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JVLY | AVGVST A.L. &020 MASONIC SPOTLIGHT: M.:.W.:. THOMAS L. TVRLINGTON, JR

M∴W∴ Thomas "Tommy" L. Turlington, Jr., was born in Newport News, Virginia, on January 21, 1951. He attended public schools in Hampton, Virginia, where he graduated from Pembroke High School in 1970. Immediately following graduation M.: W.: Turlington started employment with Virginia Electric and Power Company where he worked many areas of the company beginning in the line crew and advancing to the Yorktown Power Plant where he started in the Operation's Department as a High-Pressure Auxiliary Operator, was promoted to Assistant Control Room Operator, then to Control Room Operator, Assistant Shift Supervisor, and then promoted to Shift Supervisor. During his twenty-five years with the company over seventeen years was in management. In 1997 after retiring from the company, M.: W.: Turlington moved to Florida and began working for Halifax Medical Center in the Maintenance Department as a Plant Operator and was promoted to Lead Mechanic. In 2001 M∴ W∴ Turlington was offered a position with Halifax Health Hospice to manage and grow the organization's Resale Shop Division. M∴W∴ Turlington was the only paid employee to manage the Resale Division's one store that was making \$1,500 per month with a staff of 20 Volunteers. Within five years M.: W.: Turlington was promoted to Operations Manager of the Resale Division Department and grew the department from one to five stores with an increase of 250 Volunteers and 27 paid employees. The income of the five stores grew to over 2.5 million



dollars in annual sales. He was employed for over nineteen years of which he was in management for over ten of those years. He retired on April 1, 2016. *Continued on page 7*

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WORSHIPFVL MASTER



My Brothers,

We continue to move through a unique period of time. While many of us continue to have limited impacts, I know some of our members have had to deal with health and / or financial struggles during the ongoing pandemic. If you or another member find yourself in need of assistance, you can reach me directly at billyschmidtH25@gmail.com or at 813.229.2305 Extension 701 (once

you hear the voice, just type in "701"). This includes those members who are still delinquent with their dues. Assisting you with that is the least we can do if you are struggling - just let me know.

As I write this article, we appear to be experiencing a new spike in COVID-19 cases again. I implore all of our members to be safe and take necessary precautions. This is especially true to those attending our activities. Hand sanitizer is placed in numerous places around the lodge and masks are needed when walking around inside. Once seated in the dining or lodge rooms and properly distanced, masks can be removed. Those who are over the age of 65 or have underlying medical conditions should either stay home or exercise extreme caution if attending anything.

With all that said, we have been able to get back to work

SENIOR WARDEN



Greetings My Brothers,

I hope this trestle board finds you and your families in good health. These have been difficult and trying times, but we will get through this, and we will build a stronger bond for the future. Now that we are starting to meet again, we would love to see you

for friendship and brotherly love. We will be busy at the lodge for the remainder of the year, and there are many areas of opportunity to help us out. We will be trying to catch up with degrees that have been missed over the last few months due to closure. Anyone that can lend a hand, whether it be catechism instruction, degree work, assisting with investigations, or a number of other committees that may need your help. Please let an officer know if you can assist.

We officers have been busy at the lodge over the last few months keeping things in order. Over the closure we have gotten caught up with our pest control, AC maintenance, and have fixed the two toilets in the Eastern Star, women's restroom. The building has been running smoothly over the last few months. We will be starting back up Property at your lodge. With two meetings and an FC degree complete in June, we will continue to move forward with the activities scheduled and listed on pages 4 & 5 of this newsletter, hopefully with fewer interruptions. I'm looking forward to Worshipful Casey Fletcher's presentation on The Symbolism of the Ruffians on July 28th, as well as all the degree work coming up. I also look forward to seeing the progress of the twenty men we will have working with our five great catechism instructors now.

Given the time we have lost over the last few months, we will hold meetings and degree work in August. Our August 11th Stated meeting is dispensed with to allow DeMolay to hold an Initiatory Degree. All Master Masons are welcome to attend and support them. We also will receive our new District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Steven Fortier, on August 25th and implore you to attend and support him, our lodge, and his committeemen. Lastly, we are still exploring if and how we can or should hold a Table Lodge this year. More on that will be sent via email and posted to social media soon.

Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you again soon.

Sincerely & Fraternally, Billy D. Schmidt Worshipful Master



and Finance committee meetings on the Thursday prior to the third Tuesday at 6:30 pm, starting in July. All are welcome to attend.

