

# TRESTLE-BOARD



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## From the EAST



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

It seems that every March, we all "become" Irish. Probably not a bad thing, just a habit we seem to have fallen into.

In honor of St. Patrick, I suggest you wear something GREEN to our next stated.

Speaking of which, we will present our version of the Rusty Nail Degree. Anyone wishing to participate, please notify our secretary, Buzz so your name can be included in the printout, which will include your "membership card", a "Certificate of Completion" along with a Lapel Pin and some appropriate literature.

We will be honoring our widows at the March LAP Day, so please plan on attending to show your support for them.

At our last stated, Brotherhood Lodge claimed the "Robert C. Thompson, Jr. Visitation Gavel", so the very next day, we attended their lodge are re-claimed the Gavel, as we have had it since sometime in 2012.

Any Lodge may lay claim to it, if they visit with at least three members of their lodge.

Just be prepared to give it back very soon.

W.M.: 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 <sup>0*</sup>	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

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## From the WEST

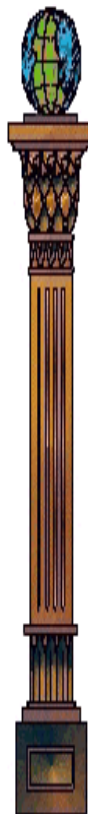


- 1) “The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”
- 2) “Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feelings. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.”
- 3) “The greatest fear in the world is of the opinions of others. And the moment you are no longer afraid of the crowd you are no longer a sheep, you become a lion. A green roar arises in your heart, the roar of freedom.”
- 4) “The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing...not healing, not curing...that is a friend who cares.”
- 5) “Man often becomes what he believes himself to be. If I keep on saying to myself that I cannot do a certain thing, it is possible that I may end by really becoming incapable of doing it. On the contrary, if I have the belief that I can do it, I shall surely acquire the capacity to do it even if I may not have it at the beginning.”
- 6) “Tolerance is giving to every other human being every right that you claim for yourself.”

R.:W.: John M. “Lucky” Lee

## Did You Know ?

1. Your shoes are the first thing people subconsciously notice about you. Wear nice shoes
2. If you sit for more than 11 hours a day, there's a 50% chance you'll die within the next 3 years.
3. There are at least 6 people in the world who look exactly like you. There's a 9% chance that you'll meet one of them in your lifetime.
4. Sleeping without a pillow reduces back pain and keeps your spine stronger.
5. A person's height is determined by their father, and their weight is determined by their mother.
6. If a part of your body “falls asleep”, you can almost always “wake it up” by shaking your head.
7. There are three things the human brain cannot resist noticing, food, attractive people and danger.
8. Right-handed people tend to chew food on their right side.
9. Putting dry tea bags in gym bags or smelly shoes will absorb the unpleasant odor.
10. According to Albert Einstein, if honey bees disappear from earth, humans would be dead within 4 years.



### 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 March 27**  
**Will be at**  
**Sea Grass Pub**  
**In**  
**Homosassa**



## Greetings from the South

February's LAP Day was at the Red Lobster in Spring Hill. We had twenty (20) in attendance, not bad, but lets do better in the future. LAP Day for March will be at the Sea Greass Grill on Halls Road in Homosassa.

The meal at our upcoming stated communication will be Pork Tenderloin sandwich with all the fixings.

Please trt to remember the Charity Box. We did well in January with \$33.00, but February was only \$8.00. I think we can do better than this. Only \$1.00 per Brother will change this.

I hope everyone is enjoying this great weather.

See you in Lodge,

**J.:W.: Chris Edney**

# The Chaplain's Corner

A salesman breaks down in a remote country lane, a farmer in the adjacent field comes over and they discover that they are "Brothers". The salesman is concerned as he has an important appointment in the local town : "Don't worry says the farmer you can use my car, I will call a friend and get the car repaired while you go to the appointment" Off goes the salesman and a couple of hours later he returns but unfortunately the car is awaiting a part which won't arrive until the next morning. "It's not a problem," says the Farmer, "use my telephone and re-schedule your first appointment tomorrow, stay with us tonight and I'll see that the car is done first thing!" The farmers' wife prepares a wonderful meal and they share a glass of fine single malt during an excellent evening, the salesman sleeps soundly and when he awakes there is his car, repaired and ready to go. After a full English breakfast the salesman thanks them both for the hospitality. As he and the farmer walk to his car he turns and asks "my brother, thank you so much but I have to ask, did you help me because I am a Mason?" "No" was the reply, "I helped you because I am a Mason"

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 McDermind,
- Brad Johnson

Lucky Lee,  
 Joe Osborne  
 John Perry,  
 Tom Stratford,  
 Who are in need of prayer as well.

**R.:W.: Slim - Chaplain**

## Happy Birthday To:



- Ken Tompkins..... Mar 3
- Otto Nielsen ..... Mar 6
- Peter Carter..... Mar 8
- Fred Harman ..... Mar 12
- Ed De Vita..... Mar 15
- Hank McInturff..... Mar 16
- Ralph Wallen ..... Mar 20
- Slim Owen ..... Mar 31