

TRESTLE BOARD

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MASONIC EDUCATION: THE PURPOSE OF FREEMASONRY

The basic purpose of Freemasonry is to make “better men out of good men.” As our Institution places emphasis on the individual man, its mission is accomplished by strengthening his character, improving his moral and spiritual outlook and broadening his mental horizons. By the inculcation of its teachings Freemasonry seeks to impress upon the minds of its members the principles of personal responsibility and righteousness, to give each an understanding of and feeling for its charity, and endeavors to encourage each to put these lessons into practice in his daily life. Thus, it does seek to build a better world by first building better men to work at this self-appointed task in their own communities.

Freemasonry believes in universal peace made possible by the acceptance of its great doctrine of the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God.

Freemasonry also seeks to enlighten the mind of man by placing within his grasp a reasonable understanding of the persistence of life through both time and eternity. In the framework of its teachings each man may find a philosophy of life which will meet his own need.

From The Lodge System of Masonic Education, Mentor's Manual (GL217), Pg. 3, Grand Lodge of Florida.



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WORSHIPFUL MASTER



My Brothers,

As usual, I hope this trestle board finds you and your families in good health. Health is the most important aspect of our lives. Without our health, we are nothing, and can't do what we do as Masons. This year has come and gone as they say, in the blink of an eye. We have had many successes this year, as well as many learning opportunities. Learning from our mistakes, makes us

stronger as Masons, and as a group.

I would like to thank each and every one of my fellow Brothers, and their families for allowing us to meet and take care of both business, and fellowship. For having the confidence in me to lead your lodge this past year, and hopefully you will agree that the lodge has become a better place. It has not been easy, nor did I expect it to be. We had many challenges this year, with the pandemic and all. However, we should not always dwell on the difficulties, but also dwell on the successes. For one, Table Lodge was amazing this year, with a large attendance from

JUNIOR WARDEN



My Brothers,

This will be the final article for my time as Junior Warden of our lodge. I have to say it's been a busy, but rewarding, year. I would like to thank our Worshipful Master Bryan Seland and the officers and Brothers of the lodge for pitching in when help was needed. I really appreciate the support I've received. I would like to send a special thank you to Mrs. Meguiar for providing us with

very tasty meals this year. Without you and your families help I could not have done it this year.

If you missed our 20th annual Table Lodge on September 7th, you really missed a great night. As we didn't have one last year due to the pandemic, we really wanted to go all out this year, and we did. Many of the Grand Line Officers were in attendance as well as Brothers from all over Districts 19 and 20 with a few others thrown in for good measure. The food was amazing and the service was right on point. All in all, I think we had about 125 brothers there. All of the officers from the lodge and many of the Brothers put a lot of hard work and effort into it, and it showed. In my biased opinion I think it went off pretty flawlessly and we achieved our goal of pulling off an enjoyable evening of great food and brotherhood that won't be soon forgotten.

across the state. Second we have had many upgrades to the lodge building, with updating the air conditioning, the windows, the tenants, and with appliances for use in the lodge. We have also continued our Charity outings such as Paint Your Heart Out Tampa Bay. And lastly, we have seen many young Masons start and continue their journeys toward the East and become Master Masons.

Keep up the hard work. If after finishing reading this article you leave with one piece of information, please give back to your lodge. That is the most important thing you can do as a Brother. There are many aspects that make the lodge function. Whether it is education, being in the officer line, charity work, social aspects, catechism instruction, or degree work. Find that one thing you enjoy and "run" with it. One of the most important things I can think of is teaching the young Masons coming in the door their catechism. I know we are all busy, but if that one Brother didn't take the time out of his week to teach you, would you be a Master Mason right now? We have a lot of people coming through the door, and that is a good thing, with Fraternity numbers dwindling. However, to make Masons, we need someone to guide them. Please reach out and help if you can.

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Brothers, we really need some assistance instructing our newly initiated Entered Apprentices and mentoring them through their Masonic journey. If you can commit one night a week to helping them along it would go a long way to helping the lodge. Our mandate is to make Masons and if we can't instruct our new Brothers, we can't accomplish this goal. Please reach out to me anytime to discuss how you can help.

In closing, I would like to thank you, the Brothers, for having the confidence in me this year to fill the chair of Junior Warden and I hope I have served you well done you all proud.

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
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SENIOR WARDEN



My Brothers,

As we rapidly approach the end of the calendar year, I have to look back on 2021 – and in doing so, I am awestruck with the amount that our Lodge and our gentle Craft has accomplished.

Together, we completed many necessary projects around the Lodge including those to enhance the safety and comfort of our members and the beautification of our building.

