

TRESTLE-BOARD



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From the EAST



Picking up speed, we are rushing into the new year with enthusiasm to equal a Buzz Saw.

As the out-going Worshipful Master, I wish to thank you all for allowing me to serve in the East, one last time! It has been enjoyable, fun-filled and time consuming, but together we have had another successful year.

Did we have a lot of new candidates, no, did we have a lot of new transfers, no, but we did have an enjoyable year, YES!

A couple of fund raisers to help defray our costs and increase the "Esprit de corps" we all so earnestly need. We will continue the "Mason of the Month" program as it seems to generate a lot of interest.

We will have our annual "Rusty Nail Degree", probably in March, so plan on joining in the good fellowship that goes with it.

The last one, we had over 25 Brothers that were initiated into the Rusty Nail Degree and all received a Dues Card and Certificate of Achievement.

Remember, the installation of officers will be on December 27, dinner at 6:00 pm with the ceremony to follow.

Plan on attending and bring your friends to support the new slate of officers.

On behalf of all the officers, I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

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



Past Masters

W.: Dennis Suarino	2016
R.:H.: Peter A. Carter	2015
W.: Pete Raymond.....	2014
R.:W.: John "Lucky" Lee.....	2013
R.:W.: Robert "Slim" Owen.....	2012
R.:W.: Robert "Slim" Owen.....	2011
W.: Charles "Chuck" Taylor*	2010
R.:W.: John "Lucky" Lee.....	2009
R.:W.: John "Lucky" Lee.....	2008
W.: Henry Oppenborn, Jr. 33 ^o *	2007
R.:W.: John "Lucky" Lee.....	2006
W.: Robert "Buzz" Bernard	2005
W.: Charley Rhodes*	2004
W.: Charley Rhodes*	2003
W.: James McIntosh	2002
R.:W.:John "Lucky" Lee.....	2001
R.:W.: Robert "Slim" Owen.....	2000
R.:W.: Paul Miller.....	1999
R.:W.: Paul Miller.....	1998

From the WEST

THOUGHTFUL MIND

"When you rise in the morning, give thanks for the light, for your life, for your strength. Give thanks for your food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason to give thanks, the fault lies in yourself."

"One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say."

"Don't change so people will like you. Be yourself and the right people will love the real you."

"People do not want what we have in our pockets half as much as they want what is in our hearts. If we combine both, intelligently, however, according to our means, we give wisely and well."

"A man who is good enough to shed his blood for the country is good enough to be given a square deal afterwards."

R.:W.: John M. "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

The Chaplain's Corner

It is the time of year when the Brethren rejoice, and sing carols of praise in resounding voice.

Days of merriment and long nights of cheer, as we all await the "Happy New Year!"

It is a time of family and life long friends, a time of happiness and to make amends.

Roast turkey and baubles and the Nutcracker Suite, we each have our own way to make Christmas complete.

As we stroll through this happy month of December find time to pause and take time to remember that distinguishing sign of a Freemason's heart -those acts of Charity. How great they are.

As your family gathers 'round your Christmas tree, and the children play with giggles of glee, spare a thought for the poor, the man with no shoes, whose daily meal is less than your dues.

Remember also the Grand Lodge above, and the Supreme Great Architect's act of love.

And practice those virtues we hold so true. Have some fun! But let Temperance chasten you.

And during this season of peace and joy look well to our future - the girl and boy. Then wonder what lessons you may them teach, and with your guidance what heights they may reach.

So, to all of my Brethren from far and wide, whether your Christmas be snow, or hot and dry, may the Architect grant his celestial boon and keep your good health 'til we meet again soon. Take care of yourself and those you find dear.

Keep this festive spirit throughout the next year.

Look toward your next date with our happy band.

'Til our next merry meeting. Apron, heart, and hand.

R.:H.: Peter A. Carter

From the SOUTH

LAP Day for December 19

Will be at

Pecks

In

Ozello



Menu for the December Stated: Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Coffee, Tea and Desserts.

LAP Day at Gators in Spring Hill was very enjoyable, sorry some of you missed a great meal. See you at Pecks this month.

J.:W.: Ben Edney

Officers 2017

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Junior Steward	Bro. Mark Sullivan
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Tyler TBA	

Did you know?

You won't find recruiting posters or 'membership bars' on a medal although one jurisdiction has put 'advertisements' on various web locations including search engines like Google. Masons simply don't get awards for bringing in new members. It's a voluntary organization, sought out by those with a positive impression of the organization

Masonic membership has always been an intensely personal experience and in times when "feelings" weren't discussed publicly by men, the need for a person to ask for membership was often not communicated to those who might otherwise be interested in the fraternity. Accordingly, there are many who became Masons much later in life than necessary: they had thought the proper thing to do was to wait to be asked to join!

Some grand jurisdictions, recognizing the problem arising from false perceptions ("I must be asked to join such a good organization."), have begun to loosen prior strict prohibitions. They may now have a provision for Masons to let those who they may feel would be appropriate candidates know that they are 'welcomed' to join. This does not, however, in any way mitigate or diminish the requirement that a man make the choice to join under his 'own free will and accord' not actuated by unworthy motives!

Happy Birthday To:



Wayne Reedy	Dec 12
Jesse Renfroe Jr.	Dec 14
Fred Basehore	Dec 26
John Grace III	Dec 27