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MASONIC SPOTLIGHT: W.: BRYAN M. SELAND

Worshipful Bryan Michael Seland was Initiated an Entered Apprentice on May 6, 2014, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on September 16, 2014, and was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason January 6, 2015. W.: Seland's first appointment as a Lodge Officer occurred in 2016 when W.: Skillman appointed him Senior Steward. He would go on to be appointed Junior Deacon in 2017 and Senior Deacon in 2018. W.: Seland was elected Junior Warden in 2019, Senior Warden in 2020, and Worshipful Master in 2021. He is looking forward to continuing to support his lodge as a Past Master now.

One way W.: Seland demonstrated his commitment to his lodge was through his Masonic Education. He completed his Master Mason exams, the entire Masonic Leadership Training program, and all three modules of the Lodge Officers Training Course. In addition to those programs, he has also worked to become proficient in his degree work throughout his years as an officer.

He is also a Member of the Valley of Tampa Scottish Rite, Egypt Shriners, and the Tampa York Rite. He has served in several roles at the Scottish Rite over the years, including Past Commander of the Scottish Rite Guard.



W.: Seland is a physical therapist in south Hillsborough County. He and his lovely wife Katie were just married October 2nd, 2021 and reside in Wimauma, Florida with Betty and are expecting a child right now. Congratulations to you both!

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

WORSHIPFUL MASTER



My Brothers,

First, I feel compelled to thank Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 for their vote of confidence in electing me as their Worshipful Master for 2022. I am both honored and humbled to assume the reigns of leadership in this historical and fraternal stronghold within the Downtown Tampa community. I extend my gratitude and a nod of good measure to our junior Past Master, Worshipful Bryan Seland,

for his leadership and example during the 2021 year; and I offer my compliments to our officers who shall serve our Craft this year to bring a positive fraternal experience to our members.

A great big “thank you” to Worshipful Billy Scott and Worshipful Billy Schmidt for enduring another year as the Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. The long-term support and consistency will bring some much-needed stability to our operations which will benefit the Lodge for years to come.

Over the past several months, many hours of planning and consideration have gone into developing a well-rounded term of events which will both engage and entice our members towards continued activity with our Lodge and involvement with our surrounding community. Likewise, we continue to make improvements to our Lodge facility, such that it is a place worthy of pride and attention by our members. We want you to attend, and bring your friends! We want to provide value to your fraternal experience and encourage you to make the most of it.

During the months of January, February and March, the Lodge will collect items for donation to “Corky’s Cupboard” at the Masonic Home. The “wish list” is posted online at the provided link, and ranges from small, sundry items to some bigger-ticket items, based on the interest of each particular donor:

<https://masonichomefl.com/wp-content/uploads/Wish-List-2021-1.pdf>

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JUNIOR WARDEN



My Brothers,

I wish to thank Hillsborough Lodge for giving me the opportunity to be part of the elected officers for the year 2022. It is my Masonic duty to serve the craft but it is also a great pleasure to carry out fraternal works closely with such wonderful team of Brothers. I will dedicate many hours to keep learning new ritual, as well as helping the institution in everything that I can.

When I affiliated to Hillsborough Lodge in July 2019, I was determined to start a new journey to sit again on Solomon’s chair. Masonry keeps influencing positively in my social and personal life and has turned me into a better man, hence I always encourage new candidates to study and apply the moral values of the Fraternity.

I am looking forward to sitting in the South and assist the

Worshipful Master and Senior Warden in the performance of their duties, contribute to serve delicious refreshments for the Brethren, friends, and family, assist the different committee chairmen and attend all Lodge functions and Grand Lodge annual communication.

May this new year bring good health and happiness for you and your family.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Alexander Rodriguez Galano

Junior Warden
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SENIOR WARDEN



My Brothers,

I wish to thank the Brethren for having the trust and confidence in me to elect me Senior Warden for 2022. 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 another wonderful and

productive year.

I would like to thank Worshipful Bryan Seland for navigating a busy 2021 and doing a great job as Worshipful Master!

As we begin the 172nd year of our fine and storied lodge, I plan to continue the great work of the Senior Wardens that have gone before me by maintaining and improving the lodge. I have a couple improvement projects in mind and will provide more detail in later columns.

