

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 25 F&AM

TRESTLE BOARD

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MASONIC SPOTLIGHT: W.: RJ "JODY" MEGUIAR

Worshipful RJ "Jody" Meguiar started his Masonic career in Paul Revere Chapter of the Order of DeMolay in 1991. During his time as an active DeMolay, he served at Paul Revere's Master Councilor and served the jurisdiction of Florida as State Junior Councilor in 1996 and State Scribe / Treasurer in 1999. He was initiated an Entered Apprentice September 7th, 1999 in Hillsborough Lodge. He was Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on October 19th, 1999 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on December 7th, 1999.

W.: Meguiar became the District Chairman for Youth Activities in 2001-2002, 2014-2015, and 2021-2022. In 2015, he was named Executive Officer for DeMolay in Florida. He has been State Chairman for Youth Activities since 2017.

An active member of Hillsborough Lodge since 1999, W.: Meguiar has been a Perpetual Member since 2013. He was elected Junior Warden in 2020, Senior Warden in 2021, and Worshipful Master in 2022. He passed his Master Mason exams in 2015 and 2022, the Lodge Officers Training Course in 2020, and completed all modules of the Masonic Leadership Training program in 2020.

W.: Meguiar is a member of the Florida Lodge of Research, Egypt Shriners, and the Valley of Tampa Scottish Rite. He was invested with the rank and dignity of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in the Scottish Rite in 2017.



W.: Meguiar also has received numerous DeMolay honors including Past Illustrious Knight Commander, DeMolay of the Year in 1997, Chevalier in 1996, and Legion of Honor in 2007. His father, Brother Jerome Meguiar, has been a long time advisor in DeMolay and a member of Hillsborough Lodge since 1968. He is married to his wife Kimberly and his two sons Chris and Evan are both active Demolays.

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

WORSHIPFUL MASTER



My Brothers,

First, I wish to thank the Brothers of this lodge for electing me Worshipful Master for 2023. I am humbled by your vote of confidence and the trust you have placed in me, and will work diligently to make our Lodge proud. I will work to advance our Lodge and the Craft and continue the great work started by my predecessors. I extend my gratitude to our Immediate Past Master, Worshipful

Jody Meguiar, for his leadership and example during the 2022 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.

Thank huge you to Worshipful Billy Scott and Worshipful Billy Schmidt for enduring another year as the Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. Those positions in the Lodge are incredibly important and very time consuming, as well as complicated, and I truly appreciate the effort that goes into them.

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. This year we hope to complete some of our capital projects such as the roof replacement, getting the stained-glass skylight repaired, and the lightning panel for the Lodge room updated. There are also quite a few smaller projects in planning. We will continue and hope to expand our Speaker Series on the second Stated meeting of each month as that has been very well received. 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.

Keep in mind our two signature events, the Southeastern Masonic Education Symposium on April 29, 2023 and our annual Hillsborough No. 25 Table Lodge on September 5, 2023. Neither are to be missed.

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SENIOR WARDEN



My Brothers,

I want to thank Hillsborough Lodge and the Brethren for electing me as Senior Warden. I also want to thank W·:B·: Jody Meguiar, Immediate Past Master for leading, guiding, and conducting the lodge to a successful Masonic year, and last but not least, to W·:B·: Billy Scott III, Treasurer, W·:B·: Billy Schmidt, Secretary, and Br Ritch Carroll, Senior Warden for their tremendous effort and hard work in

supporting the main tasks during the entire year.

2022 was very challenging for me in my role as Junior Warden. Providing refreshments to the craft is an activity that I did enjoy but becoming a Certified Food Manager for the lodge in the next 5 years is an accomplished mission that I will always be proud of and will never forget.

As we start a new Masonic Calendar and I am now focusing on the finance and maintenance side of our building. There are 3 main projects in progress that will be a priority, the lightning panel, the roof, and the Skylight. I know that I will be able to complete the 3 of them with the help of my predecessor Brother Carroll who has already initiated these projects.

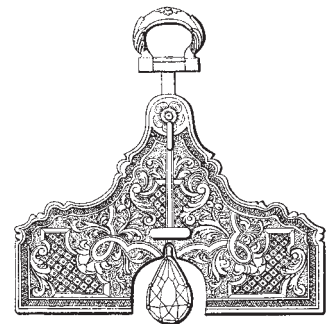
I am looking forward to starting all over again. Being a Mason and being part of the main officers is a sweet sacrifice and a wonderful pleasure.

