

# TRESTLE BOARD

MAY | JUNE A.L. 2022

## MASONIC EDUCATION: THE ENTERED APPRENTICE

“Entered Apprentice Degree” is the name of the first step a man takes in becoming a Mason. The general nature of this step is well described by the word “Apprentice,” which, throughout the many languages that use it, always means “a learner, a beginner, or one who has passed through the first stage of birth into a new world.” An Apprentice is a beginner in Masonry; he is a learner of the lore and teachings of that which Masons describe as “the Royal Art.” For Masonry is an art, one of the finest there is; and he is one in the process of being born into the world of Masonry, so different from the profane (or uninitiated) world, a world by itself, with its own nature and laws, its own culture and fellowship, its own purposes and ideals.

This fact that Masonry is a world by itself, with a life of its own, is clearly suggested by the nomenclature of the Craft. In a broad and general fashion all Three Degrees together are described as “initiation,” but in a stricter sense it is the Apprentice who is “initiated,” a Candidate is Initiated an Entered Apprentice, Passed a Fellow Craft, Raised a Master Mason.

This usage is literally correct, for “initiation” means in its true and original sense “a birth,” it applies peculiarly to the beginner of the First Degree because he is one who is just born, or is about to be born, into the Masonic life.



*EA Degree from Bro. Shanholtzer on November 16th, 2021 with our Past Masters taking the chairs.*

Nor is the word “life” itself a misnomer. To a casual observer Freemasonry might appear to be a kind of artificial thing, like the wearing of a fancy dress at some costume ball, something with no roots deep in experience, a luxury rather than a necessity.

The same kind of observer might also consider the rights of initiation to be a series of formalities or colorful ceremonies not to be taken seriously. An experienced Freemason, however, knows differently; he knows that Masonry is a way of life; a mode of living, which moves in him and helps to shape his life all of the time, whether inside Lodge or out.

*From the GL-203 Entered Apprentice Booklet, Grand Lodge of Florida.*

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# WORSHIPFUL MASTER



My Brothers,

This year is truly flying by, and I am thrilled with the good work we continue to do for the surrounding community. We just wrapped up a collection for “Corky’s Cupboard” at the Florida Masonic Home, and at the end of April we are participating in the annual “Paint Your Heart Out Tampa” event.

Not only are we benefitting our community, but also our Brethren. On April 9, we hosted the second

“Southeastern Masonic Education Symposium” which featured six outstanding speakers from across the country. My thanks and compliments are extended to W·:· Billy Schmidt, our Secretary, for championing this event. This, combined with our monthly “Speakers’ Series,” we continue to improve our Masonic education for our members and friends.

If you recall, we distributed a survey about this time last year, asking the Craft what kind of things they wanted to

see at the Lodge. We appreciate the great response, we heard the voice of our members, and we are doing what we can to implement programs that provide exactly what each of you stated that was wanted/needed.

- More educational presentations? The second stated communication (4th Tuesday) of every month, we limit business and welcome an educational presentation of some sort. (Note: in April and July, the DDGM’s official visit to our Lodge will be held on these second stated communications).
- Lodge birthday celebration? Held on the second stated communication in January. The Craft voted to dispense with the stated communication, so a casual birthday celebration was held, with a presentation on the History of the Lodge by myself and W·:· Schmidt.
- Hawaiian Shirt Night? Held on the second stated communication in March, when the Senior Warden presided. He stepped the meeting down to the Fellow Craft Degree and offered an outstanding presentation on the Working Tools of that Degree. Several Fellow Craft Brothers were able to attend, and gave great feedback!

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# JUNIOR WARDEN



My Brothers,

It is being a busy year full of Masonic Education where Hillsborough Lodge has been able to run and host a series of events like the most recently one “The Southeastern Masonic Symposium.” This Symposium that has been now going on for years has had a great success thanks to the effort of the Lodge to commit every year to provide Tampa Masonic Districts and all

Masons of Florida with General Masonic Knowledge and Educational topics of interest which include history of the institution, World Masonic Personalities and Esoteric Meanings of allegories and symbols. We have already welcomed R·:·W·:· Thomas Newton, our District Deputy Grand Master on his second and final visit to the Lodge.

May is showing to be an active month too as we have more upcoming activities in the Masonic Calendar. On Saturday May 14th we will be raising a group of Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason and we will close the month with the visit to the Grand Lodge of Florida in Orlando for the Annual Grand Masonic Communication.

As a Junior Warden I am dedicated to provide most Tuesdays nice meals to the craft, friends, and families. Although it is being a challenging task, I am enjoying it.

