

TRESTLE-BOARD



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From the EAST



Having been slighted by Irma, we were most fortunate in not receiving any of her "blessings". God was surely looking over us as we never even lost power, so our thoughts go out to all who were less fortunate and suffered various losses.

I tried to inform everyone of the cancellation of the Lodge Meeting, but I'm sure I missed a few. My apologies! If you do not get emails from me concerning Masonic information about District 14, please send me an email so I can add you to my list.

Our condolences go out to the families of Brother Henry "Hank" McInturff and Wor. Charles "Chuck" Taylor in loss they have both suffered.

A "Celebration of Life" service for Loretta McInturff at 1:00pm St. Andrews Methodist in Spring Hill and another one for Wor. Taylor at the Citrus Shrine Club at 2:30 pm, both on Saturday, Sept. 30.

Please keep their families in your prayers.

Color of the Day: October Orange

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

Happy Birthday To:



Whitey Cassell
Clark Brickley

Oct 6
Oct 7

Past Masters

W.: Dennis Suarino	2016
W.: 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
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A Brief History of the Freemasons

Early History

It is not clear when the Craft was born. Hundreds of Masonic scholars have investigated this question, but no conclusive answer has been found and perhaps never will be. The earliest written record of the term "Master Mason" appears in the Regis Manuscript, written about 1390 and now kept in the British Museum. Its mention of the "Master Mason" refers to the stonemasons of the Middle Ages. The tools of the stonemason date back, of course, to the earliest periods of history and are lost in the mists of time. This is also true of the geometry and geometric symbols used in the craft of building.

Over the ages, Freemasonry slowly took form. It has evolved into a comprehensive and effective form of fraternal teaching of basic morals, truths and personal fulfillment. It ranks the individual's reasoning capabilities highly and encourages the questioning mind.

When the organization became what is called Speculative Masonry, men were accepted into the Craft without being actual builders; that is, they were spiritual builders. Speculative Masonry adopts the terms and concepts of the actual builders, but substitutes men for stone and mortar, and works toward self-improvement rather than the actual construction of buildings.

In the United States, Freemasonry is a strong supporter of:

- constitutional government;
- quality public education;
- the freedom of religion and expression;
- the equality of all men and women;
- the need for strong moral character; and
- meaningful charity.

From the WEST



TRESTLE BOARD FROM THE WEST LUCKY LEE

THOUGHTFUL MIND (INSPIRING QUOTES:)

- 1) "Some days are just bad days, that's all. You have to experience sadness to know happiness, and I remind myself that not every day is going to be a good day, that's just the way it is!"
- 2) "Forget yesterday - it has already forgotten you. Don't sweat tomorrow - you haven't even met. Instead, open your eyes and your heart to a truly precious gift - today."
- 3) "It is easier to do one's duty to others than to one's self. If you do your duty to others, you are considered reliable. If you do your duty to yourself, you are considered selfish"

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 October 24

Will be at

Charlies Fish House

In

Crystal River



We had a nice turnout at Crackers in Crystal River. Plenty of good food and fellowship.

Menu for the October Meeting:

Chili à la Lucky Lee,

Coffee, Tea and Dessert.

J.:W.: Ben Edney

The Chaplain's Corner

Eternal Spirit, giver of all good, as we continue the journey of life we ask for your presence. Guide us into Your eternal plan. May we learn to love more graciously. Bless our country, our order, your followers and Masons everywhere. May our symbols of morality help us to turn away from the siren songs of our day. May we be steadfast in our faith. We thank you for our families and ask that you bless them. Deliver us, our Father, from selfishness and egotism, which would so easily beset us. May our minds find their way to Your mind that our work may result in beneficial actions not only for the Craft, but for all humanity. Grant that we may become healers and part of the solution to the problems we face. Help us to speak, through love, to the conditions which trouble us and our nation, so that your peace may prevail in our world.



Brothers, please continue to pray for our sick and recently departed Brothers and family. Pray for our country, military personnel, first responders, victims of 9-11 who have and continue to suffer, and all those affected by the recent storms.

R.:H.: Peter A. Carter

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Some people try to turn back their life's odometers. Not me, I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long, long way and some of the roads weren't paved.