

# TRESTLE BOARD

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## MASONIC SPOTLIGHT: WORSHIPFUL BILLY D. SCHMIDT, PM

Worshipful Billy Daniel Schmidt was Initiated an Entered Apprentice on January 25, 2011, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on June 7, 2011, and was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason July 5, 2011. W.: Schmidt's first appointment as a Lodge Officer occurred in 2012 when R.:W.: Gonzalez appointed him Junior Steward. He would go on to be appointed Junior Deacon in 2013 and Senior Deacon in 2014. While still active in degree work in 2015 and 2016, he wasn't again an officer due to work commitments until his appointment as Senior Deacon again in 2017. He was elected Junior Warden in 2018, Senior Warden in 2019, and Worshipful Master in 2020. He is continuing his service to our Lodge by being elected Secretary for the year 2021.

W.: Schmidt has been committed to education and service. He has earned his White proficiency card and is continuing to work on others. He also completed the Master Mason exams, Lodge Officers Training Course, and all Masonic Leadership Training modules. He continues to assist the Lodge with ritual instruction, Lodge communication & social media management, and has been the Trestle Board Editor since March 2019.

He is also a Member of the Valley of Tampa Scottish Rite, Egypt Shriners, and the Past Masters Unit at Egypt Shriners. Additionally, he is a Member of the Florida Lodge of Research No. 999, a Fellow of the Grand College of Rites of the United States of America, and a Member of the King Solomon Honorary Chapter, Order of DeMolay.



W.: Schmidt is an investigator for the Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco and operates a digital media marketing company. He and his lovely wife Kalie reside in Riverview, Florida with their two sons, Matthew (10) and Jacob (3).

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# WORSHIPFUL MASTER



My Brothers,

It is a great honor to have been elected Worshipful Master of our historic lodge for the year of 2021. I am humbly grateful to assume the position and look to serve the lodge and its brethren to the fullest. We look to have a more productive year than what 2020 has brought us, and hope that

you are as excited as your officer line is. With that being said, I would like to congratulate the rest of the officer line (elected and appointed), and the committee members joining me. Without you, we would not have a successful lodge to call home.

I would like to thank all Brothers that have impacted my masonic journey along the way, but would like to thank more especially Worshipful Scott, Schmidt, Davis, Right Honorable Newton, Right Worshipful Silvers, and Right Worshipful Baldwin for your extra guidance, allowing me to sit Worshipful Master, and lead this lodge this upcoming year. Without your help, I don't think I would be sitting here today. These are going to be some big shoes to fill.

I hope to continue Worshipful Schmidt's success, and plan on conducting most of our business on the first stated communication, and have a more interactive communication with our second stated communication. It is

# SENIOR WARDEN



My Brothers,

I wish to thank you for the opportunity to continue my service to Hillsborough Lodge this year as its Senior Warden. Additionally, my fellow officers serving the Craft this year have my sincere congratulations.

Copious appreciation is extended to my parents and family for all of their support during my term as Junior Warden.

As we transition to a new Masonic Year, we look to newfound opportunity. With the pandemic and quarantine, we are treading unfamiliar territory; but we will persevere. We made it through 2020 unscathed, strong in our fraternal fellowship as ever before. Just this past month, six Master Masons returned their proficiencies in order to receive their aprons. Our Lodge continues to strive to accomplish the mission of being a fraternal stronghold for all of Hillsborough County, working to strengthen our community and better ourselves through our tenets.

also my ambition to participate in more community charity projects as previous Worshipful Masters have done, and get more Brothers to participate as a group.

I would like to invite all brothers to come down to lodge, and hope most brothers can attend at least 1 or 2 meetings a month. We will have many degrees to put on, and I encourage non-officer Brothers to come down and participate. Any help (small or large), is a great help to our lodge. We need to show our newly made masons what masonry is all about, and without your help we will not succeed.

