

# TRESTLE-BOARD



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Ridge Masonic Lodge No. 398 Floral City, FL

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## From the EAST



October already!

This year has flown past faster than I ever could have possibly imagined. I just barely got used to sitting in the East and my term in office is almost over. Time sure flies when you're having fun!

We are looking forward to Brother Boylan giving his E. A. Catechism at our next stated on October 14. After which we will pass him to the Degree of Fellow Craft, probably on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October at 10 am, Saturday morning. Mark your calendar and plan on joining us, lunch will be served.

We really need to thank Wor. Brother John Nicoll for stepping up and volunteering to teach Brother Boylan his lesson, otherwise we would have had to travel to Spring Hill two or three times a week and something like that would get old in a hurry, so THANK YOU Wor. Nicoll.

**Fraternally,  
Worshipful Master - Chris Edney**

## Dues – Dues – Dues

This year our G. L. Assessment is \$25.00.

Our Dues are \$36.00

Voluntary contribution of \$7.30 for LYPMGC

Total of \$68.30 or \$61.00 if the brother does not pay LYPMGC.

We also appreciate any \$10.00 donation for the Trestle Board, your name as a Booster will appear each month.



### 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



**Just how important do you think you really are?**

**Our success depends on you.  
Our survival depends on you.  
Our happiness depends on you.**

**By now you get the idea that we are all in this together and it takes all of us to make it work.**

**No more Mr. Nice Guy, sitting back on your haunches and letting “the other guy” do it all.**

**We all need to pitch in and help.  
We all need to come to our own aid.  
We all need to assist each other.**

**Rather than ask, “What can I do?” why not look around and see if anything needs attention, see if anything isn’t quite right, but you know what and how to fix it. Just go ahead and take care of it, no fan-fare, no hoopla, no “See what I did”, just all of us working together, getting things done and enjoying each others company while we’re at it.**

**If you cannot find anything to fix, cannot find anything that needs a bit of TLC, why not come to Lodge on Monday and hold down one of the seats on the sidelines.**

**We have a few empty ones that are crying out for someone to plant their back side down and warm them up a bit.**

**Who knows, you might get to like it and**

**come back for more, more fraternal friendship, more brotherly love and more of Masonry in general.**

**Now - you know how important you really are.**

**See you Monday,**

**Senior Warden,**

**R.:W.: Robert “Slim” Owen 33°**

**Happy Birthday To:**



Whitey Cassell  
Clark Brickley

Oct 6  
Oct 7

### 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



We are sorry to learn of the passing of Brother Tom Stratford our Brother of Ridge Masonic Lodge. And this passing brings to mind, as I now being 82 years young, what arrangements have I made for the end of my Masonic journey. To tell the truth, not much, something to pounder on and I ask of you, have you discussed with your family when the time comes to end your Masonic journey, what you would like, and informing the family about the service the Lodge will provide if asked by a family member. I know this topic is hard, but an important one.

So --- my Brother What are "the Master's Wages"? According to the ritual, corn, wine and oil are symbolic of the payment a Freemason earns today by "good work, true work, and square work." "A Master's Wages" may be the same, may be different, for every brother. They are the friendship formed through Freemasonry; the consciousness of unselfish work; taking part in movements and actions for the betterment of the condition of neighbors; inherent in learning and in making it possible for other men to learn that men of widely different beliefs, convictions, circumstances, education, skills and character may live and work, play and love together in peace and happiness. A Master's Wages are intangible, but the more real because any brother may earn as much as he will. There is no limit to the Master's Wages any brother may receive, except that which he may put upon himself. As a part of your Masonic Wages a Masonic service of final respect from your Lodge will be our final payment.

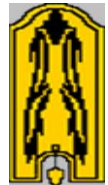
Please contact me at e-mail: awalls37@gmail.com or leave a phone message 352-637-5178 should you know of a Brother or family member in need of a kind word, a note of cheer, or in the hospital.

Fraternally

**R.:W.: Alan Walls – Chaplain**

**Please pray for our Military and our First Responders.**

LAP Day for  
October 22  
Will be at  
Charlie's  
In Crystal River



## Greetings from the South

As I have been tasked to fill the shoes of our departed Brother Ben Edney I have conflicting feelings on the matter as I am both saddened by his absence and also heartened that I have the opportunity to 'carry the mantle' for him in his stead, as I'm sure he would have wished. In these tumultuous times that we're living in, it's important to remember that we as a fraternity have the responsibility to stand upright in our actions, our thoughts, and more especially our interactions with non-Masons as we represent an entity considered by many to be able to rise above the fray of petty squabbles and conflicts. With this idea, let me quote from another Brother Ben: "Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment" - Brother Ben Franklin

**Junior Warden  
David Murray**

### Officers 2019

**Wor. Master.....W.: Chris Edney**  
**Senior Warden.....R.:W.: Robert Owen**  
**Junior Warden ..... Bro. Dave Murray**  
**Treasurer..... Bro. Tom Kellogg**  
**Secretary ..... W.: Robert Bernard**  
**Chaplain .....R.:W .: Alan Walls**  
**Senior Deacon .... W.: Richard Whitford**  
**Junior Deacon .... Bro. Mark Sullivan**  
**Senior Steward .....TBA**  
**Junior Steward .....TBA**  
**Tyler.....TBA**



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