



## ***FOUR FRESHMEN SOCIETY CONVENTION***

***October 2-4, 2014, Tampa, FL***

***WELCOME***

***STEIN MALVEY***

***(Bob, Brian, and Curtis too!)***

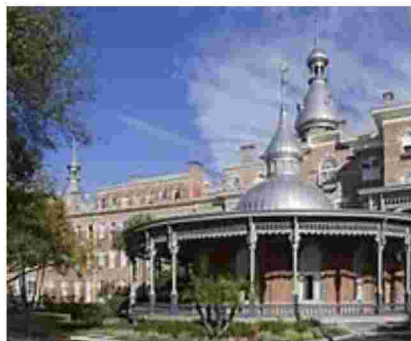
**WE ARE EXCITED TO HOST THE 27<sup>TH</sup> CONVENTION -  
THE FIRST FOR GROUP 23**



Tampa is a great place to be anytime, but October was chosen for the following reasons: 1) the peak of hurricane season has passed 2) the summer heat is moderating 3) the Gulf of Mexico's waters are still warm enough to enjoy 4) the next peak of tourist influx is still underway. The DoubleTree Tampa Airport - Westshore (a Hilton Hotel) has graciously extended our special rates for 3 days before and 3 days after our convention. It's a great opportunity to visit not only Disney attractions and Universal Studios in Orlando, but Lowry Park Zoo, Busch Gardens, any number of great museums and other attractions in the city of Tampa, as well as neighboring Gulf beaches. The DoubleTree will not only will pick you up at the Tampa International Airport, but will furnish transportation within three miles of the hotel. Trust me, you cannot see all there is to see within the three miles in three days. Stay awhile.

Speaking of Tampa International Airport, you will find this a very friendly-to-travelers facility. In our opinion, it's one of the easiest, fastest, and most organized airports we have experienced for transiting through security, is very clean, and concessions are handy.

We have arranged for two different tours on Friday to show off our beautiful city. Tampa is a city rich in history, abundant with architecture and bountiful ethnic charm. The day will begin driving down BAYSHORE BOULEVARD which is known as the world's longest continuous sidewalk, 4.5 miles without a break. Along the way with the bay on one side, you will see some of Tampa's most elegant and historic homes as well as the Jose Gaspar Pirate Ship, which is used every year during the Gasparilla Pirate Fest to invade the city while displaying their treasures of beads and doubloons in a colorful parade.



Next stop is H.B. PLANT MUSEUM, built in 1891 by the railroad magnate Henry B. Plant, first as the posh and glamorous Tampa Bay Hotel. Designed in the Moorish Revival style by architect John A. Wood, the 500 - room hotel was the first large, fully electrified building in Tampa. This grand hotel included ballrooms, a grand salon, writing rooms, solarium, billiard room, hair salon, gentlemen's bar, grand dining rooms, various sitting rooms and a casino with a heated indoor swimming pool and large auditorium. In 1977 it became a National Historic Landmark, a Federal honor reserved for buildings having significance in the nation's history and architecture. The University of Tampa now occupies what was once this grand hotel, but a wing has been set aside as a museum to display artifacts and historic furnishings from the hotel.