

# TRESTLE BOARD

JULY / AUGUST A.L. 2019

## MASONIC SPOTLIGHT: M.: W.: JOHN W. WESTERMAN, III

Most Worshipful John William Westerman, III, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and spent much of his youth residing in the Maryland Suburbs of our Nation's Capital. He is a graduate of Valparaiso University and has earned two Masters Degrees including an MS from Eastern Illinois University and an MBA in Finance from Iona College. He and Sudy, his wife of 43 years, have four adult children: Elizabeth A. Yoder and her husband Jared with Granddaughter Cobie and Grandson Lincoln; Christopher J. Westerman and wife Brittany with grandson Keegan; Michael S. Westerman and wife Jonell; and Thomas A. Westerman.

The Westermans reside in Winter Haven, Florida, where he worked in the financial services industry until his retirement. He is also a Life Member of the industries prestigious Million Dollar Round Table.

Most Worshipful Westerman received the Three Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry as a member of Travelers Lodge No. 390 in Lake Alfred, Florida. He served his Lodge as Worshipful Master in 2009 and as President of the Masters and Wardens Association of the 24th Masonic District in 2010.



*M.:W.: John W. Westerman, III was installed the Grand Master of Masons of the State of Florida at the Annual Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, May 29, 2019.*

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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,

Alas my Brothers it is with heavy heart I open this Trestle Board by relaying very sad news. Some of you may know about the passing of our Most Worshipful Grand Master John E. Karroum. Unfortunately during this year's Grand Communication his health took a turn for the worst and he passed to the Celestial Lodge above on the Friday

following Grand Lodge. He was a good man and Mason who made every effort to stress upon The Craft education in Masonry and a solid adherence to the accepted work. Travel softly my Brother, you will be missed.

The year is half over and as I look back I want to say thank you for the help I have been given and offered for the future. You lodge officers did attend the annual Grand Lodge Communication, held in Orlando at the Rosen Plaza, and hopefully steered our Craft into a better future. Also during Grand Lodge our very own Drew Baldwin, Past Master in 2017, was installed as District Deputy Grand Master of the 19th Masonic District. Congratulations and good luck Right Worshipful Baldwin.

Just as a reminder we will be going dark (no Stated or Called Communications) for the month of August. For

# SENIOR WARDEN



My Brothers,

During our Annual Communication, I had the opportunity to sit in on the State Membership Development committee workshop. I was somewhat skeptical of our new Grand Master's "Each One, Reach One" program. I have zero desire to see blatant recruitment in our Fraternity. However, the presentation gave a better

picture of the overall program.

The Membership Development programs this year will focus on three main areas: "Each One, Reach One" workshops, Lodges of Discussion, and community events. The Each One, Reach One workshops are intended for you to identify good prospective members that you know, like, and trust. These men can, in turn, be invited to any public Lodge of Discussion, community events, friends & family nights, or simply with you for dinner.

The Lodge of Discussion is an open forum in which

those wanting to work on ritual, floor work, catechism, or card proficiency, at least of one the Principle Officers will be on hand Thursday evenings as usual. During August, I will again attempt to travel and visit with others lodges in the 19th and 20th Masonic Districts. I encourage each of us to do the same and show our support for our sister lodges. I will post to our social media sites the lodges, their times and locations, so as to maybe addend together.

I have said this many times and will continue to say this, your Lodge needs instructors. We continue to have a healthy influx of interest in Masonry and Hillsborough No. 25. Where we need qualified brothers is to teach and mentor this new generation of Masons. The first big influence many of these new Brothers have is with their catechism instructors. I continue to encourage any Brother out there that is willing and able to teach even one class that you do so. Trust me, it is a very rewarding way of giving back to your lodge. If interested, contact our Junior Warden.

In closing, Table Lodge tickets are on sale! I hope to see as many of my Brothers in attendance as possible. Space is limited so purchase your tickets in advance.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

*Billy D. Scott, III*

Worshipful Master



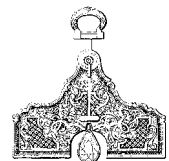
Brothers can enjoy a facilitated discussion. This type of event can be held in a more open event to permit prospective members to join at times. Lastly, they wish to boost visible community events in which Lodges engage their community. Other methods of enhancing Lodge experiences and Lodge signage are also being looked into.

