

# TRESTLE-BOARD



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## From the EAST



### Brothers All,

It is with distinct pleasure we welcome the newest Entered Apprentice to Ridge Masonic Lodge, Brother Brian Carl Lee, the son of our very own Right Honorable Lucky Lee. Remembering our own initiations, we realize the excitement of this new journey, and look forward to assisting you in your Masonic experience. Brethren, please join us for the passing, and raising of this new Brother! Dates to be announced.

Also, during this past month, I had the pleasure of attending a "Welcome Home" Ceremony held at the VFW in Hernando. Two Marine Sergeants, who recently returned home to Citrus County from active combat duty, were the subjects of this particular event, and the Brothers who attended from Ridge Lodge received a warm thanks from everyone. There are other similar events occurring in the coming months, and I hope we can participate in many more of them. Thank you to Brother Ed Gingrich for spearheading our involvement in this worthy cause.

LAP Day this month was held at Outback Steakhouse in Spring Hill, and in recognition of American Citizenship Month included a guest speaker who expressed deep gratitude for his Citizenship of this Great Country. Right Worshipful John Karroum, we thank you for your dedication to Freemasonry, and are grateful for the fact the our Creator brought your family out of the tragic oppression suffered in the troubled regions of the Middle East. We know there are many more great things to come as a result of your

involvement in our Fraternity.

See you all at the next Stated Communication on March 9th, coffee and doughnuts at 10:00, the Gavel drops at 10:30.

Fraternally in Faith,

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

### In other news:

If you have contributed to our Booster Fund and are not listed, PLEASE tell me and I'll get you there, if you tell everybody else, I'll never know and you'll never make the list.

Thanks...

### 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

## From the WEST



My brothers I hope everyone survived this long bitter cold Florida winter all 60 hours of it. Let's keep our friends and family of the Northeast ,Midwest in our prayers as they go through one of the harshest winters many many years.

We hear these two words at every opening and closing of our meetings. Two words cowan and eavesdropper.

" Cowan " is an old Scottish word, and ignorant mason who put stones together without mortar, or piled rough stone from the field into a war without working them square and true. He is a mason without the Word ; the Apprentice who tries to masquerade as a master.

The eavesdropper in ancient times was that would be thief of secrets who listen under the eaves of the houses ( there was often a space between wall and roof, for the purpose of ventilation ). Because to hear he had to get close to the wall under the eaves, he received the droppings from the roof if it rain - hence, eavesdropper. In modern times the eavesdropper is that bold man who forges a good standing card, or finds one and masquerades as it's owner ; the man who has read a so called " expose " of Masonry and tries to get into a lodge, in order to ask for charity or help. He is very rare and few tilers have ever met him! The Cowan, however - the Fellowcraft

or Entered apprentice stopped for cause, the one-time member in good standing who is now dropped for one cause or another - these not infrequently try to pass the tiler.

This information is from the Masonic service Association of North America.

I hope my brothers find this information interesting and I will continue each month to try to bring you different information about Masonry and Americanism.

S.W. Dennis Suarino

### Happy Birthday To:

Ken Tompkins	Mar. 3
Peter Carter	Mar. 8
Lee Ball	Mar. 11
Edward De Vita	Mar. 15
Henry McInturff	Mar. 16
Ralph Wallen	Mar. 20
Samuel Douglas III	Mar. 21
Charles Taylor	Mar. 24
Robert Owen	Mar. 31

### 2015 Trestle-Board Boosters

Fred & Dottie Basehore  
Buzz & Gwen Bernard  
Mike & Elaine Cota  
Gary Cronau  
Ed DeVita  
Sam & Donna Douglas  
Gunnar Erickson  
Bill & Jean Harms  
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  
Your \$10 donation to the Boosters goes toward the preparation of your Trestle-board.



## From the SOUTH

Lap Day for March 24

Will be at Pecks in

Ozello, FL



Just another Great LAP Day at Outback in Spring Hill. Wor. Master Carter's Grandmother-in-law, Miss Bonnie Brown was on hand to help celebrate Kim's Birthday, yep, she's 27 again. Youngest son, Tiernan joined in the festive occasion as well.

Guest Speaker for the day: R.:W.: John Karroum who spoke about "Coming to America" and how fortunate we are.

Brother Taber and I registered a complaint when our meals were served. Squeaky wheel get the grease, we both got a second meal to go and it was better than the first one.

I'm sorry for the mixed signals for the February LAP Day but everything worked out OK.

The March 24 LAP Day will be at PECK'S in Ozello at 11:30. We are looking into going to the Bone Fish Grill, but they are not ready for large groups just yet, but in the near future I hope to get us there.

The Luncheon Menu for our March Stated Meeting will be Mac & Cheese, Ham, Coffee, Tea & Desserts.

**R.:W.: Slim Owen 33°**

## The Chaplain's Corner



MASONIC QUOTES  
BY  
BROTHERS:

It is organized as a fellowship of men, a system of morals, a philosophy taught by degrees through the use of story, legend, pictures, and drama.

It has served as a center of union among differing backgrounds, culture and countries.

It serves as the means of conciliating true friendship among persons, who, because of differences, must have otherwise remained at a perpetual distance.

(HARRY TRUMAN)

Sickness & Distress: Let's keep the following in our prayers.

Slim Owen's Daughter

Boogie Stevens

Chuck Bradley's Wife (Betty)

Gert Taber

Chuck Taylor

Bob Thompson

Greg Cwik

Don Wagoner

Jim Furtado

Alan & Rhoda Walls

Cliff McPhee

Karen O'Dell

Milt & Leah Olsen

John & Elaine Rhame

Jim Roach

Paul Rosser

All of our Military Personnel

CHAPLAIN:

**R.:H.: Lucky Lee**

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Marshall	(352)860-2385	W.: Pete Raymond
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# MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																														
1	2 Dade City Hernando 97	3 Bushnell 30  Springs 378	4 Ridge Practice	5 Floral City 133 Trilby 141	6	7																																																																														
8  DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME	9 10:30 am Ridge 398	10 Brotherhood 375	11 Ridge Practice	12 Zephyr 198 Siloam 399	13 CSC Meeting 9 am	14 Breakfast @ Bushnell <b>Out-Door-Degree 10am</b>																																																																														
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