It would be unfair to take all credit myself, this is why I would like to especially thank The Meguiar Family who through the years have contributed to support The Lodge with refreshment as well as the current Stewards of the lodge, Brothers Horatio Johnson and Michael Wilson, for their great help and involvement in the serving of meals, tiding and organizing the kitchen room and cleaning up in general. With that said, I would also like to encourage all Brothers to participate within the year in bringing forth a meal for the craft.

*“There are parts of a ship which taken by themselves would sink. The engine would sink. The propeller would sink. But when the parts of a ship are built together, they float.”*

Sincerely and Fraternally,

*Alexander Rodriguez Galano*

Junior Warden  
a.rgalano@yahoo.com



# SENIOR WARDEN



My Brothers,

We will be half way through the year and it's flying by!

Many great improvements have been completed at the lodge already this year. We replaced various lodge room items that have seen better days such as the Senior and Junior Warden columns, ritual rods and some of the gavels. We also replaced the sound board for

the audio systems and all the microphones work again. There is also now a second entry (for emergency use only) way into the lodge on the kitchen door.

We are working on finally getting the stained-glass skylight restored and are working with a company to bid the work after they evaluate the requirements.

Our latest family night was a great success and I wish to thank all that came out! R.:W.: C. Don Prosser was deservedly honored for his 50 years of service to the Craft and our lodge. We had a great speaker series meeting on the Fellowcraft working tools and everyone enjoyed that it was Hawaiian shirt night. The big event last month was the Southeastern Masonic Symposium where we had 6

great speakers and was coordinated by our Secretary W.: Billy Schmidt who did an amazing job. If you missed it, you missed something really special.

By the time this comes out, we will have had our second DDGM visit from our own R.:W.: Tom Newton. Also, we will have covered the new legislation for Grand Lodge at the first stated in May. We will also be having a Master Mason degree on Saturday, May 14th in the morning which you won't want to miss.

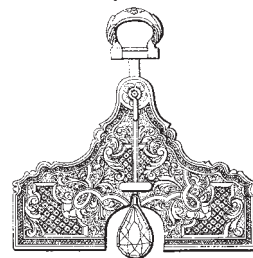
If you have any suggestions how to make your lodge experience better, I would love to hear them! If you have topic for an education night, please send them to me.

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.

Fraternally,

*Ritch A. Carroll*

Senior Warden  
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# SECRETARY'S DESK



My Brothers,

Our Membership Retention Committee should be reaching out personally soon to our members who we still show as delinquent with their 2022 dues. Their efforts calling each member will hopefully help bridge the gap. We often find members who we don't have an email for and their mailing address was never updated. If those are the case, and you don't attend often, it's pretty easy for members to fall

between the cracks and be suspended for non-payment of dues – something that should never need to happen. Remember, you can update your contact information easily within Circumscribe.

If you do not have a 2022 dues card already, I recommend you log into the Circumscribe portal and see if you've paid. If not, you're delinquent and your prompt attention is necessary. Remember, should you encounter hardship, please reach out. NO member should ever need to be suspended for NPD - it only occurs when you don't act.

If you haven't noticed, we haven't had many degrees this

year. This is mostly due to the fact that we have seen a significant reduction in the number of petitions received. While this isn't necessarily a bad thing and such submissions ebb and flow, it does limit the activities available as well as limit the number of degrees our members can participate in. Should you know of a man locally who is desirous of petitioning, feel free to bring him down to any dinner, if you can. You can also direct him to me at billyschmidtH25@gmail.com.

As the editor, my apologies for this edition of our Trestle Board coming out so late. A long-lasting head cold and other things tied me up.
















A number of great activities are occurring at your lodge. Check out the calendar on pages 4 & 5 or the website calendar. While you might not be able to make it out to everything... find something and get active! We hope to see you soon Brother.















