

# TRESTLE-BOARD



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## From the EAST



As of the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, 2017 Ridge Masonic Lodge No. 398 will start it's 20<sup>th</sup> year in existence. It is hoped that all attendees at our June meeting will wear the colors of our country, Red, White and Blue.

We have been very fortunate in our short life as a Masonic Lodge, although we do not own any Real Estate, we have been able to meet at other Lodge locations.

Our start was at the Beverly Hills Community Church when I was President of the Congregation. R.:□W.: Ken Black, under the direction of M.:□W.: Louie King spread the word that we should start a Daylight Lodge in Beverly Hills. After a short meeting, the ball was rolling and we received a Dispensation from Grand Lodge to create Ridge Masonic Lodge No. 398.

We met at the church until we ran out of room and moved to Homosassa - Springs Lodge Building where we stayed until we could no longer afford the costs, at which time Floral City Lodge No. 133 accepted us with open arms and we are still there today enjoying each others company, as a matter of fact, several members of each Lodge have joined the other in support of them. Masonry at it's finest!

Thank you Floral City.

**W.: M.: Robert H. Owen 33<sup>o</sup>**

## Did You Know?

As we go to publication, we are no longer in District 19, but due to Grand Lodge reallocation of Districts, we are now in District 14. We welcome Pearl of the West into our new District. We are now 12 Lodges strong.

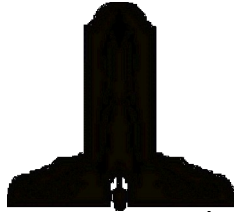
District information can be found at:  
<http://www.citrusshrineclub.com/>.



## 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  
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W.: Chuck Taylor 2010  
R.: W.: Lucky Lee 2009  
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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



A famous writer was in his study. He picked up his pen and began writing: "Last year, my gallbladder was removed. I was stuck in bed due to this surgery for a long time.

The same year I reached the age of 60 and had to give up my favorite job. I had spent 30 years of my life with this publishing company. The same year I experienced the death of my father.

In the same year my son failed in his medical exam because he had a car accident. he had to stay in the hospital with a cast on his leg for several days. And, the destruction of the car was a second loss."

His concluding statement: "Alas! It was such a bad year!!"

When the writer's wife entered the room, she found her husband looking dejected, sad and lost in his thoughts.

She carefully and surreptitiously read what he had written, and silently left the room and came back shortly with another piece of paper on which she had written her summery of the year's events and placed it beside her husband's paper. When her husband saw that she had written something in response to his account of the year's events, he read:

"Last year I finally got rid of my gallbladder which had given me many years of pain. I turned 60 with sound health and retired from my job. Now I can utilize my time to write better and with more focus and peace.

The same year my father, at the age of 95 without depending on anyone and without any critical conditions, met his creator.

The same year, God blessed my son with life. My car was destroyed, but my son was alive and without permanent disability."

At the end she wrote:

"This year was an immense blessing and it passed well!!!"

See the same incidents but with different viewpoints.

Moral: In our daily lives we must see that it's not happiness that makes us grateful, but gratefulness that makes us happy.

There is always, always, something to be happy for.

God is good.

**ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING!  
AN ATTITUDE IS THE ONE THING THAT  
WE ALWAYS, IN EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE,  
HAVE CONTROL OVER.**

**Lucky Lee**

### 2017 Trestle-Board Boosters

**Fred & Dottie Basehore  
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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](mailto:slim.owen@gmail.com). Thanks!

## From The SOUTH

LAP Day for June 27  
Will be at  
Charlie's Fish House  
In  
Crystal River



We had a nice turn out for LAP Day in Spring Hill, at Gators Dockside Restaurant. Somewhere around twenty faithful diners were on hand for some really good fellowship. Thanks to all for coming. The service was top-notch and so was the food.

In June we will be going to Charlie's Fish House in Crystal River. We haven't been there for quite some time and the suggestion was mentioned at the last LAP Day, so off we go to Charlie's on June 27.

Menu for our next stated: Pulled Pork *à la* Ben Edney.  
J.: W.: Ben Edney

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Junior Deacon (352)220-4706 Bro. Brian Lee  
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## The Chaplain's Corner

"Why do men love Masonry?"



What lure leads them to it?

What spell holds them through the long years?

What strand is it that tugs at our hearts, taut when so many threads are broken by the rough ways of the world?

And what is it in the wild that calls to the little wild things?

What sacred secret things do the mountains whisper to the hillman, so silently yet so surely that they can be heard above the din and clatter of the world?

What mystery does the sea tell the sailor; the desert to the Arab; the arctic ice to the explorer; the stars to the astronomer?

When we have answered these questions mayhap we may divine the magic of Masonry.

Who knows what it is, or how or why, unless it be the long cable tow of God, running from heart to heart.' "

From Rochester Lodge No. 21, AF&AM

Rochester Minnesota

R.: H.: Peter Carter

## Happy Birthday To:



Robert Blume Jr. Jun 4  
Ed Gingrich Jun 4  
Brad Johnson Jun 4  
Brian Lee Jun 7  
Bob Sharrard Jun 8  
Gerry Van Langeveld Jun 8  
Jack Perry Jun 12  
Richard Floyd Jun 15