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MAISONIC SPOTLIGHT: R.·. W.·. THOMAIS C. NEWTON, DOGM

R: W: Thomas C. Newton was initiated an Entered Apprentice November 7, 1972 in Hillsborough Lodge No. 25. He was Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on February 6, 1973 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on March 20, 1973.

Before joining the lodge, he was a member and officer in DeMolay. R: W: Newton served as Preceptor in Paul Revere Chapter and Preceptor, Junior Councilor, Senior Councilor, Master Councilor, and then Scribe for two years in Owen A. Coile Chapter. He has earned the Past Master Councilor's Meritorious Service Award, the Degree of Chevalier, and has been awarded the DeMolay Active Legion of Honor.

R. W. Newton was appointed Senior Steward in 1981 and Junior Deacon in 1982. In 1983, he was elected Junior Warden. He was then elected Senior Warden in 1984 and Worshipful Master in 1985. R. W. Newton would go on to serve this lodge as Treasurer in 1986 and then Secretary later on between 2010 - 2015 and then again in 2019 and 2020.

R. W. Newton served as District Instructor for our district for the 1987 - 1988 and 1988 - 1989 terms. He also served as the District Chairman for Perpetual Membership in the 2015 - 2016 term and Membership Development in the 2016 - 2017 term.

He earned his Blue Proficiency Card in 1984 and has repeatedly renewed it since. R. W. Newton has also completed his Master Mason exams and all modules of the Masonic Leadership Training program.



He was presented his 25 year service award in 1998 and his 40 year service award in 2013.

After attending Plant High School for two years, R∴W∴ Newton graduated from the Sanford Naval Academy in 1969. He graduated from USF in 1974 with a B.A. in Political Science and is a twenty-year employee of Harris-McBurney, where he is currently their Safety Director. In 2009, he Raised his son, Brother Geoff Newton, to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in our lodge. He happily resides with his wife Mary Ann in Thonotosassa.

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WORSHIPFVL MASTER



My Brothers,

I hope this trestle board reaches you all in good health, and you have had an enjoyable summer. Spending time with loved ones is important, and this break gives us all time to enjoy some family time, and refresh for the rest of the year. We have a busy end of the year fast approaching, and could use all hands on deck.

We have our 20th annual Table Lodge in September, and this event should be an amazing time. Following Table Lodge, we have Paint Your Heart Out Tampa Bay, and could use as many Brothers as possible. Please get with Brother Michael Huster if you are interested. Following PYHOTB we will have some degrees coming up, followed by the busy holiday season. We will continue to have our food drive, and toy drive for the holidays, and are looking into helping out Booker T. Washington School with some donations this year. Please get involved with whatever interests you. I enjoyed helping out other lodges this past summer with Master Mason Degrees, and want to thank the officers and other brothers from Hillsborough Lodge for traveling to other lodges this past summer. Traveling to other lodges builds better bonds, and allows you to experience how other Masons conduct business. It also leads to great fellowship, and builds friendships with other Brothers. I also want to thank you all for the hard work and dedication of time to enhancing our lodge this summer. This lodge cannot run and succeed without all of our efforts.

In closing, I wish you all a successful rest of the year, and if anyone needs anything at all, please reach out. We are here to assist all of our brothers. Please make an effort to come down to lodge, we would not be here without you.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Bryan Seland

Worshipful Master bryan.selandH25@gmail.com



JVNIOR WARDEN



My Brothers,

I write this Trestle Board column with a heavy heart. We recently lost one of our long-time members, Brother Bill Cobb. Bill had been a fixture in the lodge offering sage advice and wise counsel for many years and was heavily involved in shaping our youth in the Paul Revere Chapter of DeMolay. He was a former Marine who actually designed and built his own 36-foot

sailboat and lived on it. I will personally miss his stories and his "Hoosier Stew". Please keep him and your family in your prayers. He will be greatly missed.

Our first DDGM visit from RW Tom Newton was a great success. We pulled out all the stops for his homecoming, had an excellent turnout and all had a wonderful time! Thank you to the Meguiar family for preparing an amazing meal of BBQ ribs befitting the event!

The Grand Master's visit on August 28th went off in spectacular fashion. Dinner was amazing and a great evening was had by all. Huge shout out to the DDGMs of Districts 19 and 20 who organized an excellent event and the Brothers of both districts that pitched in to make it a total success.

As of the time of writing this, our Table Lodge on September 7th will not have happened yet, but the officers are working hard to provide a great experience and are trying to make up for not having one last year. I am sure we will all have a great time and enjoy the evenings filled with joy and brotherhood and lots of good humor! I will report on the event in our next Trestle Board.

As always, we are looking for Brothers to instruct our newly initiated EA brethren and mentor them through their journey to Master Mason. We've lost some instructors to moves, and job-related conflicts. This is one of the most important roles in the lodge, is very fulfilling and we need your assistance.

