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MASONIC SPOTLIGHT: M.:W.: ROBERT J. LAMBERT

Most Worshipful Robert James Lambert was born at Edwards Air Force Base in California and joined the United States Air Force after graduating from Coral Springs High School in 1981. He attended Golden Gate University while serving in the Air Force. He and his wife of 28 years, Carol, have three adult children: Jessica Meyer and her husband Joseph with two grandchildren Joey and Lillian; Maud Byer; and Marybeth Lambert.

Most Worshipful Lambert received the Three Symbolic Degrees in Masonry while a member of Temple Terrace Lodge No. 330. He served as Junior Deacon of that Lodge. He transferred his membership to Holyrood Lodge No. 257 in 2006 and was elected as Senior Warden in 2009 and Worshipful Master in 2010. Most Worshipful Lambert was also awarded Master Mason and Past Master of the Year in his Lodge. In 2019 he received his 25 Year Service Award.

Most Worshipful Lambert served the Fraternity on several different committees from 2011 through 2018 and received the following Grand Lodge Appointments:

Most Worshipful Danny R. Griffith, P.G.M., appointed him as Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master in 2013

Most Worshipful Steven P. Boring, P.G.M., appointed him as Worshipful Grand Pursuivant in 2015



Most Worshipful John E. Karroum, P.G.M., appointed him as Worshipful Grand Marshal in 2018

Most Worshipful Lambert was elected to the station of Junior Grand Warden on May 27, 2019; Senior Grand Warden on May 25, 2020; Deputy Grand Master on May 31, 2021; and installed Most Worshipful Grand Master on June 1, 2022.

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WORSHIPFUL MASTER



My Brothers,

It is surreal to think about the fact that we are in the midst of the summer months, and more than half of the year has passed us by. While it has been a whirlwind, I think that we have made some incredible progress engaging of our members with the fellowship and brotherhood among those participating in our events.

Grand Lodge was an incredible opportunity to display the best and the brightest that our gentle Craft has to offer. From the welcome visitors representing our varied allied and appendant bodies, to the visiting dignitaries from other Grand Lodges, the highlight was being able to welcome representatives from the Union Grand Lodge, Prince Hall Affiliated. Grand Master M·W·J Jeffery Jones and his traveling companions were received with open arms and several powerful ovations, and it was wonderful to be part of a historical moment for our own Grand Lodge.

Special congratulations to our elected Grand Line officers,

three of whom are from our immediate area. Our new Most Worshipful Grand Master Rob Lambert is from our own District 19, while Senior Grand Warden Glen Bishop is from Clearwater and Senior Grand Warden Don Cowart is from Brandon. We have a busy couple of years supporting our local Brothers who have been elevated to elected positions of leadership within our Grand Jurisdiction!

I am truly blessed and pleased to see the amount of camaraderie there is among the Brothers of our Lodge. We are seeing many returns from those who have not been active; and we continue to receive inquiries and petitions from newcomers who are greatly impressed with their welcome and the prominent hospitality they receive while visiting. The Lodge is on a great upswing, and I am very appreciative to the Lodge officers for their service and dedication.

I encourage you to support and attend the annual Table Lodge, which is coming up in September. Tickets are on sale now! This is a sought-after event, full of great fellowship. It will again be at the Egypt Shriners location off 50th Street, since they have a great meeting hall and parking, and we will likely gather at the Oasis following the Table Lodge festivities.

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JUNIOR WARDEN



My Brothers,

It is a great pleasure to see how Hillsborough Lodge is moving forward this year with so many accomplished fraternal activities and events. We had welcomed in the lodge R·W· Thomas Newton on his last official visit of the year. The meeting had a big attendance and all the Brethren enjoyed a nice dinner and fellowship. In May we Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason a group of Brothers

who are already showing interest in progressing within the institution.

I had the unique pleasure of attending the first time the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Florida where M·W· Robert Lambert was installed as Grand Master. The attendance of Grand lodges in USA, Latin America and other parts of the world was incredible. As it is a custom of Hillsborough Lodge the elected officers of the lodge as well as other officers and Brothers gathered together for an evening meal. This was also a great night of brotherly love and fellowship.

I would like to encourage Brothers who want to assist the lodge in Catechism classes to come forward and help us with this pivotal task, with that said, I would like to thank W· Billy Scott, R·W· Thomas Newton and Br Jack

Hughes for stepping up and taking the responsibilities of being instructors this year. They have done an amazing job with their Catechism classes and without their help the lodge would have struggled.

