

TRESTLE-BOARD



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From the EAST



Brothers All,

July is here, and the year is quickly moving towards the Holiday Months. As we celebrate our Nations Independence, let us all remember to pray for those who continue to suffer oppression and persecution at the hands of tyrannical Governments and Regimes. We are indeed fortunate to live without the fear of being murdered for our beliefs; accordingly, we should also pray that our freedoms are not soon removed from our lives, and that God will continue to provide the many blessings we enjoy. Our continued and consistent prayers will preserve this Great Nation.

Congratulations to our newest Master Mason, Brother Brian Carl Lee. It is a pleasure to have you among us, and we look forward to many years of fellowship. And of course, everyone is looking forward to hearing another perfect catechism. Also, a warm welcome to another new member, Brother Richard Herman, thank you for joining us in our Masonic journey, as you continue yours with Ridge Lodge.

Ridge Lodge is once again in possession of the Districts two Traveling Gavels, let's keep them where they belong...the next Masters

and Wardens meeting will require a good showing to succeed since the competition is getting some attention, but so far we have held the Gavel for the majority of the year.

I hope the summer is treating all of our absent Brothers well, we do notice the empty chairs, and anticipate your safe return when it gets cold again...in the meantime, enjoy your travels wherever the road takes you.

Our next Stated communication is July 13th, 10:00 am for coffee and doughnuts, meeting at 10:30 with lunch to follow. All Master Masons are WELCOME!

Fraternally,

W.:M.: Peter Carter

Past Masters

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

From the WEST



My brothers I hope you are enjoying this beautiful summer, stay safe, stay cool and enjoy family and friends.

A little Masonic education from the mentors handbook.

The title of free and accepted Masons:

There are two words in these title which may be further explain. They are "free" and "excepted" the ancient operative craftsmen were men of such skill and their Craft considered indispensable to the welfare of both church and state. For this reason they were not placed under the same restrictions applied by government or the church to other workers. They were "free" to pursue their labors, "free" to travel and "free" to live their lives in a manner which befitted their importance as craftsmen. In England of the 13th, 14th and 15th centuries this was almost a unique distinction, for most workers were on the bond to the owners of the land on which they work, but this did not apply to the Freemasons. It is said that freedom dates back to the assembly at York in 946.

The word "accepted" also has a special meaning and to its connection with Freemasonry goes back to the days of the operative craftsmen. During the latter years of the middle ages there were few educated men outside the monasteries of the church. Thus, in that day, men sought to become Freemasons, not with the idea of practicing the art, but merely to receive the "learning" and other advantages which such association brought them. These were "excepted" masons rather than operative workmen. The practice of admitting non-operative members into the craft probably originated when some of the guild companies admitted the patrons for whom they were building at the time, and the practice grew with the passage of time. With succeeding generations the operative members decreased while the "excepted" members increased. Somewhere in the 18th century the "accepted" masons were predominant and the transition from operatives to speculative came about as the natural course of events.

SW Dennis Suarino

Frederick A Bartholdi, a freemason, designed the statue of Liberty which stands in NY harbor.

The Grand Lodge of NY laid the corner stone on August 5, 1885.

2015 Trestle-Board Boosters

Fred & Dottie Basehore
Buzz & Gwen Bernard
Whitey & Margie Cassell
Mike & Elaine Cota
Gary Cronau
Ed DeVita
Sam & Donna Douglas
Gunnar Erickson
Bill & Jean Harms
Ron & VJ Hatton
Al & Ruth Mason
Hank & Loretta McInturff
Slim & Anita Owen
Ernie Polk
Pete & Mary Raymond
Wayne & Barbara Reedy
Ken & Jan Rowe
Tom & Jean Stratford
Chuck Taylor
Bill & Ellie Wilcox



From the SOUTH

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Some Lodges are going dark for the summer, we are not. It was once noted that because of our collective ages, we would probably forget how to get back to Lodge if we took a couple of months off. I'm not sure that is altogether true, but we're not taking any chances.

FYI:

July 4 is "Independence Day"

July 7 is "Chocolate Day"

July 12 is "Pecan Pie Day"

July 19 is "Ice Cream Day"

July 22 is "Hammock Day"

July's Menu:

Anita's Chili, Garden Salad

LAP Day at Monkey Island was well attended, the weather cooperated, and the food great and we hope everyone had a good time.

July 28, we will be going to Red Lobster in Spring Hill. Hope to see you there.

R.:W.: Slim Owen 33^o

Officers 2015

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Tyler	(904)490-2375	Bro. Richard Floyd

The Chaplain's Corner

MASONIC QUOTES
BY BROTHERS:



Freemasonry is 'veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols' because these are the surest way by which moral and ethical truths may be taught. It is not only with the brain and with the mind that the initiate must take Freemasonry but also with the heart.

(C. H. CLAUDY)

Let's keep these in our prayers:

Chuck Bradley

Greg Cwik

Bill Harms

Karen O'Dell

Milt and Leah Olsen

John and Elaine Rhame

Jim Roach

Boogie Stevens

Don Wagner

Paul Rosser

Chuck Taylor

Tim Tyler

All of our Military Personnel

R.:W.: Lucky Lee

Happy Birthday To:



Carl Stevens

July 6

Pete Raymond

July 7

Ken Rowe Jr.

July 11

Bill Harms

July 20

Stephen Zane, Jr.

July 30