We made a much-needed adjustment to the Lodge annual dues, putting us much closer to where we need to be to preserve our fraternal future, while remaining affordable for our members. We Initiated, Passed and Raised our Brethren, while still navigating through the restrictions and guidelines by our government, our society and our fraternal leadership. Most of all, we maintained the friendship and brotherly love which makes us a source of fun and fellowship, while we instill light on our surrounding world. I'd like to extend my thanks and appreciation to Worshipful Bryan Seland and our corps of officers for all of their dedicated service to the Fraternity this year.

Looking ahead, these accomplishments have provided

SECRETARY'S DESK



My Brothers,

As we approach the end of another year, I would like to congratulate the officers and members on a job well done. Congratulations to our Worshipful Master, Worshipful Bryan Seland, as well as his great Wardens and officers on a great year. It has not been easy planning or operating during a global pandemic. It added a vast number of roadblocks and made leaders and members question what

can be done, what should be done, and what shouldn't. Nonetheless, we are hopefully closer to the end of the ups and downs and can open the throttle and push forward.

"Renewal notices" have either already arrived or will be arriving soon in mail boxes. You will notice the recently approved higher dues rate now applied to these notices. Annual dues are due by December 27th each year and I HIGHLY recommend you log into the online Circumscribe portal and pay online. You can also verify or amend your contact information. If you can, we ask that you also include the \$7.30 donation to our "Let Your Pennies Make Good Cents" (LYPMGC) program which helps fund the Masonic Home Endowment Fund. If you find yourself destitute and unable to remit dues, please contact me

a foundation as we set a course for the coming months, and the coming years. Our principal officers have met to discuss plans and directions for engaging our members, providing care and lasting friendship to many of our Masonic family members, and doing more than ever before to benefit our community.

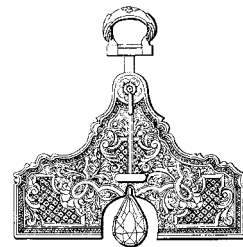
To provide a brief update on our sponsored "Paul Revere" DeMolay Chapter, I am proud to announce that three new DeMolays were initiated in October, sons of our Lodge Brothers. The Chapter received Letters Temporary on November 19, 1920, yielding 101 years of proud history and development for young men of character in the Tampa community! Please join me in congratulating these amazing youth members on all their accomplishments.

As this will be my last Trestle Board article as your Senior Warden, please accept my sincere thanks and expressions of gratitude for believing in me. I vow to serve this Lodge with the same love and respect it has offered me for several years to come. Hope to see you soon!

Sincerely & Fraternaly Yours,

R. J. "Jody" Mequiar

Senior Warden
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immediately so we can render the assistance necessary. If you don't receive a renewal notice in the mail before December, I recommend you log into Circumscribe and verify your address and let me know as well.

As always, if you have questions or concerns with any membership issues, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I wish you all a great holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Billy D. Schmidt

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

(Lodge By-Law 7.02)



Lodge Officer Elections will be held during the Stated Communication on December 14th, 2021.

(Lodge By-Law 7.01)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	 <p>1</p> <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>2</p> <p>FC Degree Night For Brothers who are prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>District School of Instruction John Darling Lodge MLT 6 p.m. School 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL</p>	 <p>4</p> <p>Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes</p>	<p>5</p>	 <p>6</p> <p>OES Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>Master Mason Outdoor Degree Organized by the MMA of Hillsborough County Held at the Masonic Park & Youth Camp Coffee/Donuts Before, Lunch After Degree 9:00 a.m.</p>
<p>7</p>	 <p>8</p> <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>9</p> <p>Stated Communication Business Meeting Balloting, Votes, etc. Lodge Officer Nomination Forms Due Prior to this meeting Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p>	 <p>11</p> <p>Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes</p> <hr/> <p>Degree Rehearsal 7 pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>MASONIC PARK BOARD MEETING Tampa Lodge No. 240 Tampa, FL 7 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p>	 <p>15</p> <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>16</p> <p>EA Degree Night Past Master Degree Night Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p>	 <p>18</p> <p>Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes</p>	<p>19</p> <p>MASTER MASON ASSOCIATION MEETING John Darling Lodge No. 154 6:30 p.m. Tampa, FL.</p>	 <p>20</p> <p>OES Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>ZONE SCHOOL / OPEN BOOKS Scottish Rite Tampa, FL 9 a.m.</p>
<p>21</p>	 <p>22</p> <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Lodge Closed No meeting or degree on this date.</p>	<p>24</p>	 <p>25</p> <p>Happy Thanksgiving! Lodge closed on this evening.</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p><i>Happy Hanukkah</i></p> <hr/> <p>First Day of Hanukkah</p>	 <p>29</p> <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Lodge Closed No meeting or degree on this date.</p>	<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>			

