

TRESTLE-BOARD



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Ridge Masonic Lodge No. 398 Floral City, FL

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From the EAST



Brothers All,

In recognition of the birth of President George Washington, the Grand Master of Florida, M.:W.: James W. Ford, has designated February as American Citizenship Month. Let us take time to reflect upon the privileges that living in this great Country afford us. We have been blessed by our Creator to live in a land where we are able to choose our leaders, travel freely, assemble peacefully, educate and express ourselves without fear of persecution from a tyrannical government, and openly practice the religion of our choice, so long as it does not infringe on the rights or safety of our fellow Americans. These freedoms make The United States of America unique on the world stage. We must not waiver from allowing all who seek sanctity from anything less refuge among us, and an opportunity to become productive, law abiding citizens in this environment of limitless potential. I am grateful for that long trip my Great Grandfather embarked upon, from Italy to Ellis Island, at the age of 12, alone, unsure of what was ahead, but overcome by the desire to make a better life for himself, and provide the best possible scenario for success to his entire lineage; which most of you may know, has since grown to be quite extensive.

Our officers meet at the Lodge every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. for ritual practice, but any Master Mason interested in participating or practicing with us is welcome

and invited. Additionally, the officers hold a monthly officers meeting on the first Wednesday of every month at 10 before we break for practice, all officers of the Lodge are encouraged to attend.

See you all at our February meeting on the 9th, coffee and donuts at 10:00 a.m., meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally in Faith,

W.:M.: Peter Carter

Happy February Birthday To:

Gunnar Erickson
Cliff Hammer
Cliff McPhee
Bob Schiffer.

Officers 2015

Worshipful Master	(352)345-0461	Bro. Peter Carter
Senior Warden	(352)527-6847	Bro. Dennis Suarino
Junior Warden	(352)746-6936	R.:W.:Robert Owen 33 ^o
Treasurer	(352)726-8714	Bro. Robert Taber
Secretary	(352)628-0668	W.:Robert Bernard
Chaplain	(352)795-9561	R.:H.:John M. Lee
Senior Deacon	(352)445-2422	Bro. Mike Cota
Junior Deacon	(352)637-5073	Bro. Ben Edney
Senior Steward	(352)697-3763	Bro. Chris Edney
Junior Steward	(352)634-1255	Bro. Ray Thompson
Marshall	(352)860-2385	W.: Pete Raymond
Tyler	(904)490-2375	Bro. Richard Floyd

From the WEST



The origins of Freemasonry and its rituals are obscure. While individual lodges are known to have existed in Scotland and England in the 1600's, it was not until 1717 that four London lodges publicly organized a grand lodge to supervise and coordinate the work of the individual lodges. The year 1717 is thus referred to as the origin of organized Freemasonry. Yet neither researchers nor speculators have been able to conclusively determine when, where and how Freemasonry was born.

Freemasonry and other voluntary associations have easily thrived in a free and open society. Unlike many other human institutions, however, the fraternity has persisted through the modern world's cruelest, oppressive and prejudiced communities. In the 20th century religious fanaticism, communism, fascism, racism and commercialization and hedonism have all sought to dismiss, discredit or destroy our fraternity. Freemasonry still survives, its rituals are its strength and the keystone that has united its members for four centuries.

Freemasons employ the terms "operative masonry" and "speculative masonry" while stonemasonry is the craft of building edifices. Freemasonry professes to be a "Craft" devoted to the building of better men.

No matter what one's achievements, credentials or titles may be in public life, all Masons assume

the equal title of "Brother" in a Masonic Lodge. As a self-improvement organization, Freemasonry has long described its mission to make "good men better."

Freemasons do not seek to "make bad men better." Applicants who are found to have a bad reputation or are found to have a history of immoral or illegal actions are denied admission to the fraternity.

I am proud of our lodge the Men I have met and the standard we uphold in our Rituals. We all should be PROUD.
and RIDGE MASONIC LODGE NO.398 IS THE BEST DAYLIGHT LODGE ANYWHERE.

My brothers each month I will bring a little history to the lodge meetings and the Trestle Board. I hope you enjoy it and I am always open to suggestions.

