

TRESTLEBOARD



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From the EAST

Your Master's Message

W.: Pete Raymond, Master



Greetings from the East

I went to Grand Lodge this year with our Chaplin, W.: Lucky Lee and he returned as R.:H.: Lucky Lee the new District Instructor for District 19. R.:H.: Sam Douglas is the outgoing District 19 Instructor. I certainly want to thank Brother Sam for all the help he has provided our lodge during this past year. He has been very instrumental in helping us with all our degrees, and always available during open books. Thank you Sam. During Grand Lodge (GL), Monday was basically introduction day. Tuesday was the important day when all the Proposed Legislation was voted on. There were initially 15 proposals to be voted on. The twelfth was withdrawn which dealt with admitting children and orphans of Master Masons to The Masonic Home. The Third Resolution was to allow the Grand Master to waive either the 10-year requirement of the requirement that a candidate must have been a member of a Florida Lodge before the age of seventy (70). Jurisprudence Recommended rejection, the craft approved the resolution (we voted to approve the resolution.)

The Fourth Resolution was to allow quarterly meetings of Memorial Lodges which was adopted. (We voted to approve resolution)

The Sixth Resolution was to allow per capita tax proposed legislation to be brought up so that a vote could be taken on per capita tax. For the past two years the per capita tax was voted down. Florida Masonic law says that being defeated two years in a row it cannot be voted on again for three years. But the sixth resolution in effect is asking for permission to do just that with a three fourths approval it would be allowed to do so. We voted against it, but the craft voted for it. I personally don't care for the handling of this resolution or the Seventh.

The Seventh Resolution to increase the per capita tax was allowed to be voted on because of the outcome of the sixth resolution. A paper vote was taken because it dealt with the Constitution and here are the results.

14 Blank votes (lodge delegates not present to vote)

212 votes NO

620 votes YES

(we voted NO)

Per capita tax will be going up to twenty dollars from fourteen dollars.

I will not cover every resolution but will post them all on the bulletin board or if you have any questions you can email me or see me at the lodge.

I will say I really enjoyed this GL, and on Tuesday night Lucky was at practice for his installation on Wednesday I was enjoying fellowship and dinner with Bro. Gary Cronau SW and Bro. Jim Furtado CH of Floral City Lodge.

Thank you again my brothers for allowing me to represent you and our Lodge

Fraternally

W.: M.: Pete Raymond

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From the WEST

Your Senior Warden's Message

Bro. Peter Carter, SW



With the passing of Memorial Day, this short story of Masonic Charity seemed quite appropriate.

On June 11, 1863, the Federal gunboat Albatross, with Lieut. Commander J. E. Hart of St. George's Lodge #6 in New York in command, was anchored on the Mississippi River opposite the town of Bayou Sara (some accounts say St.

From the SOUTH

Your Junior Warden's Message

Bro. Dennis Suarino, JW



BROTHERS THIS MONTH BROTHER CLIFF WILL SERVE CHICKEN WITH YELLOW RICE AND PEAS. WE WILL BE GIVING OUT THE PLAQUE TO K-9 OFFICER JERRY LEE AND DEPUTY JOHN BEHEN FOR THEIR GREAT WORK LAST YEAR .FIRST PLACE FOR K-9 OLYMPICS FOR FLORIDA ,GREAT JOB AND IT IS GOOD THAT RIDGE MASONIC LODGE IS GIVING THIS AWARD TO THEM.WE HOPE HIS BOSS SGT.GLAZE WILL BE ABLE TO COME. IT TOOK TIME TO GET WITH JOHN WE WERE TO HAVE THIS AWARD GIVEN TO HIM LAST MONTH WHICH WAS POLICE WEEK BUT JOHN HAD FAR MORE IMPORTANT DUTY'S HE GOT MARRIED. WE WILL HAVE LAP DAY JUNE 24 @ RIVERSIDE REST.MONKEY ISLAND 11:30
BROTHER JW DENNIS

Ridge Masonic Lodge Past Masters

R.°.H.°.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

Francisville) which is 15 miles above the Rebel fortification Port Hudson. The gunboat was part of the ships laying siege to Port Hudson, Louisiana. Commander Hart had been in a delirium for many days and was confined to quarters. A shot rang out and the Ship's executive officer Theodore E. Dubois and the doctor found the commander dead.

The officers of the ship not wanting to bury their commander in the river sent a flag of truce ashore to discover if there was a local Masonic Lodge. William W. Leake, the acting Master of Bayou Sara lodge was approached by Captain Samuel White, who lived near the river, to hold a Masonic Funeral for Commander Hart.

Brother Leake replied, "**As a soldier of the Confederate Army, I think it is my duty. As a Mason, I know it is my duty.**" On June 13th, a few members of the local lodge in Masonic regalia gathered and met the procession of 50 men from the Albatross under a flag of truce at the top of a hill. Brothers Benjamin F. and Samuel F. White of Bayou Sara, the surgeon and the two officers of the gunboat who were Masons were in the procession along with a squad of marines at "trail arms." Hart's grave was marked with a wooden head plate for many years, and eventually a permanent marker covering the whole grave was dedicated. This marker states: "*This monument is dedicated in loving tribute to the universality of Freemasonry.*"

The Chaplain's Corner

Freemasonry is not an insurance or beneficial-type society.

Freemasonry is neither a religion nor a creed.

Freemasonry is not organized for profit.

Freemasonry dictates to no man as to his beliefs, either religious or secular.

Freemasonry seeks no advantage for its Members through business or politics.

Freemasonry is not a forum for discussions on partisan affairs.

Freemasonry does not conceal its existence. It is not a secret society.

Freemasonry teaches: Love and kindness in the home, Honesty and fairness in business or occupation, Courtesy in social contacts, Help for the weak and unfortunate, resistance to wickedness, Trust and confidence in good men, Forgiveness toward the penitent, Love toward one another, and above all, Reverence for the Supreme Being.

Brethren:

Lets keep Dennis Suarino (and his wife), James Roach, Henry McInturff, and any other brothers and sisters that we know to be sick or in distress in our prayers.

R.:H.: Lucky Lee, Chaplain

BIRTHDAYS

Robert	Lee	Blume Jr	6/4/54
Edward	Ralph	Gingrich	6/4/42
Robert	Thomas	Sharrard	6/8/40

2014 Trestleboard Boosters

Fred Basehore
 Buzz & Gwen Bernard
 Travel Authority
 Peter & Kim Carter
 Whitey & Margie Cassell
 Mike Cota
 Sam Douglas
 Gunnar Erickson
 Cliff Hammer
 Lucky Lee
 Hank McInturff
 Slim & Anita Owen
 Pete & Mary Raymond
 Wayne Reedy
 Jim Roach
 John Ross
 Chuck Schloss, Sr
 Dennis Suarino
 Bob Taber
 Jim Westfall
 Quality Mobility



JUNE

2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 10:00 am Ridge Lodge Office... 10:00 am Rutledge Practice	5	6	7
8	9 10:30am Ridge Lodge Meetl...	10	11 10:00 am Rutledge Practice	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 10:00 am Rutledge Practice	19	20	21
22	23	24 11:30am LAP DAY Riverside - Monkey Island	25 10:00 am Rutledge Practice	26	27	28
29	30					

May							July								
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