

TRESTLE-BOARD



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From the EAST



We had a less than average turnout for the Grand Masters official visit to our district, but I'm so proud of our Lodge, we had at least eight (8) who are always on hand when needed, never waiting for "someone else" to do what needs to be done. Always there to help! Thank you all!

Remember, **November 11**, the annual Steak Dinner at the Citrus Shrine Club, hosted by the "**404 Club**". It is always a good food, good friends and good fellowship dinner. You might call it a "3 G" affair.

Anyone wishing to hold an elective office next year must submit the proper form, obtainable from the Lodge Secretary, at the November meeting, per Grand Lodge. The election will take place at the December meeting, but the forms must be in by the November meeting.

It is also time for our Trestle Board Boosters to renew their donation of \$10.00. Thank you, in advance!

And yes, it is again time for us to pay our dues for 2018. My theory, pay them early so when other obligations come, you don't have to worry about them.

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



Happy Birthday To:



Ray Devaul	Nov 2
Richard Whitford	Nov 11
Grant Schlenker	Nov 14

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

Masonic Lodge Progressive Line: Lodge Officers are part of a "progressive line", which is also known as "going through the chairs" ...or as the Masonic Officer Chairs.

This line of succession moves up one position at a time from one year to the next.

If no one asks to "step out of line" for any reason, 7 years from the time of becoming Junior Steward, the Master Mason will arrive at the chair of the Worshipful Master.

The progression is as follows: Junior Steward, Senior Steward, Junior Deacon, Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, Senior Warden...and then Worshipful Master. The progressive line is used in the United States and in many other jurisdictions, as well.

Lodge Elections: In the Masonic Lodge, the top five Lodge Officers are (in this order) the Worshipful Master, the Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer and Secretary are elected by the Lodge members at their annual elections. Normally each position is filled for one year, however they may be re-elected to the same position depending on the circumstance.

Masonic Lodge Officer Duties For Their Term in Office: 1 Year

Appointed Lodge Officer Positions: The other officers, which include the Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Marshal, Tiler and Chaplain are appointed positions by the Worshipful Master. Other members of the Masonic Lodge may be called on to serve on any of the numerous committees by the Worshipful Master.

Lodge Officer Duties and Names: The duties and names of the officers are taken from very old customs dating back to the medieval stonemasons' guilds.

From the WEST



TRESTLE BOARD FROM THE WEST LUCKY LEE

Thoughtful Mind: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness: Only light can do that.

Hate cannot drive out hate: Only love can do that."

Thoughtful Mind: "The motive behind criticism often determines its validity. Those who care criticize where necessary. Those who envy criticize the moment they think that they have found a weak spot."

Thoughtful Mind: "Be generous. Give to those you love; give to those who love you, give to the fortunate, give to the unfortunate - yes, give especially to those you don't want to give. You will receive abundance for your giving. The more you give, the more you will have."

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

Dennis & Gail Suarino

Bob & Gert Taber



From the SOUTH

LAP Day for Nov. 28

Will be at
Gators Dockside
In
Spring Hill



Participation at our LAP Days has dropped off a little during the summer, hopefully it will pick up now that we are heading into Fall and some of our friends from "up-north" have returned to sunny Florida.

J.:W.: Ben Edney

Officers 2017

Wor. Master (352)746-6936	R.:W. : Robert Owen 33°
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	R.:H.: 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	Bro. Mark Sullivan
Marshall (352)860-2385	W.: Pete Raymond
Tyler TBA	

The Chaplain's Corner



A Masonic funeral?

When a member of the Masons passes away, he has the right to have a Masonic funeral. The Masonic funeral draws brother Masons from miles away. Each Masonic member comes to show his respect to the departed, offer support to the departed's family and to attend the funeral.

Masonic attire

During the Masonic funeral service, the Masons will don white gloves and aprons. Each Mason will speak about the symbols of Masonry. There is a strong focus on the importance of the sprig of acacia, which is the symbol of eternal life. They will also focus on the white lambskin leather apron -- the badge of the Mason -- which denotes a pure soul

Masonic funeral finale

Following the eulogy, the Master Mason will speak again, and the chaplain will also offer a final prayer. The Masonic brothers will chime in with the final phrase to conclude the service: "So mote it be."

Masonic funeral finale

No mason is required to have a Masonic funeral when they die. The entire premise of a Masonic funeral is to allow the Mason brethren to show their respect and love for their brother who has passed on and to his family and loved ones. Although most Masonic funerals are conducted entirely by the Masons, in some rare cases a departed Mason may have a more conventional funeral service outside the lodge.

Copied from YP website.

<https://www.yellowpages.ca/tips/understanding-masonic-funerals/>

R.:H.: Peter A. Carter