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From the EAST



And the Beat Goes On!

The Officers will have a meeting on Wednesday, August 5 at 10 AM for the purpose of deciding what to do in the near future regarding our regular Stated Meetings. Several Lodge are now conducting business as usual and we may as well. That is to be decided sooner rather than later.

The Grand Lodge is restricting their official visits to local Masons only, but they are still having them, so we probably will follow suit, although we will not restrict them to only members, as all Master Masons are always welcome to the "Best Daylight Lodge in Dist. 14."

We will have a supply of Hand Sanitizers for sale, all proceeds go to our charities, so be generous.

A Door Prize will be awarded via lottery drawing to all those present, you have to be here to win.

W.:M.: Slim

R.:W.: Robert "Slim" Owen 33°

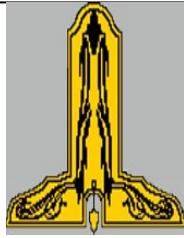
The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes

American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson.

Past Masters

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| W.: Chris Edney | 2019 |
| W.: Ben Edney* | 2018 |
| R.:W.: Robert "Slim" Owen 33° | 2017 |
| W.: Dennis Suarino | 2016 |
| R.:H.: Peter 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 33° | 1999 |
| R.:W.: Paul Miller 33° | 1998 |

From the WEST



Since the office was established in 1789, 45 men have served as President of the United States. Of these, 14 are known to have been Freemasons. Here's a tale of one of them who was not:

SILENT CAL AND THE CRAFT

President Calvin Coolidge had the reputation of being a person of few words. One time while attending a public function he was told by a young lady, "Mr. President, I made a bet that I can get you to say three words." To which he replied, "You lose."

Although not a Mason, he was not stingy with words when he talked about Freemasonry. While Governor of the Bay State, he addresses the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and said: "It has not been my fortune to know very much about Freemasonry, but I have had the great fortune to know many Freemasons, and I have been able in that way to judge the tree by its fruits. I know of your high ideals. I have seen that you hold your meeting in the presence of the Bible, and I know that men who observe that formality have high sentiments of citizenship, of worth, and of character. That is the strength of our Commonwealth and Nation."

S.:W.: Dave Murray

LAP Day For
August 25
Will Be At
Thousand
Island Café
US 19 &
Toucan Trail
Pending
Pandemic
Problems
More to
come.

BOOSTERS

Fred Basehore
Buzz Bernard
Peter Carter
Whitey Cassell
Ray Devaul
Don Jameson
Tom Kellogg
Art Lent
Hank McInturff
Dave Murray
Slim Owen
Jack Perry
Pete Raymond
John Ross
Jessie Renfroe
John Spencer



THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Chaplains Corner

Now here one for you – **Define Hele; Hail; Hale; Heal**

The first three words are pronounced alike, but with different meanings. **Hele** (Ango-Saxon) is an old word meaning to cover, conceal. **Hail** is to greet. **Hale** means hearty, well. **Heal** means to make well. **Hele** and conceal is one of the many word pairs in ritual which go back to the growth of the English language, when two words were often used to insure that the hearer understood the meaning of at least one.

The Lighter Side of Freemasonry

A new initiate returns home to his wife who is naturally curious to know what went on. The conversation goes something like this: **She:** Well, how'd it go? **He:** Very well – most interesting. **She:** What did go on? **He:** I'm not really sure if I can tell you about it. **She:** Well, is there anything you CAN tell me? **He:** Well – it seems there are 3 classes of men in the Lodge: **Walkers, Talkers & Holy Men.** **She:** What do they do ... if you can tell me? **He:** The Walkers walked me around the Lodge. The Talkers talked to me and and the Walkers as I was led around. **She:** And the Holy Men? What of them? **He:** They seem to be a special class of men, all in dark blue and gold aprons. They just sit on the benches around the Lodge with their heads in their hands chanting repeatedly, **"Oh My God! Oh My God."**

As we hide out from COVID-19 please if you know of a Brother or family member ill, in the hospital or just could use a note of good cheer contact me at (E-mail) awalls37@gmail.com or leave a phone message 352-637-0044. Remember real men wear a MASK in public.

Fraternally,

R.:W.: Alan Walls, Chaplain (pro-tem)

P.S. Say a prayer for our Law officers, 1st responders and members of our military. Today they need our prayer more than ever!!!

R.:W.: Alan Walls, Chaplain (pro-temp)

From the SOUTH



Hello Brethren,

I know we have all missed our lodge meetings, and hope they will start again soon. When we return once again our luncheon will be an indoor summer picnic. We will have Hot Dogs, Beans, Coleslaw, Potato Chips, and Cake, and Cookies for desert. Take Outs will be available for a donation.

Our next LAP day will be held at Thousand Islands Café, date to be determined.

The address is 3438 Commercial Way (US19), at the corner of Toucan Trail (directly across US19 from Hooters) . They have a very large menu including a large selection of Greek food. Take time to call a Brother and make sure they are well, and if they need any help. We are all Brothers together. Until we meet again, stay safe, and take precautions.

GOD Bless all of you. – I Care

J.:W.: W.:Richard Whitford

Officers 2020

Wor. MasterR.:W.: Robert Owen
Senior Warden Bro. Dave Murray
Junior Warden W.: Richard Whitford
Treasurer Bro. Tom Kellogg
Secretary W.: Robert Bernard
ChaplainTBA
Senior Deacon W.: Peter Carter
Junior Deacon Bro. Jesse Renfroe
Senior Steward Bro. John Cassell
Junior Steward Bro. Dave Boylan
Tyler.....Bro. Ken Rowe

August 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 | 3 Dade City 48 Ocala SR Masonic Luncheon | 4 Bushnell-Hernando 30 Springs 378 | 5 Demolay - Trilby 141 | 6 Floral City 133 Trilby 141 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 Citrus 118 Inst POW 146 Ridge 398 | 11 Brotherhood 375 | 12 | 13 Zephyr 198 Siloam 399 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 Dade City 48 | 18 HCSC Social Bushnell-Hernando 30 Springs 378 | 19 Masters & Wardens Brotherhood 375 | 20 Trilby 141 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 Citrus 118 POW 146 | 25 Brotherhood 375 | 26 | 27 Siloam 399 | 28 | 29 Open Books 9-12 |
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