

TRESTLE-BOARD



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From the EAST



W.:M.: Slim

Remembering that on the 4th of July, many years ago, our history was changed considerably and I might add, for the better.

Armed citizens stood their ground, fought to the death for the cause they believed with all their hearts was right, and to this day has been remembered as a turning point in the history of the United States. We cannot go by the 4th of July without remembering, celebrating and living as we do in this great country without paying tribute to those brave men and women who helped to frame the nature of the USA.

We are so much better because of them and today I wish to publicly honor them for all their blood, sweat and tears. Please join with us in remembering them.

Brother Votta will receive the Fellowcraft Degree on July 11 at Springs Lodge.

We have planned a Spaghetti Supper for Aug. 1 at 13402 Montour Dr. Spring Hill.

R.:W.: Robert "Slim" Owen 33°

Did you know?

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 back to the 18th century and the 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

W.: Chris Edney.....	2019
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



To say that things may be feeling somewhat fractured these days would be an understatement. The two astronauts leaving Earth's orbit, to me, seems like they have the right idea and if you're lucky enough to get the opportunity the most sensical thing one can do. If on the other hand you're stuck on this rock and don't have the luxury of blasting off, remember that we as Freemasons can make its surface less abrasive and more sustainable.

I look at the bumper sticker on my car and am reminded:

"Freemasonry helps build America"

Am I A Builder?

I watched them tearing a building down,
A gang of men in a busy town.
With a ho-heave-ho and a lusty yell,
They swung a beam and the sides fell.
I asked the foreman are these men skilled
And the kind you would hire, if you had to build?
And he gave me a laugh and said, No indeed,
Just common labor is all I need.
I can easily wreck in a day or two.
What other builders have taken a year to do.
And I thought to myself as I went my way,
Which of these roles have I tried to play?
Am I a builder that works with care,
Measuring life by the rule and square?
Am I shaping my deeds to a well made plan,
Patiently doing the best I can?
Or am I a wrecker who walks the town,
Content with the labor of tearing down?

S.:W.: Dave Murray



Happy Birthday To:



Pete Raymond	Jul 1
America (244 yrs.)	Jul 4
Steve Bradley	Jul 6
Ken Rowe	Jul 11
Bill Harms	Jul 20
Stephen Zane Jr.	Jul 30

2020 Trestle-Board 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



LAP Day
Hopefully it will
Be on July 28
Somewhere in Spring Hill

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

My Brethren have you given thought to the word “Clandestine?” In general, a lodge or a Mason is clandestine when not legally constituted or made. But “not legally constituted” may not necessarily mean “clandestine.” A Fellowcraft receiving the Master Mason degree in a lodge in which the Charter has been lost is not “legally” made and must be re-obligated to be “healed.” But such a making is not “clandestine.” The clandestine lodge today is one which is set up by an un-recognized Grand Lodge which is spurious, unlawful. Any group of men - - even men not Masons – might declare themselves a lodge and “make Masons,” but all these actions, being illegal, would produce only a clandestine lodge and clandestine Masons.

Modern scholarship distinguishes between the “clandestine” and the “not recognized.” For instance, for reasons not necessary to go into here, the Grand Lodges of Connecticut and Cuba are not in fraternal relations each with the other. But no Connecticut Mason would term the Cuban Grand Lodge “clandestine”; he would say merely that it is “un-recognized.”

My Brethren, as your Chaplain, you have made my duties very easy, we must all be hiding out from the COVET-19 and everyone is staying well (I hope) However if you learn of a Brother ill, in the hospital or could just use a note of good cheer, PLEASE contact me by e-mail at awalls37@gmail.com or leave a phone message 352-637-0044. May the Great Architect watch over you and your family and during these trying times please pray for our Police Officers, 1st responders and service members, THEY REALLY COULD USE A PRAY!

Sincerely and fraternally,

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

From the South



Hello Brethren,
 Sorry we missed you at our meeting, and luncheon in June. This month celebrating the 4th of July, 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.

Come to our meeting on July 13th. We will have coffee and donuts prior to the meeting. Due to all the coronavirus problems we will not have a LAP day in July. We hope to be able to have one in August.

Until we meet again, stay safe, and take precautions.

GOD Bless all of you. – I Care

J.:W.: Richard Whitford

Officers 2020

- Wor. Master**R.:W.: Robert Owen
- Senior Warden** Bro. Dave Murray
- Junior Warden** W.: Richard Whitford
- Treasurer** Bro. Tom Kellogg
- Secretary** W.: Robert Bernard
- Chaplain**TBA
- Senior Deacon** W.: Peter Carter
- Junior Deacon** Bro. Jesse Renfroe
- Senior Steward**Bro. John Cassell
- Junior Steward** Bro. Dave Boylan
- Tyler**.....Bro. Ken Rowe

July 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Jun 2020</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6</p> <p>7 8 9 10 11 12 13</p> <p>14 15 16 17 18 19 20</p> <p>21 22 23 24 25 26 27</p> <p>28 29 30</p>	<p>Aug 2020</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1</p> <p>2 3 4 5 6 7 8</p> <p>9 10 11 12 13 14 15</p> <p>16 17 18 19 20 21 22</p> <p>23 24 25 26 27 28 29</p> <p>30 31</p>		<p>1 Demolay - Trilby 141</p>	<p>2 Floral City 133 Trilby 141</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6 Dade City 48 Ocala SR Masonic Luncheon</p>	<p>7 Bushnell-Hernando 30 Springs 378</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Zephyr 198 Siloam 399</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13 Citrus 118 Inst POW 146 Ridge 398</p>	<p>14 Brotherhood 375</p>	<p>15 Masters & Wardens Brotherhood 375</p>	<p>16 Trilby 141</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20 Dade City 48</p>	<p>21 HCSC Social Bushnell-Hernando 30 Springs 378</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Siloam 399</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Open Books 9-12</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27 Citrus 118 POW 146</p>	<p>28 Brotherhood 375</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	