

# THE TRESTLE-BOARD

Ridge Masonic Lodge No.398

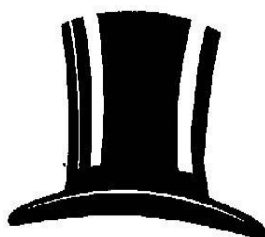
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## From the EAST



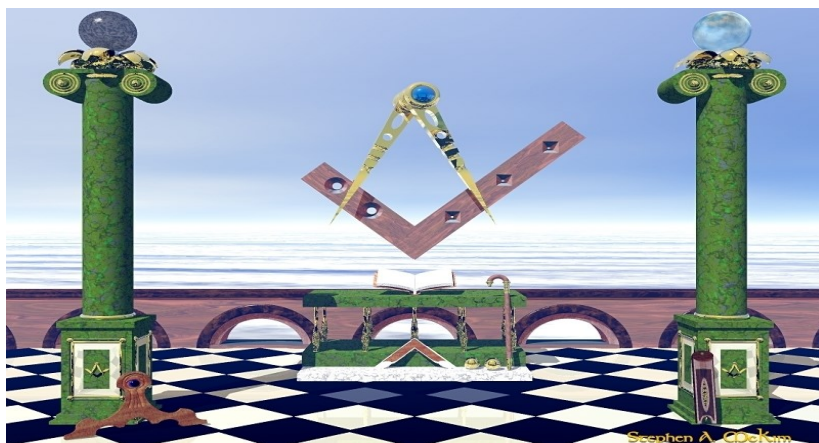
Brothers,

As you no doubt know I am still in the hospital. I went through an extensive 10 hour surgery and it looks like I will be here for approximately 2 more weeks. I thank Brother Peter Carter for covering for me and everyone else for stepping up. Continue to keep our Lodge strong! Talk to potential Masons or those who are here from other states or counties.

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
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- 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

The following is a short excerpt from a collection of articles I read recently on the Masonic Services of North America website ([www.msana.com](http://www.msana.com)). A little more about Freemasonry and Charity.

'The doctrines of Freemasonry are the most beautiful that it is possible to imagine. They breath the simplicity of the earliest ages, animated by the love of a martyred God. That word which the Puritans translated "Charity," but which is truly "Love," is the keystone which supports the entire edifice of this mystic science. Love one another, teach one another, help one another. That is all our doctrine, all our science, all our law. We have no narrow-minded prejudices; we do not debar from our society this sect or that sect; it is sufficient for us that a man worships God, no matter under what name or in what manner.

Ah! Rail against us, bigoted and ignorant men, if you will. Those who listen to the truths which Freemasonry inculcates can readily forgive you. It is impossible to be a good Freemason without being a good man.

To be kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly love; to relieve the necessities of the needy; and be generous, liberal and hospitable; to return to no man evil for evil; to rejoice at the good fortune of others, and sympathize with them in their sorrows and reverses; to live peaceably with all men, and repay injuries with benefits and kindness; these are the sublime dictates of the Moral Law, taught from the infancy of the world by Freemasonry.

Let me be a little kinder;  
Let me be a little blinder To the faults of those about me;  
Let me praise a little more.  
Let me be, when I am weary, Just a little bit more cheery;  
Let me serve a little better Those that I am striving for.  
Let me be a little braver When temptation bids me waver;  
Let me strive a little harder To be all that I should be.  
Let me be a little meeker With a brother who is weaker;  
Let me think more of my neighbor, And a little less of me.'

- Source: Short Talk Bulletin - Feb. 1925

See you at our next stated communication!

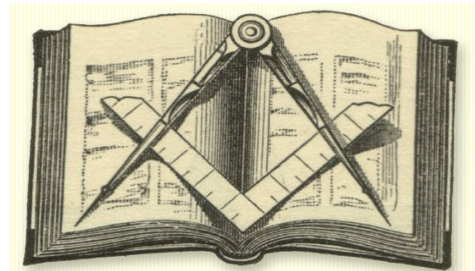
RH Peter Carter



## From the SOUTH

# LAP DAY

Will be at the **FLORIDA CRACKER KITCHEN** in Old Homosassa (off Yulee Rd **March 22nd @**



## 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](mailto:awalls37@gmail.com) or myself 352-257-9495 / [davemurray70@gmail.com](mailto:davemurray70@gmail.com)

### OFFICERS FOR 6022

Worshipful Master ...RICHARD WHITFORD  
Senior Warden ... PETER CARTER  
Junior Warden ... JESSE RENFROE  
Treasurer ... TOM KELLOGG  
Secretary ... ROBERT "BUZZ"  
BERNARD  
Marshal ... JOHN ROSS

### BOOSTERS 6022

Fred Basehore  
Robert "Buzz" Bernard  
David Boylan  
John Cassell  
Tom Kellogg  
Art Lent  
Dave Murray, Jr.  
Lou Oliver  
Jesse Renfroe  
John Ross



## George started it!

During the Continental Army's 1779-1780 winter encampment in Morristown, New Jersey, well known [Master Mason](#) General George Washington granted a single holiday to his troops – Saint Patrick's Day.

