

TRESTLE-BOARD



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From the EAST



As February ends and March starts off strong with a lot of Masonic functions.

We will be helping district 19 and Floral City with an outdoor degree. We are going to need a lot of help to put on this degree were making it a the district degree not just Floral Cities.

At February's Masters and Wardens which Ridge Masonic Lodge hosted we had a great turnout.

We had to give up the traveling gavel to Zephyrhills Lodge because we were not eligible to win it this month. I hope next month we will be able to win it back because it looks like some of the other lodges are trying hard to win it this is the purpose of the traveling gavel.

This month we will be helping Floral City Lodge to work the county fair. There is a sign-up sheet at the lodge anyone that can give some time please look at the sign-up sheet at the lodge, if it is your first time to volunteer for this event there's a class that we must go to, I'll be going to this class it is also was posted on the bulletin board

I had the privilege of presenting a gift card to a returning Air Force veteran returning from Afghanistan. This was the first time I was able to attend this event but it will definitely not be my last time.

How proud his family was of this young man, as were all the guests and veterans that came out to welcome him home.

I would like Ridge Masonic Lodge to sponsor Master Masons I II III, even if you've taken this course before take it again to refresh the mind get the cobwebs out and it's a great day for friendship and brotherly love. I will supply a nice light lunch . We'll see if we want to do it on a Saturday morning , afternoon or maybe a night during the week whichever I get the best feedback . When we come up with a date I will get Slim to post it.

I will see all of you at the March meeting. Stay safe and warm this is still winter in Florida.

W.:M.: Dennis Suarino

Past Masters

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| 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



We had an excellent talk by Brother Ed Gingrich concerning the roll that Masons played in the revolution.

The knowledge that some of our Brothers have is remarkable!

If you have an idea for a short talk, please let us know.

We've had many requests for another Rusty Nail Degree, so maybe we can get a degree team going and have a little fun in the near future. If anyone would like to participate in the Degree, either as a player or as a recipient, give me a shout. I have had a few requests for parts, but nothing is set in concrete yet, so if you are interested...

Some of us have assisted other Lodges with their Degree Work, such as Trilby and Floral City. Joining with them just seems to bring the Fraternity closed together as everyone has a good time and the candidate(s) reap the benefits.

The 404 Club will have a Spaghetti Dinner on March 26th at 5pm at the Shrine Club in Inverness. The cost is \$10, but it is a fund raiser so mark the date on your calendar, notify your significant other and prepare to

have a wonderful evening. We will be serving imported Spaghetti Sauce, with a Northern Flavor designed to make your mouth water.

Again, if you have signed on as a Booster and your name doesn't appear, let me know.

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 Drennen
Ben Edney
Chris Edney
Gunnar Erickson
Lucky Lee
Walter Mabie
Al 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 March 22

**Will be at
Olive Garden
In
Inverness**



Lunch for March 14th stated meeting, will be Chicken and Rice, Green Peas with Pearl Onions.

We had another great Lap-day @ Ruby Tuesday with 36 in attendance. As usual the food was excellent and the fellowship was great. Hope to see you March 22, 2016 at Olive Garden in Inverness.

Don't forget on March 26 the 404 Club will be having their Spaghetti Dinner @ the Shrine Club in Inverness. Happy Hour @ 5:00, Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.

Brother let's have a good turn out this year. Ask another brother to come with you. Ask your neighbor. Need tickets, see Slim/SW, or Mike/JW. They will be happy to get a ticket for you at the very, very low price of \$10.00.

J.:W.: Mike Cota

The Chaplain's Corner

MASONIC QUOTES BY BROTHERS:



Flattering as it may be to the human mind, and truly honorable as it is to receive from our fellow citizens testimonies of approbation for exertions to promote the public welfare; it is not less pleasing to know that the milder virtues of the heart are highly respected by a society whose liberal principles must be founded in the immutable laws of truth and justice. To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy of the benevolent design of a Masonic institution; and it is most fervently to be wished that the conduct of every member of the fraternity, as well as those publications that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the great object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race.

(GEORGE WASHINGTON)

SICKNESS AND DISTRESSED:

LETS KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN OUR PRAYERS:

Sylvia Hartsfield
Jeremy O'Dell
Don Wagoner
John Nicoll
Ralph Scott
Ralph Wallen
All of our Military Personnel where ever they may be.

R.:W.: Lucky Lee

Officers 2016

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| Tyler | | |

Happy Birthday To:



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| Ken Tompkins | Mar 3 |
| Otto Nielsen | Mar 6 |
| Peter Carter | Mar 8 |
| Lee Ball | Mar 11 |
| Fred Harman | Mar 12 |
| Ed De Vita | Mar 15 |
| Hank McInturff | Mar 16 |
| Ralph Wallen | Mar 20 |
| Sam Douglas III | Mar 21 |
| Chuck Taylor | Mar 24 |
| Bruce Harbison | Mar 24 |
| Slim Owen | Mar 31 |