SW Dennis

Our Tyler

Rick Floyd will be selling Luncheon Tickets at the door and will also be checking for up-to-date Dues Cards in the near future, so now is the time to see the Secretary and get squared away, Dues-wise.

2015 Trestle-Board Boosters

Fred & Dottie Basehore
Buzz & Gwen Bernard
Gary Cronau
Ed DeVita
Bill & Jean Harms
Hank & Loretta McInturff
Slim & Anita Owen
Ernie Polk
Wayne & Barbara Reedy
Ken & Jan Rowe
Tom & Jean Stratford
Chuck Taylor

Your \$10 donation to the Boosters goes toward the preparation of your Trestle-board.



From the SOUTH



Lap Day for February 24

Will be at Pecks in

Ozello, FL

Last month's Beef Stew was really a great treat, what with the steak Cliff used for meat, it was really BOEUF Stew

For the month of February, Chef "Clifforado Hammerinez" and Wallie will provide us with a mild Chili accompanied with Rice, Corn Bread (by Mary) crackers and accoutrements of Hot Sauce, Shredded Cheese and Chopped Onions.

All that and good fellowship all rolled into one meal. How can you beat that?

Remember, Coffee & Doughnuts @ 10am.

R.:W.: Slim Owen 33°

Past Masters

W.: Pete Raymond	2014
R.:H.: Lucky Lee	2013
R.:W.: Slim Owen 33°	2012
R.:W.: Slim Owen 33°	2011
W.: Chuck Taylor	2010
R.:H.: Lucky Lee	2009
R.:H.: Lucky Lee	2008
W.: Henry Oppenborn, Jr.	2007
R.:H.: Lucky Lee	2006
W.: Buzz Bernard	2005
W.: Charley Rhodes	2004
W.: Charley Rhodes	2003
W.: Jim McIntosh	2002
R.:H.: Lucky Lee	2001
R.:W.: Slim Owen 33°	2000
R.:W.: Paul Miller 33°	1999

The Chaplain's Corner

MASONIC QUOTES
BY
BROTHERS:



FREEMASONRY EMBRACES THE HIGHEST MORAL LAWS AND WILL BEAR THE TEST OF ANY SYSTEM OF ETHICS OR PHILOSOPHY EVER PROMULGATED FOR THE UPLIFT OF MAN.

(DOUGLAS McARTHUR)

R.:H.: Lucky Lee

In other news:

The Installation Team of Owen, Raymond, Lee and Curry will finish the Installation Season with their final performance at Brotherhood Lodge No. 375 in Spring Hill on Saturday, January 31, 2015. The Masonic Family and Friends are welcome to the final installation of the 2015 officers in District 19.



Memorial Lodge No. 19 is here to assist any Lodge in District 19 with the final arrangements of any departed Brother. Notice is given to as many Brothers as I have email addresses for. If you are not on my email list, please let me know.

(slim.owen@gmail.com)

The Masters & Wardens Traveling Gavel was won by Ridge in a coin toss. We were the overall winners for the year 2104. Many thanks to all who attended the meetings to bring the gavel home. Keep up the good work and we hope to see you on Feb. 25 at Springs Lodge in Homosassa. Teamwork pays!

February

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Super Bowl 	2 Happy Groundhog Day! 	3 Bushnell 30 Springs 378	4 Ridge Practice	5 Floral City 133 Trilby 141	6	7
8	9 10:30 am Ridge 398	10 Brotherhood 375	11 Ridge Practice	12 Zephyr 198 Siloam 399 Lincoln's Birthday CSC Social	13 CSC Meeting 9 am	14 Valentine's Day Breakfast @ Bushnell
15	16 Hernando 97 Dade City 48 President's Day	17 Bushnell 30 Springs 378 Mardi Gras	18 Ridge Practice Ash Wednesday	19 Floral City 133 Trilby 141 Chinese New Year	20	21 Breakfast @ Floral City
22 Washington's Birthday	23	24 Brotherhood 375 LAP Day Pecks in Ozello	25 Ridge Practice Masters & Wardens Springs Lodge	26 Zephyr 198 Siloam 399	27	28