

# TRESTLE-BOARD



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## From the EAST



Brothers All,

Greetings from the East, and an Early Happy Thanksgiving! It is time again to prepare for visits from friends and family, and give thanks for all of the blessings we receive.

It's also another busy month, providing plenty of opportunities for Masonic fellowship and fun beginning with our stated meeting on November 9th, coffee and donuts at 10:00 a.m., meeting to begin at 10:30.

On November 14th, Ridge Masonic Lodge will host an MLT session at Floral City Lodge scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by the MM 1, 2, and 3 training sessions. Please attend if possible, this is a great opportunity to learn more about the operational aspect of our Fraternity, and ask any questions you may have concerning such matters.

Next on the calendar is LAP Day on the 17th, held at Good Times on highway 44 in Crystal River, 11:30 a.m.

Masters and Wardens will be the very next evening at Zephyrhills Lodge No. 198 at 7:30 p.m. Ridge Lodge stills holds the Traveling Gavel, and it seems we may have won this award for the year at the last meeting, holding the gavel for 7 months so far, a little lower than normal, but we'll take it!

Finally, on November 28th, there will be a "404 Club Steak Dinner" held at the Citrus Shrine Club, attitude adjustment begins at 5, dinner at 6. Please see any of the officers for tickets (\$15.00 each). As a reminder, our

district is holding a boat raffle which will conclude with the drawing on December 12th, there are plenty of tickets available, and this opportunity to replenish the districts shrinking scholarship fund is slipping away...please contact me personally if you are interested in purchasing a ticket, or taking tickets from me to sell. The boat is also available for set up at events, contact me for details.

Brothers, these are just a few of the many Masonic events scheduled this month, all of the Lodges in the 19th Masonic District need your support too...please check out the on line calendar for dates, times, and locations, let us continue to show our Brothers that Ridge Masonic Lodge is involved!

Fraternally,

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

### Past Masters

W.: Pete Raymond	2014
R.:W.: Lucky Lee	2013
R.:W.: Slim Owen 33 <sup>o</sup>	2012
R.:W.: Slim Owen 33 <sup>o</sup>	2011
W.: Chuck Taylor	2010
R.:W.: Lucky Lee	2009
R.:W.: Lucky Lee	2008
W.: Henry Oppenborn Jr. 33 <sup>o*</sup>	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 <sup>o</sup>	2000
R.:W.: Paul Miller 33 <sup>o</sup>	1999

## From the WEST



As the holidays approach we are reminded this is family time and time to give thanks to God for all the great gifts and benefits that we have in this beautiful country of ours.

On October 17 I was at Bushnell Lodge where the Masonic sojourners put on a show of building the American flag "Old Glory". This show was put on by retired military and active Masons this show was very very good and I hope if you are interested we will have these brothers come up and put the show on for us at Ridge Masonic Lodge. I learned a lot about the building of the American flag and what every piece represents and why it represents it. I had seen this done once before at West Point over 45 years ago and unfortunately do not remember a lot of it. It was done by the military and not the Masons at that time. Hopefully this month at lodge if we have time I will be able to give you a little taste of what they conferred upon me and that will be my Americanism for this month.

This is a list of some of the founding fathers that were Freemasons . America's most famous Freemason, George Washington was initiated in 1752 in Fredericksburg Virginia. After the Revolutionary war there was a strong movement to unite the nation's Freemasons under a national grand Lodge of the United States, and George Washington was offered the position of national Grand Master, which he refused. He was elected as worshipful master of the Alexandria Lodge number 22 in 1788. When the new capital city that would eventually bear his name was designed under his watchful eye, the Freemasons laid the cornerstone of the new capital building in 1793 over which Washington presided in full Masonic regalia. Other Freemasons included Benjamin Franklin : inventor, publisher, author, and statesman, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and a member of the lodge of Nine Sisters in Paris.

Paul Revere: American metalsmith and patriot, famed for his "midnight ride," and a Grand Master of Massachusetts.

Robert R Livingston: a member of the Constitutional committee that drafted the Declaration of Independence in the grand master of New York.

John Hancock: President of the Continental Congress from 1775 until 1777 and famous for signing his name large on the Declaration of Independence so that "King George can read it without his spectacles"

John Marshall: Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court from 1801 until 1835.

John Paul Jones: father of the US Navy.

Aaron Burr: Revolutionary war colonel and adventure, Thomas Jefferson's vice president after a typo was decided by Congress, and killed Alexander Hamilton in a famous duel.

I hope the November meeting finds us all in good health and spirit.

SW 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  
John & Carol Ross  
Tom & Jean Stratford  
Bob & Gert Taber  
Chuck Taylor  
Bill & Ellie Wilcox



## From the SOUTH

**LAP Day for November 17**

**Will be at  
Good Times  
In  
Crystal River**



LAP Day for October at "Red Lobster" in Spring Hill was very well attended.

LAP Day for November 17 will be at "Good Times" in Crystal River. We moved it up a week to keep away from Thanksgiving.

Menu for November's Meeting will be Roast Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Rolls and Desserts.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the  
**"T-B Booster"**

program for 2016, please turn in funds to our secretary. A \$10 donation will **ensure** your name for the year.

Please remember your annual dues are due and payable on or before Dec. 27.

**God Bless America!**

**R.:W.: Slim Owen 33°**

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Marshall	(352)860-2385	W.: Pete Raymond
Tyler	(904)490-2375	Bro. Richard Floyd

## The Chaplain's Corner

TO BE OR NOT TO BE...  
OR,  
TO GO OR NOT TO GO



In William Shakespeare's play. Hamlet, the soliloquy by Prince Hamlet begins, "To be, or not to be, that is the question. Wisconsin Past Grand Master Jack C. Allord paraphrases Shakespeare in an article in the September, 2015 issue of the Wisconsin Masonic Journal, when he asked his brethren, "To go, or not to go...to Lodge tonight?" He speculates that brothers may think they are too busy or don't have enough time, and so he responds: "If Brothers George Washington and Gerald Ford found time to attend Lodge, can you? If Masters Benjamin Franklin, Paul Revere, Andrew Jackson, and Harry Truman found time to attend Lodge, can you? If the two Mayo Brothers and the seven Ringling Brothers found time to attend Lodge, can you? If astronaut Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin and Green Bay Packers legend Bart Starr found time to attend Lodge, can you? In a parenthetical comment, Brother Allord wrote that six of the seven Ringling Brothers sat in the chairs to raise their father in Baraboo Lodge in Baraboo Wisconsin, in 1891.

The Grand Master concluded his article: "We really want to see you in Lodge, Brother.

Let's keep the following in our prayers:

Jeremy ODell  
Greg Cwik  
Bill Harms  
Carl Nelson  
Shade Simpkins  
Greg Wagner  
Walter Sypniewski  
Ed Willoughby

All of our Military Personnel and any others that you can think of.

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

**Happy Birthday To:**



Ray Devaul  
Richard Whitford  
Grant Schlenker

Nov. 2  
Nov. 11  
Nov. 14