

THE TRESTLE-BOARD

Ridge Masonic Lodge No. 398

December 2021



From the EAST

Brothers,

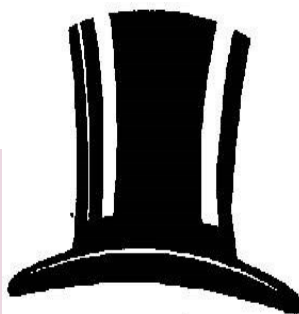
I'd like to say how much of an honor it's been to sit in the East this year. Thanks to all of our officers and all visiting members that were able to attend and also fill in when it was needed.

Safe and Happy Holidays to all!

W.: Dave Murray Worshipful Master

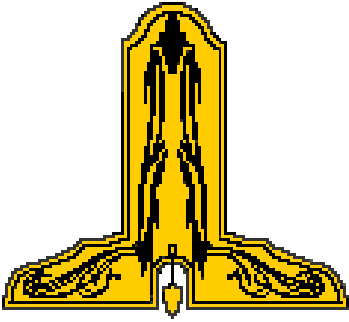
Officers 2021

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



Past Masters

R.:W.: Robert "Slim" Owen.....2020
W.: Chris Edney.....2019
W.: Ben Edney*.....2018
R.:W.: Robert "Slim" Owen.....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.....2012
R.:W.: Robert "Slim" Owen.....2011
W.: Charles "Chuckand" Taylor...2010
R.:W.: John "Lucky" Lee.....2009
R.:W.: John "Lucky" Lee.....2008
W.: Henry Oppenborn, Jr.*.....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.....2000



From the WEST

Here's the 'secret' to the motto, 'We make good men better.' It's not true, and it's not a lie.

"We", as Masons, do not make *anyone* better. Like the bald kid in The Matrix said about bending a spoon, that is impossible. We can desire to make a man better, yet all we can do is guide the individual into making *themselves* better. If they do not earnestly desire and strive to be better, as good as they may be when they approach the portals, Masonry can do nothing for them.

It is up to the brethren of the lodge to provide tools for personal improvement. If the tools a Mason are used incorrectly, or left to rust in the rain, there is little recourse for his brethren except to offer words of council and correction. His brothers may fail to do so, or fail to recognize that need. It is up to the 'good man' to point out what his issues may be, and what aid he may need in correcting his ship's course.

It's difficult, yet even with the best advice and resources, it is ultimately up to the individual who needs to use the compass to set his life aright. A brother seeing another struggling, advice and aid should always be available. If they are acting outside of the tenets of Freemasonry, such an extreme condition can bring censure or Masonic trial depending on the situation.

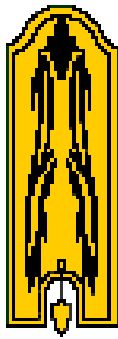
In summation, the individual 'good man' is the one, and the only one, who makes themselves a better man. All we can do, as his brethren, is serve as a lighthouse and a compass in stormy seas. In our guidance, we do make good men better. Yet it is not within our abilities nor is it our responsibility to FORCE him to be better. It is up to the individual. No badges, rings, hats, aprons, nor anything else makes a man better. Indeed, none of that makes a man a Mason. A Mason is a Mason in his heart and no where else.

Looking forward to seeing you at our December meeting!

W.: Richard R. Whitford

Senior Warden

From the South



Brothers All,

Holidays are upon us, and a new year will arrive soon. We hope to see some relief from the Covid impact, bringing many of you back to Florida and back to Lodge!

LAP day will be at Ruby Tuesdays in Spring Hill on Cortez Blvd.

Safe travels to those making their way south... good health and Merry Christmas to all!

Fraternally

RH :. Peter Carter

LAP DAY

Will be at **RUBY TUESDAY** in Spring Hill **DEC 28th 11:30am**

2021 TB Boosters

Fred Basehore

Buzz Bernard

Peter Carter

Ray Devaul

Tom Kellogg

Hank McInturff

Dave Murray Jr.

Slim Owen

Pete Raymond

John Ross

Jesse Renfroe Jr.

Richard Whitford

The Chaplain's Corner

Brothers, should you know of a Brother or family member ill, in the hospital or may just need a note of good cheer please leave a phone message for R.:W.:Alan Walls 352-637-5178 or e-mail: awalls37@gmail.com or myself 352-257-9495 / davemurray70@gmail.com

DECEMBER 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 2 3 4

TRILBY 141 6:30p

5 6 7 8 9 10 11
 DADE CITY 48 7:30p BUSHNELL- OFFICER'S MEET- BROTHERHOOD
 HERNANDO 30 7p ING 9:30a 375
 7p

12 13 14 15 16 17 18

RIDGE 398
10:30a

CITRUS 118
 7:30p

19 20 21 22 23 24 25

DADE CITY 48 SPRINGS 378
 7:30p 7:30p

MERRY
CHRISTMAS
ALL!!!

26 27 28 29 30 31
 CITRUS 118
 7:30p
NEW YEAR'S
EVE 2022!!!