

TRESTLE-BOARD



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From the EAST



In Ancient Craft Masonry, Wisdom is symbolized by the East, the place of light, being represented by the pillar that there supports the Lodge and by the Worshipful Master. It is also referred to King Solomon, the symbolical founder of the Order. In Masonic architecture the Ionic column, distinguished for the skill in its construction, as it combines the beauty of the Corinthian and the strength of the Doric, is adopted as the representative of Wisdom. King Solomon has been adopted in Speculative Freemasonry as the type or representative of Wisdom, in accordance with the character which has been given to him in the First Book of Kings (iv, 30-2): "Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt. For he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman and Chalcol and Darda, the sons of Mahol; and his fame was in all the nations round about."

In all the Oriental philosophies a conspicuous place has been given to Wisdom. In the book called the Wisdom of Solomon (vu, 74), but supposed to be the production of a Hellenistic Jew, it is said: "I called upon God, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I preferred her before scepters and thrones, and esteemed riches nothing in comparison of her." And farther on in the same book (vii, 287) she is described as "the

breath of the power of God, and a pure influence (emanation) flowing from the glory of the Almighty, the brightness of the everlasting light, the unspotted mirror, of the power of God, and the image of His goodness."

We are planning on a special program for the Month of June. Stay tuned for up-dates as time and progress permit.

Worshipful Master - Chris Edney

Past Masters

W.: Ben Edney	2018
R.:W.: Robert "Slim" Owen 33°	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 33°	2012
R.:W.: Robert "Slim" Owen 33	2011
W.: Charles "Chuck" Taylor*	2010
R.:W.: John "Lucky" Lee	2009
R.:W.: John "Lucky" Lee	2008
W.: Henry Oppenborn, Jr. 33° *	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 33°	2000
R.:W.: Paul Miller	1999
R.:W.: Paul Miller	1998

From the WEST



As Freemasons, we know of the number three. Your first step in Masonry includes three distinct knocks. In Blue Lodge there are three degrees, the last being that of Master Mason, which is the most important degree of all. There were three original Grand Masters and There are three top officers; Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden. There are three greater lights in Freemasonry as well is the three lesser lights. We also know of these three words; Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. The highest degree in the Scottish Rite has two three's.

Christians: There is the Holy Trinity; The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. The number three is significant in many initiatory and spiritual traditions. There were two additional men that were crucified at the time of Jesus. He was crucified at the third hour, was on the cross for three hours and rose from his grave on the third day. There were three wise men that visited Jesus and left three gifts. Along with Christianity there are an additional two main Abrahamic religions; Judaism and Islam. In the bible, Peter denies knowing Jesus three times then later says he loves him three times. Both 666 and 777 consist of three digits. During his ministry, Jesus raised three people from the dead. Jesus also fulfilled the three offices of Prophet, Priest and King.

And we are planning on presenting the three degrees in Masonry in the very near future. We are confident that you will be in attendance to meet and greet your new Brother.

Three is just barely enough, MORE is better: SEE YOU THERE!

Senior Warden, Robert "Slim" Owen

Happy Birthday To:



Tim Tyler	Apr 6
Chuck Schloss	Apr 11
Jim McIntosh	Apr 18
Chris Short	Apr 21
Herm Davison	Apr 22
David Murray	Apr 24
Boogie Stevenson	Apr 24

2019 Trestle-Board Boosters

Art Lent
Ben Edney
Buzz & Gwen Bernard
Chris Edney
Dave Murray
Ed & Lil Gingrich
Fred & Dottie Basehore
Jesse & Heather Renfroe
John & Carol Ross
Kim & Peter Carter
Mark Sullivan
Slim & Anita Owen
Tammy Auld
Whitey & Marge Cassell



THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Some Thoughts from an OLD PAST MASTER CHAPLAINS CORNER

Masonry, (spoken to a young friend) is an opportunity. It gives a man a chance to do and be, among the world of men, something he otherwise could not accomplish, a state of which he otherwise could not attain. No man kneels at the Altar of Masonry and rises again the same man. At the Altar something is taken from him never to return; his feelings of living for himself alone. He will never again be so selfish, so self-centered, never so much an individualist, for at the Altar he leaves behind him some of the dross of his purely profane make-up.

No man kneels at the Altar of Masonry and rises the same man, because, in the place where the dross and selfishness was, is put a little of the most Divine spark which men may see. Where there was the self-interest, there is an interest in others. Where there was egotism there is put love for one's fellow man.

The fraternity performs the greatest function of any institution at work among men, in that it provides a common meeting ground where all of us, be orr creed, our social position, our wealth, our ideas, our station in life what they may, may meet and understand one another.

What caused the downfall of Rome? – Class Hatred. What caused the civil war? – Failure of one people to understand another, inequality of men in this country cannot endure. What caused the Great War? – Class Hatred. What is the greatest leveler of class in the world? - MASONRY, which opens her portals to men because they are men, not because they are wealthy or wise or foolish, or great or small, but BECAUSE they seek the brotherhood which only MASONRY can give.

My Brethren, if you know of a Brother or family member in the hospital, home ill, or just needs a card of good cheer, please contact the Chaplain by e-mail at awalls37@gmail.com.

R.:W.: Alan Walls – Chaplain

LAP Day for
April 23
Will be at
Cheddars
In
Spring Hill



Greetings from the South

Talking: (When and how)

The lodge room is a Temple of the Great Architect of the Universe. The brethren within are working to make the best ashlar (stones) for His spiritual temple.

Just as it is impolite to talk in a church, synagogue or mosque service, so it is improper to distract the officers, the workers in the degree or the candidate.

Talking without asking to do so shows irreverence for the proceedings. God's house is not for social conversation within the lodge room. It is for worship and learning the lesson of the day which is being taught.

Unless you have requested of the Master to speak, silence is the rule. This also means no whispering.

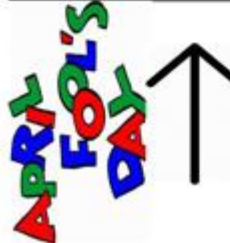





J.:W.: Ben Edney

Officers 2019

Wor. Master Wor. Chris Edney
Senior Warden R.:W.: Robert Owen
Junior Warden Wor. Ben Edney
Treasurer Bro. Tom Kellogg
Secretary W.: Robert Bernard
Chaplain R.:W.: Alan Walls
Senior Deacon Bro. Dave Murray
Junior Deacon Bro. Mark Sullivan
Senior Steward TBA
Junior Steward TBA
Tyler TBA

April

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  Dade City 48 Ocala Scottish Rite Masonic Luncheon - Noon	2 Bushnell 30 Springs 378 Hernando Shrine	3 Ridge Officers Meeting DeMolay - Trilby 141	4 Floral City 133 Trilby 141	5	6	
7 	8 Citrus 118 POW 146 Ridge 398	9 Brotherhood 375	10 Nobles Ladies	11 Sloam 399 Zephyr 198 Citrys Shrine Social	12 Citrus Shrine Club 9am	13 Breakfast Bushnell 8-10
14 	15 Dade City 48	16 Springs 378 Hernando Shrine Club Social	17 Masters & Wardens	18 Trilby 141	19	20 Breakfast Floral City 8-10
21 	22 Citrus 118 POW 146	23 Brotherhood 375 LAP Day	24	25 Sloam 399 Zephyr 198	26	27 
28 	29	30	