

# TRESTLE-BOARD



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## From the EAST



As we are entering the dog days of summer I hope all my Brothers and their family are staying safe and cool. This August we will see saying a temporary goodbye to our Brother Adam Wilkinson who just recently knocked at our Lodge door to start his journey in Freemasonry. He did a fantastic job bringing back is Entered apprentice and Fellowcraft catechism. He will be bringing back his Master Mason catechism on Thursday August 4 at 7:30 PM at Floral City's first meeting of the month . After that he will be leaving us on Monday, August 8 to finally start his new career with the United States Marine Corps. Let's all wish him well and keep them in our prayers as I got to know him he is one fine young man and now Master Mason.

Now a little Masonic trivia.

It wasn't until 1760 that Masonic halls, temples and lodges began to receive their names befitting of Freemasonry significance. Prior to 1768 a Lodge was generally known by the name of the tavern or pub in which the members held their meetings.

The fact that early Masons held their meetings in pubs may have had an impact on the manner in which new Brother Masons were tested before being advanced to the next Degree.

In modern American masonry, a candidate must recite a formally memorized catechism or examination in the preceding degree before he is Passed or Raise to the next degree.

This practice did not exist until 1850, when it was introduced in Louisiana.

Prior to this ritualized proficiency on the lectures, Lodge officers would ask the candidates casual questions over a pint of brew until satisfied that he had an understanding of the proceeding

degree.

Have a very safe summer and healthy summer.

**W.:M.: Dennis Suarino**



## Past Masters

W.: Peter Carter	2015
W.: Pete Raymond	2014
R.:W.: Lucky Lee	2013
R.:W.: Slim Owen	2012
R.:W.: Slim Owen	2011
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



I'm so impressed with all the members that attend our meetings. Although it is getting warmer all the time, you still attend, you still stay for lunch and you still display your Brotherly Love for each other.

I suppose I shouldn't be surprised, after all we all have taken the same oath on bended knee, each of us have made a concerted decision as to just how dedicated we want to be and each of us, in our own way, help support all the others that feel and live the same as we do.

During our April Meeting, we all recited the Entered Apprentice's Obligation.

At our August Meeting, we will recite the Fellow Craft Obligation and in December we will recite the Master Mason Obligation.

These obligations are the beginning of our Masonic Career and stand as "a rule and guide" for our future lives.

Each time I recite them, I'm reminded of just how important they have become, at least to me, and I hope to you as well.

It was my distinct privilege and pleasure to present Illustrious Robert H. Brown with his seventy (70) year service award at our last meeting.

During our opening ceremonies, we ask all fifty (50) year Masons to raise their hands and each meeting we have six (6) to ten (10) who do so.

Just a reminder, we do have fifty (50) year Masonic Aprons for all who have attained this prestigious position.

R.:W.: Robert "Slim" Owen 33°

## When it comes to chocolate Resistance is futile.

### 2016 Trestle-Board Boosters

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  
Ron & V.J. Hatton  
Lucky Lee  
Walter Mabie  
Al & Ruth Mason  
Robert O'Connell  
Bill Ortolf  
Slim & Anita Owen  
Wayne & Barbara Reedy  
Dennis & Gail Suarino  
Bob & Gert Taber  
Chuck Taylor

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## From the SOUTH

**LAP Day for August 23**

**Will be at  
Cedar River  
In  
Inverness**



Thank you all for making LAP Day another great success. We had 30 in attendance. As always, food was very good. Looking forward to LAP day on August 23 at Cedar River located at 801 US 41 South in Inverness.

Lunch for Stated Meeting August 8, 2016 will be:  
Spaghetti and Meat Sauce

Salad

Garlic Bread

Cliff and Wally will be on vacation. Thank you Elaine for preparing this meal for us. Thank you brother, Bob Tabor for preparing the Spaghetti Sauce.

As always, my brothers, come early for Stated Meetings and enjoy fellowship with your brothers and have coffee and doughnuts.

Don't forget practice every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.  
Good coffee and doughnuts.

**J.:W.: Mike Cota**

## The Chaplain's Corner

A GOOD STORY OF "INTEGRITY"



Pulling into my service station 45 minutes late one morning, I shouted to my customers, "I'll turn the pumps on right away!"

What I didn't know was that the night crew had left them on all night. But by the time I got to the office, most of the cars had filled up and driven off. Only one customer stayed to pay. My heart sank. Then the customer pulled a wad of cash from his pocket and handed it to me. "We kept passing the money to the last guy," he said. "We figured you'd show up sooner or later."

Let's keep the following in our prayers:

Fred & Dottie Basehore

Richard Hermann

Pat Lindner

Walter Mabie

Al & Ruth Mason

Sylvia Hartsfield

Cliff McPhee

James Furtado

Most especially: All of our Military Personnel and our Police and Security Personnel.

**R.:W.: LUCKY LEE  
CHAPLAIN**

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### Happy Birthday To:



John Ross	Aug 9
Ben Edney	Aug 12
Robert O'Connell	Aug 20
John Lee	Aug 22
Dennis Suarino	Aug 22
Tom Stratford	Aug 24
John DeMerchant	Aug 27