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From the EAST



The historical records of Freemasonry in Florida were for many years hidden from the world, lying dormant in unmarked and forgotten files. Historians made various attempts to report the early Masonic activities on this territory. Their efforts were in vain. In 1898, the first authoritative record of Masonry in Florida came to light. This record was a rare and very old copy of "Preston's Illustration" which was presented to the Grand Lodge of Florida by Doctor F. F. Bond of Thorncliff, Brighouse, England. On the title page of the prized gift, the following words were inscribed: "The Gift of James Murray to St. Andrews Lodge No. 1, West Florida, June 27, 1776." This was the first reliable information that a Masonic Lodge had existed in Florida at such an early date and was the spark that kindled the interest to search for the history of Masonry in the Grand Jurisdiction of Florida. M . W . James M. Hilliard, Grand Master in 1898, appointed R. W . Silas B. Wright, Deputy Grand Master, to search for any additional information that might have a bearing on the history of Florida Masonry and to make a written report of his findings to the next Grand Lodge. Brother Wright made two appeals, one to the Board of Editors of the "History of Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons and Concordant Orders," and the other to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The Board of Editors was unable to furnish any information that would be beneficial or that would support historical facts about Masonry in Florida, but the Grand

Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania reported that there were documents and records in possession of that Grand Lodge that would prove the existence of Masonry in Florida during the early period of the country. The records, so the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania reported, had been found among the old records of that Grand Jurisdiction which had been boxed and placed in storage. These records were compiled by the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania under the title "Old Masonic Lodge of Pennsylvania, Moderns and Ancients, 1730 1800."

Worshipful Master - Chris Edney

Past Masters

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| 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



Please join us on June 10 for a special program: "A Tribute To Our Flag" to be presented by Wor. Bro. Richard Whitford and his Lady Sherry.

There will be a special Door Prize and several "give-a-ways".

Each month we hope to have a Door Prize so come to our meetings and see if you can take one of them home with you.

I would like to thank W.: Dana Oldenberg, Brotherhood Lodge No. 375 for the use of the Lodge Building for the instruction of Brother David Boylan and W.: John Nicholl for volunteering to teach him.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; in August 1946, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress. Flag Day is not an official federal holiday. Title 36 of the United States Code, Subtitle I, Part A, CHAPTER 1, § 110 is the official statute on Flag Day; however, it is at the president's discretion to officially proclaim the observance. On June 14, 1937, Pennsylvania became the first U.S. state to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday, beginning in the town of Rennerdale. New York Statutes designate the second Sunday in June as Flag Day, a state holiday.

Inspired by these three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day - the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 - was officially *established* by the

Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating **June 14th** of each year as **National Flag Day**.

**Senior Warden,
R.:W.: Robert "Slim" Owen 33°**

Happy Birthday To:



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| Robert Blume Jr. | Jun 4 |
| Ed Gingrich | Jun 4 |
| Brian Lee | Jun 7 |
| Bob Sharrard | Jun 8 |
| Gerry Van Langeveld | Jun 8 |
| Jack Perry | Jun 12 |
| Richard Floyd | Jun 15 |

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



THE UNANSWERABLE QUESTION

Where and how may I discover the Lost Word?

Nowhere and in no way. In other rites you may receive other substitutes but the real Lost Word – never. This is the unanswerable question.

THE LOST WORD is the most abstruse and most important symbol of the Fraternity; few if any are less understood. THE LOST WORD is not a syllable, or several syllables; “word” is here used as St. John used it: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” The Lost Word is not discovered in Freemasonry; Masons are given a substitute, of the Lost Word, it has been written (*Introduction to Freemasonry*): “Never may we find it here. You shall gaze through microscope and telescope and catch no sight of its shadow. You shall travel many lands and far and see it not. You shall listen to all the words of all the tongues which all men have ever spoken and will speak – the Lost Word is not heard. Were it but a word, how easy to invent another! But it is not a word but **THE WORD**, the great secret, the unknowableness which the Great Architect sets before his children, a will-o’-the-wisp to follow, a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow. Never here is it to be found, but the search for it is the reason for life.

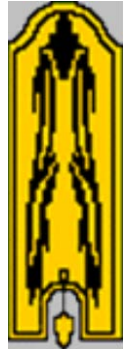
“The Sublime Degree teaches that in another life it may be found. That is why it is the Sublime Degree.”

My Brethren, if you know of a Brother or family member ill, or just need a note of cheer please advise your Chaplain by e-mail: awalls37@gmail.com or leave a phone message at 352-637-5178. My peace and Joy be with you every day.

Fraternally,

R.:W.: Alan Walls – Chaplain

LAP Day for
June 25
Will be at
Crackers
In
Crystal River



Greetings from the South

We request that you say a prayer
for
Our Junior Warden.
Benny Eugene Edney

He passed away Monday, May 27
While attending Grand Lodge.

Services:

Visitation: June 2, 2-4 PM
Service June 3 1 PM
Hoopers in Beverly Hills

Officers 2019



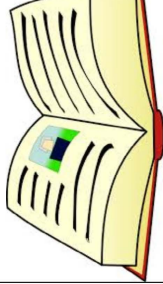

Wor. Master..... Wor. Chris Edney
Senior WardenR.:W.: Robert Owen
Junior WardenWor. Ben Edney
Treasurer Bro. Tom Kellogg
Secretary W.: Robert Bernard
ChaplainR.:W.: Alan Walls
Senior Deacon Bro. Dave Murray
Junior Deacon Bro. Mark Sullivan
Senior StewardTBA
Junior StewardTBA
Tyler.....TBA

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In the United States, the given name *June* skyrocketed in popularity in the early twentieth century. In 1925, it was the 39th most popular name for a baby girl ... a place held by Natalie today. While the name fell out of popularity through the rest of the century, it has recently been back in [vogue](#), breaking into the top 300 most popular girls names in 2015. Of course, it remains a popular choice for babies born in the month of June.

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| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
|  National Donald Duck Day June 9th | Citrus 118 Ridge 398 POW 146 | Brotherhood 375 | Ridge Practice 10am Nobles Ladies | Siloam 399 CSC Social Zephyr 198 | Citrus Shrine Club 9AM | |
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|  BLOOMSDAY 2019 | Dade City 48 | Springs 378 HCSC Social | Ridge Practice 10am Masters & Wardens | Trilby 141 | |  |
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|  TYPewriter DAY JUNE 23 | Citrus 118 POW 146 | Brotherhood 375 | Ridge Practice 10am | Siloam 399 Zephyr 198 | | |

May 2019

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July 2019

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