“I ask of each Mason, of each member, of each brother, that he shall remember ever that there is upon him a peculiar obligation to show himself in every respect a good citizen; for after all, the way he can best do his duty by the ancient order to which he belongs is by reflecting credit upon that order by way in which he performs his duty as a citizen of the United States.” – Theodore Roosevelt

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Alexander Rodriguez Galano

Senior Warden
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JUNIOR WARDEN



My Brothers,

For those who may not know who I am, my name is Michael Wilson. I was Initiated on November 17th, 2020 and then later Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on July 20th, 2021. I want to say it is a tremendous honor being able to serve the Craft as Junior Warden this year. I want to thank everyone who was able to attend election night and for having confidence in

my dedication and ability to serve the Craft in such ways. I also want to say congratulations to W.: Ritch Carroll and to all my fellow officers who were elected or appointed for their positions. I look forward to an exciting and eventful year with every single one of you! To W.: Jody Meguiar, congratulations on completing a successful year and thank you for all you have brought to the Craft. We all have experienced so much joy serving with you and the fellowship you have brought with your year.

This year is coming with big goals and big plans. We have many new potential members who are showing great

interest in the Craft. I expect that to continue its trend and shortly start turning those prospective men into Masons. This is a huge opportunity for us to grow our Lodge with the next generation incoming and being a ruling guide to every single one of their Masonic futures. These new Brothers will need our support, our guidance, and our experiences to make sure they are building the internal temple they yearn for and deserve. My Brothers, I want to ask every one of you if you can or know of a Brother who will be interested and willing to dedicate an evening to mentor these new Brothers and teach them the skills necessary to succeed, please reach out and let us know. We need all the help and support we can to continue moving forward and help build the successes to come.

I often times sit back and think to myself, “wow I am so lucky to be a part of such a great Lodge.” This is because all of the Brothers who have come before us and the work they have done to make our building and organization what it is today.

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SECRETARY'S DESK



My Brothers,

Congratulations to our newly elected and appointed officers for 2023! We have a great team assembled again, but we could always use even more active members. If you're reading this, that means you! We hope to see you at some some point.

A lot of effort is made to seek out members when they become delinquent, but as a member, YOU

have the power to make sure we can always reach you. Log into <https://glfl.circumscribe.net> and use the email address on file as your user name. If you aren't sure what is on file, email me at billyschmidtH25@gmail.com and I can tell you. If needed, click 'forgot password' if you can not recall your password. Within that portal, YOU can make sure your contact information is correct AND you can pay dues electronically.

I do apologize for getting renewal notices for dues payments out late. Unfortunately, the time it takes to perform this job is sometimes considerable. Nevertheless, you should have received the renewal notice in December. I mention the Circumscribe login information on the back of that too because when you pay online, it greatly

cuts down on the tasks the Treasurer and I need to perform. Every check that gets mailed must be processed for deposit and manually issue the dues card, a process that takes considerably more time than when you pay online. *As such, dues paid by any method other than online might experience a significant delay in processing.*














I mentioned in open lodge that 2023 will need to be my last year as Secretary, at least for now. While I enjoy trying to make our administrative process a success, I simply can not shoulder it while editing the Trestle Board, maintaining our website / social media / email blasts, leading our Symposium, and being active in other (fun) ways in our Fraternity... AND focus on being a good Father, Husband, and advancing my career. That said, to whoever fills the role in 2024, I am dedicated to assisting them in every way I can and continuing with those other tasks I mentioned above. I look forward to seeing our amazing Lodge and great Fraternity continue to prosper under the dedicated leadership of our fellow Brothers.


Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Billy D. Schmidt

Secretary
billyschmidtH25@gmail.com



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| 1 |  <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p> | 2 | 3 | <p>Lodge Closed</p> <p>No meeting or degree on this date.</p> | 4 | <p>District School of Instruction John Darling Lodge MLT 6 p.m. School 7 p.m. 4601 Habana Tampa, FL</p> | 5 |  <p>Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes</p> | 6 | 7 |  <p>173rd Installation of Lodge Officers 2:00 pm: Close Funeral Lodge / Open Special Communication 3:30 pm: Doors Open 4:00 pm: Public Ceremony Dinner After</p> |
| 8 |  <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p> | 9 | 10 |  <p>Stated Communication Business Meeting Balloting, Votes, etc. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m.</p> | 11 | 12 |  <p>Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes</p> | 13 | 14 | <p>MASONIC PARK BOARD MEETING</p> <p>Held at Egypt Shriners, Provost Guard Room 7 p.m.</p> | |
| 15 |  <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p> | 16 | 17 | <p>Lodge Closed</p> <p>No meeting or degree on this date.</p> <p>Lodge Received Charter January 17, 1851</p> <p>EA Degree Rehearsal Lodge Room 7:00 p.m.</p> | 18 | 19 |  <p>Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes</p> | 20 | 21 |  <p>OES Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.</p> | |
| 22 |  <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p> | 23 | 24 |  <p>Stated Communication Limited Business Masonic Education Speakers Series 173rd Lodge Birthday Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:15 p.m. Fellowship After Mtg</p> | 25 | 26 |  <p>Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes</p> | 27 | 28 | <p>MASTER MASON ASSOCIATION MEETING John Darling Lodge No. 154 6:30 p.m. Tampa, FL.</p> <p>ZONE SCHOOL & OPEN BOOKS John Darling Lodge 9 a.m.</p> | |
| 29 |  <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p> | 30 | 31 | <p>Lodge Roundtable & Planning Meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm Lite Refreshments 7:15 pm Meeting Open to all Lodge Members</p> | <p>CHARITY ACTIVITY</p> <p>During the months of January, February and March, the Lodge will collect items for donation to “Corky’s Cupboard” at the Masonic Home.</p> <p>Please see the bottom of page 2 for more information.</p> | | | | | | |

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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> | | | <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>Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes</p> <hr/> <p>Final EA Degree Rehearsal Lodge Room 7:00 p.m.</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> | <p>6</p>  <p>EA Degree Night For Brothers who are prepared. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Degree 7:15 p.m.</p> | <p>7</p> | <p>8</p> | <p>9</p>  <p>Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes</p> | <p>10</p> <p>MASONIC PARK BOARD MEETING Held at Egypt Shriners, Provost Guard Room 7 p.m.</p> | <p>11</p> |
| <p>12</p>  <p>Paul Revere Chapter 7 p.m.</p> | <p>13</p> | <p>14</p> <p>Lodge Closed Lodge Expected to Dispense No meeting or degree on this date.</p> | <p>15</p> | <p>16</p>  <p>Masonic Education Lodge Open 6:30 p.m. Ritual Practice & Catechism Classes</p> <hr/> <p>Final MM Degree Rehearsal Lodge Room 7:00 p.m.</p> | <p>17</p> | <p>18</p>  <p>OES Chapter 11 Meeting 1 p.m.</p> |
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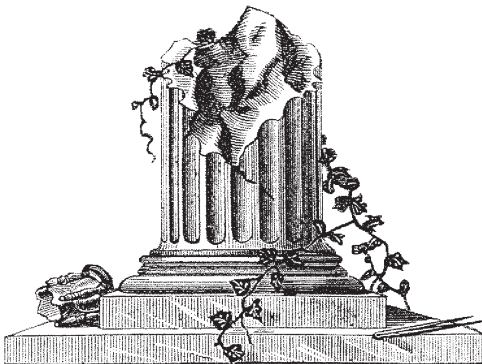
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January

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| Christopher Anderson | Joel Markison II |
| Harry Bean Jr | Lewis Molnar |
| Joseph Bever Jr | Regis Neary |
| Homer Claytor Jr | Ronald Netterfield |
| Colton Curry | James Nix |
| Peter Dashko | Alfonso Noto |
| Darek Drake | Edward O'Hair |
| Charles Earle Jr | Dennis Payne |
| Tarek Fahmy | Raul Ramos |
| Pedro Hevia | Charles Seeley |
| John Hillyer IV | Samuel Sheppard |
| 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 |
| Joseph Lorello Jr | |

February

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



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...

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.

Fraternally,

Ritch A. Carroll

Worshipful Master
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CORKY'S CUPBOARD DONATIONS

During the months of January, February and March, the Lodge will collect items for donation to "**Corky's Cupboard**" at the Masonic Home. Below are wish lists provided online from the Masonic Home.

Donation bins will be located in the lobby.

CORKY'S CUPBOARD WISH LIST

(New items only, please)
Mouth wash
Cologne or body spray (men & women)
Denture adhesives & cleansers
Tissues
Body lotion (men & women)
Body wash (men and women)
Pond's facial cream
Panty-liners (long length)
Baby wipes (flushable wipes)
Tooth paste (crest is highly requested)
Dental floss
Soap (bars or liquid)
Deodorant
Disposable razors (men & women)
Liquid hand soap
Hairspray
Emery boards, nail clippers
Nail polish remover
Electric shave, pre-shave
Cotton balls, cotton pads
Room freshener & disinfectant (no push-up)
Fabric softener, dryer sheets
Small liquid laundry detergent
Eyeglass lens cleaners (individual packages)
Jewelry (all types for women and men)
Unique items / knick-knacks for Gift Shop
Unused greeting cards
Postage stamps
Cash donations
Gift Cards

ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT WISH LIST

Pool sticks
Baby Dolls / Alzheimer's toys
12" balloons & ribbon
Arts / Crafts / Painting Supplies
Colored pencils
Decorative paper
Woodworking supplies
Clothing - New
Elastic waist pants
Socks (new only)
Undershirts (Women & Men)
Cardigans (Men & Women)
Jewelry - all types
Watches (men & women)
New irons & toasters
Magnifying glasses
Electric razors
Wheelchair & walker cushions/ bags
Cordless TV headphones
Echo Dot (Alexa)
Hanging mobiles
Paintings / artwork for rooms
Large wall clocks
Flat screen televisions (Only) - up to 40", no Roku televisions
Universal TV remotes
Office Supplies / printer paper

FC DEGREE



November 1st, 2022: Congratulations to Brother Christopher Caldwell on being Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft! Thank you to the degree team for an excellent degree, to Right Honorable Manne for the lecture, and to Right Worshipful Newton for the charge. And a special thank you to everyone who were able and willing to come out this evening!

EA DEGREE



December 6th, 2022: Congratulations to Brother Bobby Patrick on having been initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason! Thank you to our Past Masters for taking the chairs as they do annually as a degree team and Worshipful Scott taking the East on short notice. We wish Worshipful Seland the best in recovery from his recent illness. But a special thank you to everyone who was able and willing to come out.

ELECTION NIGHT



December 13th, 2022: Congratulations to our Elected Officers for 2023! Worshipful Master-elect: Brother Ritch A. Carroll Senior Warden-elect: Worshipful Alexander Rodriguez Galano Junior Warden-elect: Brother Michael S. Wilson Treasurer: Worshipful Billy D. Scott III Secretary: Worshipful Billy D. Schmidt

“Junior Warden” continued from page 3...

It is the duty of each and every one of us to make sure this continues. Hillsborough No. 25 is a staple and historical landmark in our community. We have so much to be proud of. Let us all continue to work, continue to better the Craft, and lastly continue to show the world what Masons are all about through our Noble Virtues Fortitude, Prudence, Temperance, and Justice.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Michael S. Wilson

Junior Warden

COMMITTEES

Education Enrichment

Leading our Speakers Series.

Chairman:

Bro. Clifford Shanholtzer

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Petitions

Meeting with petitioners.

Chairman:

W.: RJ “Jody” Meguiar, PM

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Community Outreach

Setting up our charity work.

Chairman:

Bro. Mike Huster

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Property & Finance

Tending to finances & our temple.

Chairman:

W.: Alexander Rodriguez Galano, JW

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Vigilance

Tending to disciplinary matters.

Chairman:

Bro. Michael S. Wilson, JW

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AWARDS NIGHT

Presented on November 29th, 2022

Vivian Gaither Outstanding Educator Award - Mr.

Christopher Revett, Robinson High School

Joseph A. Moore Scholarship Award - Ms. Madison Hillyer, Jefferson High School

Congratulations to the following Brothers on the following awards, memberships, and achievements!

Pillar Award - Right Worshipful Jacobson

Outstanding Service Award - Brother Carroll

Support Awards - Worshipful Schmidt, Worshipful Scott, Worshipful Galano, Right Worshipful Newton, Brother Jerry Meguiar and Honorary Friend Member Mrs. Pam Meguiar, Brother Bast, and Brother Huster.

Membership Certificates - Brother Shanholtzer, Brother Rodriguez, and Brother Rivera.

Master Mason White Aprons - Brother Rodriguez, Brother Rivera, and Brother Wynands.

Master Mason Exam Certificates of Proficiency - Worshipful Meguiar, Brother Carroll, Worshipful Galano, Brother Hughes, Brother Bast, Brother Rodriguez, Brother Navee, and Brother Rivera.

MLT Certificate and Pin - Brother Hughes.

Perpetual Membership - Brother Johnson.

Honorary Membership - Most Worshipful Robert J. Lambert.





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W.: Alexander Rodriguez Galano, P.M .Senior Warden
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W.: Billy D. Schmidt, P.M. Secretary
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Bro. Matthew A. Wise II. Junior Deacon
Bro. Alejandro Rodriquez. Senior Steward
Bro. John W. Louis Junior Steward
Bro. Richard F. Rivera. Marshal
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Bro. Michael J. Huster. Tyler
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