"The genius of Freemasonry is not our Masonic buildings and temples or the trappings of our organizations. It is not our great charities or community activities. It's not our beautiful rituals or their teachings! It's the 'practice of Freemasonry' by the Freemasons. Yet we cannot practice that which we do not know or understand. Thus Masonic education is the foundation for our Fraternity."

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Alexander Rodriguez Galano

Junior Warden
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SENIOR WARDEN



My Brothers,

I can't believe it, it's already July. This year is flying by!

We've had our second DDGM visit from our own R.:W.: Tom Newton. It was great evening and many congratulations to him for a great year! I know I am personally very thankful for his guidance and friendship.

Our Saturday Master Mason degree on May 14th was an excellent time and done very well. We may do more of those in the future so more Brothers can attend as you, the craft have asked it. On May 24th we did an education presentation on Master Mason 101 which was very well received. Look for more education on our second stated each month as a regular occurrence. Our second stated in July on the 26th will be our first visit from our new DDGM R.:W.: Julian Mackenzie and we are all looking forward to it.

Grand Lodge was as always, a great and educational time. It was attended by 750 lodge delegates, 1,300 total Brothers with only 4 lodges not represented. Multiple Grand

Lodges were in attendance including Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Arkansas, Connecticut, New Jersey, DC, Romania, Paraguay, the Bahamas and various GLs from Mexico. Most impressive and historic was the entire Grand Line from Prince Hall attended! Also in attendance were representatives from Bahia, Mahi and Egypt Shrines, DeMolay, York and Scottish Rites. District 19's own M.:W.: Robert Lambert from Holyrood Lodge accepted the oath of office as our Grand Master I am sure it will prove to be a great year for him! Our new District Instructor is R.:H.: Adam Feldman from J. E. Swartsel Lodge who has been doing our MLT the last couple years. I am sure he will do a brilliant job as DI.

A special thank you our own R.:W.: Drew Baldwin for being our District Instructor these last 2 years. Job very well-done Brother for working with us all even through the pandemic! Your instruction has been invaluable to the craft.

Remember Brothers, we are dark in August. That said, if you need something or want to meet for any reason please reach out! We are here to serve you!

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SECRETARY'S DESK



My Brothers,

The lodge now has a credit or debit card payment option using Square. Annual dues, fees, and items from the merchandise cases can be purchased using a credit or debit card this way. Service fees will, however, be applied to this payment method. A QR code will also be available on the sign in the dining room that will allow for payment of a \$10 dinner donation too.

I would like to congratulate the members of the Membership Retention Committee for their terrific work contacting delinquent members to check on them. Over the last several years, the committee has contacted, by any means possible, members who end up on our delinquent list. As we pass June 30th, delinquent notices had to be sent out. We sent out 110 notices in 2020, 50 in 2021, and now 'only' 44 in 2022. Through phone calls, emails, and snail mail... we are able to reach most members. Most of the time, an incorrect mailing address is to blame. In some cases, we do not have phone numbers or email address for those who have been members for a long time. If you find yourself moving, make sure to let me know! Email me at billyschmidtH25@gmail.com so we can

update our database.

For those who still need to pay your 2022 annual dues, you can still do so online through Circumscribe, by mail with check or money order, or in person. I can also provide payment links for debit or credit through Square (service fees required). No fees are incurred if you use Circumscribe for electronic payment.

A number of potential petitioners are expressing interest in joining. This means we will need volunteers for investigating committees and if they are elected, we will need volunteers for degree teams and catachism instruction. If you haven't been involved, find at least one thing to participate in as a member. Even if it's just attending our monthly Speakers Series or maybe just degrees. I look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Billy D. Schmidt

Secretary
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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

2022 TABLE LODGE

We hope you can join us for another fantastic Table Lodge this year! The fellowship, the great meal, and the program make this one of the best events of the year. We hope to see you.









To be held at the EGYPT SHRINE CENTER
5017 E. Washington St, Tampa, Florida 33619












Tuesday, September 6th, 2022 at 6:30 pm sharp.

Purchase tickets online at
http://www.hillsborough25.org/table_lodge.html



OES Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.