While a mechanism for identifying prospective members and letting them get a whiff of Freemasonry without asking exists, I'm most excited about the push to enhance our experience with discussions and community outreach. I look forward to us working to enhance some of these projects. Join us for a meeting sometime soon and learn more about these and other potential programs. Specific questions can be directed to our Senior Deacon and our District's Membership Development Chairman, Brother Mike Huster. ANCORA IMPARO.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

*Billy D. Schmidt*

Senior Warden



# JUNIOR WARDEN



My Brothers,

Greetings from the Junior Warden in the South. We continue to have a busy year thus far. Over the last few months we have had an Entered Apprentice, a Fellow Craft, and a Master Mason degree. Congratulations to all recently raised brothers to the Sublime

Degree of Master Mason.

We had our second Family and Friends Night, which was well attended, and successfully gave out many awards. We will be having our third Family and Friends Night on the 5th Tuesday in July. Please make arrangements to attend, even if you have not been around in a while.

We will be having a Fellow Craft Degree on July 2nd and other beyond that. If anyone would like to help out with degree work or catechism instruction for the new Entered Apprentices, please let me know. Any help is greatly appreciated.

The District Deputy Grand Master's Official Visit to Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 will be on Tuesday September 24, 2019. We will receive our own Past Master as DDGM, Right Worshipful Drew Baldwin. We would love for

everyone to join us for those evenings to represent our Lodge well.

It brings great sorrow that we have to report unfortunate news from an otherwise successful 190th Grand Lodge Communication over Memorial Day weekend. Even though many legislative acts were decided successfully, which will advance our fraternity ahead over the next 100 years, Most Worshipful John E. Karroum has passed to the Celestial Lodge above. Please keep his family in your prayers, as he would not want us to dwell on this sad event, but continue to better the Fraternity that he loved.



In closing brothers, please make every effort to attend a meeting, we would love to see as many faces possible, old and new. I wish you all the best, and have a safe, enjoyable summer.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

*Bryan Seland*

Junior Warden

# SECRETARY'S DESK



Brothers,

At the writing of this article, the 190th Annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Florida has ended. New legislation was passed at this communication that will help improve the masonic home and add facilities to make it even better than it is now. Your continued support is always encouraged with the payment of your dues.

As is probably already stated in other articles, the passing of M·W· John E. Karroum on Friday May 31st is indeed a shock. The Grand Master became ill during the legislative session on Tuesday morning and left the Grand Lodge room. When outside the Grand Lodge room he collapsed and was taken to the hospital. His friendship and leadership will be sorely missed by all the Masons in this and other Grand Jurisdictions.

















paid their dues for 2019. Second notices for payment will be sent out later in the month of June and I encourage you to pay your dues as soon as possible to avoid the last minute rush at the end of the year when we will be collecting dues for 2020. All dues for the current year are due by December 27th of that year and if not paid by that date you will be suspended for nonpayment of dues.
















Payment of dues can be done on line through Circumscribe and before long, that will be only way to pay dues. The Grand Lodge is moving toward using the circumscribe card as your dues card and if you don't have the Circumscribe card you will not have a dues card to show at a lodge when you go to visit a lodge or come to lodge to participate. If you don't own a computer, you can use one at a library or better yet, get your grandchildren to help you get into Circumscribe and register and make payments. Instructions on how to use circumscribe are at the bottom of this article.

We currently have four candidates that are ready for initiation and have more petitions coming in.

