

# TRESTLE-BOARD



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## From the EAST



### Brothers All,

As yet another month quickly slips past, we enter June and the hot Summer months of running the AC. Accordingly, we will relax to more casual attire for our stated meetings until further notice. The Grand Lodge Session was well attended this year, and over 800 voting Delegates were present to support our great Fraternity.

There are some exciting changes coming to Freemasonry in Florida, and we should look forward to many years of positive growth. It is with great pleasure that I congratulate two of our own members for their Grand Lodge appointments for 2015-2016, R.:W.: Lucky Lee for his appointment as the District Deputy Grand Master of the 19th Masonic District, and R.:H.: Sam Douglas for his appointment as our District Instructor. These two men are well deserving of his appointment, and it is an honor to call them Brother. Additionally, R.:W.: John Karroum was elected to serve as the Junior Grand Warden of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, placing himself in the line of Grand Lodge Officers. Many of you may remember R.:W.: Karroum's presentation at LAP Day in February, he is a good man and Mason, and will doubtlessly serve the Craft well. This month Brother Brian Carl Lee was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft, we look forward to hearing his proficiency, and raising this Brother to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Anyone who is interested in participating just let any one of your Lodge officers know...stay tuned for details! Also a

warm welcome to our newest member Bro. Phil Teresi, we are happy to have you as part of our Lodge!

There were many Noble events to attend this month, and I want to thank everyone who was able to represent Ridge Masonic Lodge. With these events there is always work to be done afterwards, and a special thanks to Brother Ron Hatton, W.: Pete Raymond, and R.:W.: Slim Owen for their efforts at the National Cemetery removing the Flags that were placed there in recognition of our Veterans and Memorial Day; this portion of the event is not so well attended, and these Brothers worked hard to help put the Cemetery back in order. Our next stated meeting is June 8, 10:00 am for doughnuts and coffee, meeting at 10:30 followed by lunch. Hope to see YOU there!

**W.:M.: Peter Carter**

### 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.:W.: Lucky Lee	2009
R.:W.: Lucky Lee	2008
W.: Henry Oppenborn, Jr. 33°	2007
R.:H.: 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°	2000
R.:W.: Paul Miller 33°	1999

## From the WEST



My brothers as we entered the halfway mark of our year I am just so proud of our lodge and our members when I looked around the room from the West and saw the room almost filled with our brothers and brothers from other Lodges . Wow. I can truly say this Lodge is filled with brotherly love, friendship and fellowship. As we finish up May which was the month we pay tribute to all veterans and we also had the week for police officers May 15 being police officer memorial day . But I do believe that every day should be Veterans Day and every day should be police officer, firemen, nurses and anybody else that gives of their own puts their lives on the line we should keep them in our minds heart and prayers every day and God bless them .

Why President. McKinley became a Mason  
When Gen. Horatio King asked William McKinley how he happened to be a Mason; "After the Battle of Opequam, I went with the surgeon of our Ohio regiment to the field where there were about 5,000 Confederate prisoners under guard. Almost as soon as we passed the guard, I noticed the doctor shook hands with a number of the Confederate prisoners. He also took from his pocket a roll of bills and distribute all he had among them. Boy-like, I've looked on in wonderment ; I didn't know what it all meant. On the way back to camp I asked him ;  
' Did you know these men or ever see them before? '  
' No, replied the doctor, ' I never saw them before . '  
'But,' I persisted, You gave them a lot of money, all you had about you , Do you ever expect to get it back ? '  
'Well,' said the doctor, ' if they are able to pay me back, they will . But it makes no difference to me; they are Brother Masons in trouble and I am only doing my duty , '  
" I said to myself, : if that is Masonry, I will take some of it myself.' "

[ This information was from the Masonic Service Association ]

I hope to find everyone in great health as we start the summer season , see you all on June 8th at 10 AM to enjoy coffee, donuts, fellowship and a good time hopefully will be had by all .

Fraternally  
S..W. Dennis Suarino

### 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

**LAP Day for June 23**

**Will be at  
Monkey Island  
Homosassa**



Beef Stew – who would have thought that it would be so well received? We had a fantastic turnout at our last stated, over 50 in attendance.

Our popularity seems to be growing and I wish to thank all who do attend our meetings. We always have an enjoyable time, a little levity and a lot of Fellowship.

LAP Day at “A Taste of Italy” was pretty much of a bust, what with having changed the date, other obligations and **too** many excuses to mention here.

LAP Day this month will be at the Homosassa Riverside Resort (Monkey Island).

Menu for June – nope, it isn't wedding cake, it will be Honey Baked Ham and a Special “Bean list-of-ingredients”, w/dessert by Anita.

We did travel to Bushnell on Tuesday, May 19 and the Big Gavel is back where she belongs. Thanks to all who made the trip.

Alas, the M&W Attendance Gavel slipped through our fingers and now resides at Trilby No. 141.

A **massive** turnout next month at M&W will bring her back. I'm counting on YOU!

**R.:W.: Slim Owen 33°**

### Officers 2015

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Junior Warden	(352)746-6936	R.:W.: Robert Owen 33°
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Secretary	(352)628-0668	W.: Robert Bernard
Chaplain	(352)795-9561	R.:W.: John M. Lee
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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

## The Chaplain's Corner

MASONIC QUOTES  
BY  
BROTHERS:



It is most true, that Truth is a Divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue. To be true, and to seek to find and learn the Truth, are the great objects of every good Mason.

(ALBERT PIKE)

Let's keep the following in our prayers.

Anna Angello  
Tiny Austin's Family  
Dewey Bandy  
Chuck and Betty Bradley  
Virgil Bratcher  
Greg Cwik  
Jim Furtado  
Dennis Gibson  
Bill Harms  
Sylvia Hartsfield  
Richard Hemann  
Rufus Hunter  
Janice Lee  
Hank McInturff  
Cliff McPhee  
Gerald and Karen O'Dell  
Milt Olsen  
Heather Renfroe  
John and Elaine Rhame  
Jim Roach  
Paul Rosser  
Boogie Stevens  
Allan Walls  
And Our Military Personnel

**R.:W.: Lucky Lee**

### Happy Birthday To:



Ed Gingrich	June 4
Robert Blume	June 4
Robert Sharrard	June 8
John Perry	June 12
Gary Cronau	June 21