I look forward to our new as well as our long-term 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

SECRETARY'S DESK



My Brothers,

I would like to congratulate the newly elected and appointed officers for 2022! I look forward to continued improvements and smooth operations. Of course, many thanks to Worshipful Bryan Seland for the years of hard work and dedication he contributed. I know he will remain an active Past Master, and for that, I am even more thankful.

If you are reading this and have not yet paid your 2022 dues, they are indeed LATE. Annual dues are due by December 27th each year prior 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 immediately so we can render the assistance necessary. If you didn't receive a renewal notice in the mail yet, I recommend you log into Circumscribe and verify your address and let me know as well.

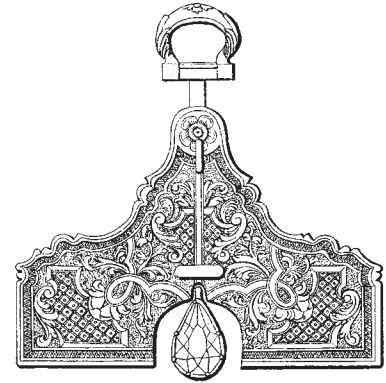
we can certainly use your expertise and input. This lodge only exists to serve you and the craft. Come be a part of it.

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

Fraternally,

Ritch A. Carroll

Senior Warden
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The sometimes-overwhelming tasks needed for this volunteer job have made it difficult to manage in recent months, in conjunction with my real jobs and family life. As we reappear from the holiday season, you will see the mailing of dues cards and depositing of checks and such pick back up to full speed. If you have anything outstanding and are concerned, feel free to email me and double check though.

I am admittedly not very good at returning phone calls in a quick fashion. This is due to the fact that I am always quite busy during normal daytime working hours. Obviously, I also don't want to disturb anyone late at night. The best method of communication is to email me at billy.schmidtH25@gmail.com or secretary@hillsborough25.org. I am able to check email quicker and easier in between work and other functions or at night without disturbing you.

I hope everyone had a joyful and restful holiday season and I look forward to another great year ahead.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Billy D. Schmidt

Secretary






























SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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.



OES Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.

<p>2</p>  <p>3</p> <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Lodge Closed</p> <p>No meeting or degree on this date.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>No District School</p> <p>No DSI in January, see you in February!</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>172nd Installation of Lodge Officers 8 am: Close Funeral Lodge / Open Special Communication 9:30 am: Doors Open 10:00 am: Public Ceremony Lunch After</p>
<p>9</p>  <p>10</p> <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>Stated Communication Business Meeting Balloting, Votes, etc.</p> <p>Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>  <p>Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes</p> <p>Degree Rehearsal 7 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>MASONIC PARK BOARD MEETING</p> <p>Tampa Lodge No. 240 Tampa, FL 7 p.m.</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>OES Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.</p>
<p>16</p>  <p>17</p> <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p> <p>Lodge Received Charter January 17, 1851</p>	<p>18</p>  <p>MM Degree Night</p> <p>For Brothers who are prepared.</p> <p>Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>ZONE SCHOOL / OPEN BOOKS</p> <p>Scottish Rite Tampa, FL 9 a.m.</p>
<p>23</p> <p>30</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Lodge Under Dispensation January 24, 1850</p>  <p>31</p>  <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	<p>25</p> <p><i>Happy Birthday</i></p> <p>Lodge Birthday Celebration Stated Mtg Dispensed Open to all EAs, FCs, MMs, family & friends, and all those interested in our history - business casual attire.</p> <p>Dinner 6:30 p.m. Event 7:15 p.m. Fellowship After Event</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>  <p>Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes</p>	<p>28</p> <p>MASTER MASON ASSOCIATION MEETING</p> <p>John Darling Lodge No. 154 6:30 p.m. Tampa, FL.</p> <p>29</p>

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27  Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	<div style="text-align: center;">  THE SOUTHEASTERN MASONIC EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM DOWNTOWN TAMPA, FL BACK AGAIN APRIL 9, 2022! Six awesome speakers from across the nation, Masonic vendors, an evening fellowship event, & more! Tickets available online soon at www.h25smes.org. </div>					

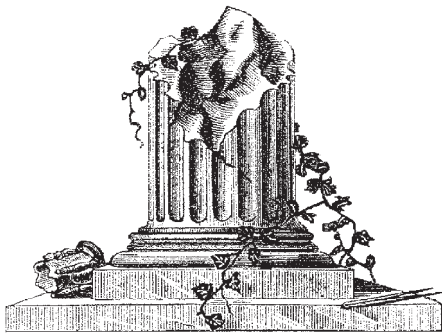
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January

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

February

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



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.

