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From the EAST



It is that time of year when the plants and trees start to bloom. We get all the showers and thunderstorms to start our summer. It is also the time that we must say goodbye for the summer to our northern Brothers and as they returned home. I would like to wish all of them a very happy, healthy summer and can't wait to see them all back in the fall. The lodge is never the same without them.

Masonic symbols.

APRON. Symbol of honorable labor. The material of a Masonic apron - lambskin - is a symbol of innocence as the lamb as always been. But for "innocence" do not read "ignorant". The word describes those who do no injury to others, not those to whom injury may be done because they know little.

The use of the apron is extremely old, not, as with the operative masons, as a protector of clothing and body against tools and stone, but as a badge of honor. It was so used by the priests of Israel, by the ancient Japanese in religious worship. Ethiopia knew aprons as did Egypt.

In all times and climes, it has been a badge of distinction. It is as such that a Mason wears it.

The apron is said to be more ancient and more honorable than certain orders and decorations.

The order of the Golden Fleece was founded by Philip, Duke of Burgundy, in 1429.

The Roman eagle was Rome's

symbol and ensign of power and might 100 years before Christ.

The Order of the Star was created by John II of France in the middle of the 14th century.

The Order of the Garter was founded by Edward III of England in 1349 for himself and 25 Knights of the Garter.

That the Masonic apron is more ancient than these is a provable fact. In averting that it is more honorable, the premise "when worthily worn" is understood. The Apron is "more honorable than the Star and Garter" when all that it teaches is exemplified in the life of the wearer.

W.:M.: Dennis Suarino

Past Masters

W.: Peter Carter	2015
W.: Pete Raymond	2014
R.:W.: Lucky Lee	2013
R.:W.: Slim Owen	2012
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W.: Chuck Taylor	2010
R.:W.: Lucky Lee	2009
R.:W.: Lucky Lee	2008
W.: Henry Oppenborn, Jr.	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	2000
R.:W.: Paul Miller	1999
R.:W.: Paul Miller	1998

From the WEST



Yahoo!!!

We did it again, against all odds, an up-hill battle all the way, but we came out on top again with the most in attendance at the Masters & Wardens Meeting in Siloam (Brotherhood).

My sincere thanks to all who came out to support our Lodge.

This is the second time in three months we have won the Attendance Gavel. The month we didn't win it, we were the hosts, so were ineligible.

Contrary to popular belief, good things don't "just happen". It takes hard work and a never ending drive to make it all happen.

To those who are always there, ready to help, even when help isn't needed goes the credit for the success of our meetings which are very well attended.

To those who stay at home, you just don't know what you are missing. Ridge Masonic Lodge is alive and well, thriving and growing while others are not so fortunate. Our attendance is ALWAYS over 50%, yes that's right over 50%.

We keep striving to make it an even higher number. If you would like to come but do not have transportation, give me a call and I'll arrange it for you. If you don't know how to get here, ditto.

I travel to the other Lodges in our district quite often and it saddens me to see so few sideliners and the chairs are not always filled.

Unless we all work together to make our organization strong, we will make it weak

instead.

So, come Monday morning, April 11, we expect to see you for coffee & donuts at 10 and then hang around for the meeting, guaranteed to be an eye-opener.

R.:W.: Robert "Slim" Owen 33°

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Fred & Dottie Basehore

Buzz & Gwen Bernard

Steven Bradley

Peter & Kim Carter

Whitey & Margie Cassell

Mike & Elaine Cota

Ken & Rose Drennen

Ben Edney

Chris Edney

Gunnar Erickson

Lucky Lee

Walter Mabie

Al & Ruth Mason

Bill Ortolf

Slim & Anita Owen

Dennis & Gail Suarino

Bob & Gert Taber

Chuck Taylor

If your name isn't listed here and you have made your donation, please send an email to: slim.owen@gmail.com. Thanks!



From the SOUTH

LAP Day for April 26

Will be at

Pecks

In

Ozello



Lunch for April 11 will be Beef Stew, Salad, Bread

Lap-Day for March was at the Olive Garden in Inverness, it was well represented with 28 in attendance.

404 Club Spaghetti Dinner had 43 present. All had an enjoyable time. I want to thank Brian Lee who did an excellent job of preparing the spaghetti. Also I would like to thank Bob Taber for preparing the spaghetti sauce. Thanks to Chris Edney for preparing the salad. There were lots of compliments on all the food. Thanks also to Dennis for the desserts. Also thank everyone else who helped in the kitchen. A special thanks goes to Anita, Jean and Cliff for their help. It was very much appreciated. And finally thanks to everyone who donated the ingredients. All this help is what made this a successful dinner. A very special thanks to Slim who works so hard organizing this dinner.

Brethren, I have found a very good article for this month's education. You don't want to miss this one!

J.:W.: Mike Cota

The Chaplain's Corner

MASONIC QUOTES BY BROTHERS:
SICKNESS AND DISTRESSED:



There is nothing better than older people praying for you. We're not getting older, just getting closer to home! The instructions are to pick four people You want God to bless. I pick all of you. This prayer is powerful, and prayer is one of the best gifts we receive. There is no cost but a lot of rewards. Let's always pray for one another.

The Prayer:

Father, thank you for each and every day you have blessed us here on earth. Thank you for your tender mercies. Thank you for giving us friends and family to share joys and sorrows with. I ask you to bless my friends, relatives, brothers and sisters in Christ and those I care deeply for, who are reading this right now. Where there is joy, give them continued joy. Where there is pain or sorrow, give them your peace and mercy. Where there is self- doubt, release a renewed confidence. Where there is need, fulfill their needs. Bless their homes, families, finances, their goings and their comings. in Jesus' name, Amen.

Lets keep the following in our prayers:

Sylvia Hartsfield
Jeremy O'Dell
Don Wagner
Ralph Scott

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

R.:W.: Lucky Lee

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Happy Birthday To:



Tim Tyler	Apr 6
Chuck Schloss	Apr 11
Jim McIntosh	Apr 18
Bill Ortolf	Apr 20
Herm Davidson	Apr 22
Boogie Stevenson	Apr 24
Don Wagoner	Apr 24