

TRESTLE BOARD

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MASONIC EDUCATION: THE CABLETOW LENGTH



The word 'cabletow' is purely Masonic and not heard of in general use outside of the Lodge Room. In Medieval days the cabletow or rope noose was worn when taking an obligation, as a symbol of submission, inferring that it could be used to inflict the penalty if a breach of that contract was committed.

In speculative Masonry it is symbolic of our obligations and teaches restraint, self discipline, prudence, temperance, etc. Elsewhere in the ritual 'cable's length' is mentioned. The term 'cable's length' is a measure of length used at sea defined as being 200 yards. A ship's cable can vary according to prevailing conditions of sea, wind, size of ship, weight of vessel to be towed and the length is given as 100, 120, 130 fathoms.

The trade guilds of the middle ages were leaders of social life and laws to protect their crafts and skills. They assisted the needy, sick and aged, and generally promoted goodwill and fellowship and encouraged church attendance. Our Freemasonry of

today has a strong resemblance to those guilds, and has made symbolic adoption of their trade customs and skills for moral instruction, and in some respects, there is a close relation to the wording of their apprenticeship obligations.

Indentures of Apprenticeship which no doubt some present will possess have a clause giving the apprentice the right to cancel his indenture should his employer go out of business and cannot place him with another employer within a distance of three miles, in some, in others five miles.

According to ancient laws of Freemasonry every Brother must attend if he be within the length of his cabletow. Old writers define the length of a cable length as three miles, others five to fifty miles. Three miles was generally recognized as a reasonable walking distance.

The Master Mason promises to obey all signs and summons sent to him if with in the length of 'my cabletow'.

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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

WORSHIPFUL MASTER



My Brothers,

It's nearing the time of year again my Brothers when we are preparing for the Grand Lodge of Florida Annual Communication. Prior to that, we will be having a review of this years proposed legislation to be brought before the craft. This will be presented by our Senior Warden during our May 14th Stated Communication. It is a good

idea to be in attendance for the legislation review to know what possible changes are to be brought before the craft during Grand Lodge session, to ask questions about the Jurisprudence Committee recommendations, and ensure your Lodge officers know what is on your mind about the future of our Fraternity.

As I mentioned in our last issue, members of the Lodge participated in the local outreach program Paint Your Heart Out Tampa. We had more than 20 Brothers, family and friends show up and participle to help improve the quality of life for one local area resident. Great fellowship

SENIOR WARDEN



My Brothers,

As we approach mid-year, I tend to look around many of our events, meetings, and degrees and can't help but wonder... where are all of our members? Of our 538 current members, I sadly have a hard time recalling about 500 of them. Have your cabledowns been extended so far as to never permit you to attend any Lodge functions at all? For

those who live far away, one can certainly understand the distance. However, the vast majority of the members of our Lodge still live in our area!

With such a large membership roll, one would assume our Lodge sees fairly decent attendance numbers. Grand Lodge has a line item to receive points for attendance in one report. It requires forty members or visitors to get the points. Sadly, we rarely achieve that goal and it's only equivalent to about 8% of our membership.

What stops or prevents 92% or so of our membership from ever attending Lodge functions? Is it boring? Have you pulled everything you desire from the three symbolic degrees? Are you missing education, charity, and / or fel-

and fun was had by all. I invite you all to contact the lodge and participate in our future charity events such as our school supply drive, our canned food drive, and our toy drive already scheduled through the end of the year.

I know it's a bit early but I want to remind everyone of our annual Table Lodge held each September. This year's event should be a lot of fun as always with as many Brothers as possible in attendance. Ticket sales will be announced soon and a flyer will be included in the packets provided to Grand Lodge attendees so please purchase your tickets early and save the date.

In closing, I wish to encourage any Brother of the Lodge to come down and work on their Silver Cards. Your Lodge can always use motivated and qualified instructors to help get our new members ready for their next level in our honorable fraternity.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Billy D. Scott, III

Worshipful Master



lowship when you attend? Is Netflix more interesting?

The officers of your Lodge scratch our heads routinely and ponder the reasons. We often imagine numerous programs and activities to attempt to fix this dilemma. In fact, we have a vast number of proposals written and waiting for someone to spearhead. The simple fact is that your officers have a set of required duties that make spearheading new projects difficult. We NEED your help to dig our Lodge out of a funk.

If you're interested in digging in, even just a little, come talk to us. Or email me at billyschmidtH25@gmail.com. Amazing projects like our Paint Your Heart Out Tampa house painting charity project are possible only because a few Brothers were willing to do the planning.

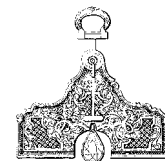
In the months ahead, I hope you can visit the Lodge for an event, a meeting, or a degree. Make it a point to visit and say hi at the very least - once a year! Make sure we know the man behind the name on a membership roll.

