

# TRESTLE-BOARD



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## From the EAST



July will be a great month this summer. the Lodge will have a new black-and-white floor and new rugs throughout the Lodge room. July 2 at 10 AM we will be having the Master Mason degree for Brother Adam Wilkinson.

This young man has been a pleasure for me teaching him his catechism. He will be bringing back his Fellow Craft catechism on the day of the degree. This new Brother will be leaving us for the United States Marine Corps on August 8 so come on out see the degree . Brother Adam hopefully he'll be able to make his first meeting in July. If at all possible I hope you can bring back his Master Mason catechism at our stated communication. As I said this young Brother has been a pleasure to teach and being young hopefully you can learn and memorize the Master Mason catechism in about a week and a half , if not when he comes back on leave hopefully he'll be able to do with them.

We had a very nice open book Master Mason degree practice today. I want to congratulate our R... H... Peter Carter and wish him all the luck for the coming year I know he will do a great job.

The Apostle Paul said, " Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelling in you?"

This quote is the basis of the Masonic symbolism of King Solomon's temple.

The temple is a symbol for the individual Mason. It takes many years to build this place suitable for the Spirit of God to inhabit, and it's constructed with the hard work of many men. The goal of the builders is perfection of workmanship. When it's finished all who come in contact with it admired it. When the Hebrews lost their spiritual direction, the temple was destroyed, just as men are destroyed when they lose

their spiritual direction. And even when it has disappeared, the memory of it lives on in the hearts and memories of all who have seen it, just as the accomplishments of good men live on long after they have died.

Have a great and safe summer.

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

A short explanation of the calendar weekends.

A little color to brighten it up a bit.

July 31 is Mutt's Day.

My Mutt, Henry, has sole possession of that day.

If everyone sends me a pic of their Mutt, I'll have a

"Mutt Page" in the near future. Thanks!

## 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



A salesman breaks down in a remote country lane, a farmer in the adjacent field comes over and they discover that they are "Brothers". The salesman is concerned as he has an important appointment in the local town: "Don't worry says the farmer you can use my car, I will call a friend and get the car repaired while you go to the appointment" Off goes the salesman and a couple of hours later he returns but unfortunately the car is awaiting a part which won't arrive until the next morning.

"It's not a problem," says the Farmer, "use my telephone and re-schedule your first appointment tomorrow, stay with us tonight and I'll see that the car is done first thing!" The farmers' wife prepares a wonderful meal and they share a glass of fine single malt during an excellent evening, the salesman sleeps soundly and when he awakes there is his car, repaired and ready to go.

After a full English breakfast, the salesman thanks them both for the hospitality. As he and the farmer walk to his car he turns and asks "my brother, thank you so much but I have to ask, did you help me because I am a Mason?"

"No" was the reply, "I helped you because I am a Mason"

**R.:W.: Robert "Slim" Owen 33°**

**MM DEG – July 2 10:30 AM**

### 2016 Trestle-Board Boosters

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Walter Mabie  
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## From the SOUTH

**LAP Day for July 26**  
**Will be at**  
**Crackers**  
**In**  
**Crystal River**



Lunch for stated meeting will be Ham, Macaroni and Cheese, Salad, and Bread.

We had 31 in attendance at Margarita Breeze for Lap Day. The beverages were excellent, as was the food. The service was great and it was good to see all those who attended. Thank you all for coming, it sure was a great time, as always.

If any Brother or Lady has a restaurant you would like for us to go, please let me or S.:W.: Slim Owen know and we will follow up on your suggestion.

Brothers, don't forget every Wednesday morning we have donuts and coffee at 9:30 am, followed by practice at 10:00 am. Until then, take care.

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

## The Chaplain's Corner

LAST MASONIC RITES PERFORMED IN THE U.S. FOR

JOHN PAUL JONES - FINALLY

The Grand Lodge of Maryland has completed the formal cycle of Masonic rites for one of the military leaders, who was also a Mason. John "Father of the American Navy," died in 1792 in Scotland. "Masonry played a big part in Jones' life from then on," according to an April, 1998, Short Talk Bulletin. President and Brother Theodore Roosevelt ordered the body of Jones recovered from the cemetery in France, brought to the United States, and placed in a crypt at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis Maryland, where visitors today can view the crypt and displays about his life.



Brother Jones, probably the best known Naval figure in the Revolutionary War, was born in Scotland. He went to sea at the age of twelve and before he was thirteen, made his first trip to America. In 1770, during his career as a merchant seaman, he was initiated into St. Bernard Lodge #3122, in Kikkudbright, Scotland.

His career as a merchant seaman ended in 1773, at the age of 26, when he inherited his brothers plantation in Virginia. There he met many patriots, including George Washington, Patrick Henry, and Benjamin Franklin. In 1775, shortly after the battle of Lexington and Concord, Jones offered his services to the American cause and his great service to the American Revolution began.

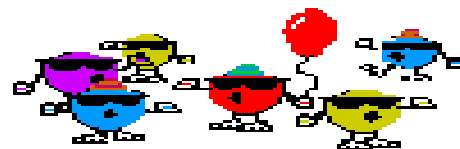
At a later time, Jones was invited to join the Lodge of Nine Muses, in France. Brother Ben Franklin had been the Master of this Lodge for two years and they welcomed the new American hero with open arms. But John Paul Jones never received any Masonic funeral services in the land he helped free and where his body lays. So, about 250 years after his death, on April 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2016, more than 500 persons, including about 300 Masons clothed in full Masonic regalia, led by Grand Master Kenneth S. Wyvill, Sr., marched in a parade from Annapolis Lodge #89, down Main Street to the Naval Academy in Annapolis. The belated Masonic Service was performed in the Academy's Dahlgren Hall.

Lets all keep those that we know that are sick or in distress in our prayers, and most of all, our military personnel that keep us safe.

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

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**Happy Birthday To:**

Pete Raymond	July 1
Steven Bradley	July 6
Ken Rowe	July 11
Bill Harms	July 20
Stephen Zane Jr.	July 30