I would like to finish with wishing all of our Brothers and families a safe summer, remain healthy, and enjoy your family time. As always if any Brother needs anything, please contact the lodge, you would be surprised with how much we can help.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Bryan Seland

Senior Warden



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JVNIOR WARDEN



Brethren,

As I find it hard to believe that we have already navigated half of this year. In some ways, I say "good riddance," but in other ways, I will be sorry to see it end. While 2020 has certainly brought some tumult, it was also my first opportunity to serve the Craft in an officer position – and it has been quite a learning opportunity for me.

You see, my Brothers, the pursuit

of knowledge is one of our greatest

liberties.

In DeMolay, we place a set of schoolbooks on the altar as a symbol of intellectual liberty. The Fellow Craft Degree educates its candidates on the wonders of the seven liberal arts and sciences. Knowledge is power, and I encourage you to be an active proponent of all forms of education, especially endorsing our great system of Masonic Education through the $M \cdot W \cdot \cdot$ Grand Lodge of Florida.

Several years prior to seeking the office of Junior Warden, I sought out and completed Master Mason Exams I, II





Greetings Brothers,

The Lodge is back up and in full function after being closed for several months by order of the Grand Master to assist in the prevention of the spread of COVID-19. In this time frame we have had several inquiries by persons who desire to join our fraternity. We have also had a resurgence in the number of Brothers who desire to be reinstat-

ed into the lodge after having been suspended for Non-Payment of Dues. We spent time purging the files and found 12 Brothers who had passed to the Celestial Lodge Above, but notification was never given to the Lodge of their passing. At the end of each year the Lodge must notify all appendant bodies of losses to the membership due to the passing of a Brother, and we understand that at his time of sorrow the last thing on the families mind is to notify all the organizations that a Brother was a member of. It is not the easiest thing to do but try to educate your family to notify all the bodies you belong to when the day comes when the Grand Architect of the Universe calls you home.

By the time you read this trestle board, approximately **110 PAST DUES NOTICES** have been sent out to the Brothers who have not paid their 2020 dues. Hopefully, this is an oversight on your part, and you will pay your dues soon. This can be done in several ways, you can and III so that I could learn more about Freemasonry. I have spent much of this term since January – aided in part by the mandatory quarantine – completing the Masonic Leadership Training (MLT) modules and the Lodge Officer Training Course (LOTC). Each of these courses provides a profound insight to all aspects of Masonic Education, from the inner-workings of a particular Lodge, its ways and means, operations, duties and responsibilities for each officer, and more.

I highly encourage each of you to consider completing these courses toward improving yourself in Masonry. Irrespective of your current interest in serving as a Lodge Officer, this pursuit of knowledge will give you a better understanding of our gentle Craft. As a knowledgeable Mason, you may increase your awareness and understanding of the esoteric and moral lessons delivered in our Degrees, be able to identify other opportunities for continued service, or simply clarify a particular matter that may have puzzled you along your journey. Who knows; you may steal from my playbook, and seek an elected office twenty years into your Masonic tenure. Whatever the reason, I encourage you to prepare.

Lastly, my Brothers, your Lodge leaders are

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simply send a check or money order to the Lodge in the amount noted on the past dues notice, or you can go on the Grand Lodge Web site and pay your dues via Circumscribe. The instructions on how to use Circumscribe are in this publication (page 6) and I urge you to use that. Simply pay via a credit card, and then pay it off just like you would any other purchase that you make with that card. Please note that the dues owed by members who have not paid their 2020 dues in over \$18,000.00 of operating income for the Lodge and \$2750.00 that the Lodge must pay Grand Lodge per member for per capita tax. So, this could cost the Lodge more than \$20,000.00. We also recognize that in this time, life has become difficult for many members and funds may not be available to pay your dues. If this is the case, call the lodge at (813) 229-2305 and leave a voice mail. Make sure that you leave your name on the voice mail and please speak clearly or send an email to secretary@hillsbourough25.org and give me your information including your name and phone number. I will call you back or send you and email. We can make arrangements to get your dues caught up and not subject you to being suspended at the end of the year for Non-Payment.

This year is turning into a very difficult year for your Lodge and the officers who have been elected to lead the lodge. Decisions will be made shortly if the Lodge will hold some events which have been a tradition for many years and will be dark in August as we usually are. With

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HAPPY BIRTHPAY!

