

TRESTLE-BOARD



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From the EAST



On July 4, 1776, our forefathers brought upon this Continent a new nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the equality of all men. The fact that these principles mirror those of Masonry should not be lost upon us. Several leaders were Masons, including John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress of 1776. The Declaration brought about a change in leadership on this Continent. It is, therefore, fitting that we find our leadership changing at this same time of year.

Our ideals include the brotherhood of man, no matter that man's station in life. We are not concerned with the external, but with the internal—the mind, the character of the man. However, our lawfulness has increasingly turned to lawlessness; selflessness to selfishness and generosity to greed. Is this what our forefathers risked their lives to create? We are living in a period where police officers cannot effectively do their job for fear of lawsuit or fear of death threats putting their families in danger.

Our nation is desperately in need of the moral and equitable teachings of Masonry. Several years ago, during a Jr Warden Minute, we heard what masons have done. In his speech it was mentioned that Masons moved to America and created a country, moved westward and made States, filtered through the states and made cities in which they influenced the creation of communities. Our job did not and should not stop there. Just like houses fall apart without proper maintenance, communities fall apart without proper influence. For that reason we need a new purification of the spirit of citizenship, a new public mindedness or

devotion to the Union that will help influence our community to the better. It is a new time in your Lodge and an ever changing time in Our Nation. Help us make changes in the direction of harmony and brotherhood among all men and all Masons.

(excerpted from Richardson Lodge No. 1214)

Fraternally,

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



What are we doing and why are doing it?

We hold practice every week, very few attend for various reasons.

We congregate once a month on the second Monday, have coffee and “chew the fat”, go into the Lodge Room, go through the ritual. Listen to reports, usually some Masonic Education via the Junior Warden and retire for lunch.

Pretty much wraps it up, eh?

Is it any wonder that attendance is dropping, or rather seemingly non-existent?

We must do something to improve our selves, or we will become non-existent!

To the gamblers, we have a monthly raffle.

To the interested, we have Masonic Education.

To the uninterested, we keep out meetings as short as we can.

To everyone else we try to inject a little humor, a little patriotism, a little wisdom and hope for the best.

We can survive, but it takes all of us, working together toward that goal, yes,

ALL OF US.

We have an Entered Apprentice on whom we will pass to the degree of Fellow Craft in the near future. This is usually done on a Friday Evening. You can help by coming to the meeting, sitting on the sidelines and supporting the Degree Team. They all work better (harder) for a full house so keep your eyes and ears attuned as we will notify you when.

Senior Warden,

R.:W.: Robert “Slim” Owen 33^o

Happy Birthday To:



John Ross	Aug 9
Robert O’Connell	Aug 20
John Lee	Aug 22
Dennis Suarino	Aug 22
Tom Stratford	Aug 24
John DeMerchant	Aug 27

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



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THE UNANSWERABLE QUESTION

CHAPLAINS CORNER

The decision is yours and mine

Our heritage is rich and it is up to us to pass along endowed by goodness that each one of can provide.

Fifty year from now, if you were to go on the internet, using the latest search engine and inquire about Masonry, would the encyclopedia of that day say.

MASONRY: Was, once a respected fraternal organization which practiced the tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Once the world's largest and oldest fraternal organization, masonry became extinct in the year 2040 or would it say.

MASONRY" Is, a respected fraternal organization which practices the tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, the world's largest and oldest fraternal organization. Masonry has existed for over 700 years.

The decision is yours and mine, my Brethren, by what we practice each and every day of our lives - "Let Your Light So Shine".

My Brother I again request if you know of a Brother or Family member ill, in the hospital or just could use a note of good cheer, PLEASE contact your Chaplain, by e-mail: awalls37@gmail.com or leave a phone message 352-637-5178.

Fraternally

R.:W.: Alan Walls – Chaplain

LAP Day for
August 27
Will be at
Margarita Grill
In
Homosassa



Greetings from the South

While waiting for news from Grand Lodge regarding a Special Election to replace our recently departed Wor. Ben Edney, the officers have been sharing the load of keeping the South functioning, running smooth, etc.

With Grand Lodge's permission, we would like to elect our Senior Deacon, Brother David Murray, as Wor. Ben's replacement in the South.

Wor. Richard Whitford has volunteered to step in as Dave's replacement at the Senior Deacon's Place, so we are still a viable force.





Thank you all or your support.

Officers 2019

Wor. Master.....Wor. Chris Edney
Senior Warden R.:W.: Robert Owen
Junior Warden Wor. Ben Edney
Treasurer.....Bro. Tom Kellogg
SecretaryW.: 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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Jul 2019</p> <p>S M T W T F S S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p> <p>Sep 2019</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Ocala SR Masonic Luncheon</p>   	<p>6</p> <p>Bushnell 30 Springs 378 Hernando Shrine Club</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Ridge Practice Demolay - Trilby 141</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Siloam 399 CSC Social</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Citrus Shrine Club</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Ridge 398</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Brotherhood 375</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Ridge Practice Nobles Ladies</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Trilby 141</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Hernando 97</p>	
<p>19</p> <p>Dade City 48</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>HCSC Social Bushnell 30 Springs 378</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Ridge Practice Masters & Wardens</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Siloam 399</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Open Books</p>	
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>LAP Day</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Ridge Practice</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	