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From the EAST



Here we are in May, which in my opinion, is the most beautiful time of the year in Florida.

In April we honored our widows at our monthly LAP Day. In attendance were Hope Fitzgibbon, Ruth Mason and Ellie Wilcox and all received a Widows Certificate and a Widows Pin which we hope they will wear with pride.

The most important action this month is the Grand Lodge Meeting over Memorial Day weekend in Orlando. Both the Senior and Junior Wardens as well as myself will attend.

There many proposed amendments which we will vote on. We will also vote on Grand Lodge Officers.

I will give a brief synopsis of the meeting at our June Stated Communication.

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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Did you know?

- #1 In more than half of all states in the United States of America , the highest paid public employee in the state is a football coach.
- #2 It costs the U.S. government 1.8 cents to mint a penny and 9.4 cents to mint a nickel.
- #3 Almost half of all Americans (47 percent) do not put a single penny out of their paychecks into savings.
- #4 Apple has more money than the U.S. Treasury.
- #5 The state of Alaska is 429 times larger than the state of Rhode Island. But Rhode Island has a significantly larger population than Alaska does.
- #6 Alaska has a longer coastline than all of the other 49 U.S. states put together.
- #7 The city of Juneau , Alaska , is about 3,000 square miles in size. It is actually larger than the entire state of Delaware .

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



- 1) "Tolerance is giving to every other human being every right that you claim for yourself."
- 2) "A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves."
- 3) "We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies."
- 4) "A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both."
- 5) "The tragedy of life is often not in our failure, but rather in our complacency; not in our doing too much, but rather in our doing too little; not in our living above our ability, but rather in our living below our capacities."
- 6) "Our greatest happiness does not depend on the condition of life in which chance has placed us, but is always the result of a good conscience, good health, occupation, and freedom in all just pursuits."
- 7) "Sometimes being a friend means mastering the art of timing. There is a time for silence; A time to let go and allow people to hurl themselves into their own destiny; And a time to prepare to pick up the pieces when it's all over."
- 8) "You will never do anything in this world without courage. It is the greatest quality of the mind next to honor"

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

#8 When LBJ's "War on Poverty" began, less than 10 percent of all U.S. children were growing up in single parent households. Today, that number has skyrocketed to 33 percent .

#9 In 1950, less than 5 percent of all babies in America were born to unmarried parents. Today, that number is over 40 percent

#10 The poverty rate for households that are led by a married couple is 6.8 percent. For households that are led by a female single parent, the poverty rate is 37.1 percent

At Masters & Wardens, Ridge Lodge No. 398 did win the Attendance Gavel, but Zephyr Lodge No. 198 was not in attendance to relinquish it.

We have been promised that Wor. W. C. McDuffie will bring it to our Lodge on Monday, May 14 and present it to us at that time.



Happy Birthday To:



Scott Baatz	May 1
Wes Stanton	May 1
Phil Teresi	May 6
Malcolm Course	May 10
Tom Kellogg	May 16
Buzz Bernard	May 21

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 May 22
Will be at
Gators Dockside
In
Spring Hill



Greetings from the South

This month LAP Day was at Cedar River in Inverness. We had a good turnout of 25 and honored our Brothers Widows. Everyone had a great time.

Next month we will meet at Gators Dockside in Spring Hill and I hope everyone joins us.

Please don't forget the Charity Basket and Let Your Pennies Make Good Cents.

Yours in Brotherly Love,

J.:W.: Chris Edney

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Junior Deacon (352)257-9495 Bro. David Murray
Senior Steward Bro. Mark Sullivan
Junior Steward TBA
Tyler TBA

The Chaplain's Corner

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and Parents will. Stay in touch.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
13. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their Journey is all about.
14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
15. **Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God Never blinks.**
16. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
17. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
18. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
19. It's never too late to have a happy hildhood. But the second one is Up to you and no one else.
20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.

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,.
 All who are in need of prayers.

R.:W.: Slim - Chaplain

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>April 2018</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</p> <p>8 9 10 11 12 13 14</p> <p>15 16 17 18 19 20 21</p> <p>22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p> <p>29 30</p>	<p>June 2018</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2</p> <p>3 4 5 6 7 8 9</p> <p>10 11 12 13 14 15 16</p> <p>17 18 19 20 21 22 23</p> <p>24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Bushnell 30 Springs 378 Hernando Shrine</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Ridge 398 Practice Demolay</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Floral City 133 Trilby 141</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Hernando 97 Dade City 48 Ocala Scottish Rite</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Brotherhood 375</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Ridge 398 Practice</p>	<p>10</p> <p>CSC Social 6pm Siloam Zephyr 198</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Citrus Shrine Club 9am</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Breakfast @ Bushnell 8-10</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Ridge Masonic 398 Citrus 118 POW 146 Tampa Scottish Rite</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Bushnell 30 Springs 378 HCS Social</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Ridge 398 Practice Masters & Wardens</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Floral City 133 Trilby 141</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Hernando 97</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Dade City 48</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Brotherhood 375 LAP Day - Gators Dockside</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Ridge 398 Practice</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Siloam 399 Zephyr 198</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>May 27th is</p> <p>National Sunscreen Protection Day! www.quiltmakerscalendar.com</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Grand Lodge</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Grand Lodge</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Ridge 398 Practice</p>	<p>31</p>		