Purchase your tickets early. I look forward to seeing everyone.

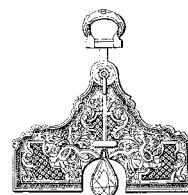
"To work with the hands or brain, according to our requirements and our capacities, to do that which lies before us to do, is more honorable than rank and title."

— Bro. Albert Pike

Fraternally,

Joe Davis

Senior Warden



PILLAR BEAUTY



Greetings Brothers,

I have pushed education all year thus far and continue to encourage you to complete the Master Mason I, II, and III exams. These educational exams can be located on the Florida Grand Lodge website and are completely open book. Their purpose is to aid the newer Master Mason in using the Digest of Masonic Law of Florida. Additionally, our Lodge receives Masonic Education

points when you complete these exams. After you have completed them, please print your answers and turn them into me.

The Lodge will be dark in August with no Called or Stated Communications on Tuesday nights. However, we will still have Masonic Education every Thursday night in August, consisting of catechism instruction and ritual practice. If there are any seats in the ritual work that you have wanted to learn this year, now is the best time to do it before we begin the homestretch of the year in September. Come on down to Lodge on a Thursday night in August.

SECRETARY'S DESK



Fraternal Greetings, Brothers!

July is the month of our nation's birth, and we celebrate all of the things that make America great, including Freemasonry! I hope that you are able to take some time this summer to relax and enjoy our blessings with friends and family. Despite being dark in August, we will be busy visiting other Lodges and preparing for our own 17th Annual Table Lodge on September 5th. Tickets

are available at: http://www.hillsborough25.org/table_lodge.html or by cash or check from any Lodge Officer. Get yours today!

Have you logged in to Circumscribe yet? 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#####@changeyouremail.info" and your initial Password is

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Our 17th annual Table Lodge will be held September 5, 2017. Seating is limited, so if you haven't purchased your tickets yet, please do so as soon as possible either through the Lodge website, or in person with the Lodge Secretary. This is one of the most enjoyable events all year and if you have never attended Table Lodge, I encourage you to do so. It is always a fun time, as you will share friendship and Brotherly love with Brothers from throughout the entire state. Table Lodge is open to EA's and Fellowcrafts, so don't miss out!

Fraternally,

Billy D. Scott, III

Junior Warden



Support our School Backpack & Supply Drive

"FL#####" where "#####" is your Grand Lodge Member Number for both.

This is your last chance to upload a photo of your face so that it will appear on your new Grand Lodge of Florida permanent, plastic ID card. 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
<p align="center">MORE MASONIC EVENTS</p> <p align="center">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.</p> <div align="center">   </div>						 Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.
2	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 Happy Independence Day! <hr/> No Lodge Meeting	 District School of Instruction John Darling Lodge • 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL	 Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	7	8
9	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 Stated Communication Guest Speaker RW Mike Goldman Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.	12	 Masonic Education & Catechism Officers Meeting PM Room 6:30pm	14	Masters & Wardens Fundraiser Fishing with Friends
MASONIC HOME BOARD MTG Masonic Home of Florida St. Petersburg 11a.m.	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 MM Degree Night For Candidates & Brothers prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.	19	 Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	21	Zone School Tampa Scottish Rite • 9 a.m. 5500 Memorial Hwy Tampa, FL
30 \	31  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.	26	 Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	Masters & Wardens Meeting John Darling Lodge • 6:30 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL	29

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<p>MASONIC HOME BOARD</p> <p>MTG</p> <p>Masonic Home of Florida St. Petersburg 11a.m.</p>	 <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>No Lodge Meeting</p>		 <p>Masonic Education & Catechism</p> <p>6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Masters & Wardens Meeting</p> <p>John Darling Lodge No. 154 6:30 p.m. Tampa, FL.</p>	
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M.:W.: Hoover received the Three Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry as a member of Nitram Lodge No. 188 in St. Petersburg, Florida, in 1994. He served his Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1998, and as Secretary from 2004 through 2013. He served his District in various committee chairmanships from 1997 through 2008.

