

# TRESTLE-BOARD



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## From the EAST



As we are approaching the halfway mark of the Masonic year I want to thank all of you for helping me.

As it's been said before and now I truly truly believe that we have the best day light Masonic Lodge in this country.

As your offices go to Grand Lodge over the Memorial day weekend I know we will make all of you very proud of your offices from Ridge Masonic Lodge no.398 we will vote for the best interest of our lodge .

I would like to take this time to congratulate and thank R..W.. John "Lucky" Lee and R..H..Sam Douglas for their time and find counseling to this lodge the 19th district and to me. Thank you for a job well done.

We have suspended the formal dress code from June till September , the dress will be a Lodge shirt or a nice collared golf shirt , there will be no T-shirts, shorts ,sandals allowed at our regular stated meetings. I hope we will all be comfortable during the hot summer season here in Florida.

We will be having our fellow craft degree on Friday June 3 at 6 PM . We will have sandwiches and light dessert which we can have if you get there early enough for those coming from work before the degree, and after the degree we can finish whatever sandwiches and cake and coffee that's left.

### The BALLOT

The ballad is both secret and inviolable . When it is taken the act is faithful for the candidate and momentous for the Lodge. It is etiquette for the lunch room to be in complete silence, the Officers should remain at their stations and places in silence and dignity. Except the Holy Bible, the ballot is the most sacred thing in the Lodge. Every Mason owes it to the

petitioner for a fair ballot- the only protection a petitioner has against unfair discrimination and unreasonable prejudice. The upright man and Mason, true to the tradition of the Craft , will never allow personal spite or prejudice to influence his behavior at the ballot box.

Remember when you ballad you salute the ballot box not the worshipful master. When we ballod nobody can enter or leave the lodge room until balloting is over, if you have a true emergency advise the senior warden in the West and he will make the decision we do not want anybody to hurt themselves by waiting for medical assistance or the restroom.

Enjoy the summer we will see you at the lodge and our brothers who have traveled back to their home states be safe enjoy yourselves and we'll see you back when you come down in the fall.

**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



Kudos to the Degree Team that performed the E. A. Degree on Brother Adam Wilkinson. Everything went like clockwork, just the way we practiced. (Not)

Looking forward to the F.C. Degree this month. Many thanks to 13 Brothers that were on the sidelines as a full house is always more conducive to a good time.

By the time you read this we will be on our way to Grand Lodge where history will be made, all the legislation will have been digested and soon to be acted upon and of course the BUDGET, which is always a bone of contention, will be ushered through without so much as a whimper.

Progressive per-capita, just another "1984" term, means it will cost you more every year, for the next 5 or so years while someone somewhere will have decided where to spend our hard-earned cash to their advantage.

How are we doing with "Circumscribe"? You all remember the program that is to end all our problems, wash our face and comb our hair. "We" only allocated \$80,000.00 last year for the program and as yet it is still un-operational.

We do not go dark during the summer months because by the time Fall rolls around, I would have forgotten how to get to Lodge, so we keep on plodding along, enjoying each others company while getting our "Masonic Fix".

We are looking forward to seeing all y'all on June 13<sup>th</sup> around 10am for coffee &.

**R.:W.: Robert "Slim" Owen 33°**



**Officers Meeting will be the second Wed.  
as GL interferes with the first Wed.**

### 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 June 28**

**Will be at**

**Margarita Breeze**

**In**

**Crystal River**

**1610 SE Paradise Pt.**



Lunch for the June stated meeting will be Fried Chicken, potato salad, cole slaw.

We had 17 attending LAP Day at Red Lobster in Spring Hill. Service was great, and the food was really good. Everyone had a good time as always. My brothers you don't know what you are missing. I encourage you all to come and bring your significant other and share the fun with us. Do you remember what LAP Day stands for? In case you have never been told or have forgotten, it stands for Ladies Appreciation Party. Please try to come.

Just a reminder, practice is every Wednesday starting @ 10:00 a.m. Come and help us. We are good, but we can be better with your help. It's only a couple of hours and there is always coffee and doughnuts before practice.

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

## The Chaplain's Corner



### A MINUTE WITH GOD:

ALL OF US ARE GIFTED, SOME OF US OPEN OUR GIFTS EARLIER THAN OTHERS.

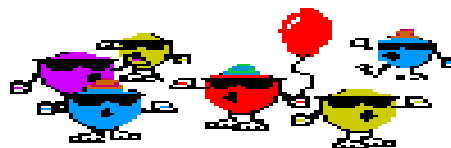
My name is God. You hardly have time for me. I love you and will always bless you. I am always with you. I need you to spend 30 seconds of your time with me today. Don't pray, just praise. Today I want this message to go across the world.

- 1) Why do we feel sleepy in prayer, but stay awake through a three-hour movie.
- 2) Why are we so bored when we look at the HOLY BOOK but find it easy to read other books?
- 3) Why are prayers getting smaller, but bars and clubs are expanding?
- 4) Why is it so easy to worship a celebrity, but very difficult to engage with god?
- 5) God said, if you deny me in front of your friends, I will deny you on the day of judgement.
- 6) When one door closes, God opens two.
- 7) God has no BLACKBERRY but he's my favorite contact.
- 8) God is not on FACEBOOK but he is my best friend.
- 9) God is not on TWITTER but I still follow Him, and even without INTERNET I am always connected with him.
- 10) God is not on gmail but he's always on line.
- 11) And don't forget to keep our Masonic obligations in our minds at all times.
- 12) Lets keep all those that we know that are sick and or in distressed in our prayers. Let's always keep our Military Personnel in our prayers.

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

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### Happy Birthday To:

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