

TRESTLE BOARD

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MASONIC SPOTLIGHT: R.:W.: JULIAN M. MACKENZIE

Right Worshipful Julian M. Mackenzie was initiated an Entered Apprentice April 2, 2010 in Dieu et Liberte Lodge No. 58 (GLNF) in Toulon, France. Shortly thereafter, he moved to the United States where he sought courtesy work so he could proceed on his Masonic Journey. While still a member of Dieu et Liberte No. 58, he was Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on April 19, 2011 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on June 7, 2011 under courtesy work performed by Orlando Lodge No. 69.

R.:W.: Mackenzie became a dual member of Orlando No. 69, where he was appointed Chaplain in 2012 and Junior Deacon in 2015. In 2015, he also affiliated with Georges Washington Lodge No. 69 in Paris, France. In 2017, he became a plural member of Temple Terrace Lodge No. 330 where he was elected Junior Warden in 2018, Worshipful Master in 2019, Treasurer in 2020, and was appointed Marshal in 2021. He became a plural member of Holyrood Lodge No. 257 in 2021.

His service to our Grand Lodge started in 2014-2015 when he was appointed District Chairman for the Let Your Pennies Make Good Cents Committee, which he was reappointed to again in 2015-2016. He also has served as District Chairman for both the Grand Master's Charity and MH-100 Committee in 2020-2021. In 2021, he was appointed to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home of Florida, where he is still



a member.

R.:W.: Mackenzie was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the 2022-2023 term by Most Worshipful Robert J. Lambert. He has also been appointed to be the Grand Representative from the Grand Lodge of Florida to the Grande Loge Nationale Française and it has been requested that he be appointed the Grand Representative to Florida from the Grande Loge du Cameroun.

He completed his Master Mason exams in 2013, earned his Masonic Leadership Training certificate in 2020, and completed the Lodge Officers Training Course in 2020.

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WORSHIPFUL MASTER



My Brothers,

As I sit here, contemplating what kind of message to produce for the benefit of the Craft, my mind is immediately drawn to the progress we have made as a fraternal body throughout the past couple of years. Our world was hit by a global pandemic. Every aspect of our lives was impacted: how we got groceries, how we taught our children, how we performed the duties of our own chosen professions, and how we interacted with

one another. We went from a life of tradition, safe in our comfort zones, to a life of the unknown. And it took its toll. I am extremely proud of the progress we have made. Many of you who have been active with the Lodge this year have commented on our great atmosphere. Our members are welcoming, they are fun to be around. They are assisting with making Hillsborough Lodge a place where potential members want to be, and want to bring their petitions.

In July, I attended the Florida DeMolay Conclave. While

JUNIOR WARDEN



My Brothers,

We had the great pleasure to welcome in July last Stated Meeting Julian Mackenzie DDGM of the 19th Masonic District on his first Official Visit to our lodge. As it is accustomed we had a good attendance from members of our lodge and other districts. Although August had been usually a quiet month in fraternal activities, and Hillsborough Lodge was dark, the lodge remained open on Thursdays

for member of the public who wanted to learn about the institution as well as for those brothers who wanted to practice Catechism or improve their Masonic knowledge in the Three Degrees.

We had the 3rd Kitchen Inspection this year by the Health Department and I am glad to say that all went well. I am also glad to share with the brethren that I have committed to be the Food Manager for the lodge. Upon completion of a day classroom course and its required test, I will become a Certified Food Manager. The certificate will be valid for 5 years. On this note, I'd like to encourage brethren to assist after Tuesday's Meetings with the task of keeping the kitchen systematically clean and organized, and to those who would like to help with providing or catering meals on Tuesdays, please come forward and put your names on the spread sheet that is found at the back of

there, I was able to present some targeted education to our adult volunteers on their role in the organization, providing a safe place for our young men to grow and develop. Quoted by the founder of DeMolay, Frank S. Land, 33*:

"The main mission of DeMolay is the building of better citizens and creating leaders through the development of character in young men."