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Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Billy D. Schmidt

Senior Warden



JUNIOR WARDEN



My Brothers,

This year has been moving at a fast pace. We continue to have interest by potential candidates petitioning the Lodge and are in the process of having another EA degree in the near future. We just Raised two Brothers to the Sublime Degree

of Master Mason and 5-8 Brothers will be passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft in the next coming months. I know they would greatly appreciate any support by Brothers showing up for these Degrees. Degrees are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. See the calendar for scheduled degrees. If any Brother is interested in teaching catechism to the upcoming EA class in the near future please let myself or any officer know.

I encourage Brothers to join us for Degree practice on Thursdays and participate in the upcoming Degrees. We cannot put on Degrees for our new Masons coming in if we don't have Brothers filling the positions. Experience or no experience, come on down, we can find the perfect role for you.

Finally, Brothers I will update you on how our charity events coming up in the next Trestle Board and give recaps on our past events as they occur. I hope you all

continue to have a prosperous 2019 and wish good health among you all.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Bryan Seland

Junior Warden



From George Washington to the Masons of King David's Lodge, Newport, Rhode Island, 18 August 1790:

"Being persuaded that a just application of the principles, on which the masonic fraternity is founded, must be promotive of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interests of the Society, and to be considered by them a deserving Brother."

— Bro. George Washington, First President of the United States and Past Master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22 in Virginia (1788-1789)

SECRETARY'S DESK



Brothers,

Have you paid your dues for 2019 yet? If not, there are two ways to do that:

1. You can send a check in the mail, which may or may not make it to the lodge. Several Brothers have sent checks that have never arrived. There is another way for you to pay your dues and that is what I want to explain now.

2. Open Chrome on your computer and navigate to <https://glfl.circumscribe.net>. You will have to enter the first time user name which will be your Grand Lodge number and it will start with FL#####@changeyouremail.info . Enter your first time pass word which will be your Grand Lodge number and start it with FL#####. You will be asked to enter a new user name (your email address) and a password (it must include at least 8 characters and at least one number, no special characters). After completing all these steps, the system will log you off and ask that you sign back on with your new user name and password


















which you entered into the system.

Once you have done this, you can set up your profile with your address, phone number (which we need) your email address, and any other information that you may want to enter. Go to payments and use a credit card to make your dues payment. This will come to me and I will issue the dues card and send it to the address that you have provided. Also, add a photo and Grand Lodge will issue an identification card with your photo on it. At some point and time this will also become your dues card and can be scanned to show that dues have been paid. For now, I will still issue a card and send it to you in the mail.

In May, your elected officers will be attending Grand Lodge. There are several pieces of legislation that will change the qualifications to run for an elected office. The courses which will be required will make those who want to serve the Lodge aware of the requirements for the Lodge to run effectively.

We are seeing more interest in the Lodge and there are several men who are coming to meet with us and enjoy dinner.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Events, Meetings, and Degrees are subject to change. Continuously updated information is available on the Lodge website calendar: www.hillsborough25.org. Facebook events are also updated regularly and are a good way to receive event reminder notifications - just click the 'interested' or 'going' links for any particular event on Facebook.</p>			<p>1</p> <p>District School of Instruction John Darling Lodge MLT 6 p.m. School 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.</p>
<p>5</p>  <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>FC Degree Night For Brothers who are prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>MASONIC PARK BOARD MEETING Tampa Lodge No. 240 Tampa, FL 7 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p>  <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>Stated Communication Grand Lodge Legislation Overview Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>Masonic Education & Catechism Finance / Prop. Meeting PM Room 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Masters & Wardens Meeting John Darling Lodge • 6:30 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL</p>	<p>18</p>  <p>Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m. Tampa Scottish Rite Reunion 5500 Memorial Hwy, Tampa 6:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Tampa Scottish Rite Reunion 5500 Memorial Hwy, Tampa 7 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>MLT Workshop Masonic Leadership Training at Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 6:30 pm No Degree or Meeting this evening.</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>190th AGC of the Grand Lodge of FL Orlando, FL</p>
 <p>26</p> <p>190th AGC of the Grand Lodge of FL Orlando, FL</p>	 <p>27</p> <p>190th AGC of the Grand Lodge of FL Orlando, FL</p>	 <p>28</p> <p>190th AGC of the Grand Lodge of FL Orlando, FL No Lodge Meeting</p>	 <p>29</p> <p>190th AGC of the Grand Lodge of FL Orlando, FL GL Installation</p>	<p>30</p>  <p>Masonic Education & Catechism Egypt Shriners Ceremonial Hospital Visit 7 p.m.</p>	<p>31</p>	

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

2019 TABLE LODGE

We hope you can join us for another fantastic Table Lodge this year! The fellowship, the great meal, and the program make this one of the best events of the year. We hope to see you.

Plan ahead, seating is limited!












Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm sharp.

More information is available online at
http://www.hillsborough25.org/table_lodge.html



Chapter 11
Meeting 1 p.m.

Egypt Shrines
Spring Ceremonial
Centro Asturiano 8 a.m.