*So in an effort to give his men a badly needed break, to recognize the heritage of many of his soldiers and to express solidarity with the "brave and generous" people of Ireland, Washington issued general orders on March 16, 1780, proclaiming St. Patrick's Day a holiday for his troops. It was the first day of rest for the Continental Army in more than a year. "The General directs that all fatigue and working parties cease for to-morrow the SEVENTEENTH instant," read the orders, "a day held in particular regard by the people of [Ireland]."*

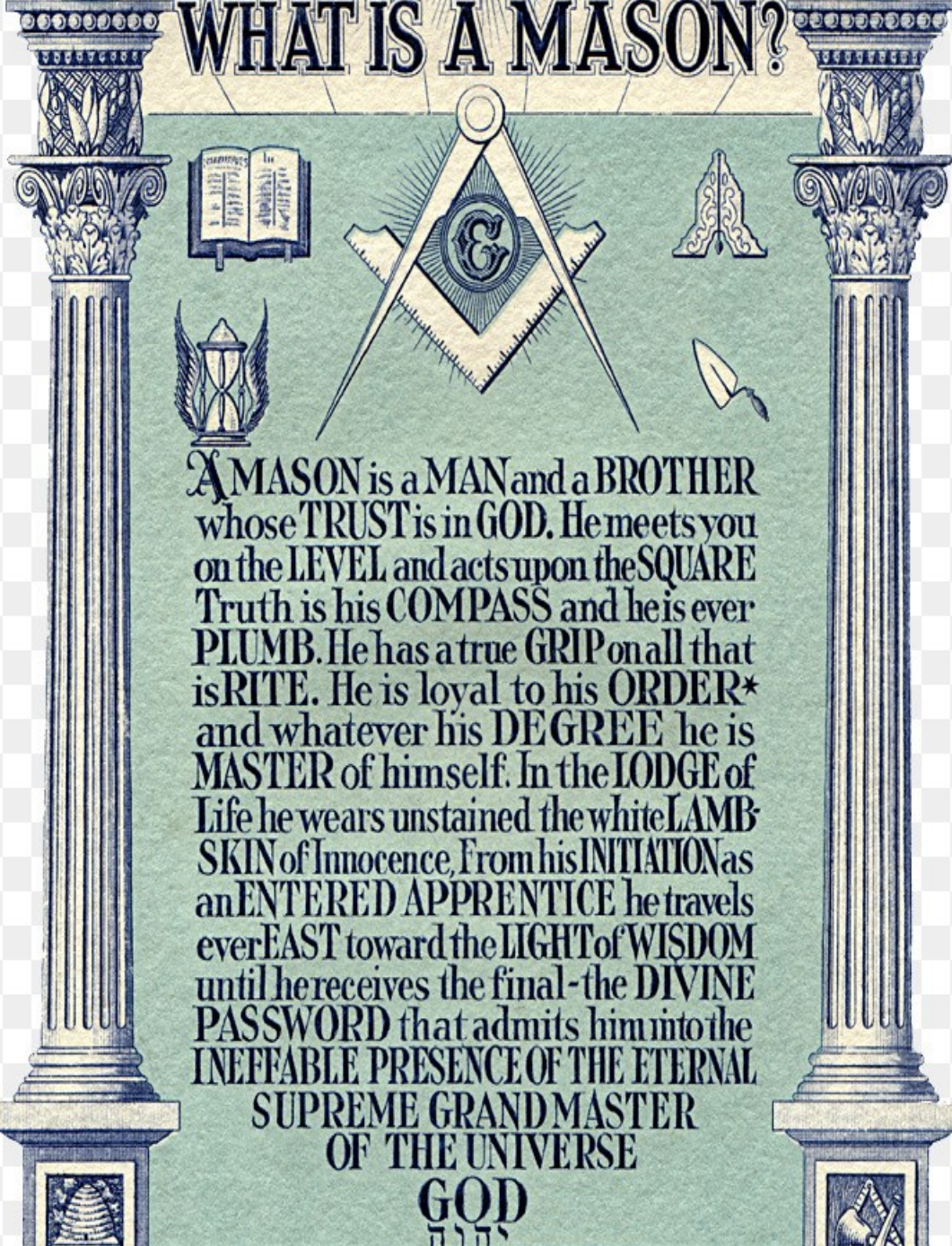
HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY







# WHAT IS A MASON?



A MASON is a MAN and a BROTHER whose TRUST is in GOD. He meets you on the LEVEL and acts upon the SQUARE. Truth is his COMPASS and he is ever PLUMB. He has a true GRIP on all that is RITE. He is loyal to his ORDER\* and whatever his DEGREE he is MASTER of himself. In the LODGE of Life he wears unstained the white LAMB SKIN of Innocence, From his INITIATION as an ENTERED APPRENTICE he travels ever EAST toward the LIGHT of WISDOM until he receives the final - the DIVINE PASSWORD that admits him into the INEFFABLE PRESENCE OF THE ETERNAL SUPREME GRANDMASTER OF THE UNIVERSE

GOD