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 <p>We wish everyone a happy holiday season!</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>3</p>	 <p>4</p> <p>OES Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.</p>	
<p>5</p>  <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>Last Day of Hanukkah</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>Holiday Party & Awards Night Friends & Family Welcome</p> <p>Dinner 6:30 p.m. Program 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	 <p>Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes</p>	<p>10</p> <p>MASONIC PARK BOARD MEETING</p> <p>Tampa Lodge No. 240 Tampa, FL 7 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p>
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November

Richard Allen
 Joel Baez
 James Bennett Jr
 Marquise Blair
 Bruce Bowers
 Lawrence Bryan
 Karl Degiacomi
 Jimmy Fischer
 Jerry Handy
 Robertn Harz
 Dale Hatchell
 Thomas Hebert
 John Hillyer III
 John Hooker
 John Laing
 Jimmy Mills
 Fernando Muniz
 Anthony Noto

Rafael Pizano
 Roman Porsche
 Michael Rogers
 Ernest Seal Jr
 Matthew Setzer
 Brian Shrader
 Cyril Silver
 Ronald Spencer
 William Staunko
 Hugh Sullivan Jr
 Luis Then
 Charles Trexler III
 Donald Valverde
 Joseph Wamsley
 Samuel Whitaker
 Dennis Young
 John Zacheis

December

Donald Anderson
 Zachary Armocida
 Nicolas Awad
 Ryan Bastek
 Miles Beamguard
 Johnny Butler Jr
 Richard Davis
 Oliver Davis III
 Terry Delisle
 George Edenfield
 Kenneth Gibson
 Gary Graham
 Jeremy Hall
 Dwight Hamborsky Jr
 Walter Ireland
 Charles Kane
 Jerry King Jr
 Joseph Lange

David Liniger
 Donald Marsee
 Kevin McLaughlin
 David Montgomery
 Ilian Papasov
 Robert Provencher
 Steven Rhodes
 Christopher Roberts
 Scott Sandoval
 Samuel Schiavone
 Noah Schmiedecke
 Bryan Seland
 Marwam Taouil
 William Taylor
 Harold Wagoner
 William Williams III
 Jay Wolfington

"Worshipful Master" continued from page 2...

In closing, I would like to thank all of my fellow officers for a job well done. I could not have done it without you, or the lodge could not be in the shape that it is without you. I want to congratulate the upcoming officers that get elected, and wish them the best of luck next year. I will be around. I would like to thank my Wardens. Great job with maintaining the lodge, and for the day to day tasks that you guys have to do to make the lodge run smoothly. I would like to thank my Secretary and Treasurer for jobs well done. We had a lot of interesting tasks this year, and glad to see that we came out on top. I want to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart. With that, I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season, and a Happy New Year!!

Sincerely & Fraternally,

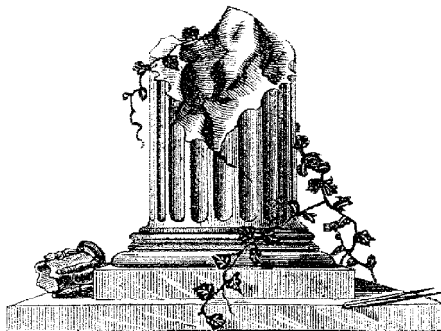
Bryan Seland

Worshipful Master

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TABLE LODGE



September 7th, 2021: We would like to thank everyone who was able and willing to come out September 7th to our 20th Annual Table Lodge! Dinner was fantastic and the fellowship, even better. Special thanks to our caterer On The Mark Catering, LLC, Elise and everyone at Egypt Shriners, and the Grand Lodge line and Grand Master for taking the time to join us. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

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.

RECENT DEGREES



September 21st, 2021: Congratulations to Brothers Ene, Goldberg, Hunt, and Rodriguez on becoming our newest Entered Apprentices on September 21st! Thank you to the degree team, Right Worshipful Silvers for the lecture, Worshipful Rodriguez Galano for the charge, and to everyone who was able and willing to come out.



October 19th, 2021: Congratulations to Brothers Drake, Kadous, Cote, and Beatty on being Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on October 19th! Special thanks to our degree team for an outstanding job, to Brother Carroll on doing a great job presiding in the East for the first time, to Right Honorable Manne for the lecture, and to Worshipful Feldman for the charge.

PYHOT



September 18th, 2021: Thank you to our members and family who came out on September 18th to volunteer and paint this house as our organization's contribution to Paint Your Heart Out Tampa! Special thanks to Brother Lezcano, Brother Hughes, and Right Worshipful Newton for your professional guidance, expertise, and hands on assistance. Many thanks to Brother Huster, our Community Outreach Chairman, for getting this event set up and managing everything.

TIME TO LOG INTO CIRCUMSCRIBE!

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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"FL" + "Your Grand Lodge #" (example: FL1234567)
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