

TRESTLE BOARD

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MASONIC SPOTLIGHT: OUR GREATEST (MISSED) OPPORTUNITY

As Masons, we play an important role. We have the unique opportunity to introduce Masonic values to today's new generations.

DeMolay International is a Masonic-sponsored organization for young men between the ages of 12 and 21. DeMolay was founded by a Mason in the Kansas City community, in 1919 - after the close of WWI. Locally, Paul Revere Chapter was chartered shortly after, in April of 1921. While Paul Revere Chapter was originally sponsored by the Tampa Scottish Rite (next door), it relocated to Hillsborough Lodge in the mid 1950's.

Young ladies have two similar opportunities. Job's Daughters International was founded in 1920 and the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in 1922. Both organizations offer moral foundation and social development for young ladies in their formative years (JDI for ages 10 to 20; Rainbow for ages 11 to 21).

Today, all three organizations sponsor pledge groups for younger youth, getting them involved at an even earlier age.

Providing an example worthy of emulation could very well establish an example of Freemasonry that these young people will expect to see in their sponsoring bodies. It is important to remember that our Masonic Youth Groups are not Masonic-affiliated organizations; rather, they are Masonic-sponsored organiza-



Master Councilor Christian M. being installed with his fellow Officers of Paul Revere Chapter of the Order of DeMolay on February 1st, 2020 at Hillsborough Lodge No. 25.

tions. There is no requirement for the youth members to join the adult organizations when they reach lawful age. The decision to join the adult organizations will forever be reinforced by the personal interactions they enjoy while active as a youth.

Always be mindful that today's youth are the future leaders of our country, our communities, and – for the purpose of this communication – our Fraternity.

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DOWNTOWN, TAMPA SINCE 1850

Visit our Online Calendar at hillsborough25.org for upcoming events.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER



My Brothers,

As the Master of our Lodge, it troubles me that I'm not sure I could identify several hundred of our members if they were to walk in the door. It begs the question, what keeps you away? I can certainly understand that the same dry meeting requirements would keep anyone at home. Family and work commit-

ments obviously keep plenty of members occupied, but that can't be the reason some members go years without stopping in.

In regards to our activities being boring and "always the same," changes are being implemented to provide proper programming and opportunities. The Master has the authority to control the order of business with very little restriction. While we still have plenty of "business" to tend to each month, we are trying to keep most of the ballots, votes, reports, and such on the First Stated Communication of each month this year. During our Second Stated Communications, we are providing presentations, speakers, discussions, or debates that we hope will not only be educational but also entertaining and stimulat-

SENIOR WARDEN



Greetings My Brothers,

Our Lodge has been off to a fast start and we have many fun things planned for this upcoming year. I would like to report that our beautiful lodge building has been running well. We had several inspections done on the fire hood in the kitchen and had

our quarterly inspection for the air system. As we know, they will be important and come in handy in the next few months ahead. The ice machine in the dining room was serviced and is now functioning properly. We are still planning to have a work party down at the lodge to address some cosmetic needs of our lodge. More will be posted on our social media, and future trestle boards. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

We will be participating in Paint Your Heart Out Tampa Bay again this year (April 25th 2020). It would be great to have as many Brothers as possible to join us and support our community. Please contact an officer if you would like further information. If this event does not fit into your schedule, there are plenty of other opportunities to contribute to the lodge and community.

ing – then we can enjoy some fellowship after. If you have other ideas, feel free to share! Don't let the same 2-5% of the membership have to do all the work and make all the decisions for you. Join us! Be a part of the top 5% in YOUR Lodge.

