

# TRESTLE-BOARD



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## From the EAST



As we approach August and the hurricane season is now rapidly approaching us, some Lodges have already set their Installation Dates.

We will have ours, as usual, on December 27th with Dinner at 6 and the Installation Ceremony to follow.

We had a good turnout at the last Masters & Wardens and yes, we did win the Attendance Gavel, although Zephyr neglected to bring it. Although it is not in our possession, we still hold the title of WINNER, thanks to all who turned out for the meeting at Floral City. Next month, we need a repeat performance at Trilby No. 141 so plan accordingly.

As August is two thirds the way through the year, we will reaffirm our obligations as Fellow Crafts with the recitation of the Fellow Craft Obligation, led by R.: W.: Lucky Lee. The renewing of our obligations was started years ago and we hope to continue it well into the future.

Several of us have been traveling around the District with the DDGM on his official visits, renewing old friendships and starting new ones. The dates are listed on the web site, in case you are thinking of making one or two. A meal is always provided and the food is almost as good as the fellowship.

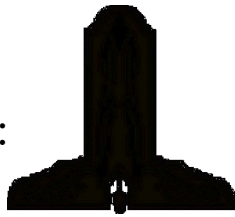
Keep Wor. Chuck Taylor in your prayers.

**W.: M.: Robert H. Owen 33°**

### Past Masters

W.: Dennis Suarino 2016  
R.: H.: Peter Carter 2015  
W.: Pete Raymond 2014  
R.: W.: Lucky Lee 2013  
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W.: Chuck Taylor 2010  
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W.: Henry Oppenborn, Jr. 2007  
R.: W.: Lucky Lee 2006  
W.: Buzz Bernard 2005  
W.: Charley Rhodes 2004  
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W.: Jim McIntosh 2002  
R.: W.: Lucky Lee 2001  
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R.: W.: Paul Miller 1999  
R.: W.: Paul Miller 1998

## From the WEST



### THOUGHTFUL MIND:

Brene' Brown said: ("Social media has given us this idea that we should all have a posse of friends when in reality, if we have one or two really good friends, we are lucky.")

Charley Lee said: Food for thought: ("You don't have friends, you have acquaintances.")

Lucky Lee says: ("Don't change so people will like you. Be yourself and the right people will like the real you.")

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

### 2017 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

## Did you know?

Freemasonry is a three hundred year old organization founded on the principles of organizations which existed hundreds of years before that. It comes from a time when it was important to impress upon a new member the solemn and serious nature of the work he was undertaking. In addition, Freemasonry teaches its lessons through the use of **ALLEGORY**, whereby an example is explained or shown in a way which will impress upon the listener the point that words simply can't accomplish. And finally, Freemasonry's oaths are **SYMBOLIC** relative to penalties. The only penalties which can be imposed on a Mason are those of suspension, expulsion, or reprimand!



The Master of a Lodge - who, when addressed, is given the honorific title of "Worshipful" - presides over the meeting of Masons. His duties in the functioning of a lodge are quite similar to that of the President of the local chapter/branch of any other organization. The term is one of respect and has nothing to do with 'worshipping' of an individual.

## From The SOUTH

**LAP Day for August 22  
Will be at  
Red Lobster  
In  
Spring Hill**



We had a very good turnout for the July LAP Day at Pecks in Ozello. I think everyone had a good time although I did hear a few unkind remarks about the long/ever winding road to get to Pecks.

Our LAP Day for August will be at the Red Lobster on August 22 in Spring Hill. I hope as many come as came to the July LAP Day.

I look forward to seeing you all at the August Meeting and the August LAP Day.

We are still looking for someone to cook at least one meal for our Brothers. If you feel so inclined, please let me know.

**J.: W.: Ben Edney**

### Officers 2017

Worshipful Master (352)746-6936 R.:W .: Robert Owen  
Senior Warden (352)445-2422 Bro. Mike Cota  
Junior Warden (352)637-5073 Bro. Ben Edney  
Treasurer (352)726-8714 Bro. Robert Taber  
Secretary (352)628-0668 W.: Robert Bernard  
Chaplain (352)345-0416 W.: Peter Carter  
Senior Deacon (352)697-3763 Bro. Chris Edney  
Junior Deacon (352)220-4706 Bro. Brian Lee  
Senior Steward (352)257-9495 Bro. David Murray  
Junior Steward TBA  
Marshall (352)860-2385 W.: Pete Raymond  
Tyler TBA

## The Chaplain's Corner

The Library of Congress contains many great works pertaining to our Nation's foundation and history.



Some are relevant to the struggles we face today, teaching us that these efforts must continue in order to preserve our way of life. Religious and personal freedom is not guaranteed in any other system, and there are forces who would strip our liberties away at all costs. History is one of our greatest teachers, I hope you find this material interesting and informative. As always Brothers, remember to pray for the salvation of our Country, enlightenment for our Leaders, and the relief of all who are oppressed by tyrannical governments.

"This exhibition demonstrates (link inserted above and below) that many of the colonies that in 1776 became the United States of America were settled by men and women of deep religious convictions who in the seventeenth century crossed the Atlantic Ocean to practice their faith freely. That the religious intensity of the original settlers would diminish to some extent over time was perhaps to be expected, but new waves of eighteenth century immigrants brought their own religious fervor across the Atlantic and the nation's first major religious revival in the middle of the eighteenth century injected new vigor into American religion. The result was that a religious people rose in rebellion against Great Britain in 1776, and that most American statesmen, when they began to form new governments at the state and national levels, shared the convictions of most of their constituents that religion was, to quote Alexis de Tocqueville's observation, indispensable to the maintenance of republican institutions. The efforts of the Founders of the American nation to define the role of religious faith in public life and the degree to which it could be supported by public officials that was not inconsistent with the revolutionary imperatives of the equality and freedom of all citizens is the central question which this exhibition explores."

**W.: Peter A. Carter, Chaplain**

## Happy Birthday To:



John Ross	Aug 9
Ben Edney	Aug 12
Robert O'Connell	Aug 20
John Lee	Aug 22
Dennis Suarino	Aug 22
Tom Stratford	Aug 24
John DeMerchant	Aug 27

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<b>9</b>				Nobles Ladies - Noon - Club House 10 am Ridge Practice			
<b>10</b>					6 pm CSC Social Siloam 399		
<b>11</b>						Citrus Shrine Club 9am	
<b>12</b>							Breakfast @ Bushnell 8-10
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Don't educate your children to be rich.  
 Educate them to be Happy.  
 So when they grow up they will know  
 the value of things, not the price.