Again, I want to thank all the Brothers who have stepped up and volunteered to take a meal on Tuesdays. There have been some really tasty meals put out by our brothers and I greatly appreciate the outpouring of assistance. I am looking for some brothers to take a meal in September and October. There is a signup sheet on the kitchen door for you to put your name in for a Tuesday or please ask me.

Feel free to email me with any questions or suggestions on how we can serve you, the craft better. My email is ritch.carrollh25@gmail.com.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Ritch A. Carroll

Junior Warden ritch.carrollh25@gmail.com



SENIOR WARDEN



My Brothers,

Every day, I receive notification of more family and friends, fellow Masons, DeMolays and DeMolay Advisors impacted by this global pandemic. It seems beyond comprehension that we are now a year and a half beyond when COVID-19 became a household term, and we all faced government mandated shut-downs.

At our Lodge, we emerged from the quarantine as a strong fraternal force. The number of candidates for our Degrees has remained healthy, and the number of guests welcomed at our fellowship dinners has remained steady. We are living proof that our society needs the fellowship provided by our fraternity, even in a pandemic. We are fortunate that our Lodge room allows for necessitated social distancing, and our Grand Lodge allows the Lodge leaders the latitude and direction to operate within the guidelines mandated by the CDC and local government. My point is that even though we are open for regular business, our brethren can be confident that precautions are being employed every step of the way. Come visit Lodge. Come to our fellowship dinners. Share in the fellowship with your Masonic family; it's important that we keep our morale up and that we're active and supportive to each other!

Hope to see you soon!

Sincerely & Fraternally Yours,

R. J. "Jody" Meguiar

Senior Warden jodyH25@fldemolay.com



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My Brothers,

Why are you a Mason? What do you do to make your lodge and Fraternity better? These are important questions and they are even more critical for those who we never see. Travel, work, family life, and many other things keep members from attending functions. Everyone is busy. But, what keeps your cable-tow so short that we never see you? It's important that

members find something - anything - to take part in. Maybe it's as simple as always attending our annual Table Lodge. Maybe you volunteer one night a week to teach a catechism class. Maybe you always make sure you attend Master Mason degrees and pitch in. Regardless of what your thing is - fellowship, education, charity, ritual, teaching, etc - find it and take part. Otherwise, why are you a member?

As we approach the end of the year, we still have a few members who haven't paid their 2021 lodge dues. It is critical that you contact me and let me know if you need assistance. Otherwise, we need to take care of that payment so you are not suspended for non-payment of dues. No member should ever need to be suspended - we provide assistance to those in need. But, you have to act.

Speaking of dues, as of August 12th, when the Grand

Master signed our by-law change resolution, our new lodge dues rate is in effect. Your 2022 dues notice will include the following amounts: \$225.00 lodge dues + \$35 GL per capita fee + \$7.30 LYPMGC = \$267.30. While a little higher, they certainly aren't the highest in this area. The additional income will also assist the lodge in maintaining the necessary funds to complete maintenance and renovations as needed while continuing to provide programing and other activities.

As always, if you have questions or concerns with any membership issues, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Billy D. Schmidt

Secretary billy.schmidtH25@gmail.com



Lodge Officer Nomination Forms are due to the Lodge Secretary BEFORE the start of our November 9th, 2021 business meeting.

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5	Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	7 2021 Table Lodge Held at the Egypt Shrine Center 5017 E Washington St. Tampa, FL 33619 Begins at 6:30 pm sharp. Tickets available online.	8	Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes	IO MASONIC PARK BOARD MEETING Tampa Lodge No. 240 Tampa, FL 7 p.m.	Jr. Grand Warden's Homecoming Online Registration Required by Sept 3. See website calendar or Facebook event for the link. Held at the Tampa Scottish Rite 5:00 pm
12	Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	I4 Stated Communication Business Meeting Balloting, Votes, etc. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.	15	Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes Degree Rehearsal 7 pm	17	OES Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.
۷	Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	EA Degree Night For Brothers who are prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.	22	Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes	2.4 MASTER MASON ASSOCIATION MEETING John Darling Lodge No. 154 6:30 p.m. Tampa, FL.	2.5 ZONE SCHOOL / OPEN BOOKS Scottish Rite Tampa, FL 9 a.m.
26	27 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	28 Stated Communication Limited Business Masonic Education Speakers Series Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m. Fellowship After Mtg	27	30 Masonic Education Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes Degree Rehearsal 7 pm		

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HAPPY BIRTHPAY!