2	3  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	4 No Degree or Meeting Scheduled Check our website calendar for changes.	5 District School of Instruction John Darling Lodge MLT 6 p.m. School 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL	6  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	7	8
9	10  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	11  Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.	12	13  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	14 MASONIC PARK BOARD MEETING Tampa Lodge No. 240 Tampa, FL 7 p.m.	15 MASONIC HOME BOARD MEETING Masonic Home of Florida St. Petersburg 11 a.m.
16	17  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	18  EA Degree Night For Brothers who are prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.	19	20  Masonic Education & Catechism Finance / Prop. Meeting PM Room 6:30pm	21	22
23 30	24  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	25  Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m. Charity Committee Mtg PM Room 6 p.m.	26	27  Masonic Education & Catechism 6:30 p.m.	28 Masters & Wardens Meeting John Darling Lodge No. 154 6:30 p.m. Tampa, FL.	29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May

Joseph Almaguer
Daniel Alvarez Sr
Morris Brill Jr
Martin Brown
Howard Bryan
Robert Campbell
Peter Cavalli
Dennis Chapman
Donald Conner
Harry Cumber
Jesse Dominguez
Harold Hunt
Michael Inman
Lawrence Johnson
Dennis Kolpin
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Jack Lorenzo
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Suraj Nayee
Michael Noell
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Randolph Pattillo
Richard Reinhardt
Kenneth Seitz
Kenneth Shepherd
Steven Silvers
Andrew Smith
Benjamin Stephens
John Taylor
John Totten Jr
James Warren IV
Joseph Wessel
Chip Whitworth
Barry Williams
Jack Zichlin

June

Drew Baldwin
Scott Barrish
Kenneth Baylor
Marvin Campbell
Kevin Chaplin II
Joseph Citro
Donald Dempsey
Richard Derby Jr
Stanley Derryberry
Michael
Gabryszewski
Chase Harrison
John Hatcher Jr
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Shailesh Patel
Marko Popovich III
Thomas Popovich
Donald Rhodes
Damien Rodriguez
Brian Rumble
Johnny Sandot
Theodore Savering Jr
W·M· Billy D. Scott
Thomas Shaver
Carlos Silva
Lawrence Sizeler
Charles Urbinek
Jeffrey Zelesnikar

"Secretary's Desk" continued from page 3...

Petitions are being submitted and hopefully this will be a resurgence for Freemasonry as a whole. Come down to the Lodge when you can. Try to make it at least once a month and join in the fellowship with your Brothers. Bring a prospective candidate with you and let them see what we are all about.

If you know of a Brother who has passed to the celestial lodge above, please call the Lodge and leave us a voice-mail. We will call you back to verify the information that you leave on the recorder.

Hope to see you in Lodge,

Thomas C. Newton

Secretary, PM, PDI



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.



CHARITY PAINTING

On April 13th, 2019 members of the Lodge and family took part in Paint Your Heart Out Tampa and painted the home of a person in need. Thank you to everyone who helped! Special thanks to Chairty Chairman Bro. Mike Huster for setting this up and to EA Brother Mike Lezcano for lending not only his professional knowledge, but also his time, talent, equipment, and hard work.



"The Cabletow Length" continued from page 1...

When we observe the intent of the word 'My' in this phrase is very important. It is personal, it represents the individual. So the length of each of our cabletows can vary according to each of our own personal commitments - sickness of self or family, work obligations, transport problems. It is doubtful that in Speculative Masonry the cabletow was ever intended to have any physical length but purely as a means of impressing upon the individual Mason that he was committed to fulfill his obligation to his Lodge and the Brethren, in regard to his attendance, to the utmost of his ability and not to let trivial things prevent him from discharging his responsibility.

The compilers of our ritual were men who saw that it was only by attendance of our Lodge that we as Master Masons can be instructed in the spiritual and symbolical teaching of our Craft, a fuller realization of the Fatherhood of God and the universal Brotherhood of man, a greater understanding of the principles of Brotherly love, relief and truth. By emulating the virtues displayed in the Five Points of Fellowship we will find that although our duties and obligations have increased, that which was

once a tie has now no longer length or distance lost in the satisfying reward of love, peace and harmony in fraternal nearness and fellowship.

Symbolically the length of the cabletow is the scope of a Freemason's responsibility to God, his neighbour and himself in the light of his ability to discharge that obligation.

This is summed up briefly in the words of an American Brother:

"It is as long as the arm that stretches out a helping hand.

It reaches as far as the Brother's cheering voice.

It goes as far as charity's dollar can go.

It can travel as far as goodwill can travel.

Wherever the mails can carry a letter, it can be carried".

The length of a Master Mason's cabletow is precisely equal to the extent of his influences.

Written by Worshipful Brother W.A. Rattray, published on <http://www.themasonictrowel.com>.

RECENT DEGREES



MM Degree March 5th, 2019: Congratulations to our four Brothers who were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason: Brothers Armocida, Canevari, Neal, and Sheppard!



EA Degree April 2nd, 2019: Congratulations to Brother Ansley of John Darling Lodge No. 154 on being initiated an Entered Apprentice! We were honored to provide courtesy work.



FC Degree March 19th, 2019: Congratulations to Brother Gibson on his Fellow Craft Degree!



MM Degree April 16th, 2019: Congratulations to Brothers Gibson and Welch on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason!



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