

TRESTLE-BOARD



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From the EAST



As our northern Brothers depart for their home states and countries , we wish them a safe journey and a wonderful summer and cannot wait to see them again in the fall.

The month of May has been designated as peace officers month with May 15 being police officers Memorial day.

With the death of so many police officers in this country in the past year please keep all the working Police Officers in your prayers. The brave men and women who put on the police uniform every day deserve our support love and thanks. As we approach May 15 police memorial day I reflect on all my brothers and sisters that I have lost over my career of being an active police officer, retired police officer, disable police officer. My family of police officers my brother-in-law his sons my nephews one who barely escaped death at the World Trade Center who is now retired ,his brother my Godson who is still working at New York- New Jersey Port Authority as a K-9 sergeant.

I think about all of them every day and how hard it is on their families their wives and children. But to all the police offices that I've ever known it is a calling not a job calling. Saint Michael who is the patron Saint of our police and military personnel please keep

watching over all of them and their families .

Naked Heart and Sword

The heart has a sword pointing to it, while the symbols of God looked down from above. The heart and the sword symbolizes justice. Although what we think, say, and do have been hidden from the eyes of other men, the Grand Architect of the universe sees what we do, and the sword of justice will sooner or later have its final say over our hearts and our fates.

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
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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
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From the WEST



Many thanks to those who turned out for the Masters & Wardens meeting on April 20th at Bushnell No. 30. We were able to keep possession of the Gavel for the third time this year. Some of the other Lodges had a good representation and will surely give us a run for the gavel in months to come. We will just have to work harder at getting more members to attend. (That's a hint.)

This is the last issue prior to Grand Lodge as we will be in Jacksonville at the end of May. I'll try to include pertinent legislation in the next issue concerning our little corner of the world.

We have it on good authority that our Junior Past Master, W.: Peter Carter will be the next District Instructor, replacing R.:H.: Sam Douglas and W.:□ Richard Munsell from Springs Lodge will be the next DDGM, replacing R.:W.: Lucky Lee.

Congratulation to both on their well deserved promotions.

District 19's Out Door Degree:

There are not enough words to accurately describe the event. From the preparations which started early in the week to the cleanup later Saturday it was a succession of well orchestrated mini-events that culminated in a portrayal of the Master Mason Degree to rival even Ridge's efforts.

To those who were unable to attend, you might consider coming, or even participating in the degree next year. It is truly an enjoyable venue and the camaraderie of Masonic Brotherhood is so thick you could almost cut it with a knife.

Speaking of knives, R.:W.: Frank Ownbey out did himself with the entrée as did Tim Tyler with the Baked Beans.

A sad note, W.: Donald Wagoner of Floral City No. 133 has gone on to his final reward. Services were provided by Memorial Lodge No. 19 on Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.

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
Lucky Lee
Walter Mabie
Al & Ruth 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 May 24

**Will be at
Red Lobster
In
Spring Hill**



Our lunch for May stated meeting will be Beef Stew, Salad, and Bread, Iced Tea and Coffee.

Sorry I missed LAP day at Pecks, but thanks to R.:W.:Slim for taking the count of 28 in attendance.

Brothers come early and enjoy fellowship, coffee & donuts before the Stated Meeting. If you know of a Brother who has not been present for a while, please take a couple of minutes and give him a call. He just might say yes.

My Brothers, as you all know Ridge Lodge No. 398 has practice every Wednesday of the month. I would like to invite my Brothers to come and help us out. We practice opening and closing of the lodge and degree work. Your attendance helps the new brothers relax, so that when we have our meeting we are more at ease. Oh did I mention, we have donuts and coffee before practice!

J.:W.: Mike Cota

The Chaplain's Corner

**MASONIC QUOTES BY BROTHERS:
SICKNESS AND DISTRESSED:**



A MASONS PRAYER:

Give me, O God, the strength and courage to be a worthy Master Mason. Grant me ever the spirit of love, of unselfish service and willing sacrifice. Erase from my mind thoughts of envy, guile, jealousy, prejudice and hate.

Let me forever see in every man my brother and in my brother the hand of thy creation.

Let my association with men be established upon the sacred responsibility of the Fatherhood of God_the brotherhood of man.

Let my dealings with men stem forth from personal honesty and sincerity of purpose.

Place in my path the trials and problems of my brothers, that I may grow spiritually through service to others.

May I never seek victory over another by reason of his weakness, but may I be the instrument of transforming his weakness into strength.

May I deserve the love of little children and may my heart respond to those bereft of parents, to those who have been denied love and to those who are crippled.

Let me know it is often more noble to be genuine than just.

Make me ever mindful of the glorious privilege of being a citizen of the

United States of America. Make me worthy of its past and conscious of its future greatness under thy divine guidance.

**NO MAN HATH A BROTHER
EXCEPT HE BE A BROTHER.**

R.:W.: Lucky Lee

Officers 2016

Worshipful Master	(352)527-6847	Bro. Dennis Suarino
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Junior Warden	(352)445-2422	Bro. Mike Cota
Treasurer	(352)726-8714	Bro. Robert Taber
Secretary	(352)628-0668	W.:Robert Bernard
Chaplain	(352)795-9561	R.:W.:John M. Lee
Senior Deacon	(352)637-5073	Bro. Ben Edney
Junior Deacon	(352)697-3763	Bro. Chris Edney
Senior Steward	(352)220-4706	Bro. Brian Lee
Junior Steward	(352)634-1255	Bro. Ray Thompson
Marshall	(352)345-0461	W.: Peter Carter
Tyler	(352)795-4421	Bro. Merle Rowe Jr.

Happy Birthday To:



Scott Baatz	May 1
Wes Stanton	May 1
Rich Herman	May 4
Phil Teresi	May 6
Malcolm Course	May 10
Tom Kellogg	May 16
Buzz Bernard	May 21

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MAY 2016

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