One of the opportunities that we have worked hard to provide this year is the Southeastern Masonic Education Symposium coming on March 7th, 2020. Have you ever stated you wanted to see more diverse and extensive "Masonic Education?" We will have a day-long event packed with six great speakers flown in from around the nation. In addition, we will also have two great Masonic vendors - Masonic Revival and JJ Ashlar - offering Masonic items and apparel, Masonic books and art will be for sale, food, a live recording of The Masonic Roundtable podcast on-site, and an evening fellowship event. This event really offers everything most members have said they are missing in the Fraternity. Come out, join us, and support this new effort! Tickets are available online at <http://H25SMES.ORG>.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Billy D. Schmidt

Worshipful Master



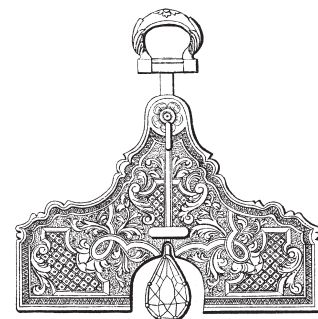
We will continue to have Property and Finance Committee meetings scheduled for the Thursday before the third Tuesday of each month (see pages 4 & 5). Meetings will start at 6:30 PM. Any active brother that would like to attend, is more than welcome to do so. Please come down and learn how the lodge operates.

I hope all brothers have had a good start to 2020 and continue to have a prosperous year. If any Brother is in need of assistance, please contact an officer. There are many ways the lodge can assist. Remember, we are always here for you.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Bryan Seland

Senior Warden



JUNIOR WARDEN



Brethren,

Education and mentoring is one of the greatest services we can provide to our Brothers, not only in our own particular Lodge but also throughout the Craft. Those elected to serve in leadership positions should always be mindful of the needs and expectations of the individual members to make sure that their fraternal experience is rewarding

and meaningful. I truly believe that a number of steps have been taken to accomplish this goal within our Lodge.

If you have not attended a Lodge meeting (Stated Communication or Degree) lately, I highly encourage you to join in the fellowship. The active participation of our Brothers is essential to the vitality of our good works. Let us be honest: We have some great things happening.

Recently, I had the great pleasure and honor to install my eldest son into the Master Councilor position at our local DeMolay Chapter. I cannot properly express my personal

feelings of accomplishment; not only that my son is following in my footsteps (and those of my father as well), but also in the knowledge that I am introducing a third generation of my family to Masonic tenets and values – through DeMolay (side note: my youngest son turns 12 and therefore eligible to join DeMolay, in August 2020).

My Brothers: I implore you to consider not only your own fraternal opportunities, but also those that can benefit your family, circle of friends or associates. Freemasonry is not a stagnant institution for old men. It is, rather a system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols – a system of morality that can be shared with (and enjoyed by) all.

Always remember that we meet on the level, act by the plumb and part on the square.

I look forward to seeing you in Lodge, soon!

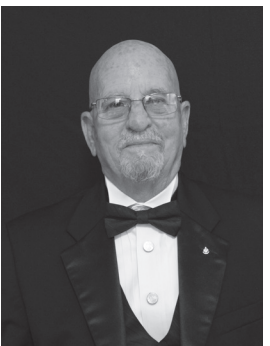
Sincerely & Fraternaly,

R. J. "Jody" Meguiar

Junior Warden



SECRETARY'S DESK



Brothers,

We are off and running for another year. Your support is needed to continue to stay up and running so if you haven't already done so, please pay your dues.

You may have noticed that your dues went up by \$5.00 this year. At our last Grand Lodge

Communication, the craft voted to increase the pro capita tax by \$5.00 per year for the next 5 years. As with most businesses, the cost to continue to operate continues to rise, and the current amount of your dues that goes to Grand Lodge is not enough to run our operation. As changes are made to the computer system and the building gets older (just like Lodge buildings) items need to be repaired or replaced.

So, if you have not paid your dues for 2020, please consider paying them before too much more time passes. The longer you wait, the more likely you are to forget and then you get a notice from the Lodge that you are in arrears. This notice costs the Lodge time and money: the time to prepare the notifications and the cost of the paper, envelope, and postage.
















We are receiving calls and emails from Brothers who for one reason or another have been suspended for the nonpayment of dues and now want to be reinstated into the Lodge. With Brothers coming back to the Lodge and the interest we are seeing from others in joining the Lodge, hopefully membership will increase.

