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From the EAST



We, the board and I, have decided to have three Spaghetti Dinners rather than one Spaghetti and one Steak dinner. They are planned for March, July and November, dates to follow. The charge will be the same as it is now.

I had an opportunity to meet several old members at the last LAP Day and encouraged them to start attending meetings.

For the up-coming meeting Chris Edney will give a Masonic Training talk and Dave Murray will give a talk on our history.

W.:M.: Ben Edney

Build up your life like the temple of old
 With stones that are polished and true;
 Cement it with love, and adorn it with gold
 As all Master builders should do:
 Upon a foundation, well chosen and strong,
 Build now for the ages to come:
 Make use of the good, while rejecting the wrong-
 And test all your work with the plumb.

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 G rander than the lines that Pythagoras drew,
 E ngraved on the hearts that ever are true,
 O nward and beyond the science it ran, -
 M asonry, the nature religion of man.
 E nter thy temple, sweet spirit, and there
 T ry us by compasses, level and square.
 R ightly interpreting our mystical art
 Y ou can speculate on with happy heart.

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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
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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
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From the WEST



The Paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, We buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch T.V. too much, and pray too seldom.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things.

We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steer profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are the days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom.

1) Remember; Spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

- 2) Remember; Say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.
- 3) Remember; To give a warm hug to the one next to you, because this is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.
- 4) Remember; To say, 'I love you' to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. An embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.
- 5) Remember; To hold hands and cherish the moment for some day that person will not be there again.
- 6) Remember; Give time to love, give time to speak! And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind. AND ALWAYS REMEMBER: Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but the moments that take our breath away.

R.:W.: John M. "Lucky" Lee



2018 Trestle-Board Boosters

**Fred & Dottie Basehore
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Ben Edney
Chris Edney
Lucky Lee
Brian & Paula Lee
Ed & Lil Gingrich
Dave Murray
Slim & Anita Owen
Pete & Mary Raymond
Jesse & Heather Renfroe**

**Be a BOOSTER!
\$10.00 will get your name
here for a year.**



From the SOUTH

LAP Day for February 27

**Will be at
Red Lobster
In
Spring Hill**



Greetings from the South

January: Lap Day at Chili's in Crystal River was a huge success with 32 in attendance. The best turn-out for a while, must have been the Margarita's, which were very good.

The next LAP Day will be February 27th at Red Lobster in Spring Hill. I hope everyone turns out.

Dinner at our next stated communication will be BBQ Pork w/Tater Tots and all the extras.

I would like to remind everyone of my challenge to add only one dollar per person to the Charity Box so we can really help the community. This was a year-long challenge, not just a one-time only event.

I hope everyone is enjoying this spring-like weather, it won't last much longer. ☺

J.:W.: Chris Edney

Happy Birthday To:



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

The Chaplain's Corner

*Although things are not perfect
Because of trial or pain
Continue in thanksgiving
Do not begin to blame
Even when the times are hard
Fierce winds are bound to blow
God is forever able
Hold on to what you know
Imagine life without His love
Joy would cease to be
Keep thanking Him for all the things
Love imparts to thee
Move out of "Camp Complaining"
No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone
Quit looking at the future
Redeem the time at hand
Start every day with worship
To "thank" is a command
Until we see Him coming
Victorious in the sky
We'll run the race with gratitude
Xalting God most high
Yes, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but...
Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!*

Please remember all our Armed Forces Personnel in your prayers.

Locally we have:

Bob Thompson,
Silvia Hartsfield,
Ray Vance,
Ed Gingrich,
Dottie Basehore,
Tim Tyler,
Ray Davidson,
Loretta McDermond,
Brad Johnson
Lucky Lee,
John Perry,
Tom Stratford,
Who are in need of prayer as well.

R.:W.: Slim - Chaplain