

TRESTLE-BOARD



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From the EAST



The Master of a Masonic Lodge has more power than the presiding officer of any secular body. The “rules of order” under which business is conducted in other bodies only apply partially in a Lodge. In a Masonic Lodge, no Bylaws or Standing Rules may be passed which restricts the inherent powers of the Master.

The Powers of a Master are varied and complex. The Master is only responsible to the Grand Master, whom the latter will support in all lawful exercise of authority. Grand Masters are however quick to frown on arbitrary rulings. No one but the Master may preside over his lodge in his presence, (except the Grand Master or District Deputy). Masters have full control over debate. There is no appeal from his decision in the lodge, (an appeal may be made to Grand Lodge). No motions to “lay on the table, “postpone”, “adjourn”, or for the “previous question” are ever allowed by the Master. It is for the Master to decide who will speak. He must exercise this authority with fairness, charity, reasonableness and kindness.

The duties of a Master are varied and complex. The duties of a Master may be summarized as: duty to the Lodge, duty to the members, (including ill, absent and

charity cases), and duty to the dead. You should begin by reviewing the Ancient Charges and regulations you were sworn to at your installation. Pleased and reasonably content, should be the Master who at the end of his term can stand in the East for the last time, and looking West toward the setting sun, know that he has done the very best that was in him. A Master cannot resign.

Fraternally,

Worshipful Master - Ben Edney

Past Masters

R.:W.: Robert “Slim” Owen	2017
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 ^{0*}	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

From the WEST



THOUGHTFUL MINDS:

"You should take some responsibility for the way you present yourself. But you should not be hung up on your looks, whether you are ugly or handsome, because it isn't an achievement."

"Confidence...thrives on honesty, on honor, on the sacredness of obligations, on faithful protection and on unselfish performance. Without them it cannot live."

"I am determined to be cheerful and happy in whatever situation I may find myself. For I have learned that the greater part of our misery or unhappiness is determined not by our circumstance but by our disposition."

"Things never go the way you expect them to. That's both the joy and frustration in life. I'm finding as I get older that I don't mind, though. It's the surprises that tickle me the most, the things you don't see coming."

"Never cut a tree down in the winter time. Never make a negative decision in the low time. Never make your most important decisions when you are in your worst moods. Wait; be patient. The storm will pass. The spring will come."

"I wanted a perfect ending. Now I've learned, the hard way, that some poems don't rhyme, and some stories don't have a clear beginning, middle, and end. Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and making the best of it, without knowing what's going to happen next."

"Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive."

"When I hear somebody sigh, 'Life is hard' 'I am always tempted to ask, 'Compared to what.'"

"Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage."

"People aren't born good or bad. Maybe they're born with tendencies either way, but it's the way you live life that matters."

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."

"The world breaks everyone, and afterward, some are strong at the broken places."

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

Happy Birthday To:



Pete Raymond	Jul 1
Steve Bradley	Jul 6
Ken Rowe	Jul 11
Bill Harms	Jul 20
Stephen Zane Jr.	Jul 30

2018 Trestle-Board Boosters

**Fred & Dottie Basehore
Buzz & Gwen Bernard
Whitey & Margie Cassell
Ben Edney
Chris Edney
Lucky Lee
Brian & Paula Lee
Ed & Lil Gingrich
Hank McInturff
Dave Murray
Slim & Anita Owen
Pete & Mary Raymond
Jesse & Heather Renfroe
John & Carol Ross**

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



From the SOUTH

LAP Day for June 26

Will be at

Lollygaggers

In

Crystal River



Greetings from the South

We had a nice turnout at Charlie's Fish House at our last LAP Day.

We had one empty chair, was it saved for you?

Meals at Lodge are readily available for a nominal fee. We don't make any money, but we do enjoy each others company. Why not plan on joining us for lunch on July 9.

J.:W.: Chris Edney

Officers 2018

Wor. Master (352)637-5073 Wor. Ben Edney

Senior Warden (352)795-9561 R.:W.: Lucky Lee

Junior Warden (352)697-3763 Bro. Chris Edney

Treasurer (352)726-8714 Bro. Robert Taber

Secretary (352)628-0668 W.: Robert Bernard

Chaplain (352)746-6936 R.:W. : Robert Owen 33°

Senior Deacon (352)220-4706 Bro. Brian Lee

Junior Deacon (352)257-9495 Bro. David Murray

Senior Steward (352)503-7597 Bro. Mark Sullivan

Junior Steward TBA

Tyler TBA

The Chaplain's Corner

Almighty Architect of the Universe, we, as Master Masons, standing in a Masonic Lodge erected to thy glory, humbly petition that Thou look with favor upon this assembly of Thy children. Open our hearts that the eternal Masonic truth may find ready entry that we be enabled to make ourselves square stones, fitting in Thy sight for the great Temple, eternal in Thy heavens. We ask it in the name of the All-seeing Eye, Amen.

A short prayer that pretty well covers it all in just a few short words.

Remember all our Brothers and Ladies:

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.

All who are in need of prayers.

R.:W.: Slim - Chaplain

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2 Dade City 48 Ocala Scottish Rite	3 Bushnell 30 Springs 378 Hernando Shrine	4 Ridge 398 Practice Demolay	5 Floral City 333	6	7
8 	9 Ridge Masonic 398 Citrus 118 Tampa Scottish Rite	10 Brotherhood 375	11 Ridge 398 Practice	12 CSC Social 6pm Siloam	13 Citrus Shrine Club gam	14 Breakfast @ Bushnell 8-10
15 	16 Dade City 48	17 HCS Social	18 Ridge 398 Practice	19	20	21 Hernando 97
22 	23	24 Brotherhood 375 LAP Day	25 Ridge 398 Practice	26 Siloam 399	27 	28
29 	30	31	July was named in honor of Julius Caesar. When Julius Caesar died, <i>Quintilis</i> , his birth month, was renamed July.			

June 2018							August 2018						
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