3	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	4		5	Lodge Closed No meeting or degree on this date.	6	District School of Instruction John Darling Lodge MLT 6 p.m. School 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL	7	Lodge Closed Officers & members visiting J.F. Swartsel No. 251.	8	MASONIC PARK BOARD MEETING Held at Egypt Shriners, Provost Guard Room 7 p.m.
10	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	11		12	Lodge Closed No meeting or degree on this date. Officers & members visiting Tampa Lodge No. 240.	13		14	 Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes	15	
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24	 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	25		26	 Stated Communication Limited Business DDGM Official Visit R.W.: Julian Mackenzie Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m. Fellowship After Mtg	27		28	 Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes	29	
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July

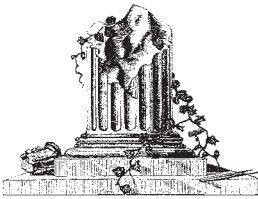
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If you hear of a Brother who has passed to that Celestial Lodge Above, please inform the Lodge Secretary so the Lodge can give proper condolence and assistance to his Widow.

“Worshipful Master” continued from page 2...

As we travel through the summer months and into the third and fourth quarters of 2022, we will be working at the Lodge to conclude a number of projects. Please watch, as we will have a series of workdays and other opportunities. This is your Lodge – we want you to be an active proponent for its success.

Last, my Brothers, I return to a charge that I extended to the Craft early on in the year: Come back to the Lodge, and invite one of your Brothers to come with you. We have a quality agenda, we have a satisfying meal prior to our events, and we have great fellowship among the Brothers. This is Masonry at its finest, and I am extremely proud to have this opportunity to serve the Lodge as your Worshipful Master.

I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

R. J. “Jody” Meguiar

Worshipful Master
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“Senior Warden” continued from page 3...

If you have any suggestions how to make your lodge experience better, I would love to hear them! If you have topic for an education night, please send them to me.

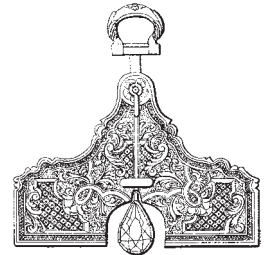
As always, I look forward to our new as well as our long-term Brothers being involved in lodge and I welcome any conversation to make you feel welcome and facilitate your involvement. This lodge only exists to serve you and the craft. Come be a part of it.

I hope to see you soon.

Fraternally,

Ritch A. Carroll

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SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE!

Donation bins available in our lobby until July 26th.

Hillsborough Lodge once again aims to collect school supply donations over the summer for our adopted school. School supplies and backpacks can be placed in the donation bins in our lobby during the months of May, June, or July. Look to our email blasts, social media, and announcements during meetings for further details concerning other volunteer efforts, details, and a delivery date for this project.

MM DEGREE



May 14th, 2022: Congratulations to Brothers Goldberg, Ene, Shanholtzer, Rivera, and Rodriguez on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 14th! Thank you to our degree team for their great work, to Right Worshipful Jack Hampton for the lecture, and our Worshipful Master Jody Meguiar for the charge. And, of course, a special thank you to every Brother who was able and willing to attend today. This degree fulfilled a promise to attempt a Saturday Master Mason degree, while trying to “plus” the experience with a festive board and other additions. Ideas had floated around the past few years and was also mentioned in our survey of membership last year.

EA DEGREE



June 21st, 2022: Congratulations to Brother Christopher Caldwell on being Initiated an Entered Apprentice on June 21st! Thank you to the degree team for an excellent degree, to Right Worshipful Silvers for the lecture, and to Worshipful Master Meguiar for the charge. And a special thank you to everyone who were able and willing to come out this evening!

DISTRICT SCHOOL



May 4th, 2022: We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Right Worshipful Drew Baldwin for his hard work, dedication, service to the Craft over the last three years, one as our DDGM and two as our District Instructor for District 19. May 14th marked his final District School of Instruction for his term of office. Well done Brother! Thank you to the eight members of our Lodge who were able and willing to attend District 19's School of Instruction that evening. Having the most members in attendance, we were awarded “The Column Under Construction Award” for the month of May. Thank you Brothers for advancing your knowledge concerning our ancient and honorable Fraternity.

“M·W· Robert J. Lambert” continued from page

Most Worshipful Lambert is a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Tampa and has been invested a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. He is also a member of Palma Ceia Chapter No. 243, Order of the Eastern Star; a member of Egypt Shriners, where he is a Provost Guard and Past President of the Past Masters Unit; and a member of both Zenda and Selama Grottoes. He is a Senior DeMolay and Past Master Councilor of E. A. Finn Chapter of Deerfield Beach where he was awarded Chevalier. He was also awarded the Legion of Honor in 2014.

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GRAND LODGE



May 30 - June 1 2022: Dinner with our members and friends the first night of Grand Lodge and a photo of our Past Masters who attended.



STRAZ



May 5th, 2022: A Night of Broadway fellowship event watching “The Band’s Visit at the Straz.



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