

# TRESTLE-BOARD



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## From the East



“Let a smile be your umbrella on a rainy, rainy day.”

Great thought for the day and it was a great song for it's day

All of us need a bit of cheering-up these days, so remember to say a few kind words to all you meet and it just might start a trend.

Remember that “Dues” keeps us afloat so if you haven't made the financial commitment, please do.

Masters & Wardens will be held on September 16, 2020 and we are to provide the meal. The Memorial Lodge will meet before the M&W, same place. All Masons are invited to both meetings. POW has been the dominate Lodge at M&W, taking home the Gavel almost every meeting. A while ago, it was Zephyr Lodge, winning the gavel for several years in a row, then Ridge and now POW.



## MLT 1-5: Dade City 9/5; POW 9/12; Brotherhood 9/19

This is part of the qualifications for the three main elected officers. Those who are coming up through the ranks ought to check with your Lodge Secretary to see if you are in compliance with this requirement

Many thanks to Bro, Lanham for spending his Saturdays for the District during September, October and November.

R.:W.: Robert “Slim” Owen

## 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
R.:W.: R.:W.: John “Lucky” Lee.....	2008
W.: Henry Oppenborn 33° .....	2007
R.:W.: 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 .....	2000
R.:W.: Paul Miller .....	1999
R.:W.: Paul Miller .....	1998

## From the West



A very old and wizened gentleman arrives on the night of the Lodge's monthly meeting and asks to become a Fellowcraft. When advised that he would have to become an Entered Apprentice first, the old man nods "I was entered as an apprentice in this Lodge 86 years ago." He gives the date and the records are examined. Indeed it shows that the man had been initiated into the Craft 86 years earlier but had never set foot in the lodge since. When asked why he had not been there in 86 years, the old man smiled and said "I've been learning to subdue my passions!"

**S.:W.: Dave Murray**



If at all possible, we will have our thrice postponed Spaghetti Supper on October 3. We will start serving at 5 PM.

Advance Donations: \$8.00

At the door: \$10.00

See any officer for tickets.

We will have To-Go Boxes for those who wish to eat at home.

**LAP Day  
For  
September 22  
Crackers  
Crystal River**

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,  
We were disappointed at the turnout for Lap Day at Thousand Island café. Besides Sherry and myself there were only two more, the food and company were excellent.

If Lap Day is something you want PLEASE let me know. Brethern I work for you as your Jr. Warden, if you don't want Lap Day I can utilize my time elsewhere. Please e-mail, or text me if LAP Day is something you want.

Menu for September, as requested will be Beef Stew, Salad, Rolls, and deserts. As always take out for \$5.00 will be available.

GOD bless all of you, and Stay Safe.

**J.:W.: Wor. Richard Whitford**

### Officers 2020

Wor. Master..... R.:W.: Robert Owen  
Senior Warden.....Bro. Deve 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  
Junkior Steward..... Bro. Dave Boylan  
Tyler ..... Bro. Ken Rowe

## THE CHAPLAIN'S COI

### Why are Masonic rituals not the same in all States?

Freemasonry came to the United States from several different sources (England, Ireland, Scotland) and its spread westward formed Grand Lodges from lodges which sprang from the thirteen original colonies. These admixtures of rituals produced variations which were occasionally increased by actions of Grand Lodges acting on recommendations of Grand Lecturers and Ritual Committees. In the early days of Freemasonry in the United States many "travelling lecturers" brought their own conceptions of "the true Masonic Work" to far areas and taught these. All rituals are "correct." What a Grand Lodge approves as its ritual is "correct" for its Lodges. No rituals in the United States contradict each other; they vary in words and details, not in essentials.

Sitting home from COAVID – 19 and in need of some Masonic education, I want to remind you about the Podcasts sponsored by the MSA. Anyone, a Mason or not, can access all of these episodes at [www.shorttalkbulletins.com](http://www.shorttalkbulletins.com). Many brothers share these Podcast episodes in Lodge, with Masons and non-Masons, or as content to consume in the car on the commute. Still unsure how to proceed? Most smart devices have an assistant, to which one might say, "Siri (or Alexa or Hey Google) find the Short Talk bulletin Podcast. "You will be listening in moments.

Brethren, I have sent out cards of sympathy, get well and thinking of you, so keep the information coming about any Brother or family members who may need a note of good cheer. You can contact the Chaplain at [awalls37@mail.com](mailto:awalls37@mail.com) or phone ( leave a message) 352-637-0044.

Stay well! And see you when we meet again.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Alan Walls, Chaplain (pro-tem)

PS – PLEASE remember to say a prayer for our military and 1<sup>st</sup> responders, and especially the members of our Law enforcement.

**R.:W.: Alan Walls Chaplain**

# September 2020

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

Aug 2020

Oct 2020

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