

TRESTLE-BOARD



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From the EAST



I would like to thank all the members of Ridge Masonic Lodge for allowing me to sit in the East as your Worshipful Master. This is a privilege for me to follow my Dad in this position and I pledge to help the Lodge to the best of my ability. We have a few events planned and are working on more as time permits.

Once again we are looking forward to our annual Spaghetti Supper, provided for us by the 404 Club.

It will be at the Citrus Shrine Club, 468 N Woodlake Ave, Inverness – Dinner at 6.

Looking further ahead, we are planning on a Rusty Nail Degree at our stated in March. We will probably have a bit more information in the next issue.

We have received another petition for the three degrees in Masonry, that's the second in the last three months. We must be doing something right.

Other Lodges in the District are having degrees as well and I think we should make an effort to visit them and invite them to visit us when we are having ours.

Check on the web site: citrusshrineclub.com for information concerning them.

Masters & Wardens will have their monthly meeting at Bushnell on the 20th of this month.

Worshipful Master - Chris Edney

Masonic Etiquette - Did you know?

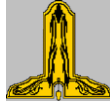
Brethren do not pass between the Altar and the East when the lodge is open.

Why? As a courtesy to the Master, it is necessary that the three Great Lights which shine their eternal light and wisdom upon the Master to help him govern the lodge should never be in shadow, not even for a millisecond, during the processes of an initiation or degree work.

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



Wow, we are off to a great start with the newly installed officers chomping at the bit to make our Lodge even better that it has been. Our Worshipful Master has several irons in the fire so stay tuned for further information in the not too distant future.

Our installation went off without a hitch and we are working on having a full complement of officers if at all possible.

If you are interested in becoming an officer in our Lodge, please see the Worshipful Master and I'm certain he will find a spot for you,

The Citrus County Fair is coming at the end of March and we are obligated to assist at three gates by manning them, usually in 4 hour shifts. We need several members to volunteer as the fair runs for a week and the gates need to be covered by us, working with Floral City Lodge. We receive a substantial sum for our participation and this keeps our dues at a relatively low price.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board so please check it out and sign up for a day or two. I'll be there almost every day, so if I can do that, I'm sure you can meet me half way. Thanks! (Ladies are most welcome.

As Chairman of the Finance Committee I feel it is my duty to remind those who have not yet paid their 2019 Dues, to please do so as the Lodge has a very tight budget and your dues are what keep us out of the poor house. See paragraph above.

Senior Warden, Robert "Slim" Owen

Just a little Masonic Etiquette:

STAND WHEN YOU SPEAK:

No man sits while speaking in the lodge room, no matter if he addresses an officer or another brother.

Why? All lodge activity is based on each man in the lodge as being a servant of the Brethren. This includes the Worshipful Master and his officers.

While the man, himself, who has been elected Worshipful Master does not gain any special honor, personally, as the Worshipful Master, it is to the Worshipful Master as the Master of the Lodge that a member stands to address.

It is simply a form of respect ...and no different than attending a shareholder's meeting or a City Council meeting.

It is expected that if you wish to address the audience, you will stand so all may see who is speaking.

Happy Birthday To:



Art Lent	Feb 1
Gunnar Erickson	Feb 6
Robert Schiffer	Feb 9

2019 Trestle-Board Boosters

Ben Edney
Buzz & Gwen Bernard
Chris Edney
Dave Murray
Ed & Lil Gingrich
Fred & Dottie Basehore
Jesse & Heather Renfroe
John & Carol Ross
Slim & Anita Owen
Whitey & Marge Cassell

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



The Chaplain's Corner

Brethren,
Have you ever wondered why do we use "So mote it be" instead of "Amen"? "So Mote It Be" is the final words in the Regius Poem.

"Mote" is old English for "may." Masons have used the phrase since the beginning of the written history of the Craft. Freemasonry includes many other words, now obsolete, which bring the sanctity of age and the continuity of ritual from ancient days to modern times.

Sickness and distress:

Brethren,

PLEASE contact your chaplain should you know of any of our Masonic family who are in the hospital, home ill, or for any reason who may need a note of good will. Contact: e-mail: awalls37@gmail.com , home phone 352-637-5178 (please leave a message)

Fraternally,

R.:W.: Alan Walls – Chaplain



LAP Day for
February 26
Will be at
Red Lobster
In
Spring Hill



Greetings from the South

We had a great meal provided by Tammy & Co. and we all wish to thank her for her dedication and expertise in the kitchen. Compliments from the members are music to her ears. Keep up the good work. Our LAP Day was at Margarita Grill in Homosassa on the river. We had a nice turnout, but we missed some of the regulars. Next month we will be going to _____ so plan on coming with for a good time and some great food.

G rander than the lines that Pythagoras drew,
E ngraved on the hearts that ever are true,
O nward and beyond the science it ran, -
M asonry, the nature religion of man.
E nter thy temple, sweet spirit, and there
T ry us by compasses, level and square.
R ightly interpreting our mystical art
Y ou can speculate on with happy heart.

J.:W.: Ben Edney

Officers 2019

- Wor. Master..... Wor. Chris Edney
- Senior WardenR.:W.: Robert Owen
- Junior WardenWor. Ben Edney
- Treasurer Bro. Tom Kellogg
- Secretary W.: Robert Bernard
- ChaplainR.:W.: Alan Walls
- Senior Deacon Bro. Dave Murray
- Junior Deacon Bro. Mark Sullivan
- Senior StewardTBA
- Junior StewardTBA
- Tyler.....TBA

February

Ridge Masonic Lodge No. 398 – Floral City, FL

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday



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February 8 Happy Birthday Boy Scouts
 Boy Scout Motto is "Be Prepared"
 Boy Scout slogan is "Do A Good Turn Daily"

January 2019

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March 2019

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<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Dade City 48 Installation 6pm Ocala Scottish Rite Masonic Luncheon - Noon</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Bushnell 30 Springs 378 Hernando Shrine</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Demolay</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Floral City 133 Trilby 141</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Citrus Shrine Club gam</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Breakfast @ Bushnell 8-10</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Citrus 118 POW 146 Ridge 398</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Brotherhood 375</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Hernando 97 11am Brooksville Christian Church <i>Spaghetti Supper</i></p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Dade City 48</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Bushnell 30 Springs 378 HCS Social 6pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Masters & Wardens</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Floral City 133 Trilby 141</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Citrus 118 POW 146</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Brotherhood 375 LAP Day</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Silloom 399 Zeolhyr 198</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Take your Sweetheart Out to Dinner At The Citrus Shrine Club On Saturday, Feb. 16 Fund Raiser for 398 Dinner at 6pm</p>