Isn't this the same vision for the Masonic Lodge? Aren't we all striving to build better citizens through character development? Aren't we all taught to keep our passions within due bounds, and also to keep one another in check? Not by accident, since DeMolay was founded and developed by Masons to help build the Masonic organization for future generations. It is with this in mind that I brag on "my kids" a little bit. At the DeMolay International Session in June, my son Evan was granted the DeMolay Medal of Heroism for swimming into a rip current and bringing one of his DeMolay Brothers to safety during the summer of 2021. Two of our Brothers from Paul Revere Chapter, my other son Christian and our Brother from Brazil, Tales, were granted the highest honor that can be bestowed upon an active DeMolay - the Degree of Chevalier.

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the kitchen door.

"It is most true, that Truth is a Divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue. To be true, and to seek to find and learn the Truth, are the great objects of every good Mason."

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Alexander Rodriguez Galano

Junior Warden
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SENIOR WARDEN



My Brothers,

We had a wonderful official visit from our R.W.: DDGM Julian Mackenzie on July 26th which was our last stated before we went dark in August. Thank you for a great turnout!

During our break in Aug, the officers were still working hard with improvements, working on education presentations and catechism.

Our next big event is our annual table lodge on September 6th. This is an amazing night of fellowship and fun you won't want miss! It's at the Egypt Shrine again this year and you can purchase your tickets online.

Just a reminder that Masonic Leadership training (6 PM) and District School (7 PM) are the first Wednesday of every month. Come out for some really useful education and stay for the fellowship. Also, the 4th Friday of every month is the Master Masons Association meeting (6:30 PM) for Districts 19 and 20 where we get together with every other lodge in the District and discuss upcoming events at other

lodes and get together with Brothers we may not see all the time. MLT, District School and the Master Masons Association are all at John Darling Lodge on Havana Ave in Tampa. You can see all that's happening on our calendar on our website.

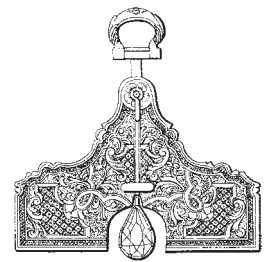
If you have any suggestions how to make your lodge experience better, I would love to hear them! If you have topic for an education night, please send them to me.

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,

Let's talk communication. We have been blessed over the last decade with having had a great baseline for our communication methods. Master Masons of our lodge receive a paper copy of this Trestle Board in the mail six times a year now. We also have an email blast that goes out with the Trestle Board and we have been sending out reminders for upcoming events nearly weekly (except when we don't meet, like

August). On top of that, our website and the website calendar are kept up to date. Past that, we also post events, information, photos, and more to our Facebook Page, Facebook Group (for MM members of our lodge), Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn accounts. Yet, still, I consistently hear "oh, I didn't know!"

The fact is, if a member WANTS to be active, we've provided the tools. We've thankfully seen some very positive attendance and activity, especially from our newer members. While most of us have jobs, family, and many other things on our plate... each member should find SOME way to be active. Otherwise, why did you join? While we need officers, committee chairman, and other time intense roles filled, we also would love nothing more

than to see a member show up once a month. Maybe you try to always make degrees. Or maybe always attend the monthly Masonic Education Speakers Series presentations. You could keep in touch and only help with our Community Outreach drives a few times a year. Maybe you live far away and can only make it out to our Table Lodge or Symposium once a year. My point is simple, find something - anything - and count yourself as an active member.

As I mentioned in my last article, we now have the ability to accept electronic payments using Square. If you need to purchase items in our display cases, donate for dinner or for a donation drive, or even pay dues... look for the QR codes at the lodge, links shared online, or email me.

I look forward to seeing YOU sometime soon Brother.
















