

# TRESTLE-BOARD



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Ridge Masonic Lodge No. 398 Floral City, FL

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## From the EAST



On January 24 R..W..Slim Owen ,R..W..Lucky Lee ,Mike Coda and myself went down to the Masonic home in St. Petersburg.

What a wonderful place this home is . We were able to see Worshipful Chuck Taylor who is a new resident of the home . After the meeting we all had lunch together at the homes cafeteria. It was wonderful to see Chuck and see how happy he was at the home. He looked good and asked to give his best to all his brothers at Ridge Masonic Lodge. If you have not been to the home it is a worthwhile trip to see where our pennies go in the magnificent place we have for our Masons who wish to go into the home.

### The All-Seeing Eye:

This is a very old symbol of Deity. In the religions of Egypt and the God Osiris was represented by an open eye and the symbol was placed in all his temples. Undoubtedly the Hebrew people inherited many of their religious customs and symbols from the Egyptians. References to this particular symbol maybe found in the Old Testament, where in Psalm 34 these words are to be found, " The eyes of Jehovah are upon the righteous," or in Psalm 121, " He that keepeth Israel shall neither sleep nor slumber." Thus the idea that Jehovah watch over man was symbolized by the All-Seeing Eye has a manifestation of His omnipresents and omniscience.

To the Freemason this symbol becomes a reminder that the things which we do before the eye of man and those which we do in secret are held by the eye which can explore art into most thoughts and will witness against us in the tribunal where there are no

miscarriages of justice.

Our February's meeting is Monday February 8. Keep warm and healthy and we will see you at the lodge.

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

## Happy Birthday To:



Arthur Lent	Feb 1
Cliff McPhee	Feb 6
Gunnar Erickson	Feb 6
Cliff Hammer	Feb 7
Bob Schiffer	Feb 9



## From the WEST



Because of the tireless efforts of some of the members, we were the winners of the "Attendance Gavel" that is given out by the Masters & Wardens Association. Gavels are supplied by R.:W.: Robert C. Thompson, Jr.

The Lodge with the most in attendance gets the gavel for the month, we won it nine (9) different times last year and with your help, we can do it again this year.

By now almost everyone knows that Wor. Richard Munsell of Springs Lodge will be the new D.D.G.M. and that Wor. Peter Carter of Ridge Lodge will be the new D.I. Congratulations to them both.

Someone has said that membership in every organization is made up of four bones;

There are the **Wish Bones**, who spend all their time wishing someone else would do the work,

There are **Jaw Bones** who do all the talking, but very little else,

There are the **Knuckle Bones**, who knock everything that anyone ever tries to do,

And, finally, there are the **Back Bones**, who get under the load and do all the work.

And as Dyson Jeda once said: "Worry not about the empty seat in your Lodge..."

Worry about the empty experience that led to it."

R.:W.: Robert "Slim" Owen 33°

### 2016 Trestle-Board Boosters

Fred & Dottie Basehore  
Buzz & Gwen Bernard  
Steven Bradley  
Peter & Kim Carter  
Mike & Elaine Cota  
Ken & Rose Drennan  
Ben & Chris Edney  
Gunnar Erickson  
Lucky Lee  
Walter Mabie  
Bill Ortolf  
Slim & Anita Owen  
Dennis & Gail Suarino  
Chuck Taylor

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



## From the SOUTH

LAP Day for February 23

Will be at  
Ruby Tuesday's  
In  
Spring Hill



The Lodge is happy to announce that the cost of our lunches will remain the same for another year. I don't know of any place you can get a better meal for the price.

Lunch will be Senate Bean Soup with ham hocks, salad and bread for the February stated meeting.

We had a great LAP day with 34 in attendance at Crackers. Everyone enjoyed their meals and each other's company. See you at Ruby Tuesday's in Spring Hill on February 23.

On March 26 the 404 Club will be having a Spaghetti Dinner at the Citrus Shrine Club in Inverness. Happy Hour at 5:00 and Dinner will be served at 6:00.

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

## The Chaplain's Corner

WHO, AGAIN, WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.?



It was quite a surprise to see the Head Line in a lodge newsletter, saying that John Hanson was the first president of the United States.

Hanson, not to be known to be a Mason, was an American patriot. He was elected to the Provincial Legislature of Maryland in 1775, and then in 1777 became a member of congress, where he distinguished himself as a brilliant administrator. Then, he was elected as the first president in 1781.

The new country was actually founded on March 1<sup>st</sup> 1781, with the adoption of the articles of Confederation, and John Hanson was chosen unanimously by Congress, which included George Washington.

Six other presidents followed John Hanson, with each serving a one-year term. Why don't we hear of the first seven residents? It is quite simple\_ the Articles of Confederation did not work well. The individual States had too much power and nothing could be agreed upon. A new doctrine needed to be written, something we know today as the Constitution.

George Washington was the first President of The United States under the Constitution we follow today. His term as President was from 1789 to 1797. But John Hanson accomplished much in his one year in office. Almost immediately, the troops who fought in the Revolutionary War demanded to be paid. There were no funds for salaries. The soldiers threatened to overthrow the new government and put George Washington on the throne as a monarch. Hanson calmed the troops and held the country together.

Other accomplishments by President Hanson included ordering all foreign troops off American soil, removal of all foreign flags, establishing the Great Seal of The United States (still in use), created the first Treasury Department, the first Secretary of State, the first Foreign Affairs Department, and declaring the fourth Thursday of November to be Thanksgiving Day.

Hanson and the other six Presidents under the Articles of Confederation are forgotten in history. Today, we proudly proclaim Brother George Washington as the first President and Father of our Country.

Thanks to the "Trestleboard" of Washington Daylight Lodge # 14 in the district of Columbia for the history and research for this article.

**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:**

Lets keep Jim Furtado, Bill Harms, Cliff McPhee, Jeremy O'Dell, Don Wagner, Paul Rosser, and all of our Military Personnel in our prayers.

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

### Officers 2016

Worshipful Master	(352)527-6847	Bro. Dennis Suarino
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Marshall	(352)345-0461	W.: Peter Carter
Tyler		

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

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