

TRESTLE-BOARD



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From the EAST



I read once that great cooks are made out of desperation.

I'm not sure if that is true or not, but just in case it is, it becomes obvious that so too are great ideas, and those who have the tenacity to see them to fruition.

When Ridge Masonic Lodge first started, we were labeled as fool-hardy, separatists and any number of other derogatory terms unbecoming to, of, by, and for Masons.

Never-the-less we persevered, never giving up, and our numbers have swollen as the years have drifted by.

What was once a small, struggling Lodge has become a very positive force in Masonry in the 19th District.

We have grown at a steady rate, our average attendance is far above most Lodges. Our active membership is probably one of the highest, percentage wise, of all the Lodges in the State.

I'm not bragging, just stating facts, and we have the numbers to prove them beyond any reasonable doubt.

Now on to more serious stuff, February being the "Valentine" month, all attendees to Ridge Masonic Lodge No. 398 are requested to wear

something "RED" as a measure of your concern for your loved ones. The "Redder" the better.

We hope to carry this theme throughout the year, each month being something different, so check back here to keep yourself "in the loop".

January was a bad month, health wise, as many of our Brothers were struck down by the FLU.

Please remember to pray for those who are less fortunate. See Chaplain's notes below.

W.: M.: Robert H. Owen 33°

Past Masters

W.: Dennis Suarino	2016
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



My Brothers, I would like to start off with congratulating Zephyr Lodge No. 199 in winning the traveling gavel for 2016. As you know, this gavel is given to the Lodge that has had the most attendance per month at Master & Wardens meetings. Zephyr won the Gavel 7 out of 12 months. Ridge Lodge No. 99 won 4 out of 12 months, but we only lost it a couple of times by one or two members. So, if at all possible this coming year, please make every effort to attend Master & Wardens each month and let's bring the traveling gavel back to our lodge.

Need a Ride? Call me at 352 445 2422 and I'll make arrangements to pick you up.

Just a reminder that the 404 Club is having a Spaghetti Night Dinner, Saturday, February 11, 2017. Donation \$10.00 per ticket. Attitude Adj. from 5:00 to 6:00. Dinner to be served at 6:00. Menu will be:

Spaghetti with meat sauce

Garden Salad

Coffee & tea

Desserts

Come one, come all. Call a neighbor. Bring a friend. Any and all are most welcome!

S.:W.: Mike Cota

Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner.

James Bovard, Civil Libertarian (1994)

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
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 February 28

**Will be at
Ruby Tuesday
In
Spring Hill**



Six members of Ridge Masonic Lodge had a delightful visit to the Masonic Home in St Petersburg which was ended with a sumptuous lunch.

This months menu will be Open Faced Pork Sandwiches, Mashed Potatoes, and Cole Slaw.

This month LAP Day will be at the Red Lobster on Highway 19 in Spring Hill, We usually arrive at 11:30 and eat at 12:00

J.:W.: Ben Edney

Officers 2017

Worshipful Master	(352)746-6936	R.:W.: Robert Owen
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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	(352)	TBA
Marshall	(352)860-2385	W.: Pete Raymond
Tyler	(352)220-0256	TBA

The Chaplain's Corner



Life begins today.

The world is neither a prison nor a palace of ease but a place of instruction and discipline.

Remember that life's length is not measured by its hours and days but by that which we have done therein. A useless life is short if it lasts a century and asks nothing of us that is not possible.

There needs to be much more of the spirit of fellowship among us and more forgiveness.

The power of gentleness is too little seen in the world.

Men and women should take care that they learn. The use of knowledge is to distinguish good from evil.

Knowledge is the more genuine and real of human treasures for it is (to) light as ignorance is to darkness.

The good and evil we do contribute to form the character to which we are to be judged.

How unworthy are the men and women who never did anything — only lived or died.

To live free is a privilege. We shall be free when our days are not without a care nor any nights without a want.

There is more here than the world we live in; an unseen and infinite presence is here.

Who can separate his faith from his actions or his belief from his occupation? Who can spread his hours before him, saying, "This (is) for God, this for myself, this for my soul, and this other for my body"?

Life begins today. What are you going to do with it?

Please remember to pray for those less fortunate than us and our Military.

R.:H.: Peter Carter, Chaplain

Happy Birthday To:



Arthur Lent	Feb 1
Cliff McPhee	Feb 6
Gunnar Erickson	Feb 6
Cliff Hammer	Feb 7
Bob Schiffer	Feb 9