Circumscribe will soon be the way to pay your dues, show that you are current in your dues, and will allow you to change your contact information when necessary. If you have not logged on the Circumscribe site, you need to do so! See page 6 for log in information or call the Lodge if needed.

Please remember your Masonic home. The \$7.30 that is on your dues notice is voluntary, but remember that this is your home. You may need to use the home's services someday.

Please inform us if you know a Brother who is ill, is having surgery, or who has passed to the Celestial Lodge Above. Please call and give us his name, details on his sickness, or the date if he passed. If you have his address

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	 3 FC Degree Night For Brothers who are prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.	4 District School of Instruction John Darling Lodge MLT 6 p.m. School 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL	 5 Masonic Education & Catechism Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Setup for Symposium 6:30 p.m.	6	 7 Southeastern Masonic Education Symposium 8 a.m. Registration 9 a.m. Presentations Begin More info & tickets at http://H25SMES.ORG Tickets required.
8	 9 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 10 Stated Communication Business Meeting Committee Reports, Balloting, Votes, etc. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.	11	 12 Masonic Education & Catechism Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Finance/Prop Meeting PM Room 6:30 p.m. Degree Practice Lodge Room 7:00 p.m.	13 MASONIC PARK BOARD MEETING Tampa Lodge No. 240 Tampa, FL 7 p.m.	14
15	 16 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 17 No Degree or Meeting Happy St. Patrick's Day Lodge Closed	18	 19 Masonic Education & Catechism Lodge Open 6:30 p.m.	20	 21 Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m. <hr/> Pilgrimage Day at the Masonic Home 10 am - 2 pm
22 MASONIC HOME BOARD MEETING Masonic Home of Florida St. Petersburg 11 a.m.	 23 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 24 Stated Communication Speakers Series / Limited Business Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m. Fellowship After Mtg	25	 26 Masonic Education & Catechism Lodge Open 6:30 p.m.	27 MASTER MASON ASSOCIATION MEETING John Darling Lodge No. 154 6:30 p.m. Tampa, FL.	28
29	 30 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 31 FRIENDS & FAMILY NIGHT! Dinner 6:30 p.m. Program 7:30 p.m.	 THE SOUTHEASTERN MASONIC EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM DOWNTOWN TAMPA, FL COMING MARCH 7TH, 2020! Six speakers, a live podcast recording, Masonic vendors, & an evening fellowship event. Tickets available online at http://h25smes.org .			

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<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 Lodge Open 6:30 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>Officers Meeting WM Office 6:30 pm</p> <hr/> <p>Degree Practice Lodge Room 7:00 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>7</p>  <p>MM Degree Night For Brothers who are prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>Masonic Education & Catechism Lodge Open 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>
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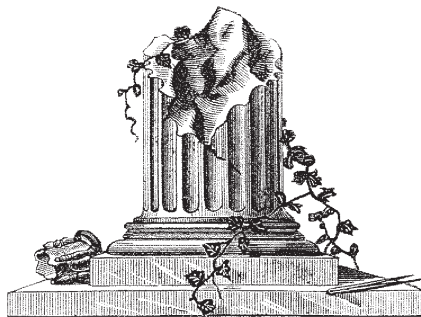
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March

Joseph Antinori Jr	Terry Montgomery
James Bustin	Shane Moore
Jeremiah Bustin	Ricardo Muga
Malcom Campbell	James Mungovan
Jose Coll	Geoffery Newton
Eugene D'Amore	Thomas Newton
Patrice Falardeau	Thomas Parsons
Stephen Farley	Michael Penland
Harry Forehand Jr	Wayne Pickard
Frank Frantom	David Puzzo
Gerry Gilbert II	Thomas Ream
Daniel Guggenheim Jr	Benny Rivera
Charles Harriman	Clarence Rudolph IV
Robert Jackson Jr	Rex Sano
Frederick Janke	Nestor Santiago
Jay Kaufman	Raymond Sheldon Jr
Ronald King Jr	Charles Silliman
Ronald Claire Jr	Michael Smalley
Paul Lowe Jr	Bruce Stritter
Daniel Maclean	Richard Swann Jr
Douglas MacLean	Lige Tackett Jr
John Menard	Jonathan Tennis

