

TRESTLE-BOARD



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Ridge Masonic Lodge No. 398 Floral City, FL

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From the EAST



Looking ahead, we have a Spaghetti Dinner scheduled for March 28 at 5 PM right here in the Dining Hall.

Advanced Tickets: \$8.00 donation.

Call me at 352-815-3307

Tickets at the Door: \$10.00 donation.

We have a special sauce, imported from Canada à la Bro. Ray Devaul which is designed to tickle your pallet with epicurean delight. You don't want to miss this one.

We wish to welcome two brothers back into the fold: Bro. Jim Roach and Bro. Bob Criste. Their paperwork has been finalized and the now members of Ridge Masonic Lodge.

Our choice of Mason of the Month (February) was R.:W.: Alan Walls who has assisted us on several occasions and has served as our Chaplain for quite some time.

We did not have a winner at our monthly drawing, so the proceeds will roll over for next month. You have to be here and participate in order to win, so fill up the sidelines with smiling faces and join in the fellowship that so abounds here at Ridge.

W.:M.: Slim

**We will have our
"Award Winning"
rendition of the
"Rusty Nail Degree"
this month.**

**All who wish to participate,
please let Buzz know so he can
provide you with a Dues Card.**

**Lapel Pins will be awarded as
well.**

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



So, there seems to be no shortage of craziness in the tumultuous current events of late. There are many of us who have become quite jaded with all of it, and in many cases it has become harder distinguishing truth from fiction amongst the varying outlets from which we derive our information from.

This has led to much confusion, fear, dread, or just outright anger. Let us please remember that as Masons, we have the responsibility to set an example to those outside the Craft at all times, and the ability to speak the truth and be that shining beacon of light to those who are most in need.

What is Masonry?

It's not a sign, or a handshake, a hall where tilers sit
It's not a guarded building where passwords will admit
It's not a place of symbols, which Wardens oft display
It's not a lodge of members, who meet in white array.
It is the home of justice, of liberty and truth,
Of loyalty to country, of sympathy for youth,
Of succor for a brother, of gentleness and of cheer,
Of tolerance for neighbors, whose life is often drear.
Bro. Walter H. Bonn

Senior Warden

Dave Murray

If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.

Mark Twain

Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner.

James Bovard, Civil Libertarian (1994)

Happy Birthday To:



Otto Nielsen	Mar 6
Peter Carter	Mar 8
Fred Harman	Mar 12
Ed De Vita	Mar 15
Hank McInturff	Mar 16
Ralph Wallen	Mar 20
Slim Owen	Mar 31

2020 Trestle-Board Boosters

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



**LAP Day for
March 24
Will be at
Crackers
In
Crystal River**

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Freemasonry is the heir to the wisdom of the ancient mysteries and has continued the method of teaching by symbols and by allegory. We are assured at the very entrance to our mysteries:

“Freemasonry is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.”

Unfortunately, many fail to understand the allegory, and few study its beautiful symbols. Our ancestors, were compelled to conceal them through the use of symbols. The hierarchies which controlled the religious teaching of the day, persecuted all who taught other than the prescribed standards of religion, and punished those who dared to disagree.

Knowledge can only be acquired through study and experience. There is no short cut to Masonic knowledge. Basic instruction is given every Freemason in the three degrees of the Lodge. Here we are taught that we are building a spiritual temple, that in doing so, designs must be drawn upon a spiritual trestleboard in accordance with laws laid down by the Master Architect.

Pare II of II Next month

My Brethren, your Chaplain is available to send notes of cheer should you know of a Brother or family member ill, in the hospital or could just need a kind word. E-mail address: awalls37@gmail.com and home phone: 352-637-0044. Please keep our Service Members and 1 st Responders always in our prayers.

Sincerely and fraternally

Alan Walls, Chaplain (pro-temp)

From the South



Hello Brothers,
What an excellent turn out we had for LAP day, 16 in attendance at “My Nanny’s” Restaurant in Spring Hill.

Next month on March 24th at LAP day we’ll be honoring our widows, at Crackers in Crystal River. Remember to meet at 11:30.

At our next meeting on March 9th we will be doing the Rusty Nail Degree. All Brothers are invited to participate and bone up on their Masonic ritual.

After the meeting stay for lunch which will be rotisserie chicken, baked potato, vegetables’, salad, and deserts

Hope to see you at the meeting and LAP day.





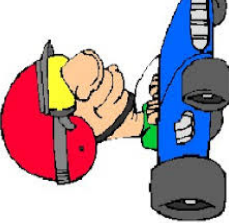



J.:W.: Richard Whitford

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**
- ChaplainTBA**
- Senior Deacon W.: Peter Carter**
- Junior Deacon Bro. Jesse Renfroe**
- Senior StewardBro. John Cassell**
- Junior Steward Bro. Dave Boylan**
- Tyler.....Bro. Ken Rowe**

MARBLE

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p>  <p>Peanut Butter Lovers' Day</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Dade City 48 Ocala SR Masonic Luncheon</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Bushnell-Hernando 30 Springs 378 Hernando Shrine Club</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Demolay - Trilby 141</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Floral City 133 Inst. Trilby 141</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Table Lodge - Springs 6PM</p>
<p>8</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>Citrus 118 Inst POW 146 Ridge 398 - Rusty Nail</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Brotherhood 375</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Zephyr 198 Siloam 399</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> 
<p>15</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>Dade City 48</p>	<p>17</p> <p>HCSC Social Bushnell-Hernando 30 Springs 378</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Masters & Wardens Brotherhood 375 Memorial Lodge - Brotherhood 6 PM</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Trilby 141</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> 
<p>22</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>Citrus 118 POW 146</p>	<p>24</p> <p>LAP Day Crackers - Crystal River Honoring Widows</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Siloam 399</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Open Books Spaghetti - Ridge 5 PM</p>
<p>29</p> 	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>				<p>Apr 2020</p>

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