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From the EAST



Brothers All,

May is here, and everything around us is growing fast, including the number of Masonic events on our calendar! We will be walking in the Vietnam Wall Parade in Inverness on the 2nd, line up at 9:00 am at Citrus High School, step off begins at 10:00. Please mention spots 36 & 57 when checking in with the Marshall as we will be walking together with the Citrus Shrine Club. Wear your Lodge shirt, and bring some Water. If you are a Vietnam Veteran, wear something identifying yourself as such, or just let someone know.

Next we have our Stated Communication on the 11th at 10:30 am (coffee and donuts at 10), where we will hear the catechism of our newest initiate, Brother Brian Carl Lee. As usual we have other business to attend to, and it is always pleasing to see so many Brothers interested in the well being of the Lodge, as is made evident by the attendance at all of our meetings. We will confer the Fellow Craft Degree for Brother Lee that same week on Friday the 15th at 6pm. We'd like to fill the side lines, our Brother deserves nothing less, and our officers have been practicing hard to make the experience impressionable. Come out and enjoy the fellowship! The Masters and Wardens Association will meet on May 20th at Bushnell Lodge,

7:30 p.m. We still have the Gavel for attendance at the M&W, and coincidentally also hold the Traveling Gavel for Lodge visitations in our District, another testament to our involvement. The month will end with the Grand Lodge Session in Orlando from May 25th-27th, all Master Masons are welcome and I encourage any Brother who is able to attend to do so. We will briefly discuss the proposed legislation at our meeting.

Again, THANK YOU to all of my Brothers who participate in making our activities successful.

We have a good team!
Fraternally in Faith,

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.: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



This month I will be talking about the origins of Freemasonry.

To point to a single era in human history and say that Freemasonry was born at that particular time and in a specific phase is not possible. It may be as old as man himself , for its roots spread through many ages and among many races of people. Certainly it goes far beyond historical record, though it has not always been designated by the name Freemasonry . Even the savages of prehistoric time had certain ritualistic ceremonies for the young man as he sought to take his rightful place among the tribal leaders. Initiation was a ceremony prevalent among the ancients; and the ministries of Egypt ,Greece and the East may be seen as influencing our own rites. These were designed to test men and to admit only those who were worthy into the fellowship . To those who won the right to be initiated was promised the key which would unlock the secrets of the universe.

Operative masonry can be traced back through the centuries to the middle ages and beyond , for man has long been a builder both by necessity and by inspiration, seeking in the world around him the evidence of a supreme builder or seeking to imitate Him. In the course of time the Operative Masons found themselves together and companies or guilds. Other men were admitted only after they had served a number of years of apprenticeship, had learned some of the secrets of the builder's art and demonstrated their ability as craftsmen.

My brothers I hope you find this story interesting it's from the Masonic mentors manual .

I hope to see you at the next lodge meeting in May
Fraternally
SW Brother 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

In other news:

Did you know that May is "Older American Month"?

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...



From the SOUTH

LAP DAY FOR MAY 19
WILL BE AT
A TOUCH OF ITALY
INVERNESS



The Zone/District Workshop in Ocala at Marion-Dunn was very well attended by Ridge Lodge Members; we had six (6) in attendance.

Our SW, JW, SD, Chap and two others were there to qualify us for two of the nine mandatory categories necessary to qualify for the Masonic Education Achievement Award which we have received for the last four (4) years.

LAP Day for May will be on the third Tuesday due to the fact that several of us will be at Grand Lodge on the fourth Tuesday.

Ridge Lodge was invaded by Bushnell Lodge and they took our Big Gavel away, but have no fear, on the 21st of April we reciprocated and it is now back where it belongs at Ridge.

We are readying ourselves for another attack at our stated on May 11. See you there.

R.:W.: Slim Owen 33^o

The Chaplain's Corner



MASONIC QUOTES
BY
BROTHERS:

Freemasonry has endured not because of its antiquity, its influence, or its social standing, but because there have been so many who have lived it. The effectiveness of Masonic teachings will always be the measure by which the outside world judges Freemasonry; the proof of Freemasonry is in our deeds and it is in our deeds that Freemasonry is made known to non-Masons. The only way that the Craft can be judged is by its product. The prestige of Freemasonry lies squarely on the shoulders of each of us.

(BROTHER G. WILBUR BEST)

Let's keep the following in our prayers:

Boogie Stevens
Chuck Bradley's wife
Chuck Taylor
Greg Cwik
Don Wagoner
Jim Furtado
Alan Walls
Karen O'Dell
Milt & Leah Olsen
John & Elaine Rhame
Jim Roach
Paul Rosser
Bill Harms
All Of Our Military Personnel

R.:H.: Lucky Lee

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Junior Steward	(352)634-1255	Bro. Ray Thompson
Marshall	(352)860-2385	W.: Pete Raymond
Tyler	(904)490-2375	Bro. Richard Floyd

Happy Birthday To:



Wes Stanton	May 1
Malcolm Corse	May 10
Buzz Bernard	May 21