

TRESTLE-BOARD



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From the EAST



Well, one half of the year has already slipped by us and we are looking forward to the second half traversing equally as well.

I am a bit , I was going to say disappointed, but that's not quite the right word. Lets just say I'm concerned that so many of our members have moved away this year. Malcolm Corse, Wayne Reedy, Pete Raymond, Mike Cota, Bob Brown, Adam Wilkinson and Cliff Hammer have all moved to other parts of the world.

In reality, we wish them all well in their new habitat. Yes we will miss them but life goes on and I'm sure they will take Ridge Masonic Lodge with them in their hearts.

So, as of today, I'm putting in a request that this mass exodus be terminated immediately and steps be taken to reverse the decrease in members so as to offset this decline.

Therefore it becomes necessary that you spread the word that Ridge Masonic Lodge is actively seeking new members, young Masons or old ones, either way, as long as they enjoy the fruits of Freemasonry.

Our doors are open wide, just come on in and enjoy the fellowship.

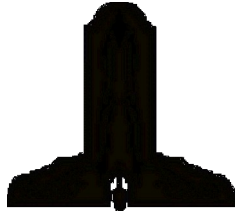
As always, District News is at:
<http://www.citrusshrineclub.com/>

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
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



A Mason's Wife

From active Masons, resolute,
Our wives and fam'lies we
salute;
We surely know the price you
pay,
Who sit alone while we're away;

No high degrees on you
conferred,
In Lodge, your name is seldom
heard;
You serve our cause though out
of sight,
While sitting home alone
tonight;

Masonic papers list our names,
Awards are given, fit to frame;
But yours is absent...you who
strive,
To keep our fortitude alive;

You're part of every helpful
deed,
On your encouragement we
feed;
Without your blessings, how
could we,
Continue acts of charity?

And so, this poem, we dedicate,
To every Master Mason's mate;
And offer our undying love,
Rewards await in Heaven above.

R : W : Lucky Lee

Throughout life people will make you mad,
Disrespect you and treat you bad.
Let God deal with the things they do,
Cause hate in your heart will consume you too.

Will Smith

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**

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 July 25
Will be at
Pecks
In
Ozello



We had a very nice turnout at LAP Day in June. We had 28 out for lunch at Charlie's Fish House in Crystal River.

This month we will worm our way out to Peck's in Ozello as they have recovered from the latest inundation and are now quite "high-and-dry".

Did you know: Dr. Edward Jenner, in 1789 discovered the vaccination process against smallpox. He was worshipful master of Faith and Friendship Lodge No. 270 in Berkeley, England at the time.

J.: W.: Ben Edney

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Senior Steward (352)257-9495 Bro. David Murray
Junior Steward TBA
Marshall (352)860-2385 W.: Pete Raymond
Tyler TBA

The Chaplain's Corner



Brothers All,

As we celebrate our Nation's Independence, ponder first the virtues and philosophies that make this great system unique, and remember always to offer prayers of gratitude to the One who will protect those who put their faith and trust in Him.

"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

John Adams (The Works of John Adams)

"Now more than ever before, the people are responsible for their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness and corruption. If it be intelligent, brave and pure, it is because the people demand these high qualities to represent them in the legislature...if the next centennial does not find us a great nation...it will be because those who represent the enterprise, the culture, and the morality of the nation do not aid in controlling the political forces."

James Garfield, 20th President of the United States, 1877

Happy Independence Day!

Bro. Peter A. Carter

Chaplain

Happy Birthday To:



Pete Raymond Jul 1

Steve Bradley Jul 6

Ken Rowe Jul 11

Bill Harms Jul 20

Stephen Zane Jr. Jul 30


JULY

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

The word "curfew" comes from the French phrase "couvre-feu," which means "cover the fire". It was used to describe the time of blowing out all lamps and candles. It was later adopted into Middle English as "curfeu," which later became the modern "curfew." In the early American colonies homes had no real fireplaces so a fire was built in the center of the room. In order to make sure a fire did not get out of control during the night it was required that, by an agreed upon time, all fires would be covered with a clay pot called-a "curfew."

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MM Deg - Springs 10am

2 	3 Dade City 48 Hernando 97	4 Independence Day Bushnell 30	5 10 am Ridge Practice DeMolay @ 375 7pm EST 7:30	6 Trilby 141 Floral City 133	7	8 Breakfast Bushnell 8-10 Chili Cookoff 3pm
9 	10 118-146-398 POW No 146 Tampa SR Ocala SR	11 Brotherhood 375	12 Nobles Ladies - Noon - Club House Practice 398	13 6 pm CSC Social Siloam 399	14 Citrus Shrine Club 9am	15 Breakfast Floral City 8-10
16 	17 Dade City No. 48 Hernando Social	18 Bushnell 30 Springs 378 HCSC Social 6pm	19 M & W - FC-133 10 am Ridge Practice	20 Trilby 141	21	22 Open Books
23 	24 Citrus 118 POW 146	25 Brotherhood 375 LAP Day - Pecks	26 10 am Ridge Practice DeMolay @ 375	27 Siloam 399	28	29

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Happy National
Cheesecake
Day!


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