

TRESTLE-BOARD



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From the EAST



Summer is over will be getting back to work at the lodge and our September meeting we will be going back to business dress.

This September will be 15 years since the brutal attack of September 11, 2001. Please keep all the people in our country that were affected by this attack. We will say a prayer for all our military and first responders that have been protecting us all these years since 2001. I personally believe the world changed that day .

Right Worshipful Paul Miller donated wonderful looseleaf book containing the history of Ridge Masonic Lodge No. 398. He kept a very good log on the formation of our lodge from its inception as a UD Lodge , to the Grand Lodge issuing our number. As I go through this book it's amazing how many steps there are that the founding members had to go through to make Ridge Masonic Lodge a reality. When I'm able to go through the whole looseleaf book I intend to have our senior members who were founding members of the lodge also go through it and then it will be given to our secretary, W . . . Buzz who is also the historian of the Lodge. When this is completed any member wishes to look through this looseleaf book will be able to and we will be able to keep track where the book is and it will be stored at the lodge in the file cabinets. R . . . W . . . Owen and R . . . W . . . Lee our founding members of this lodge. I personally believe that RIDGE MASONIC LODGE is not only the best daytime Lodge in our district it is the best Lodge in our district. I may be a little prejudiced but I travel to all the other lodges in our district of the district and I am so impressed at our membership our offices that I can truly say we are the best. I've been so fortunate this year to be the Master of this Lodge and

with the help of all the Brothers you have made my year full of fun and fellowship and love and I thank you all. As I finish the last four months of my year in office our officers for next year are working very hard to learn their parts I am sure that they will do a fantastic job .

Let us all welcome back are Snowbird Brothers and start the best fall and beginning in the winter that we can have. I pray that everyone is in good health and look forward to seeing you all in the September, October, November and December meetings. If we can bring any Masonic information or Americanism anything that you would be interested in learning about please let me know and I'll get our brothers that do Masonic education and Americanism so that they will be able to bring it to one of the meetings before the end of the year.

Thank you

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



Wow! We had a great "Summer of 2016". April we had an E.A. Deg. in Zephyr, just prior to the Out Door Degree which was well attended and went off without a hitch, many thanks to Floral City No. 133 for all the time and equipment, not to mention the great food.

In May Zephyr had a F.C. Deg. and my kids came to visit.

In June we attacked the flags at the National Cemetery in Bushnell and the job of removal was completed in two hours. Last year it took over twice as long, great job Brothers. On the 18th Bushnell No. 30 had a M.M. Deg. and Ladies Night Out was enjoyed by all. (Floral City No. 133)

Let's see, in July Floral City had an F.C. Deg., Dade City had an E.A Deg., and Trilby had a M.M. Deg. We also participated in a Memorial Service at the Hernando County Shrine Club.

August was quite quiet, just an E.A. Deg., at Siloam on the 11th.

During all this time, we NEVER forgot to take our Ladies out for their Appreciation Day on the fourth Tuesday of each month. I think Crackers in Crystal River had the biggest turnout. After all the good food that appeared, is it any wonder? Everyone seemed to like to go there, so we will definitely keep them on our "To-go" List.

Several of us have been attending "Open Books" in Hernando Lodge No. 97 on the fourth Saturday of each month.

Just to keep everyone up to date, rumors of moving them to another Lodge is not in the works. We have no intention of moving at this time. I know several Lodges have expressed an interest and I wish to thank them, but at the present time things will stay the same. Should circumstances change, I'll let everyone know.

R.:W.: Robert "Slim" Owen 33°

People who laugh a lot are healthier than those who don't.

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. Thanks!



From the SOUTH

LAP Day for September 27

Will be at

Gator's Dockside

In

Spring Hill



Menu for Sept.: Bratwurst, Sauerkraut, Baked Beans, and dessert.

As always we had another great turn out for LAP day at Cedar River in Inverness. We had 28 who attended. The food was very good. I will be adding this restaurant to my list for next year. If anyone has a favorite eatery that you would like to visit, please let our Junior Warden know.

Here are the directions for Gators Dockside. Address is 4329 Commercial Way, Springhill, Fl. Take Hwy 19 to Springhill. Turn west at stoplight on Lake in the Woods Drive. (Steak & Shake is on the Northwest corner of this intersection. Behind Steak & Shake is a road leading into a big strip mall. Take a right. The restaurant is on the left as you enter. As always, don't forget to come to practice. Doughnuts and coffee beforehand.

J.:W.: Mike Cota

Officers 2016

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Junior Warden	(352)445-2422	Bro. Mike Cota
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Chaplain	(352)795-9561	R.:W.: John M. Lee
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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)220-0256	Bro. Merle Rowe Jr.

The Chaplain's Corner

A GOOD STORY OF "INTEGRITY"



WHY GO TO CHURCH?

THE CHAPLAINS CORNER:

If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this!

If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it.

If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to Church every Sunday. He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. so, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all".

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to Church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are down to nothing, God is up to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible & receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL, YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL!

B.I.B.L.E. simply means:

Basic instructions Before Leaving Earth!

**NOW WE HAVE TO PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY!!!
LET'S KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN OUR PRAYERS.**

THE CHAPLAINS CORNER:

FRED AND DOTTIE BASEHORE, PAT LINDER, WALTER MABIE, AL AND RUTH MASON, SYLVIA HARTSFIELD, CLIFF MCPHEE, AND JAMES FURTADO.

NOW LETS PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL, OUR POLICE, AND SECURITY PERSONNEL AND ESPECIALLY, OUR COUNTRY

R.:W.: Lucky Lee

Happy Birthday To:



Chris Edney	Sep 2
George Faunce	Sep 3
Mike Cota	Sep 4
Wayne Smith	Sep 5
Adam Wilkinson	Sep 6
Bob Taber	Sep 18
Ernie Polk Jr.	Sep 28