

# TRESTLE-BOARD



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## From the EAST



Are you ready for the Rusty Nail Degree?

It is going to happen at our March Stated and if you so desire, we will indoctrinate all who wish into the Order of the Rusty Nail and with a bit of luck, Certificates and Membership Cards as well as a unique Lapel Pin.

We hope to be balloting on a new Candidate this month. If the Ballot is "Clear" we will have another E. A. Degree very soon. We are in need of new members, either by Transfer of Membership or new Candidates because we have had several Brothers move away or pass away and that has depleted our membership somewhat. If you have a friend who you feel would make a good Mason, you may make inquiry and present him with an application.

Next Masters & Wardens will be at Dade City on March 20 with the Memorial Lodge meeting at 6:30pm. Masters and Wardens is looking into changing the start time to 7:00pm and as this is a By Law change, it must go through the normal channels, so it won't happen overnight. The Memorial Lodge will have to change their By Laws as well if they wish to meet prior to Masters & Wardens

At our last Stated, three members from Bushnell No. 30 were in attendance and took the Robert C. Thompson Jr. gavel home with them. Unless we can get it back prior to our next meeting it will be the first time it has not been in our Lodge for over 4 years.

Worshipful Master - Chris Edney

## Did you know?

Never turn one's back on the Master to address the lodge without first receiving permission from the Master to speak.

**Why?** Any debates that are in motion must be conducted using proper Masonic etiquette. One always stands to order when addressing the chair.

Customs differ in various jurisdictions as to the method of salute, however some salute should always be given when addressing the Master.

Two brethren, both on their feet, simultaneously arguing a motion, who are facing each other and ignoring the Master is unacceptable.

## 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



### HELP!!!

We need volunteers to help at the Gates during the Citrus County Fair; Dates as follows: March 23 through March 31.

Most tours of duty are 4 Hours long. You may stand or sit, and YES, your Lady is more than welcome to help.

### PLEASE

Sign up at the next Lodge Meeting as this will assist us in our financial obligations. Sign-up sheet is on the Bulletin Board next to the kitchen.

**Masters & Wardens:** We had a very rewarding meeting at Masters & Wardens in that we took home the Attendance Gavel, MANY THANKS to Brothers Edney, Owen and Tyner.

The next meeting of Bushnell Lodge No. 30 will be on March 5 so we need to turn out in numbers to reclaim the Robert C. Thompson Jr. Gavel. If you need a ride, give me a call.

Grand Lodge is just around the corner, that is Memorial Day Week End. It may seem like it is a long ways off, but it ALWAYS gets here sooner that we expect. Our Senior Deacon will serve by proxy for our Worshipful, and Ben and I will try to follow in his footsteps. We will discuss the Legislation when the time comes

Senior Warden, Robert "Slim" Owen

## SHOULDERING THE WORK:

It is good Masonic Etiquette to accept a request made in the name of the lodge if it is within your abilities.

**Why?** A lodge is a working "beehive of industry". A request made of you from your lodge acknowledges that the lodge trusts you to competently fulfill such a request based upon your knowledge.

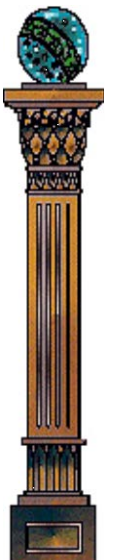
### Happy Birthday To:



Ken Tompkins	Mar 3
Otto Nielsen	Mar 6
Peter Carter	Mar 8
Ed De Vita	Mar 15
Hank McInturff	Mar 16
Ralph Wallen	Mar 20
Slim Owen	Mar 31

### 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 Chaplain's Corner

We in the Masonic Fraternity have so many stories about our existence. Have you ever wondered why are we called "Freemasons"?

There are many theories: a man was a Freemason because his ancestors were not slaves nor was he a slave; he was so called because he was free within his Guild, or free of the Guild's laws and could thus "travel in foreign countries" and work where he would; he was a Freemason because he worked in freestone, which is any stone which can be cut, smoothed, carved in any direction; he was free when he had passed his apprenticeship and became a Fellow of the Craft; he was free when he had left the statue of serf or villain and legally became free. Probably at one time or another masons were called Freemasons for any of these reason or for all of them. The consensus leans to the theory that the Freemason was such because of his skill, knowledge and abilities which set him free of those conditions, laws, rules and customs which circumscribed masons of lesser abilities in the Cathedral building age.

From: MSA "One Hundred one Questions about Freemasonry".

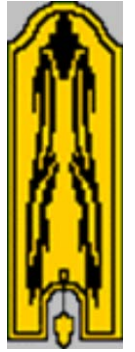
Should knowledge of a Brother, sick, in the hospital, or just needs a card of cheer, PLEASE advise the Chaplain, you can reach me by E-mail: [awalls37@gmail.com](mailto:awalls37@gmail.com) or my home phone 352-637-5178, leave your message as I monitor my calls (get at least 10 Ro-Bo calls a day)

Sincerely and fraternally,

Alan Walls, DDGM/07

R.:W.: Alan Walls – Chaplain

LAP Day for  
March 26  
Will be at the  
Olive Garden  
In  
Inverness



## Greetings from the South

The first Monday of the Month, there is a Masonic Luncheon at the Hernando County Shrine Club in Spring Hill. Ladies are most welcome. Reservations are recommended. Call Ralph Scott at 352-688-4623. Dine at noon with guest speaker to follow.

LAP Day will be at the Olive Garden in Inverness on March 26 at 11:30.

Last month, due to illness, Tammy was unable to provide us with lunch, so we ordered Pizza from just up the road. Not the best, but any Pizza in a storm will do. Spaghetti for March.

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

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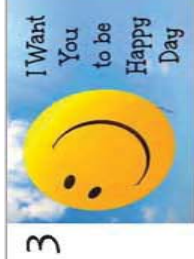


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Breakfast @ Bushnell  
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Citrus 118  
POW 146  
Ridge 398

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Brotherhood 375

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Nobles Ladies

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Siloam 399  
Zephyr 198  
Citrys Shrine Social

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Hernando 97 11am  
Brooksville Christian  
Church  
Breakfast Floral City 8-10



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Dade City 48

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Springs 378  
HCS Social 6pm

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Masters & Wardens

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### CITRUS COUNTY FAIR

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APR 2019

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