

# TRESTLE-BOARD



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## From the EAST



As summer just ended and fall began living in Florida did not notice a difference.

The main difference though will be that our Brothers from the north will be returning soon and will be going into a very wonderful season. Before we know it ,Thanksgiving and Christmas will be upon us.

Octobers meeting will be the District Deputy Grand Master's official visit. As always I know that Ridge Masonic Lodge will have a great turnout for the DDGM's official visit , let us all turn out to support the Grand Masters mission , and show the district that we are the best daylight lodge east of the Mississippi .

On September 12 I received a letter from our newest youngest Mason Brother Adam Wilkinson.

He was just starting his fifth week at Paradise Island and said he felt like you just got there. He's doing very well at this time. He is part of Platoon 2082, Hotel Company, 2nd Battalion. I don't know what has changed in the Marine Corps but our Brother says that it has not been too bad the first few weeks were the hardest for him but he said they went by very fast.

He wishes all his new Brothers well and good health and misses Freemasonry very much.

One member of his platoon is a Freemason, but they have not had much time for free time to speak about it. If any of the brothers would like to write a letter to Adam

this is his address.

RCT Wilinon, Adam J  
Platoon 2082, 2nd BN H Co  
P.O.Box 16255  
Parrish Island, S C 29905-6255

He had to write this very quickly as time was very limited so I hope the numbers are correct because it's very hard to read his writing but I'm sure it will get.

Let's have a great meeting of friends and fellows at our next meeting come early have coffee and donuts before the meeting.

W... 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



Just a short reminder that we are now accepting Trestle-Board Boosters. The cost is only \$10, but the rewards are tremendous!

All members of the Lodge get to see who puts their money where their mouth is, so to speak, in that every edition will have your name(s) posted in the “Booster” section.

Many thanks to all who help!

I’m looking for someone who would like to be Junior Steward, someone who is willing to go through the chairs and eventually sit in the East as Worshipful Master.

If you are interested, please let me know as I’m finalizing my plans for the coming year, providing I get elected to the East.

September was a busy month, what with a Masonic Funeral Service at Hooper’s in Inverness, Masters & Wardens at Trilby Lodge, the official visit from our Grand Master on the 17<sup>th</sup> at Brotherhood Lodge and of course, open books in Brooksville on the 24<sup>th</sup> which was one of the better meetings we have had all year.

We are in the planning stage of setting up a District Degree Team and are looking for those who are proficient in our ritualism to fill the chairs. If you have an interest AND know the work please let me know so we can pencil you in for a shot at immortality when we win the competition.

Plans are also in the works to have a “100 Mason Meeting” at our Out Door Degree next Spring. More on that later.

**God Bless You and America!**

R.:W.: Robert “Slim” Owen 33°

**The human body is estimated to have 60,000 miles of blood vessels.**

### 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

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 October 25**

**Will be at  
Olive Garden  
In  
Inverness**



As always, we had another great turn out at Gators Dockside. The food was great. I will be adding this restaurant to my list for sure for next year. If anyone has a favorite restaurant that you like, please let our Junior Warden know. (Before I forget, there were 30 who attended this luncheon.) I must say that Gators Dockside was excellent. I had many of the attendees tell me that everything was so good, and would like to return. So yes, Gators Dockside will be on our list of restaurants to visit next year.

October 10 stated meeting is the DDGM visit. We will be serving Chili, cornbread, and dessert. Seeing how we are still short a cook to prepare our lunches, I would like to thank Elaine for September 12 lunch. Slim and Anita Owen will be preparing the October lunch. We all appreciate your time and effort that it takes to prepare these meals. We all thank you.

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

### Officers 2016

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## The Chaplain's Corner



### The Masonic Bridge Builder:

An old brother on a lone highway,  
Came at the evening, cold and grey,  
To a chasm, vast, and deep and wide,  
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.  
The old Brother crossed in the twilight dim;  
For the sullen stream had no fear for him;  
But he turned, when safe on the other side,  
To build a bridge to span the tide.  
"Old Brother," said a fellow pilgrim near,  
"You are wasting your strength in building here:  
Your journey will end with the close of day;  
You never again will pass this way;  
You've crossed the chasm, deep and wide—  
Why build this bridge at the evening tide?"  
The Brother lifted his old gray head:  
"My Brother, in the path I have come," he said,  
"There followeth after me today,  
A young Brother, whose feet must pass this way.  
"This chasm, that has been naught to me,  
To that young Brother may a pitfall be.  
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;  
My Brother, I'm building this bridge for him."

Let us keep the following in our prayers:

Fred and Dottie Basehore

John Consoli

Richard Hermann

Al and Ruth Mason

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

### Happy Birthday To:

Whitey Cassell

Clark Brickley



Oct 6

Oct 7