September

Paul Christian Sam Lazzara Melvin White Steven Gainey Christopher Callas John Mantei James Morris Pedro Rivera Dean Di Leo Kermit Hines Mark Linsky Michael Shelton Alexander Hirst John Rose Kenneth Hudgins Edward Monjesky Ronald Wooldridge Joseph Olbrys Tony Vidal IV

Nicholas Mitrano Daniel Astacio Michael Bajsa George Comesanas Dennis Dittinno Charles Pesola Frank Cossota Jr Michael Farrier II Frank Caballero Iames Miller Sr Byron Bailey Jr Guy Miller III Lehmon White Michael Flores Iohn Louis Matthew MacGiffert Dennis McDonald Michael Fletcher Reynaldo Gonzalez Jr Martin Sas Agelos Berios Ray Hodges Elton Morrow Ir Gustavo Porro Charles Bever Ir Julian Hook Jr Ventzislan Issaev

Clayton Milligan Sherman Arthur David Wakeen Alejandro Villagra Joseph Lopez Kenneth Pepper Houston White Jeffery Lake Clifford Mann Nelson Alderman Richard Bozek Kevin Tribout Christopher Bajsa John Sheehan John Maye Noilson Agra Walter Lawless Jr Om Nankissoor Robert Norman

October

Mark Maxey Garland Tickle Iacob Eichenbaum Horatio Johnson Donald Keen Howard Welch Luis Rivera Brian Rios Raymond Miller Davelis Goutoufas Paul Cimino Lance Connors Harold Tubbs Michael Andrews Darrian Mills Frederick Powell Wayne Garrison James Suarez Jerome Meguiar Stephen Jacobson Carl Mueller Michael Maltezos John Hunt Ernest Moore Jr Arthur Pasmas III Christopher Simms William Smallev



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.

NOTICE OF BY-LAW CHANGE

You are hereby notified that a resolution came before the Lodge to *raise annual Lodge dues from \$166.00 a year to \$225.00 a year* (plus GL per capita in both cases). The resolution came before the Lodge for it's first vote where it was accepted on June 8th, 2021. The resolution was adopted at our Stated Communication on July 13th, 2021. With the Grand Master's approval on August 12th, 2021, the bylaw change was officially in effect.

Any application for a Perpetual Membership must now include the new dues rate.

Your 2022 dues notice will include the following amounts:

\$225.00 lodge dues + \$35 GL per capita fee + \$7.30 LYPMGC = \$267.30



We regret to inform the Craft that Brother Bill Cobb has passed to the celestial Lodge above. Brother Cobb was not only a regular at lodge meetings and events, but a long time advisor and supporter of Paul Revere Chapter - Order Of DeMolay, Florida DeMolay, and DeMolay International. He will be missed greatly. His family has decided to postpone services during the recent COVID-19 spike.

DDAM OFFICIAL VISIT





July 27th, 2021: We had the honor of hosting our own Right Worshipful Thomas C. Newton, District Deputy Grand Master of the 19th Masonic District, and his committeemen on July 27th for his first official visit to our lodge. Thank you to Right Worshipful Newton and his committeemen for their presentations and thank you to everyone who made it out for the evening! Pictured above, you will find our group photo from the end of the evening on top and then, from left to right, 1) Right Worshipful Newton cutting his custom DDGM cake, 2) Right Worshipful Newton presenting Masonic Education Achievement Awards to Worshipful Billy Scott for 2019, Worshipful Billy Schmidt for 2020, and one for Universal Lodge No. 178 to Worshipful Master Ernesto Hernandez-San Martin. Not pictured, the lodge also earned recognition awards for our Adopt-A-Teacher and Adopt-A-School projects, awards, and scholarships. The lodge was also awarded not only the Masonic Education Achievement Awards for 2019 and 2020, but also the Masonic Home Endowment Fund Top Awards and Public Education & Citizenship Achievement Awards for 2019 and 2020. Thank you to all the members who make this possible.

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FRIENDS & FAMILY MIGHT MM DEGREE







June 29th, 2021: Congratulations to Brother Torres-Exposito and Brother Lewis on receiving their aprons and Master Mason certificates on June 29th at our Friends & Family Night! Thank you to everyone who came out and braved the June weather last night. We hope you enjoyed the meal, the apron presentation, and our presentation on our lodge's buildings over time.



July 20th, 2021: Congratulations to Brothers Davis and Wilson on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on July 20th! Special thanks to Right Worshipful Silvers for presiding in the East, Right Worshipful Rocha for a great lecture, Right Worshipful Chavez for the closing charge, to the entire degree team for their great work, to the officers who stepped up and sat certain chairs for the first time, to all of our members who answered the call and supported us with a full cast in the second section, and to everyone who made it out!

TIME TO FOR INTO LIKCAWELIBE

What can you do within the Circumscribe online membership system? The two most important things you can do are: 1) easily pay your annual dues via debit or credit card and, 2) check your profile and ensure your contact information is correct. Make sure we have a valid mailing address, phone number, and e-mail for you. The system also allows you to complete the Master Mason I, II, and III exams online and record attendance at certain events and activities so the lodge earns credit towards awards. If nothing else, we encourage you to use the system for dues payments and checking your contact information! **Log in now at https://glfl.circumscribe.net**.

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 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.
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