

TRESTLE-BOARD



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From the EAST



As we grow older, and hence wiser (wisdom), we slowly realize that:

Whether we wear a \$300 or \$30 watch - - - they both tell the same time.

Whether we carry a \$300 or \$30 wallet/handbag - - - the amount of money inside is the same.

Whether we drink a bottle of \$300 or \$30 or \$3 wine - - - the hangover is the same.

Whether the house we live in is 300 or 3,000 or 30,000 sq. ft. - - - the loneliness is the same.

And we realize our true inner happiness does not come from the material things of this world.

Whether we fly first or economy class, if the plane goes down - - - we go down with it.

Whether we fly first or economy class, if the plane reaches its destination - - - everyone arrives at the same time.

We should realize that when we have mates, buddies and old friends, brothers and sisters, with whom we can chat, laugh, talk, sing, talk about north-south-east-west or heaven and earth -- that is true happiness.

W.: M.: Robert H. Owen 33^o

Did You Know?

In China, about 300 B.C., Mencius wrote "A master Mason, in teaching his apprentices, makes use of the compasses and the square. Ye who are engaged in the pursuit of Wisdom, must also make use of the compasses and the square."

Music written by Brother John Stafford Smith (1750-1836) of Inverness Lodge No. 4 in London was, at one time, used by an Irish Masonic Orphans' Home as their song. Later it became a popular drinking song for many years known as *To Anacreon in Heaven*. Then, some years later, the music was adopted by Francis Scott Key to which he wrote the words to our National Anthem, *The Star Spangled Banner*.

Past Masters

W.: Dennis Suarino	2016
R.: H.: 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



Brethern, we have won the Master & Warden's Gavel for the 2nd time this year for the most in attendance. We only won it by one more in attendance at the March's meeting. Three other lodges had 6 members present. So, please if you can make the Masters and Wardens meeting on April 19, come and join our Brothers from other lodges. Need a ride, let me know.

Well done, Ridge Masonic Lodge No. 398 on presenting the Order of the Rusty Nail to 31 Brothers at the March Stated Meeting. I would like to say, excellent job by the following Brothers:

R ∴ W ∴ Slim Owen Worshipful Master and coordinator

E.A. Lecture presented by: Brother Mike Cota

F.C. Lecture presented by: W ∴ Pete Raymond

M.M. Lecture presented by: R ∴ W ∴ John M. (Lucky) Lee

Escort Senior Deacon by: Brother Chris Edney

Charge by: R ∴ H ∴ Peter Carter

And let us not forget: W ∴ Robert A. (Buzz) Bernard, Secretary

Not all of the Brothers receiving the Rusty Nail Degree were from Ridge Masonic Lodge. We hope all visiting Brothers enjoyed the degree as much as we did presenting it.

S ∴ W ∴ Mike Cota



2016 Trestle-Board Boosters

Fred & Dottie Basehore
Buzz & Gwen Bernard
Whitey & Marge Cassell
Mike & Elaine Cota
Ray & Linda Devaul
Ken & Rose Drennen
Ben Edney
Chris Edney
Gunnar Erickson
Ed & Lil Gingrich
Lucky Lee
Hank & Loretta McInturff
Slim & Anita Owen
Pete & Mary Raymond
Jesse Renfroe
John & Carol Ross
Tom & Jean Stratford
Dennis & Gail Suarino
Bob & Gert Taber

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 April 25
Will be at
Cedar River
In
Inverness**



We had a very good turnout of 21 people at our March LAP Day at the Seagrass Pub & Grill in Homosassa. Dining outside on the screened porch the with breeze coming in off the water was really great.

Moving right along, our April LAP Day will be on the 25th at Cedar River Restaurant, US 41 S Inverness.

**Yours with Brotherly Love.
J.: W.: Ben Edney**



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The Chaplain's Corner

Prayers are, broadly speaking, the soul of man's true connection to God. They represent the focused dialogue between man and his God or, when rendered in a quiet manner, they are dedicated monologues in which man passionately seeks God's love, touch, feeling and favour at any time.



The idea of prayers has since become the only major way in which man discusses his interests, dreams especially in moments of tribulations, trials, discomfort and helplessness. Moments of sorrow, disappointment, frustration, unease and confusion demand that man turns to the Creator for assistance, attention, support and help. Such expectation becomes intensified when solutions cannot be provided by other men, regardless of their positions in life. In any case, man can be a source of disappointment, betrayal and insensitivity and the required response may never come.

Prayers serve as a solution to human problems because the Creator is not unlistening, unconcerned and unmoved about our circumstances, individually and collectively. God is a symbol of love, understanding and wisdom; He attends to people's needs but only according to His own wishes because He would not give what will eventually destroy the answer. In the words of the author (An Unknown Christian) of the book *The Kneeling Christian*, "prayer is the key which unlocks the door of God's treasure-house...all real growth in the spiritual life – all victory over temptation, all confidence and peace in the presence of difficulties and dangers, all repose of spirit in times of great disappointment or loss, all habitual communion with God – depend upon the practice of secret prayer" and that "the greatest thing we can do for God or for man is to pray. For we can accomplish far more by our prayers than by our work. Prayer is omnipotent; it can do anything that God can do! When we pray, God works. All fruitfulness in service is the outcome of prayer – of the worker's prayers, or of those who are holding up holy hands on his behalf". My Brothers, I pray that you are all well, and have peace from God that surpasses all understanding...ultimately, this is what we all seek.

R.: H.: Peter Carter

Happy Birthday To:



Tim Tyler	Apr 6
Chuck Schloss	Apr 11
Jim McIntosh	Apr 18
Chris Short	Apr 21
Herm Davison	Apr 22
David Murray	Apr 24
Boogie Stevenson	Apr 24