

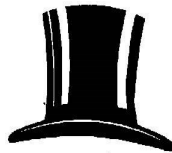
THE TRESTLE-BOARD

Ridge Masonic Lodge No.398

February 6022



From the EAST



Hello Brethren,

First, let me thank you all for the supporting Ridge Lodge, and for electing me as your Worshipful Master. I will do everything in my power never to let you down.

Our January meeting had a good turn out from what I hear. Sister Sherry and I were traveling, and I'm afraid that I will also miss the February meeting. I will be having major surgery on my back, but when I'm able I WILL fulfill my responsibilities, and obligations as your Worshipful Master. I thank you for your patience, understanding and prayers.

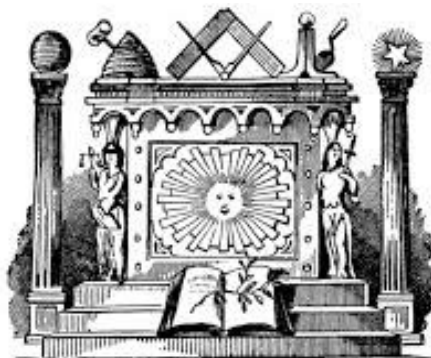
I'm looking for the Lodge to have an excellent year, and to increase our membership. Please talk to Masons who are looking for a new Lodge, and potential new members. That's all it takes.

I know that Covid, and Omicron has affected us all. Please take necessary precautions.

On behalf of Sister Sherry, and Myself we hope you had a wonderful new year, and will continue to have a year that will be prosperous, happy, healthy, and safe .

Remember: We need to work together to improve Membership.

W.: M.: W.: Richard Whitford



Past Masters

- W.: Dave Murray, Jr..... 2021
- 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

From the WEST



Brothers All,

This year started off with a great meeting, thanks to all who sat in a chair and helped out!

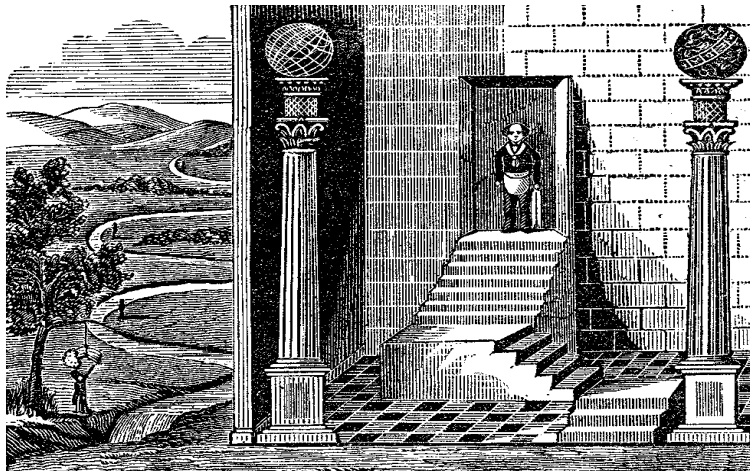
We paid our bills, and approved sending money to our charities. We need to do some fund raising this year, Brothers. Look out for announcements on upcoming events or other activities. We must keep "THE Best Daylight Lodge East of the Mississippi" afloat, and able to contribute to those in need when appropriate. Remember to pay your dues!

1) Charity (virtue) In theology is by Thomas Aquinas, understood as "the friendship of man for God", which "unites us to God". He holds it as "the most excellent of the virtues. Further, Aquinas holds that "the habit of charity extends not only to the love of God, but also to the love of our neighbor". Charity is held to be the ultimate perfection of the human spirit, because it is said to both glorify and reflect the nature of God. Confusion can arise from the multiple meanings of the English word "love". The love that is caritas (charity) is distinguished by its origin, being divinely infused into the soul, and by its residing in the will rather than emotions, regardless of what emotions it stirs up. According to Aquinas, charity is an absolute requirement for happiness, which he holds as man's last goal.

2) Charity (practice) The practice of charity means the voluntary giving of help to those in need. Charity is the humanitarian act of temporal principle.

Fraternally,

RH Peter Carter



From the SOUTH



LAP DAY

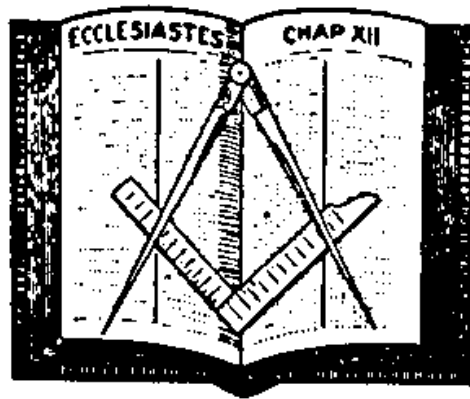
Will be at the **GLORY DAYS GRILL** in Brooksville **FEB 22nd**



Treasurer's Report

Brethren, if you have not yet paid your 2022 dues, will you please mail your check in the amount of \$78.30 TODAY. Prompt payment of your dues is the financial lifeblood of our Masonic lodge and allows us to pay our bills in a timely manner, most of which occur early in the year. If you have already paid your 2022 dues thank you very much; if not will you please make your check payable to Ridge Masonic Lodge, No. 398 and mail it today to: Robert A. Bernard, Secretary, 61 E. Ireland Court, Hernando, FL 34442-8348. If you would also like to help support our monthly Trestle Board, please include an additional \$10 in your dues payment and your name will be listed in it as a Trestle Board Booster. If you have any question as to the status of your 2022 Dues, please telephone our Secretary at 352-628-0668.

Thank you all for your continued support this year and I hope to see you soon at one of our next Lodge meetings. Tom Kellogg, Treasurer



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 352-637-0044 or e-mail: awalls37@gmail.com or myself 352-257-9495 / davemurray70@gmail.com



Happy Birthday George, February 22nd !!!



1782 — August 10

Having received a letter with an embroidered silk Masonic apron and sash from Elkanah Watson (an American) and Francis Corentin Cossoul (a Frenchman) two commercial agents in Nantes, France, Washington send his reply thank you note. It is generally accepted that Washington wore this apron at the 1793 U.S. Capitol cornerstone ceremony. In 1812, Lawrence Lewis, Washington's nephew, gave it to Alexandria-Washington Lodge № 22, Alexandria, Virginia. The apron remains in the lodge's vault within the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.