Again, thank you for your confidence, and if you need to speak with me about anything concerning our lodge, just let me know, my door is always open.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

*Bryan Seland*

Worshipful Master



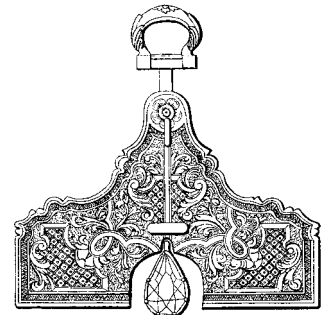
This year, we have several preservation and beautification projects planned. I encourage each of you to visit often and take an active part in the Lodge communications. This is YOUR Lodge; elected leaders are tasked with serving as stewards on you behalf. We want you to be as active as your cable tow allows, and we want to be a Lodge for which you're proud to be a member.

I look forward to a very positive and progressive year in 2021. I remain...

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

*R.J. "Jody" Mequiar*

Senior Warden



# JUNIOR WARDEN



My Brothers,

I wish to thank the Brethren for having the trust and confidence in me to elect me Junior Warden for 2021. I would like to congratulate my fellow officers on their elections and appointments. As always, we have a great group of brothers ready to serve you in the officer line. I think I can speak for us all saying that we look forward to a wonderful and

productive year.

I would like to thank Worshipful Master Billy Schmidt for navigating a difficult 2020. With the pandemic it hasn't been easy and he has done an amazing job of leading the lodge through these troubled times.

I look forward to our newly raised brothers being involved in lodge and I welcome any conversation to make you feel welcome and facilitate your involvement. There are many committees you can be part of and we can certainly use your expertise and input. I hope to see many of our long-term brothers at lodge as well and hopefully re-new your commitment to the craft. We are always looking for

Brothers to get plugged into our ritual work or become instructors for our new Brothers. This lodge only exists to serve you and the craft. Come be a part of it.

In the coming weeks, I will be putting a sign-up sheet in the dining room so that any Brother can volunteer to supply a meal on one of our Stated or Called Communications. I will greatly appreciate any Brother can that can step up and take a meal to serve your Brothers.

I hope this new year finds you and your family happy and healthy and you had a wonderful holiday season.

Fraternally,

*Ritch A. Carroll*

Junior Warden



# SECRETARY'S DESK



My Brothers,

It is my honor to continue serving the Craft as your Secretary. Congratulations to our newly elected and appointed officers and committee members. I look forward to working with everyone to ensure we remain committed to our tenants and excellence in all that we do.

Sadly, we had a small number of members who were suspended for non-payment of dues as of December 27th, 2020. It is incumbent upon every member to ensure the lodge is properly notified of their current contact information and that their dues are paid - or proper assistance is rendered if you ever find yourself in financial need. ***I highly recommend EVERY member log into our Circumscribe membership portal at least once of year, if not throughout the year, and verify their contact information and dues payment status.*** First time log in instructions are on page 7 of this newsletter. If your email is already in the system, use the "forgot password" feature. If you need to know what email address we have in the system, or have any other issues, I recommend sending me an email directly at [billyschmidtH25@gmail.com](mailto:billyschmidtH25@gmail.com). Only 178 of our active Master Masons have an email on file, which means the other 330 of you haven't ever tried to log in!

REMEMBER, dues for 2021 will be \$5.00 higher than

2020 and this is due to the per capita increase that was adopted at Grand Lodge in 2018. You can verify the amount on the dues notice that was mailed to you or within the Circumscribe portal. The breakdown is as follows: lodge dues are \$166, the Grand Lodge Per Capita Fee is \$30, and the Let Your Pennies Make Good Cents donation is \$7.30. The total due for 2021 is \$203.30. The only members that are suspended for non-payment of dues are those who never pay OR never reach out for assistance.

If you know of a man who is looking to join our ancient and honorable institution, please feel free to reach out to me directly, or have them do so. Naturally, it has been the custom of our lodge to have prospective members come down at least once, if not a few times, to talk and find out more. They are welcome any Tuesday we have an event generally at 6 pm for a quick tour and then join us for dinner. We are also occasionally available on Thursdays at 6:30 pm for a tour and discussion.