HOLIDAY PARTY & AWARD NIGHT



CONGRATULATIONS!

December 7th, 2021: Congratulations to Mr. James Mwakyonde of Hillsborough Community College on receiving the **Joseph A. Moore Scholarship Award** and Ms. Michelle Henry of Hillsborough County Public Schools on receiving the **Vivian Gaither Outstanding Educator Award**. Mr. Mwakyonde was presented a \$2000 check for his scholarship to college and Ms. Henry was present a \$2000 award for her outstanding work in education.



We would also like to congratulate the follow members on receiving the following certificates and awards:

- **Certificates of Membership:** Brother Michael Wilson & Brother Keishad Davis
- **Service Awards:** Brother Hal Lucas - 25 year award
- **Ritual Achievement Awards:** Presiding as WM for the first time - Brothers Carroll & Meguar / Sitting as Senior Deacon for all three degrees - Brother Gibson
- **Instruction Awards:** Brother Gibson, Brother Manning, Brother Hughes, W:: Scott, & R:: W:: Newton.
- **Support Award:** Brother Mike Huster
- **Outstanding Service Award:** W:: Billy D. Scott III
- **Pillar Award:** R:: W:: Thomas C. Newton



We would also like to thank everyone who was able to come out and attend! We look forward to seeing you again soon. Happy Holidays!



DONATIONS



December 17th, 2021: Thank you to everyone who was able and willing to donate to our annual food and toy drives! We were able to donate several hundred dollars worth of toys and several hundred dollars worth of food, in addition to a check for \$250 from the lodge to Metropolitan Ministries. We also raised \$251 on our Instagram account for them as well. Help those in need by donating today! Thank you to W::M:: Seland, W::Scott, and Brother Huster for making the drop on Friday.

RECENT DEGREES



November 2nd, 2021: Congratulations Brother Rivera on being Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on November 2nd! Special thanks to Brother Jody Meguiar on an outstanding first time presiding in the East for a degree, to the degree team for their great work, to R.:H.: Manne for the lecture, and W.: Scott for the charge. It was also great having our Junior Grand Warden R.:W.: Don Cowart, our Junior Grand Deacon R.:W.: Jack Hampton, and R.:W.: Tony Chavez in attendance. Thank you to everyone who was able to make it out!



November 16th, 2021: Congratulations to Brother Shanholtzer on having been initiated as our newest Entered Apprentice Mason November 16th! Thanks to the Past Masters who were able to come out and participate in this years Past Master Night and take the chairs for the degree. Special thanks to R.:W.: Silvers, not only for the lecture, but also for taking on the East when our junior Past Master W.: Schmidt fell ill with COVID. And of course, thank you to everyone who made it out to join us in supporting this new Brother.

CHARITY



November 17th, 2021: Members of our lodge met at BT Washington Elementary between Downtown Tampa and Ybor November 17th to install the three 8' benches we purchased for the school. Many members donated directly to the project and the lodge matched their donations instead of our typical school supply drive. The benches were mentioned as a desired item by the school. Thank you to everyone who donated their time and money! Special thanks to Brother Chaisson and his company, United One Communications, for again being our largest sponsor for our school project!

“Worshipful Master” continued from page 2...

If you haven't visited your Lodge lately, please plan to do so. We will be utilizing our website, Google calendar, social media channels and stated communications to announce upcoming events. And, we hope your New Year's resolution was to be more active in Lodge!

It's a pleasure and a privilege to serve such an esteemed group of men; and I thank you for the opportunity.

Sincerely & Fraternaly Yours,
R. J. "Jody" Meguiar

Worshipful Master
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