Sincerely & Fraternaly,
















Billy D. Schmidt

Secretary
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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<h2 style="text-align: center;">2022 TABLE LODGE</h2> <p>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 <i>Tuesday, September 6th, 2022 at 6:30 pm sharp.</i></p> <p>To purchase tickets online, scan the QR code or fo to http://www.hillsborough25.org/table_lodge.html</p> 		 1	2	 3 OES Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.				
4	 5 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	<h3 style="text-align: center;">2022 Table Lodge</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">Held at the Egypt Shrine Center 5017 E Washington St. Tampa, FL 33619</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Begins at 6:30 pm sharp. Tickets available online.</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">District School of Instruction</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">John Darling Lodge MLT 6 p.m. School 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL</p>	 8 Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes	<h3 style="text-align: center;">MASONIC PARK BOARD MEETING</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">Held at Egypt Shriners, Provost Guard Room 7 p.m.</p>	10		
11	 12 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 13 Stated Communication Business Meeting Balloting, Votes, etc. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.	14	 15 Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes Degree Rehearsal Lodge Room 7:00 p.m.	16	 17 OES Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.		
18	 19 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 20 EA Degree Night For Brothers who are prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.	21	 22 Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes	23	<h3 style="text-align: center;">MASTER MASON ASSOCIATION MEETING</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">John Darling Lodge No. 154 6:30 p.m. Tampa, FL.</p>	24	<h3 style="text-align: center;">ZONE SCHOOL & OPEN BOOKS</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">John Darling Lodge 9 a.m.</p>
25	 26 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.	 27 Stated Communication Limited Business Masonic Education Speakers Series Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m. Fellowship After Mtg	28	 29 Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes Degree Rehearsal Lodge Room 7:00 p.m.	30			

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<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>			<h2>CHARITY ACTIVITY</h2> <h3>Food donation drive donation bins available in our lobby until November 16th.</h3> <p>See page 6 for a list of needed items.</p>		 <p>OES Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.</p>	
2	 <p>3 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	<p>4 Lodge Closed</p> <p>No meeting or degree on this date.</p>	<p>5 District School of Instruction John Darling Lodge MLT 6 p.m. School 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL</p>	 <p>6 Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes</p>	7	<p>8 </p> <p>Grand Master's Homecoming</p> <p>Held at the Egypt Shrine Center 5017 E Washington St. Tampa, FL 33619</p> <p>5:30 pm. More details to come.</p>
9	 <p>10 Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p>	 <p>11 Stated Communication Business Meeting Balloting, Votes, etc.</p> <p>Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p>	12	 <p>13 Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—————</p> <p>Degree Rehearsal Lodge Room 7:00 p.m.</p>	14	<p>15 </p> <p>MASONIC PARK BOARD MEETING</p> <p>Held at Egypt Shriners, Provost Guard Room 7 p.m.</p> <p>OES Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.</p>
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30	 <p>31 Happy Halloween!</p>					

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September

Noilson Agra
Nelson Alderman
Sherman Arthur
Christopher Bajsa
Christopher Callas
Paul Christian
Caleb Cote
Dean Di Leo
Steven Gainey
Kermit Hines
Alexander Hirst
Jeffery Lake
Walter Lawless Jr
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James Morris
Om Prakash Nankissoor
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Joseph Olbrys
Kenneth Pepper
Pedro Rivera
John Rose
John Sheehan
Michael Shelton
Kevin Tribout
Tony Vidal IV
Alejandro Villagra
David Wakeen
Houston White
Ronald Wooldridge

October

Michael Andrews
Daniel Astacio
Byron Bailey Jr
Michael Bajsa
Agelos Berios
Charles Bever Jr
Nicholas Bowers
Frank Caballero
George Comesanas
Lance Connors
Frank Cossota Jr
Dennis Dittinno
Jacob Eichenbaum
Michael Farrier II
Michael Fletcher
Michael Flores
Wayne Garrison
Reynaldo Gonzalez Jr
Davelis Goutoufas
Ray Hodges
Julian Hook Jr
John Hunt
Ventzislav Issaev
Stephen Jacobson
Horatio Johnson
Donald Keen

John Louis
Matthew MacGiffert
Michael Maltezos
Mark Maxey
Dennis McDonald
Jerome Meguiar
Raymond Miller
Guy Miller III
James Miller Sr
Darrian Mills
Nicholas Mitrano
Ernest Moore Jr
Elton Morrow Jr
Carl Mueller
Arthur Pasma III
Charles Pesola
Frederick Powell
Brian Rios
Luis Rivera
Martin Sas
Christopher Simms
William Smalley
James Suarez
Garland Tickle
Harold Tubbs
Howard Welch



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...