Speaking of Dues, there are 78 brothers who have not

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	 <p><b>1</b> Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p><b>2</b> <b>FC Degree Night</b> For Brothers who are prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p><b>3</b> <b>District School of Instruction</b> John Darling Lodge MLT 6 p.m. School 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL</p>	 <p><b>4</b> Masonic Education &amp; Catechism 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	 <p><b>6</b> Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.</p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	 <p><b>8</b> Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p><b>9</b> <b>Stated Communication</b>  Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	 <p><b>11</b> Masonic Education &amp; Catechism  DDGM's Official Visit to Holyrood Lodge No. 257 Dinner 6:30 / Mtg 7:30 p.m. Held at the Tampa Scottish Rite</p>	<p><b>12</b> <b>MASONIC PARK BOARD MEETING</b>  Tampa Lodge No. 240 Tampa, FL 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>
<p><b>14</b></p>	 <p><b>15</b> Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p><b>16</b> <b>Possible Degree Night</b> None ready at time of publication. Check the website calendar for updates.</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	 <p><b>18</b> Masonic Education &amp; Catechism  <b>Finance / Prop. Meeting</b> PM Room 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	 <p><b>20</b> Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.  <b>MASONIC HOME BOARD MTG</b> Masonic Home of Florida St. Petersburg 11 a.m.</p>
<p><b>21</b></p>	 <p><b>22</b> Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p><b>23</b> <b>Stated Communication</b> Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.  Charity Committee Mtg PM Room 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>24</b> DDGM's Official Visit to John Darling Lodge No. 154 Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL</p>	 <p><b>25</b> Masonic Education &amp; Catechism 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>26</b> <b>Masters &amp; Wardens Meeting</b>  John Darling Lodge • 6:30 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>
<p><b>28</b></p>	 <p><b>29</b> Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p><b>30</b> <b>FRIENDS &amp; FAMILY NIGHT!</b> Dinner 6:30 p.m. Awards 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p>Events, Meetings, and Degrees are subject to change. Continuously updated information is available on the Lodge website calendar: <a href="http://www.hillsborough25.org">www.hillsborough25.org</a>. 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>		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p align="center"><b>2019 TABLE LODGE</b></p> <p>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!</p> <p align="center"><i>Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm sharp.</i></p> <p align="center"><b>Purchase tickets online at</b> <a href="http://www.hillsborough25.org/table_lodge.html">http://www.hillsborough25.org/table_lodge.html</a></p>				 1  Masonic Education & Catechism  6:30 p.m.	2	 3  Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.
4	 5  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.  DDGM's Official Visit to Palma Ceia Lodge No. 290 Dinner 6:30 / Mtg 7:30 p.m. Held at John Darling Lodge	 6  DDGM's Official Visit to PTF United Lodge No. 153 Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m. Held at the Tampa York Rite 4210 W. Oklahoma. Tampa  <b>No Mtg/Degree</b> Our Lodge is Dark in August	 7  <b>District School of Instruction</b> John Darling Lodge MLT 6 p.m. School 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL	 8  Masonic Education & Catechism  6:30 p.m.	 9  <b>MASONIC PARK BOARD MEETING</b>  Tampa Lodge No. 240 Tampa, FL 7 p.m.	10
11	 12  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	13  <b>No Degree or Meeting</b> Our Lodge is dark in August	14	 15  Masonic Education & Catechism  <b>Finance / Prop. Meeting</b> PM Room 6:30pm	16	 17  Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.  <b>MASONIC HOME BOARD MTG</b> Masonic Home of Florida St. Petersburg 11 a.m.
18	 19  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	20  <b>No Degree or Meeting</b> Our Lodge is dark in August	21	 22  Masonic Education & Catechism  6:30 p.m.	 23  <b>Masters &amp; Wardens Meeting</b>  John Darling Lodge No. 154 6:30 p.m. Tampa, FL.	24
25	 26  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	27  <b>No Degree or Meeting</b> Our Lodge is dark in August	28	 29  Masonic Education & Catechism  6:30 p.m.	30	31

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## July

Clifford Allen	Hal Lucas
John Ashby	Ramon Martinez
John Bast III	Thomas McClure
Joseph Bever	Robert "Jody"
Lawrence Bryan	Meguiar
William Bussey	Donald Mendez Jr
Bruce Cameron	Brian Miller
Gary Canady	Harold Packer
Thomas Climer	Daniel Pereda
George Cloversettle Jr	C. Donald Prosser
Ryan Concordia	Fred Quarterman
Thomas Crandell	Stanley Rakita
Randal Crites	David Reeder
Kenneth Dausy	Kent Roberts
Richard Di Cicco	Bruce Ryals
John Eldridge	Albert Ryan
Kyle Ellis	Walter Schoepf
Larry Flynn	Eric Silvers
Ignazio Fonte Jr	Kenneth Skillman
George Fox	Michael Snyder
Joseph Guggino	Michael St. James
Jeffrey Haning	Matthew Taheri
Steven Hawkins	Alfred Thompson
John Heffernan Jr	Joseph Valles
Richard Henry	James Warren III
Julian Hook	Eric Wenzel
Melvin Jacobson	Joseph Wilkinson
Jack Lamb	Jack Wolcott
Angelo Lazzara	Aaron Wooldridge
John "Tim" Lazzara Jr	Daniel Young
Joseph LeClair	