He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for M.:W.: John R. Givens in 2003, and District Instructor in 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006, and 2013. He was appointed W.: Grand Standard Bearer in 2007 by M.:W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr. He has also served on the Jurisprudence Committee for 5 years, and served on Grand Lodge Committees in the following capacities: Zone Chairman of FA-100 in 2004; Zone Chairman of Public Relations and Publicity in 2008; Zone Chairman of Public Education and Citizenship in 2012; State Chairman of Public Relations and Publicity in 2009; and State Chairman of Masonic Leadership Training in 2010 and 2011. M.:W.: Hoover was given the Lifetime Appointment of Grand Representative to The Grand Lodge of Arizona for The Grand Lodge of Florida. This esteemed honor was bestowed upon him by M.:W.: Dale I. Goehrig in 2010.

M.:W.: Hoover was elected to the Office of Junior Grand Warden on May 26, 2014, at the 185th Annual Grand Communication; Senior Grand Warden on May 28, 2015; Deputy Grand Master on June 2, 2016. He was elected Grand Master at the 188th Annual Grand Communication and then installed Grand Master of Masons of Florida on his 65th Birthday, May 31, 2017.

M.:W.: Hoover was Coronated a 33° Scottish Rite Mason in November of 2013. He served as Master of Kadosh in 2008, and has served on various committees in the Scottish Rite Valley of Tampa. He continues to be an active supporter of the Scottish Rite. He is also a proud member of the St. Petersburg York Rite Bodies and Sunshine Commandery; Selama Grotto; Egypt Temple AAONMS; Bethlehem Chapter No. 169, Order of the Eastern Star; Past President of the Suncoast Master Masons Association; Past President of the Past Masters Unit; Past President of the Past Master Organization; and member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Maxwell Clan.

In his spare time, he enjoys umpiring youth baseball games, something he has been doing for over 35 years. He also contributes time to the Skyway Trap & Skeet as a Board Member in charge of By-Laws and Charter issues. He also enjoys golf, trap and skeet, bowling, and collecting Masonic paraphernalia and memorabilia. 

2017 TABLE LODGE

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F. & A.M.
Tuesday, September 5th 2017

Don't miss the Fellowship and a seven course, 5-star meal prepared by W.: Walter Schoepf and Brother Karlo Degiacomi. This event is open to all Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts. Avouchment for EA's & FC's is required by Master Masons in good standing. Aprons are not required, and free parking is available on any street North of Kennedy Blvd.

Here's an example of past meals:

- 1st Course: Shaved Prosciutto & Melon Appetizer
- 2nd Course: Chilled Cucumber Soup
- 3rd Course: Maryland Crab Cake w/Creole Marmalade
- 4th Course: Garden Salad w/Balsamic Dressing
- 5th Course: Fresh Sorbet w/Mint
- 6th Course: Chicken Champaign w/Wild Mushrooms and Beef Medallions w/Spatzle and Vegetable Medley
- 7th Course: Strudel A-la-Mode with Vanilla Bean Ice Cream
- Dinner Rolls w/Butter, Iced Tea, Coffee, Water, and of course the Cannon Toasts (*you keep the Cannon*).

Purchase your ticket online at
www.hillsborough25.org/table_lodge.html

GUEST SPEAKER

R.:W.: Michael Goldman, PDDGM, District 22, will be the featured guest speaker at our stated communication on Tuesday, July 11, 2017. A well educated Brother, R.:W.: Goldman provided excellent Masonic Education during his year as the District Instructor, 2014. Dinner will begin at 6:30pm, with the meeting following at 7:15pm.

All Master Masons are welcomed!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 2017

Aaron D. Wooldridge	John A. Eldridge
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Bruce D. Cameron	Juan A. Morales Sr.
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August 2017

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Matthew A. Wize II	Wayne M. Witczaks
Matthew H. Haynie	



***"There are no
strangers in
Freemasonry, only
friends you've yet to
meet."***

— Dave Thomas
Founder of Wendy's
& Freemason



W.: John Drew Baldwin and Brothers welcomed Illustrious Sir James Lich, Potentate, the Egypt Temple Divan and Nobles to Hillsborough Lodge on May 23, 2017. Illustrious Sir Lich enlightened the Craft about the importance of membership and the great work of Nobles for Shriners' Hospitals International.



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