Our newly installed State Master Councilor, Bro. Eli (a Master Mason from Venice Lodge) was named the International DeMolay of the Year. These young men are working hard to find their place in the world, to develop into leaders of character - and will ultimately be the Masonic leaders for the next generation.

It's serendipitous that our Lodge maintains sponsorship for the oldest DeMolay Chapter in Florida. We are also the oldest Masonic Lodge in the Tampa area, predating the city of Tampa by several years. We have quite the history - and the heritage - to preserve. I want you to be proud of your membership, of your Lodge; and I want you to be an active participant in our activities.

As we move toward the end of the year, I encourage you to look at the Lodge calendar. Watch the social media posts, and come down when your schedule and cable tow will allow. We would love to see you and greet you, and we are confident that you will be pleased with some of the transformations which have taken place.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

R. J. "Jody" Meguiar

Worshipful Master
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FOOD DONATION DRIVE

Donation bins available in our lobby until November 16th.

Hillsborough Lodge once again aims to collect food donations over to donate to our local Metropolitan Ministries.

Needed items are as follows:

Most Needed Items: Canned Meat, Peanut Butter, Boxed Cereal, Rice, Beans, Canned Vegetable & Fruit.

Other Needed Items: Soup, Pasta / Pasta Sauce, Gravy Mix, Jelly/Jam, Cranberry Sauce, Boxed Jell-O, Cake Mix, Pudding, Baby Food (Formula/Cereal/Jars)



FOOD DRIVE



Scan this QR code with your smart phone camera app to donate funds to the food donation drive. Funds will be presented to Metropolitan Ministries.

SOFTBALL



July 16th, 2022: Congratulations to Logia Universal No. 178 F&AM on bringing the bats on July 16th and bested Hillsborough No. 25 11 to 2 during the first ever Softball Tournament on that Saturday. We loved the amazing fellowship and fun! Until next time Brothers!

DDGM VISIT



July 26th, 2022: We would like to thank our R.:W.: District Deputy Grand Master Julian M. Mackenzie and his traveling party for a great official visit on July 26th! We were also honored to have visiting with us: R.:W.: Cowart, our Senior Grand Warden; R.:W.: Chavez, our Grand Orator; R.:W.: Hampton, our Grand Historian; and R.:W.: Dyer, the Zone 4a Chairman for MLT. Our DDGM also presented W.: Bryan Seland with the following Grand Lodge awards for the year 2021: MH100, Masonic Education, Adopt A Teacher, and Adopt A School. A great meal was had and a good time by all. Last, but most importantly, THANK YOU to everyone who was able and willing to come out this evening.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES



August 5th, 2022: Many thanks to everyone who donated to our school supply drive! On August 5th, officers and members of our lodge delivered our donations - which included fifty new electronic pencil sharpeners that were requested - to our adopted school, B.T. Washington Elementary.

“R.:W.: Julian M. Mackenzie” continued from page 1...

R.:W.: Mackenzie is a graduate of Cardiff University, where he obtained a Bachelors in Economics. He’s held business and executive positions around the world, most recently retiring as Chief Executive Officer of the Tampa based Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI). A father of three, he now resides in western Hillsborough County with his wife Deborah. With Deborah, they both now operate and own the business Aussie Pet Mobile Grooming Tampa Bay.

GET INVOLVED!

Your Lodge needs active members! What interested you in our Fraternity? A little involvement from each member can go a very long way. Ask the Worshipful Master how you can get involved in any of these areas:

Education - work on bringing guest speakers, on short education programs for meetings, larger events, and more.

Charity - work on small and large hands on projects, donation drives, and fundraisers.

Fellowship - work on enhancing fellowship at our existing events and activities as well as planning for stand alone opportunities.

Ritual - are you interested in degree work? Attend a Thursday practice and dig in!

Catechism Instruction - nothing is more rewarding than helping guide new Brothers.

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