

# TRESTLE-BOARD



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## From the EAST



“ I gave my decisions on the principles of common justice and honesty between man and man, and relied on natural born sense, and not on law, learning to guide me; for I had never read a page in a law book in all my life.”

**Davy Crockett**

Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first.

**Mark Twain**

Rise early, that by habit it may become familiar, agreeable, healthy, and profitable. It may, for a while, be irksome to do this, but that will wear off; and the practice will produce a rich harvest forever thereafter; whether in public or private walks of life.

**George Washington**

Everybody really knows what to do to have his life filled with joy. What is it? Quit hating people; start loving them. Quit being mad at people; start liking them. Quit doing wrong; quit being filled with fear. Quit thinking about yourself and go out and do something for other people. Everybody knows what you have to do to be happy. But the wisdom of the test lies in the final words: 'If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.'

**Norman Vincent Peale**

The words of wisdom printed above give much better advice than I could possibly imagine.

My hope is that we all strive to improve ourselves, not only in life, but in Masonry as well. Keep these thoughts in mind as you journey through life and you will not fail.

**Fraternally,  
Worshipful Master - Chris Edney**



### 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



Freemasonry is based on three great principles, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. To practice "Brotherly Love" we must maintain harmony and mutual respect between individuals, no matter what their station in life; "Relief" is about giving to those whom society has failed or who have been victims of disaster, not just financially but also personally; and "Truth" the need to recognize the Divine quality which underpins all life and which is to be found in the "center". Freemasonry is about self-knowledge and when we are initiated we can all be empowered to begin this great spiritual journey towards the "Center".

Freemasonry is not a religion but it requires a personal belief in a Supreme Being on the part of every candidate. Whether we be Christian, Jew, Muslim, Hindu or Buddhist we are taught respect for others, to practice charity and to live our lives by good moral standards. Whatever our walk or standing in life and the Community we can all be united in our striving towards these great ideals.

As we pass through the entrance to our beautiful Lodges, we become overwhelmed by a feeling of peace and tranquility. For a few hours the cares of employment and the busy world are forgotten as we concentrate on the task of the promulgation of our beautiful ritual in ceremonies which have evolved over the centuries.

There are many Masonic Organizations which we as Masons are quite familiar with that has various charities they contribute to. Some are Masonic Relief for destitute Masons, their Widows and Orphans, the Eye Foundation, Rite Care centers for speech and hearing disorders in Children, Muscular Dystrophy, and many other charitable endeavors. Some of these organizations are more visible than others. Probably the most visible in the community is the Shrine. The Shrine Masons have built eighteen cripple children's hospitals and three burn institutes throughout North America. Those hospitals were built, staffed and are maintained by the Masonic Fraternity without any government assistance. We can proudly say no child has ever been charged for any treatment in

a Shriner's Hospital. That's because the Shrine Masons and their friends pay for all with endowments, wills, gifts, and fund-raising activities. There have been several hundred thousand children restored to a normal or near-normal life. Because of this great Masonic undertaking the Shrine Masons have earned the title of "**One of the Greatest Masonic Philanthropies**".

**Senior Warden,**

**R.:W.: Robert "Slim" Owen 33<sup>o</sup>**

**Excerpted from 2016 Grand Masters  
Message, South Carolina**

## Happy Birthday To:



John Ross	Aug 9
Robert O'Connell	Aug 20
John Lee	Aug 22
Dennis Suarino	Aug 22
Tom Stratford	Aug 24
John DeMerchant	Aug 27

## 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 COI

## THE UNANSWERABLE QUESTION

### CHAPLAIN CORNER

QUESTION: What is a hecatomb?

One hundred head of cattle. Pythagoras is stated (Masonic ritual) to have “sacrificed a hecatomb” upon “discovering” the forty-seventh problem of Euclid.

The ritual is here not factual. Pythagoras was a poor and could hardly have possessed a hundred head of cattle. He was a vegetarian and revered animal life; he would not have killed one cow, let alone a hundred, to “celebrate” his discovery. He may have cried “Eureka,” but could hardly have been “raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason” which did not take even an ancient and simple form until centuries after he died.

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My Brother, should you know of a Brother or family member ill, in the hospital or may just need a note of good cheer, PLEASE leave a phone message for me at 352-637-5178 or e-mail: [awalls37@gmail.com](mailto:awalls37@gmail.com).

My Great Architect always watch over you and your family.

Fraternally

**R.:W.: Alan Walls – Chaplain**

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

LAP Day for  
September 24  
Will be at  
Red Lobster  
In  
Spring Hill



### Greetings from the South

Brethren all,

Thank you for allowing me to ascend to the South, a position which I will do my utmost to fulfill with dignity.

Please remember that next years dues are payable prior to December 27.

This year our Grand Lodge Assesment is \$25.00 and will increase \$5.00 each year for the next four years.

Our Dues are \$36.00 and a voluntary contribution of \$7.30 for LYPMGC for a 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.

**Junior Warden**

**David Murray**

### 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**

# September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>  <b>National Chicken Day!</b>	<b>2</b> Ocala SR Masonic Luncheon	<b>3</b> Bushnell 30 Springs 378 Hermandó Shrine Club	<b>4</b> Demolay - Trilby 141	<b>5</b> Ridge Practice Trilby 141	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> EA Degree Springs
<b>8</b>  <b>NATIONAL AMPERSAND DAY</b>	<b>9</b> Ridge 398	<b>10</b> Brotherhood 375	<b>11</b> Nobles Ladies	<b>12</b> Ridge Practice Siloam 399 CSC Social	<b>13</b> Citrus Shrine Club	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>National Wife</b>  <b>Appreciation Day</b>	<b>16</b> Dade City 48	<b>17</b> HCSC Social Bushnell 30 Springs 378	<b>18</b> Masters & Wardens Springs 378 Memorial Lodge 6PM	<b>19</b> Ridge Practice Trilby 141	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Hermandó 97
<b>22</b>  <b>Gappy Gaelic Day!</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> LAP Day Red Lobster Spring Hill	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Ridge Practice Siloam 399	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Open Books
<b>29</b>  <b>Rosh Hashanah</b>	<b>30</b>					

Aug 2019

Oct 2019

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