April

Kurt Beste	Michael Molitor II
Jarret Bonar	Charles Morgan
Bradley Bueth	Jorge Noda
Steven Carter	Brian O'Hair
Dale Chastek	David Odell II
Robert Cochran	Albert Perotti Jr
Michael Concaugh	Gerald Personius
Clyde Curtis Jr	Eugene Posey
Scott Davis	Chester Rider
Christopher Di Stefano	Ronald Samson
Roger Dixon	Frederick Sattes Jr
Gary Esteppe	Anthony Scaglione
John Faircloth Jr	Billy Schmidt
Dennis Field	Sidney Schuster
Christopher Fortner	Melvin Segal
Barry Glenn	Michael Shaheen
Joseph Gonzalez	Wayne Simmons
Juan Gonzalez	Henry Smith Jr
Thomas Granahan	Julio Soto
Thomas Johnson Jr	William T. Williams
David Kazar	James Young III
John Lorenz	Richard Zach Jr
Jonathan Meadows	Carlos Zuniga
Alberto Meyer	



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.



CIRCUMSCRIBE LOG IN

Circumscribe is the Grand Lodge of Florida's membership database system. **We encourage ALL members to log into Circumscribe and verify their contact information.** The system allows you to edit your contact information as well as view your Masonic record, pay dues online, and take the Master Mason exams online. The Lodge uses the address, email address, and phone number listed within the system to contact you when needed. We often find members without updated contact information and it sometimes leads to suspension for non-payment of dues.

First Time Circumscribe Log In Instructions

- Open your internet browser
- Navigate to: <https://glfl.circumscribe.net>
- Enter your initial Username:
"FL" + "Your Grand Lodge Number" + "@changeyouremail.info"
(example: FL1234567@changeyouremail.info)
- Enter your temporary Password:
"FL" + "Your Grand Lodge #" **(example: FL1234567)**
- You will be immediately prompted to change both your username and password
- Your NEW username can be any email address that you frequently use, or have regular access to.
- Your NEW password must contain at least eight characters and one number. You must enter it twice.
- Upon successfully entering both, you will be required to logout, and then log back in with your new credentials.
- Once you have logged back in, select 'Profile' from the menu items on the left side of the screen. Review your profile and make any appropriate changes, or contact the Lodge Secretary if you require other changes.
- Finally, upload a current picture for your new permanent ID card. Please avoid hats, sunglasses, other individuals or animals in the picture.
- Select 'Save Profile' to complete the process.

Please note, if you or the Lodge Secretary have already added your personal email address to the system, you will need to log in using that email address and your known password or use the "forgot password" feature. If you aren't sure which email address you used, or if one is already in the system, email the Lodge Secretary at secretary@hillsborough25.org and he can verify the email address.

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that would be good to know as few have updated their address and we need to know where to send the widow package.

This is your Lodge, keep us informed of changes by calling the lodge or email us at secretary@hillsborough25.org.

Hope to see you in Lodge,

Thomas C. Newton

Secretary, PM, PDI



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HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM | DOWNTOWN TAMPA, FL

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www.H25SMES.org.

We invite you to a great event filled with Masonic Education and fellowship! This is a CAN'T MISS Masonic event. We will have SIX prominent speakers from across the United States:

Robert Johnson | Jon Ruark | Juan Sepúlveda | Jason Richards

Josef Wäges | John Nagy

We will also have Masonic vendors, information / speakers tables, a snack bar, a live podcast recording, and an evening fellowship event! We look forward to seeing everyone and hosting an awesome event. Tickets: \$35 for the symposium, \$15 for the evening fellowship event.