Thank you for the honor of serving you again. I look forward to working with each and every member of this lodge to ensure its smooth administration.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

*Billy D. Schmidt*













Secretary



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: <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>					1	2					
3	 <p><b>Paul Revere Chapter</b> 7 p.m.</p>	4	5	 <p><b>District School of Instruction</b> John Darling Lodge MLT 6 p.m. School 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL</p>	 <p><b>Masonic Education &amp; Catechism</b> Lodge Open 6:30 p.m.</p>	8	 <p><b>171st Installation of Lodge Officers</b> 8 am: Close Funeral Lodge / Open Special Communication <b>9:30 am:</b> Doors Open <b>10:00 am:</b> Public Ceremony <i>Lunch After</i></p>	9			
10	 <p><b>Paul Revere Chapter</b> 7 p.m.</p>	11	 <p><b>Stated Communication</b> Business Meeting, Balloting, Votes, etc.  Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	12	13	 <p><b>Masonic Education &amp; Catechism</b> Lodge Open 6:30 p.m.  <b>Degree Practice</b> Lodge Room 7:00 p.m.</p>	14	15	16		
17	 <p><b>Paul Revere Chapter</b> 7 p.m.</p>	18	 <p><b>MM Degree Night</b> For Candidates who are prepared.  Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:30 p.m.</p>	19	20	 <p><b>Masonic Education &amp; Catechism</b> Lodge Open 6:30 p.m.  <b>Degree Practice</b> Lodge Room 7:00 p.m.</p>	21	22	<p><b>MASTER MASON ASSOCIATION MEETING</b>  John Darling Lodge No. 154 6:30 p.m. Tampa, FL.</p>	23	<p><b>ZONE SCHOOL / OPEN BOOKS</b>  Scottish Rite Tampa, FL 9 a.m.</p>
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# FEBRUARY

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	 <p><b>1</b> Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p><b>2</b> <b>Possible Degree Night</b> None ready at time of publication. Check the website calendar for updates.</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 Lodge Open 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p>
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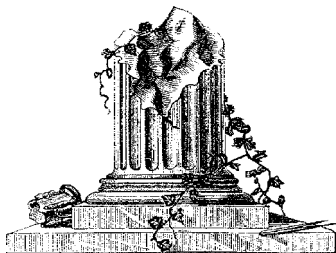
# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## January

Christopher Anderson	Joel Markison II
Harry Bean Jr	Lewis Molnar
Joseph Bever Jr	Regis Neary
Homer Claytor Jr	Ronald Netterfield
Colton Curry	James Nix
Peter Dashko	Alfonso Noto
Charles Earle Jr	Edward O'Hair
Tarek Fahmy	Dennis Payne
Alexander Galano	Anthony Pullara
Walter Harris	Raul Ramos
Pedro Hevia	Ronald Read
John Hillyer IV	Charles Seeley
Michael Huster	Samuel Shepeard
Roy Hutson	James Skomp
Elwood Jones	Barrett Smith
Robert King	Charles Sowers
Lawrence Lane	Lawrence Stone
Ryan Larrison	Theodore Taub
Fredric Le Varge	Bryan Taylor
Henry Lopez	James Thomas Jr
Joseph Lorello Jr	William Williams Jr

## February

Robert Beebe	William Macgillivray
James Crawford II	Patrick McCall
Jeremy David	Jamey Neely
Robert Davis Jr	Joseph Osman
Shawn Gilbert	Charles Peterman II
Manuel Gonzalez	S Michael Richards
Derek Hopkins	Kenneth Robbins
Gerald Hussey	John Rutland
Kevin Kilbourne	Jorge Santamaria
Forrest Klinger	Joshua Sussman
Christopher Knight	Cory Tidwell
Rodney Kohler	Byron Townsend
Randell Leavitt	John Vath
Reese Letcher	Milton Zamore
Matthew Lucas	Robert Zeige II



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.

# AWARDS

**December 15, 2020:** Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our final Friends & Family Night on December 15, 2020. We enjoyed a great meal and presentations as part of our holiday party and awards night. We were happy to provide both our educator award and scholarship award receipts \$2,000 each for having earned the awards. Congratulations to the following members and individuals on their awards!