## August

Robert Boychuk	Christopher
Jerry Brady Sr	Muratore
Ritch Carroll	Jonathan Neal
Henry Christian	Aren Nilsson
James Crook	James Perrone
Michael Daves	Daryl Polk
Michael Desiderio	James Roberts
Ronald Dominguez	Milton Roche
Travis Ferkich	Derrik Ryan
Justin Franke	Raymond Sapp
John Garrett	Cole Scudder
Christopher	Robert Shamblin
Hartnett	W Brian Sherwin
Matthew Haynie	Morgan Streetman
Paul Hohenzollen	Bryan Thompson
Mitchell Horowitz	Martin Van Buren
John Jernigan	Merle Wares
Winfield Lamb	Matthew Wise II
Otis Le Compte III	Wayne Witczak
Mark Lewis	Ira Zichlin
Jerold Little	
Cecil Lynn	
Michael Manning	
Shea McDowell	

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Please check the calendar to see when and what degrees are scheduled and try to make plans to attend lodge. We have several Brothers who are working on their Master Mason catechism so that they can be presented their aprons.

While the Lodge will be dark in August, the secretary's office is always open to assist you with any lodge business that needs to be done.

This is your Lodge and your Lodge needs your support. Cable tow's are only so long and sometimes it can't be helped, but try to find the time to come to lodge sometime soon. We have brothers who have never seen you and would Like to and are want to make your acquaintance.

Hope to see you in Lodge,

*Thomas C. Newton*

Secretary, PM, PDI



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- Finally, upload a current picture for your new permanent ID card. Please avoid hats, sunglasses, other individuals or animals in the picture.
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## IN MEMORIAM



We are very saddened to inform you that our revered Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful John E. Karroum, Grand Master in 2018, passed away on Friday Evening, May 31, 2019, after an episode on Tuesday, May 28th during the 190th Annual Grand Communication where he was sitting Grand Master, following a short stay in the hospital.

Most Worshipful John E. Karroum was born in Damascus, Syria, on January 22, 1950, Most Worshipful Karroum received the Three Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry in Zahle Lodge No. 1047, Chartered by The Grand Lodge of Scotland in Zahle, Lebanon, in 1977, was a Dual Member of Boynton Lodge No. 236, and a Plural Member of Apalachicola Lodge No. 76.

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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Additionally, he has served in several capacities as a District and Zone Chairman. In 2012 Most Worshipful Jorge L. Aladro appointed him the Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master of the 24th Masonic District. Since 2013 he has had the privilege of serving on the Grand Lodge's Endowment and Investment Committee and as a Member of the Masonic Home Board of Trustees where he chaired the Masonic Home Operations Committee.

Most Worshipful Westerman was elected to the Office of Junior Grand Warden in May of 2016 at the 187th Annual Grand Communication; Senior Grand Warden in May of 2017; Deputy Grand Master in May of 2018; and was elected and installed Grand Master at the 190th An-

nual Grand Communication on May 29, 2019.

Most Worshipful Westerman is a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Tampa and has been Invested a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. He is also a proud member of Lakeland Commandery No. 21 of the Knights Templar; the Lakeland Council No. 11 of the Royal and Select Masters; the Lakeland Chapter No. 29 of the Royal Arch Masons; the Saint Bernard de Clairvaux Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine; the Winter Haven Council No. 115 of the Allied Masonic Degrees; and the Mystic Brotherhood Council No. 35 of the Knight Masons. Most Worshipful Westerman additionally enjoys fellowship and philanthropy as a member of the Egypt Shriners and Sesame Grotto. 

## RECENT EVENTS



**DDGM Installed:**  
Congratulations to our own Right Worshipful Drew Baldwin on being installed as the 2019 District Deputy Grand Master for the 19th Masonic District! Right Worshipful Baldwin was Master of our Lodge in 2017.



**City Council:** A special congratulations to now Tampa City Councilman Joseph Citro on his election and swearing in! Worshipful Citro was Master of our Lodge in 2006. He now joins a long list of our members who serve and give back to their community through elected office. Congrats! Photo: Worshipful Citro being sworn in as a Tampa city councilman on May 1, 2019.



**FC Degree May 7th, 2019:** Congratulations to Brothers Keleman, Molitor, Sano, and Thompson on being Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft last night! We look forward to your continued progress. A special thanks goes out to our Junior Warden, Brother Seland, for presiding in the East for the first time. He did an excellent job.

## FRIENDS & FAMILY NIGHT



**Friends & Family Night April 30th, 2019:** Congratulations again to the 25, 40, and 60 year service award recipients, to Brother Schmidt on completing MLT, and to our newly installed deacons and stewards.





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