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From the East



October all ready!

In some parts of the country the leaves are turning brilliant colors, turning the countryside into a veritable “Coat of many Colors.”

Speaking of which, it reminds us that we can, by due diligence, improve our lot in life.

Example: Brother Tony Votta was just raised a Master Mason at Brotherhood Lodge on September 22. It was a nice Degree and we wish to thank Brotherhood for allowing us to participate in it.

Photo on our website.

Remember to mark your calendar for the Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, October 3rd at 5 PM. This is one of our annual fundraisers to help support our three charities.

Bring your families and friends and make it an enjoyable outing for the whole family.

R.:W.: Robert “Slim” Owen

Sign of the Times

At this reading, it is final - Floral City Lodge No. 133 is no more. The move to Springs Lodge No. 378 has been completed.

It seems to be a sign of the times as other Lodges in Florida have gone the same route.

We must do what it takes to survive and in order to accomplish that, we need positive leadership. Just being a “Good ole boy” will no longer suffice.

We must take a good, hard look at those who are applying for the elected positions and elect the best, most qualified and hopefully “new blood” with better ideas to send us off into the future, better than we are today.

Past Masters

W.: Chris Edney.....	2019
W.: Ben Edney.....	2018
R.:W.: Robert “Slim” Owen.....	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.....	2012
R.:W.: Robert “Slim” Owen.....	2011
W.: Chuck Taylor.....	2010
R.:W.: R.:W.: John “Lucky” Lee.....	2009
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W.: Henry Oppenborn 33°.....	2007
R.:W.: R.:W.: John “Lucky” Lee.....	2006
W.: Robert “Buzz” Bernard.....	2005
W.: Charley Rhodes.....	2004
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W.: James McIntosh.....	2002
R.:W.: John “Lucky” Lee.....	2001
R.:W.: Robert “Slim” Owen.....	2000
R.:W.: Paul Miller.....	1999
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From the West



Although the West, as one of the four Cardinal Points, holds an honorable position as the station of the Senior Warden, and of the pillar of Strength that supports the Lodge, yet, being the place of the sun's setting and opposed to the East, the recognized place of light, it, in Masonic symbolism, represents the place of darkness and ignorance.

The old tradition, that in primeval times all human wisdom was confined to the eastern part of the world, and that those who had wandered toward the West were obliged to return to the East in search of the knowledge of their ancestors, is not confined to Freemasonry.

Creuzer (Symbolic) speaks of an ancient and highly instructed Body of Priests in the East, from whom all knowledge, under the veil of symbols, was communicated to the Greeks and other unenlightened nations of the West.

And in the Legend of the Craft, contained in the old Masonic Constitutions, there is always a reference to the emigration of the Freemasons from Egypt eastward to the "land of behest," or Jerusalem. Hence, in the modern symbolism of Speculative Freemasonry, it is said that the Freemason during his advancement is Traveling from the West to the East in search of light.

S.:W.: Dave Murray

LAP Day For October 27 Red Lobster Spring Hill

Charities we support
Masonic Home
Shriners Hospitals
BSA Troop 443



Boosters

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



From the South



Hello Brethren,
Our Lap Day for September was held at Thousands Island café, very small turnout but it was enjoyed by all.

Menu for October, Salad, Pizza, deserts, and drinks, and as always breakfast munchies to tide you over until lunch. Cost for lunch will be \$5.00. PLEASE support your lodge. GOD bless all of you, and Stay Safe.

Brethren, we do have a full slate of elective officers and several of the appointive ones, so if you are interested in serving as an officer, please let the secretary know ASAP, and thank you for your dedication

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 Steward..... Bro. John Cassell
Junkior StewardBro. Dave Boylan

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



The office of Chaplain was instituted in the early years of English Speculative Masonry. The English term "Chaplain" refers to a priest, minister or other clergy officiating in a private chapel. It is this office which is charged with the offering of holy prayer. It was adopted when men of great intellectual curiosity--authors, musical composers, architects, philosophers, churchmen, men of the aristocracy, from both royalty and the nobility--were streaming into the vast pool of enlightened men who had been attracted to this peculiar and unique organization which they learned had been founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue. In Masonry were men, congregated together, who were devoted to the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God, and engaged in the search for truth, the relief of the indigent, and the protection of virtue.

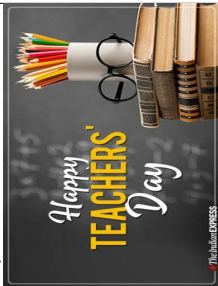
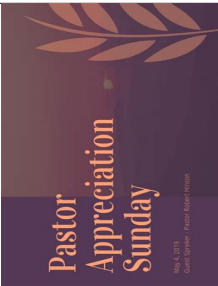


Masonry is not a religion. Masonry is not a religious order or religious organization of any kind. Masonry is not meant to replace religion in a man's life. Be that as it may, however, prayer is an essential part of the form, substance and content of Masonic assemblies and meetings. Men in the Masonic Order denied the right of dictation by any church and were conscious of the tendency to persecution by governments under whose protection they resided. In this vein, they initiated the prohibition of religion and politics as discussion topics within the Lodge. This prohibition is jealously guarded to this day. Masonry, nevertheless, is so far interwoven with religion as to lay men under obligation to pay that rational homage to the deity which at once constitutes their duty and their happiness. It leads the contemplative to view with reverence and admiration the glorious works of creation and impresses them with the most exalted ideas of the perfection of the Creator.

Please remember our police officers and all military personnel in your prayers.

R.:W.: Alan Walls Chaplain

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