- 2020 Vivian Gaither Outstanding Educator Award - Mr. Andres Flores of Hillsborough High School
- 2020 Joseph A. Moore Scholarship Award - Mr. Angel Mendoza of Hillsborough High School
- 2020 Lodge Pillar Award - Right Worshipful C. Donald Prosser
- 2020 Outstanding Service Award - Brother Michael Huster
- Appreciation Awards - Right Honorable Thomas Newton, Worshipful Billy Scott, and Right Worshipful Steven Silvers
- Aprons during our Apron Presentation - Brothers David, Sano, Hughes, Mills, Harris, and Porsche.
- Ritual Achievement Awards - Brother Seland for presiding in the East for EA and FC degrees and Brother Carroll for taking on Senior Deacon for EA and FC degrees.
- Instruction Appreciation Awards - Right Honorable Newton, Worshipful Scott, Worshipful Liniger, Brother Gibson, Brother Ellis, Brother Manning, and Brother Tennis.
- Appointment as Chaplain Emeritus - Brother Joshua Sussman
- Perpetual Friend Membership - Mrs. Pamala Meguiar

We'd also like to thank Right Worshipful Esteppe for presenting the Apron Presentation for us.



**November 24, 2020:** Congratulations to Brothers Meguiar and Chaisson! Brother Jerome Meguiar was presented his 50 year service award and Brother Carl Chaisson was presented his Perpetual Membership certificate and pin at our November 24th Stated Communication. We would like to thank Brother Meguiar for his 50 years of dedicated service to our lodge, the Craft, and DeMolay. We'd also like to thank Brother Chaisson for investing in his lodge as well as remaining an active Master Mason. Hope to see you in Lodge,

# RECENT DEGREES



**November 17, 2020:** Congratulations to Brothers Davis and Wilson on being initiated as our newest Entered Apprentices! Special thanks to our degree team for working hard and providing a great experience, Right Worshipful Scott McAlister for the awesome lecture, and Worshipful Galano for the great charge. Most of all, thank you to all the Brothers who were willing and able to come out to support these men as they joined our ancient and honorable Fraternity. Pictured is everyone who could stay until the end.



**December 1, 2020:** Congratulations to Brothers Louis, Issaev, Torres, and Wynands on being Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft! We'd like to say thank you to the degree team for their hard work, to Right Honorable Manne for the lecture, Right Honorable Newton for the charge, and Worshipful Scott for assisting with our slides. Many thanks to everyone who was able to come out and support these Brothers. Pictured are those who were able to stay until the end.

# CHARITY



**December 18, 2020:** Thank you to everyone who donated to our food and toy drives this year! Our Worshipful Master Billy Schmidt, Worshipful Billy Scott, and our Community Outreach Chairman Brother Mike Huster loaded up our donations and hauled them to the Metropolitan Ministries holiday tent.

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# COMMITTEES

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For other committee contact information, contact the Secretary at [billy.schmidtH25@gmail.com](mailto:billy.schmidtH25@gmail.com)



# OFFICER ELECTIONS

**December 8, 2020:** Congratulations to our newly elected Lodge Officers.

Worshipful Master-elect Brother Bryan Seland  
Senior Warden-elect Brother RJ Jody Meguiar  
Junior Warden-elect Brother Ritch Carroll  
Treasurer Worshipful Billy Scott  
Secretary-elect Worshipful Billy D. Schmidt



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 Bro. Ritch A. Carroll . . . . .Junior Warden  
 W.: Billy D. Scott, III, P.M. . . . . Treasurer  
 W.: Billy D. Schmidt, P.M. . . . . Secretary  
 W.: Alexander Rodriquez Galano, P.M. Senior Deacon  
 Bro. Kenneth B. Gibson . . . . . Junior Deacon  
 Bro. Lerone D. Wilson . . . . .Senior Steward  
 Bro. Matthew J. Taheri . . . . . Junior Steward  
 Bro. Jack J. Hughes. . . . . Marshal  
 R.:W.: Steven J. Silvers, P.D.D.G.M. . . . . Chaplain  
 Bro. Michael J. Huster. . . . . Tyler  
 W.: Tom Johnson, P.M. . . . . Treasurer Emeritus  
 Bro. Joshua Sussman . . . . .Chaplain Emeritus  
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