Sincerely & Fraternaly,

*Billy D. Schmidt*

Secretary  
billy.schmidtH25@gmail.com



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	 <p>2 <b>Paul Revere Chapter</b> 7 p.m.</p>	<p>3 <b>Lodge Closed</b>  No meeting or degree on this date.</p>	<p>4 <b>District School of Instruction</b> John Darling Lodge MLT 6 p.m. School 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL</p>	 <p>5 <b>Masonic Education</b> Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice &amp; Catechism Classes</p>	<p>6</p>	 <p>7 <b>OES Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.</b></p>
8	 <p>9 <b>Paul Revere Chapter</b> 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>10 <b>Stated Communication</b> Business Meeting Balloting, Votes, etc.  Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p>	 <p>12 <b>Masonic Education</b> Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice &amp; Catechism Classes  Degree Rehearsal 7 pm</p>	<p>13 <b>MASONIC PARK BOARD MEETING</b>  Tampa Lodge No. 240 Tampa, FL 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>14 <b>MM Degree &amp; Festive Board</b>  For Brothers who are prepared. Degree 9:30 a.m. Lunch After First Section</p>
15	 <p>16 <b>Paul Revere Chapter</b> 7 p.m.</p>	<p>17 <b>Lodge Closed</b>  No meeting or degree on this date.</p>	<p>18</p>	 <p>19 <b>Masonic Education</b> Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice &amp; Catechism Classes</p>	<p>20</p>	 <p>21 <b>OES Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.</b></p>
22	 <p>23 <b>Paul Revere Chapter</b> 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>24 <b>Stated Communication</b> Limited Business Masonic Education Speakers Series  Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m. Fellowship After Mtg</p>	<p>25</p>	 <p>26 <b>Masonic Education</b> Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice &amp; Catechism Classes</p>	<p>27 <b>MASTER MASON ASSOCIATION MEETING</b> John Darling Lodge No. 154 6:30 p.m. Tampa, FL.</p>	<p>28 <b>ZONE SCHOOL &amp; OPEN BOOKS</b>  Location Change for May only! Brandon Lodge No. 114 9 a.m.</p>
29	 <p>30 <b>193rd Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Florida</b> Orlando, FL</p>	 <p>31 <b>193rd Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Florida</b> Orlando, FL  No meeting, degree, or event at Hillsborough Lodge on this evening.</p>	<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>			

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<p><b>CHARITY ACTIVITY</b></p> <p>During the months of May, June, and July, the Lodge will collect Backpacks &amp; School Supply items for donation our local elementary school. Donation bins will be available in our lobby.</p>			 <p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>193rd Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Florida</b> Orlando, FL</p> <p>No District School</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	 <p><b>4</b></p> <p>OES Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	 <p><b>6</b></p> <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Lodge Closed</b></p> <p>No meeting or degree on this date.</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	 <p><b>9</b></p> <p>Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice &amp; Catechism Classes</p> <hr/> <p>Degree Practice 7 pm</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>MASONIC PARK BOARD MEETING</b></p> <p>Tampa Lodge No. 240 Tampa, FL 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>
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<p><b>26</b></p>	 <p><b>27</b></p> <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>Stated Communication</b> Limited Business Masonic Education Speakers Series</p> <p>Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m. Fellowship After Mtg</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	 <p><b>30</b></p> <p>Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice &amp; Catechism Classes</p>		

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## May

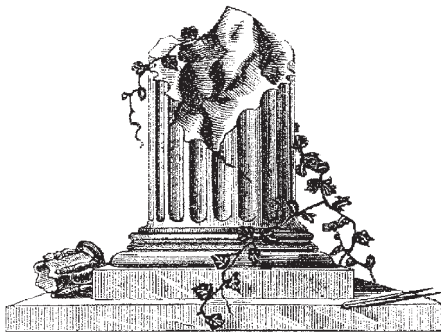
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Benjamin Stephens  
John Taylor  
Timothy Thompson  
Ivan Torres-Exposito  
John Totten Jr  
James Warren IV  
Joseph Wessel  
Barry Williams  
Phillip Wynands

## June

Drew Baldwin  
Scott Barrish  
Kenneth Baylor  
Marvin Campbell  
Angelo Canevari  
Kevin Chaplin II  
Joseph Citro  
Keishad Davis  
Donald Dempsey  
Richard Derby Jr  
Stanley Derryberry  
Michael Gabryszewski  
Chase Harrison  
Christopher Hewitt  
Donald Leggett Jr  
Edward Mahon Jr  
Ilij Malaj  
Robert Martin  
Michael Mattiza

Joseph Melchiorre Jr  
John Moose  
Albert Netterfield  
Michael Nunnery  
Charles Owen III  
Shailesh Patel  
Thomas Popovich  
Marko Popovich III  
Donald Rhodes  
Damien Rodriguez  
Brian Rumble  
Johnny Sandot  
Theodore Savering Jr  
Billy D. Scott III  
Thomas Shaver  
Carlos Silva  
Lawrence Sizeler  
Charles Urbinek  
Jeffrey Zelesnikar



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...

- Saturday Master Mason Degree? Planned on Saturday May 14, 2022 for several Brothers ready to be raised.
- More fellowship? We held an impromptu “pub crawl,” and often go to a local eatery for fellowship after our regular Tuesday meetings and Thursday practices.