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 ■ TRESTLE BOARD

170TH INSTALLATION OF LODGE OFFICERS



Installation January 4th, 2020: Congratulations to our newly installed Lodge Officers! Thank you to everyone who attended the 170th Annual Installation of Lodge Officers. Special thanks to our Installation Team: Right Worshipful Drew Baldwin (DDGM, 19th Masonic District) as our Installing Officer, Worshipful David Liniger as our Installing Marshal, and Brother Joshua Sussman as our Installing Chaplin. More photos are available on the Lodge's Facebook Page and Instagram account.

EA DEGREE



EA Degree February 4th, 2020: Congratulations to Brothers Triston Eason and Ehab Korabi on being initiated as our newest Entered Apprentice Masons! Many thanks to Right Worshipful Silvers for the lecture, Worshipful Rodriguez Galano for the charge, and everyone who was able to attend. Pictured is everyone who was able to stay until the end.

"Our greatest (missed) opportunity" continued from page 1...

Being able to introduce this generation to Masonic Tenets will help build a foundation for a better society in the coming years. Additionally, in interacting with the youth, you will find that many of the adult advisors/volunteers who work with the youth may not yet be Masons. Your interactions can also serve as an opportunity to lead them to Masonic affiliation.

As our youth groups redevelop, if we are doing our job the organizations will grow in popularity and status. It should be stressed that our youth groups teach good morals and that we need to work hard to encourage more young people getting involved. If they need additional quality adult leaders, we need to help them seek out those leaders; we need to be those leaders. If they have a need for youth members, we need to assist them in developing programs to promote their organization and recruit new members, possibly by requesting referrals from our own members. If they are short of funds, we need to network on their behalf, urging local Masonic Groups to consider providing financial support for their benefit.

As sponsors to these Masonic Youth Groups, we need to provide more than a building for them to meet. We have a human interest towards their success. We have a responsibility to provide for them, to protect them, and to perpetuate their success.

Source: Brother RJ "Jody" Mequiar, State Chairman - Masonic Youth Activities

MASONIC YOUTH MONTH

Most Worshipful John W. Westerman, III, Grand Master of Masons of Florida, has proclaimed the month of March "Masonic Youth Month." Within the proclamation, he requests Lodges participate in a special project supporting our youth groups. Interested in your children joining a group? Here's where to find some information:

Florida DeMolay: www.fldemolay.org

Florida Rainbow: www.fliorg.org

Florida Job's Daughters: www.jobsdaughtersinternational.org/florida-3/



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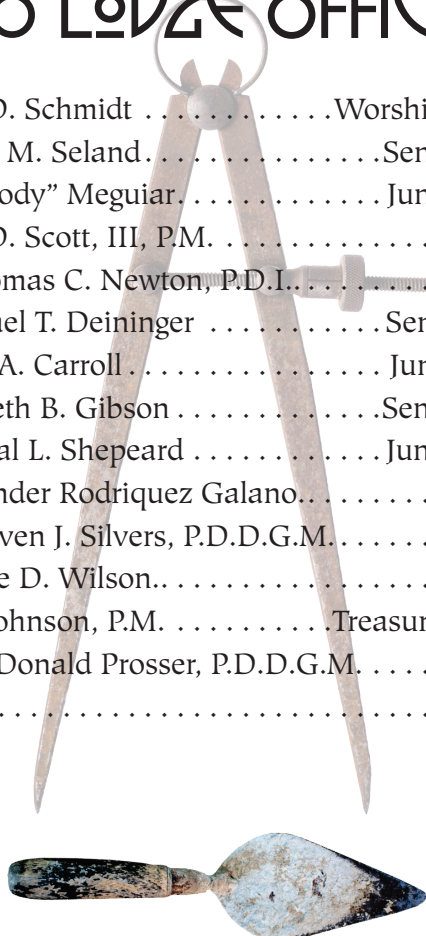
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