

TRESTLE-BOARD



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From the EAST



W.:M.: Slim

We are still unaware of how long the State of Florida will be closed/shut down/in limbo or just plain stopped, but we will be ready when the flood gates open.

We have an EA, Anthony Votta, who is chomping at the bit to get on with the degrees, a MM, Dave Boylan, who is ready to give back his lesson and collect his apron and we have a storage room that is large enough to house all the "stuff" I have in my garage and then some. We will have to install shelves, so if anyone has the skill to make/install shelves, PLEASE let me know as I'm not much of a carpenter.

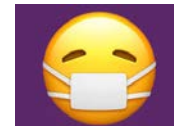
I have not heard of anyone in Dist. 14 that has contracted the virus. This is indeed news of importance, as we wish all to stay safe and healthy.

If anyone is in need of assistance, please let me or Buzz know and we will do whatever is necessary to alleviate the need. We must all stick together, work through this and come out on the other side bigger, better and stronger. God Bless You All.

R.:W.: Robert "Slim" Owen 33°

People who laugh a lot are healthier than those who don't.

So if you are not feeling well, just take a good look in the mirror and that is sure to get you started on the road to recovery, especially the first thing in the morning.



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, as we continue to self-quarantine ourselves in the midst of this global pandemic, anxiously awaiting some sign that this will all be over with, we have to ask ourselves, can we ever get back to normal again?

Challenges for the True Mason

I will do more than belong
I will participate.
I will do more than care
I will help.
I will do more than believe
I will practice.
I will do more than be fair
I will be kind.
I will do more than forgive
I will forget.
I will do more than dream
I will work.
I will do more than teach
I will inspire.
I will do more than earn
I will enrich.
I will do more than give
I will serve.
I will do more than live
I will grow.
I will do more than be friendly
I will be a friend,
I will do more than be a citizen
I will be a patriot,

S.:W.: Dave Murray



Happy Birthday To:



Scott Baatz	May 1
Wes Stanton	May 1
Phil Teresi	May 6
Malcolm Course	May 10
Tom Kellogg	May 16
Buzz Bernard	May 21

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



**If we have LAP Day
May 26
It will be at
Cheddars
In
Spring Hill**

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Part II of II.

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.

We are taught that this temple, to withstand the attack of forces which would destroy it, must be formed of stones which are true, sound and perfect. These stones represent our lives, perfect lives, which alone can complete a perfect spiritual temple. King Solomon's Temple was a perfect material temple, but it was destroyed. So also, may the spiritual temple, which we plan to erect be destroyed, by the use of untempered mortar. But we know if it is erected in accordance with the plans laid down by the Great Architect, it shall never crumble nor decay, but will become our everlasting temple of future life. We are taught we must have respect for education, for the arts and sciences; that we shall be regarded for our labor, not necessarily with the legendary "corn, wine and oil", but in that satisfaction which comes with a service well performed. Finally, we are taught how to die. We are taught to look on death as a natural act, a climax to the present life, and not to be feared any more than one fears birth. THERE IS NO DEATH.

To close by Brethren, you have made my duties very light and I again request should you know of a Brother or family member ill, in the hospital or just could use a note of good cheer, PLEASE contact me at e-mail: awalls37@gmail.com or leave a message on my home phone 352-637-0044.

Alan Walls, Chaplain (pro temp)
Sincerely and fraternally

Alan Walls, Chaplain (pro-temp)

From the South



**Hello Brethren,
We don't know yet when our next Lodge meeting will be, but the menu will be, Beef Stew, Rolls, Salad and of course Desert.**

Our next LAP day tentatively will be the 4th Tuesday in May, and will be held at Cheddars in Spring Hill.

**Everything now is tentative.
Grand Lodge will inform when we can resume our lodge meetings.
Until we meet again, stay safe, and take precautions.
GOD bless all of you.**

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

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To: All Members of the Particular Lodges of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Florida

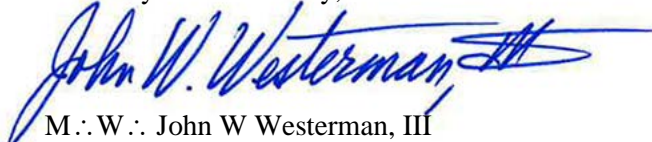
Good Afternoon My Brothers:

I am quite certain all of you are wondering about our upcoming Annual Grand Communication. The Grand Master has a multitude of responsibilities; however, in my opinion none of those responsibilities should ever surpass his duty to the well-being and protection of the Craft. After careful consideration and consultation with our Grand Lodge Leadership Team I can tell you we are of like mind. I believe conducting our Annual Grand Communication at a central location as we have done in the past would incur significant risk thereby compromising the health and well-being of many in attendance. Therefore, I am informing all that for the first time since World War II in 1945 I am **canceling our 191st Annual Grand Communication**. I should be direct and let all know that all the Grand Lodge Officers are aware of my decision and concur. An Executive Order in conjunction with this letter concerning the 191st Annual Grand Communication is forthcoming. Our partnership with the Rosen Plaza Hotel and its staff as always has been exceptional. They understand the risks involved and once again have been great to work with. There will be no cost incurred by our Grand Lodge from the hotel as a result of this decision.

The Delegates from each Lodge as well as other eligible voters will be receiving further communications from the Office of the Grand Secretary regarding how we will ensure that all individuals entitled to vote will have the opportunity via an electronic means. Additionally, a paper ballot will be provided for those unable to vote electronically. Specifically, the voters will ballot on our Grand Lodge Officers along with procedural reports associated with the election and approve the 2020-2021 Proposed Budget these Officers will operate under in the coming year. We will postpone the consideration of the Proposed Legislation and other pertinent items until after we are able to return to the Lodges. Once we can gather again there will be a mechanism by which the Craft will be able to review the Legislation and pose questions before voting with a paper ballot. Again, you will be hearing from the Grand Secretary with further details about these arrangements in the future when our next Grand Master believes it is appropriate.

Please know it has been an incredible honor and privilege to serve you this year. I hope you will continue to strengthen all our Lodges utilizing our EachOneReachOne Program. Remember our current circumstances with COVID-19 is only temporary and will pass. The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida WILL SURVIVE AND THRIVE long after this pandemic disappears. You are the difference makers. Thank you for the many kindnesses you have extended myself and Sudy. Your support has been unsurpassed. Stay safe and I will look forward to seeing you whenever the next opportunity arises.

Sincerely and fraternally,



M.:W.: John W Westerman, III
Grand Master

