

TRESTLEBOARD



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From the EAST

Your Master's Message

W.:Pete Raymond, Master



Greetings from the East

I want to thank every one who attended our Widow's Recognition Luncheon at SkyView on March 25. We had a very well attended lunch with five of our widows in attendance. I also want to thank Brothers Slim Owen, and John Ross for providing the transportation for our special guests.

Our widow's were presented with a very nice certificate and pin from the Grand Lodge. I will list the names of our widows in the event that you might remember both or just their husband, and if you do please give them a call - I am sure they would enjoy hearing from you. I will be calling them a few days before our upcoming LAP Days and hopefully some may be able to attend. We should always remember our widows and try to keep them informed whenever we have a function they might enjoy.

Below is a listing of our Widows:

Hope Fitzgibbons Carol Hogancamp* Nancy Hopkins

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Ruth Ann Rhodes Gail Sturtevant* Jeanne Vollmer
Sherrin Whiteford Cheryl Wilson

We have lost contact with Carol Hogancamp, and Gail Sturtevant. If you know how we may get in contact with them please let me know.

If any brother has a torn or tattered American flag bring it to lodge and I will be glad to burn it for you.

Fraternally
W.: M.: Pete Raymond

From the WEST

Your Senior Warden's Message

Bro. Peter Carter, SW



This year for my Birthday I received a very nice Devotional from my Dad (who is also a Mason, and a member of St. Petersburg's daylight Lodge). While reading and studying, I have found the number three repeated time and time again. Of course, we all realize the frequent use of this number, and a simple Google search brought me to this particular article which I found very well written and interesting. The first paragraph is inserted below, with the specific URL (web) address for your further reading. Enjoy!

The Use Of Three In The Bible

<https://bible.org/seriespage/use-three-bible>

It should be noted at the outset that the biblical authors' use of the number three is abundantly attested. Indeed, the number three or its compounds occurs hundreds of times. Most of these display a conventional use such as to mark

From the SOUTH

Your Junior Warden's Message

Bro. Dennis Suarino, JW



I would like to thank all who came to the first ITALIAN NIGHT! All the cooks did GREAT and all the food was GREAT – soup to nuts! What a great job they did.

April LAP DAY will be at the **Crystal River Ale House** at 11:30 am.

Cliff is making ground beef and vegetable casserole with salad and bread for our April 14th meeting. Stay, break bread with friends – enjoy the good food.

JW DENNIS

Ridge Masonic Lodge Past Masters

W.°.John M. Lee	2013
R.°.W.°.Robert H. Owen	2012
R.°.W.°.Robert H. Owen	2011
W.°.Charles "Chuck" Taylor	2010
W.°.John M. Lee	2009
W.°.John M. Lee	2008
W.°.Henry L. Oppenborn, Jr	2007
W.°.John M. Lee	2006
W.°.Robert A. Bernard	2005
W.°.Charley W. Rhodes	2004
W.°.Charley W. Rhodes	2003
W.°.James McIntosh	2002
W.°.John M. Lee	2001
R.°.W.°.Robert H. Owen	2000
R.°.W.°.Paul B. Miller	1999



From the West – cont'd

quantity whether in enumerating persons, things, or activities. For example, Noah had three sons (Gen 6:10) and Job had three daughters (Job 1:2; cf. 42:13);²⁰ The Ark of the Covenant contained three sacred objects 'The gold jar of manna, Aaron's staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant' (Heb. 9:4). Solomon's Palace of the Forest of Lebanon was designed with windows "placed high in sets of three facing each other. All the doorways had rectangular frames; they were in the front part in sets of three, facing each other" (1 Kgs 7:4-5).²¹ Likewise, in John's vision a triple entrance way marked all four sides of the city of the New Jerusalem (Rev 21:13). David "bowed down before Jonathan three times, with his face to the ground" (1 Sam 20:41) and Daniel regularly prayed three times a day giving thanks to God (Dan 6:10, 13). Israelite men were required to appear before the Lord three times in a year: "Three times a year all your men must appear before the LORD your God at the place he will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks and the Feast of Tabernacles" (Deut 16:16). Jesus answered Satan's threefold temptation by citing three scriptural passages Matt 4:1-11). Paul experienced three shipwrecks (2 Cor 11:28) and prayed three times to the Lord for the removal of his "thorn in the flesh" (2 Cor 12:7-8).

Peter Carter, SW

2014 Trestleboard Boosters

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 John Ross
 Chuck Schloss, Sr
 Dennis Suarino
 Bob Taber
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Your \$10 donation to the Boosters goes toward the preparation of your Trestleboard during 2014.

The Chaplain's Corner

WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

Freemasonry is a voluntary association of men.
Freemasonry is a system of moral conduct.
Freemasonry is a way of life.
Freemasonry is a fraternal society.
Freemasonry teaches monotheism.
Freemasonry is religious in its character.
Freemasonry teaches the Golden Rule.
Freemasonry seeks to make good men better.
Freemasonry teaches morality through symbolism.
Freemasonry uses ritual and ceremonies to
 instruct its members.
Freemasonry is based on a firm belief in the Fatherhood
 of God, the brotherhood of Man and the immortality
 of the Soul.
The tenets of Freemasonry are ethical principles such as
 are acceptable to all good men.
Freemasonry teaches tolerance towards the beliefs
 of others and charity toward all mankind.
Freemasonry proudly proclaims that it consists of men
 bound together by brotherly love and affection.

Brethren: I am sad to report that the 19th masonic district
had three deaths in March. District 19 Memorial Lodge
performed their Masonic Services:

- 1) R.W. George Corson (Ridge Masonic Lodge)
 - 2) Gail Bernard Cassidy (Floral City Lodge)
 - 3) Don Hixon (Brotherhood Lodge)
- Let's all pray for their families and keep them in our minds.

W.:Lucky Lee, Chaplain

BIRTHDAYS

Charles Schloss, Sr	4/11/1942
Chris Short	4/21/1975
Morris Stevenson, Jr.	4/24/1942
Herman Davison	4/22/1947
James McIntosh	4/18/1942