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August

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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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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 sytem 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)
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- 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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the ordered closing for most of the month of March, all of April and May, we now have to cram in 9 months of degrees, social activities, and Masonic Education into 5 and 1/2 months, remembering that the holidays will now be upon us sooner than you think. Try to make time to come to Lodge, get active and renew your fellowship with brothers that you may not have seen in years. Support our Youth, as they are the ones who may eventually lead this lodge or other lodges. Support your Masonic Home, it is yours and you may find that you are in need of the services the Home offers to Masons and their wives, along with the Eastern Star Sisters.

One last mention of dues, if you don't pay your dues and belong to any other appendant body, you will be suspended from that body when you are suspended from the Lodge, so PAY YOUR DUES NOW if you have received a late notice.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Thomas C. Newton

Secretary

"Junior Warden" continued from page 3...

employing several precautions, some mandated and some optional, for the safety and protection of our Brethren. We understand and appreciate that our fraternal fellowship is best felt in person, together. I hope to see you in Lodge very soon.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

R.J. "Jody" Meguiar

Junior Warden



FELLOW CRAFT DEGREE



June 16th, **2020**: Congratulations to Brother Jack Henriquez on being Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on June 16th! This was our first degree back since our closures for the virus. We are thankful for the awesome degree team and Right Worshipful McAlister's lecturer. Our new District Instructor, Right Worshipful Baldwin, presided in the East and four Past DI's (SW- R: H: Newton, JW-R: H: Martinez, SD- R: W: Silvers, Ch- R: H: Manne) took up other chairsto help us ease back in into things. Thank you to our other officers who filled inthe other chairs and for all the visitors who traveled to be with us. As you cantell in the photo, we attempted to adhere to distancing requirements and otherprecautions throughout the night. Pictured is everyone who stayed until the end.We look forward to seeing everyone again soon.

"M··· W··· Thomas L. Turlington, Jr." continued from page 1...

M.: W.: Turlington and his lovely wife Sandy have been married for 36 years and have two children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

M∴W∴ Turlington received the Three Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry as a member of Botetourt Lodge No. 7, A.F.&A.M., in Gloucester, Virginia in 1988, where he served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1993 and 1995. M∴W∴ Turlington was a member of Urbanna Royal Arch Chapter No. 59, R.A.M, where he served as Excellent High Priest in 1995 and received his Anointed High Priest and Trice Illustrious Master in 1995. He became a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry at the Valley of Newport News, Orient of Virginia, in 1991 and served as District 11 Blood Coordinator Committeeman from 1990 through 1993.

M: W: Turlington became a member at Landmark Lodge No. 383, F. & A.M., in 2007, where he served as Worshipful Master in 2011. In 2012, he transferred his membership from Landmark Lodge No 383 to Sanford Lodge No. 62. Heserved as District 16 Masonic Leadership Training Committeeman in 2010 and 2011. In 2012 he was appointed Zone 5MLT Chairman by <math>M: W: Jorge L. Aladro; in 2013 was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the 16th Masonic District by M: W: Danny R. Griffith; in 2014 was appointed District Instructor of the 16th Masonic District by M: W:James W. Ford, and in 2015 was appointed W: Grand Marshal by M: W: Steven P. Boring. M: W: Turlington was given the appointment as the Grand Representative to Prince Edward Island for The Grand Lodge of Florida in 2016.

M∴W∵ Turlington was elected to the Office of Junior Grand Warden on May 29, 2017, Senior Grand Warden on May 28, 2018, and Deputy Grand Master on May 27, 2019. He was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master at the 191st Annual Grand Communication and installed as Grand Master on May 27, 2020.

M. W. Turlington belongs to the following Appendant Bodies: Deltona Chapter No. 326, Order of Eastern Star, Past Worthy Patron in 2011 and 2012; Shriners International; Bahia Shriners; Sanford York Rite Bodies, Monroe Chapter No. 15, Sanford Council No.20, where he served as Illustrious Master in 2019, and Taylor Commandery where he served as Eminent Commander in 2016 and 2019; received Knight Crusaders of the Cross Degree in 2017; Knight Masons, Space Coast Council No. 32; the Grand Council Allied Masonic Degrees, Council No. 423; Legion of Honor recipient in the Order of DeMolay in 2017; 32° KCCH Scottish Rite Mason of the Valley of Orlando; M.O.V.P.E.R. Grottoes of North America, Zangi Grotto; and Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Seminole Forest No. 193 in DeLand, Fl. In his spare time M. W. Turlington enjoys playing golf, going on cruises, going to theme parks, camping, and shooting firearms.

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