

TRESTLE-BOARD



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January 2019

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From the EAST



We have a pretty busy schedule for the first part of the year and we will more than likely add to it as time permits.

January: We hope to get comfortable in our new positions and calm our jittery nerves. I know some are retreads, but where would we be without them? I thank Dad & Slim for stepping back into line to keep us moving in the right direction.

I'm also thankful that we have so many willing workers, it make everyone's job a bit easier.

And lastly, a big thank you to all who attended the installation.

February: We will have a Fellow Craft Degree, probably on the 15th, but only time will tell. Our Chaplain, R.:W.: Alan Walls will be in the East so plan on attending for a most enjoyable evening.

March: Our annual Spaghetti Supper, probably on the 22nd, will be just as good as ever as our neighbor from the North, Wor. Ray Devaul will provide us with his outstanding home-grown sauce. The spaghetti supper has been a huge success for us as a money raiser to help defray our costs.

Worshipful Master - Chris Edney

"The Burning o' the Clavie"

If you ever get to Burghead on the Moray Firth in January, around the 14th you will be treated to a local custom, celebrating the New Year, according to the Julian Calendar. It consists of a fiery parade through town, ending up at the ancient altar where locals, after the fire dies down, take home burning embers to start a new fire for the New Year. I suspect a bit of the local libations tend to help bring out the spirit, so to speak. I'm sure it would be a sight to remember.

Locals only participate, but spectators are most welcome.

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



I kept the Boosters from 2018 for the January issue because I was late in getting all the proper names prior to publishing last January, so I decided to “Kick-The-Can-Down-The-Road” and follow the same for 2019. If, you desire to help us by donating \$10.00 as a booster, your name, or a reasonable facsimile there-of will appear each month for the entire world to see as an expression of your generosity.☺

If your name should be there, and it isn't, please let me know and I'll add it. If you tell everyone else but neglect to tell me, it will probably never happen. So be forewarned.

Our Installation was different this year. The Grand Master, M.:W.: John Karoom, let it be known that adding to the ritual, as I'm prone to do, is strictly forbidden, so I tucked my tail between my legs and really tried to behave myself. It was difficult for me as I have been doing it that way since around 2002, more-or-less.

Several attendees questioned me afterwards, so I felt a short explanation was in order.

I must congratulate our Worshipful Master, Chris Edney, for his part in the ceremonies and our Installing Marshal, R.:H.: Robert Reynolds for his assistance.

WELL DONE!

Senior Warden, Robert “Slim” Owen

Point to ponder:

And last, but certainly not least, while that "G" you see in the standard Masonic emblem can stand for the non-faith science of geometry, it has another allusion....

Happy Birthday To:



Tom Tyner.....	Jan 2
Richard Naylor	Jan 6
Larry Spaulding.....	Jan 11
Ray Thompson	Jan 16
Ken Drennen	Jan 17
John Lee	Jan 18

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 Renfro
John & Carol Ross**

Be a BOOSTER!

\$10.00 will get your name here for a year.



**LAP Day for
January 22
Will be at
Margarita Grill
In
Homosassa**



Greetings from the South

Many masons have made it to the top of their industries through masonic connections, but how many of those men live on in the popular imagination? One enduring name is Henry Ford, the man who revolutionized mass production with his Model T Ford. He even gave his name to the whole production line process, now known as “Fordism”. But Fordism was about more than just making cars quickly, it was also about giving workers rights and wages that they never had before. With his \$5 workday, he improved conditions radically and forced competitors to do the same, ensuring the working man’s financial future was secure. As one of the pioneers of “[Welfare Capitalism](#)“, Ford not only changed industry forever, he also changed it for the better. He was also a member of Zion Lodge no.1.

Freemasons aren’t just hard-nosed businessmen looking to get to the top – it’s also open to fey social commentators like Oscar Wilde. His father, [Sir William Wilde](#), was a mason and it was his influence that enabled Oscar to get into Oxford. It was while he was at Oxford that he joined the Apollo University Lodge, partly under pressure from his father. In his maiden speech, he demonstrated his famous wit when he said of Order founder John the Baptist “I hope we shall emulate his life but not his death – I mean we ought to keep our heads”.

Oscar Wilde was an enthusiastic mason, spending a fortune on masonic gowns and it was this extravagance that would end his involvement with the masons. He was expelled from one lodge for owing another member money for the gowns, and then failed to pay his subscriptions to the Churchill Lodge, which saw him expelled altogether. A short but eventful masonic career.

J.:W.: Ben Edney

The Chaplain’s Corner

Chicago has 3 American Lodge Post, whose memberships are composed entirely of Masons – They are (1) Theodore Roosevelt Post, (2) Square Post, (3) Trowel Post.

Workmen, making repairs on the White House in the summer of 1935 found a Masonic emblem carved on the base of a Keystone of the arch under the floor – North Portico. The design is a six-pointed star, Seal of Solomon, character representing one of the sacred name of Deity- which ancient Jews were forbidden to pronounce.

At this time I like to present to you something of interest. “In Search of the Widow”. This was a discussion I had the pleasure to acquire from Brother Thomas Vanderhoef.

This evening’s message is being brought to you with the hope that it will enlighten you in the history of the symbolic craft. Let’s see what happens – Just what and how much do you think you know about this? (and demonstrates the hailing sign). But first, can anyone tell me a famous moment in history where that hailing sign and those words which accompany it cannot be seen, was use and recorded in history --- (got you thinking) Answer – The sinking of the Titanic. Now let us turn our attention to the history of the Widow. The very first edition of the legend of Hiram in Masonry was in 1730 by Samuel Prichard in the story of Adoniram. Another of the oldest versions of the story of Master Hiram Abif is found also in the Order of Freemasonry, 1744. And the most beautiful story of the legend was written by a Frenchman named Gerard de Nerval in 1850 in his famous writings “Voyage to the East”. References to the Widow’s Son can be found throughout the craft. Now a question? But just who was the Widow of the Widow’s Son? NAME HER ... Go ahead think hard, I’m challenging you ... Got you stumped! Let’s see if we can come up with an answer to that question.
(to be continued)

R.:W.: Alan Walls – Chaplain


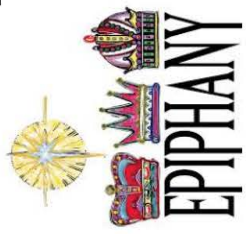



Officers 2019

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

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