As you can see, we are working together to provide a positive experience for our members. The fellowship among our Brothers is one of the most important elements to our fraternity – and you are encouraged to participate!

Earlier this month, I issued a challenge to all of our members to attend one of our coming Lodge events – and to bring one of their contacts who is also a Mason at Hillsborough Lodge. This challenge received great feedback, and I extend it to each of you. Let’s make contact and get some of our absent Brothers to return to Lodge.

As always, I thank you for the honor of being able to serve in this capacity – and I look forward to seeing you at Lodge soon!

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

*R. J. “Jody” Meguiar*

Worshipful Master



# SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE!

## Donation bins available in our lobby in May, June, and July.

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.

### Example School Supply List

- Backpacks
- Binders 1 1/2 inch (white with clear cover for inserts)
- Clorox disinfecting wipes container
- Crayola crayons (24 ct.)
- Dividers pack
- Erasers (Large)
- Glue sticks
- Hand Sanitizer (8oz bottle)
- Highlighters
- Notebook paper- wide ruled
- Pencil bag/pouch
- Pencil top erasers
- Pencils (No. 2)
- Plastic pencil box
- Post it notes pack
- Scissors (blunt end) –child size
- Spiral Notebooks (1 subject)
- Spiral notebooks (1 subject/wide ruled)
- Student scissors
- Three Ring Binders (1 inch) (different colors)
- Tissue box
- Two-pocket pronged folders (plastic) (Yellow and green)
- Two-pocket pronged folders (Yellow, red, blue, green)
- Water based markers
- Ziploc bags (gallon size)
- Ziploc bags (sandwich size)

# PYHOT 2022!



**April 30th, 2022:** THANK YOU to all our members, family, and friends who came out to help with our project house for Paint Your Heart Out Tampa! Our lodge is happy to not only be a sponsor, but also put in time to take on a house ourselves. Great work!

Paint Your Heart Out Tampa is a city-wide program that enables citizens, businesses, clubs, and organizations to lend a helping hand to low-income, elderly citizens in our community. Over the past 31 years, Volunteers and sponsors have given of themselves to paint the homes of more than 3,000 grateful and deserving homeowners. Learn more at <https://pyhot.weebly.com>.

# FC DEGREE



**April 19th, 2022:** Congratulations to Brother McNeill of our lodge and Brother Maxey of Turkey Creek Lodge No 248 on being Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft April 19th! Many thanks to the degree team for a great job, to Right Honorable Manne for a great lecture, and Right Worshipful Newton for the charge. And, of course, special thanks to everyone who was able and willing to join us for the evening!

# DDGM VISIT



**April 26th, 2022:** Right Worshipful Thomas C. Newton, District Deputy Grand Master of the 19th Masonic District made his final official visit April 26th, ending his visits at his home lodge. Congratulations on a great year and thank you for your long time dedication to our lodge, district, Grand Lodge, and Craft as a whole. Many thanks to all the Brothers who were able to make it out, especially the fifteen members of Logia Universal No. 178 F&AM who visited and the members of Clermont Masonic Lodge No. 226 F. & A. M. - including Most Worshipful Dale I. Goehrig, 33°, PGM. We hope your visit was enjoyable for you as having you visit was for us and Right Worshipful Newton.

# SYMPOSIUM



**April 9th, 2022:** We would like to thank everyone who attended our Southeastern Masonic Education Symposium! We hope you enjoyed it and we look forward to putting an even more jam packed show on next year. To our speakers, THANK YOU for taking the time to share your dedication to education within our Craft. We look forward to seeing everyone again in Spring of 2023! For those interested in seeing what happened this year, as well as where to find info for next year as soon as we post it, head to [www.H25SMES.org](http://www.H25SMES.org).

# AWARDS

**March 29th, 2022:** Congratulations again to everyone who received awards at last night's Friends & Family Night! Here's a run down of who received what:

- Membership Certificates- Brothers Darek Drake & Caleb Cote.
- Apron Presentation- Brothers Keishad Davis & Michael Wilson.
- Perpetual Membership- Brother Richard Allen.
- 25 year service award- Brother John T. Bast III.
- 50 year service award- Right Worshipful C. Donald Prosser.
- Naming of Past Masters Room as "Right Worshipful C. Donald Prosser Past Masters Room."

We would like to thank Mrs. Peggy Prosser, Right Worshipful Prosser's wife, for accepting his 50 year award and being present for the naming on the PM Room. A big thank you to Worshipful Walter Schoepf for giving her a ride. Another thank you Right Worshipful John Hooker for making the Apron Presentation.





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