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**Upcoming Events & Meetings**

- September 1 Gainesville Nomads at Gainesville Shrine Club meal 6:30 pm
- September 2 R.T. Schafer Lodge 6:30 pm meal, 7:30 pm Stated  
Micanopy Lodge meal 7 pm, 8 pm Stated Communications
- September 4 Junior Grand Warden's Homecoming Jacksonville Scottish Rite  
Building 5:30 pm registration, dinner 6:30 pm
- September 6 Brown Lodge 8 pm Stated Communications  
Ocala Valley Scottish Rite Meeting (reservations required for meal)
- September 7 Waldo Lodge 7:30 pm Stated Communications
- September 8 Gainesville Lodge 7 pm meal, 8 pm Stated Communications
- September 11 District 6 Meeting 5 pm registration
- September 13 Archer Lodge 6:30 pm meal, 7:30 pm Stated Communications  
Ira Carter Lodge 8 pm Stated Communications
- September 14 W.T. Carlton Lodge 6pm meal, 7 pm Stated Communications  
High Spring Lodge 6:30 pm meal, 7:30 pm Stated  
I.N. McNatt Lodge 8 pm Stated Communications
- September 16 R.T. Schafer Lodge 6:30 pm meal, 7:30 pm Stated  
Micanopy Lodge Family Night meal 7 pm, 8 pm Stated
- September 17 Gainesville Shrine Club 6 pm social, 7 pm dinner, meeting to follow (all visitors welcome)  
Brown Lodge 8 pm Stated Communications
- September 20 Waldo Lodge 7:30 pm Stated Communications
- September 21 Gainesville Lodge 7 pm meal, 8 pm Stated Communications
- September 22 Memorial Lodge No. 14 6:30 pm, dinner 7 pm; 14th Masonic District Association Meeting at W.T. Carlton Lodge 7:30 pm
- September 23 Alachua County Scottish Rite Club dinner 7 pm, meeting follows (all visitors welcome)
- September 24 Archer Lodge 6:30 pm meal, 7:30 pm Stated Communications  
Ira Carter Lodge 8 pm Stated Communications
- September 27 W.T. Carlton Lodge 6pm meal, 7 pm Stated Communications  
High Spring Lodge 6:30 pm meal, 7:30 pm Stated  
I.N. McNatt Lodge 8 pm Stated Communications
- September 28 District Instruction Gainesville Lodge 7 pm
- September 29

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**Trestleboard**



**Gainesville Lodge No. 41  
 F. & A. M.**

**Chartered January 15, 1857**

**Stated Communications**

**2nd & 4th Wednesdays - 8:00 PM**

# Trestle Board for Gainesville Lodge #41

## From the East

Now here's a story to ponder.

In April 1860, during the second of his heroic attempts to cross Australia from south to north, John McDouall Stuart reached the almost waterless center of the continent, roughly halfway between the present sites of Daly Waters and Alice Springs, near the present-day town of Wauchope. A thousand miles from anywhere, the spot was the very "climax of desolation," as Stuart's fellow explorer Ernest Giles once nicely put it, and Stuart and his men went through hell to get there. They were sick and ragged and half starved, and it had taken months, but at least they had the satisfaction of knowing that they had become the first outsiders to penetrate the brutal heart of the continent.

So you may imagine Stuart's surprise when, in the middle of this baking nowhere, he and his party encountered three Aboriginal men who greeted them by making a secret sign of the masons. Stuart didn't say in his journal what the sign was (although we can certainly take an educated guess), but it was clear from his amazed description that it was unlikely to have been coincidental. Then a few days later Stuart and his men found horse tracks following a natural course across the plains. Finally, some distance farther on, the explorers were setting up camp for the night when some people from the Warramunga tribe approached. One of Stuart's party, a young man named W. P. Auld, was sitting with his boots off rubbing his aching feet when one of the Warramunga men knelt before him. While Auld watched bemusedly, the man replaced the boots on Auld's feet and carefully but deftly tied the laces for him, then sat back with a big pleased smile. It was painfully evident to Stuart that he and his men were not in fact the first white people to reach the empty center of the country. So who preceded them? No one has ever had the faintest idea, although we can come to the conclusion that at least one of them, like Stuart, was a mason. Such is the thoroughly ancient and universal scope of our fraternity.

In an effort to increase the scope of our fraternity locally, we'll be initiating two Entered Apprentices August 25, and raising a "compressed time class" of five on Saturday, August 28. A second compressed time class will follow soon, either September 18 or October 16. If it's been a while since you've been to lodge, take the opportunity to come see the fine work our degree teams do, and encourage and mentor our newest Master Masons.

Fraternally,  
Pete Shipley, Worshipful Master

## From the West

Brothers,

The year is over half way over and it has been awesome. I am enjoying supporting our WM Pete Shipley in his year. I wanted to enlighten our members with some on going issues with the lodge.

We are working with W.W. Gay to get the leak in the roof fixed. The lodge has had some "guests" sleeping in and around the lodge at nights. GPD has been contacted to keep a closer eye on the place for us. Our "guests" have seen fit to break a window in the back of the building that we are working to fix. The handicap access to the back steps is an on going project. I ask that if any brother has direct knowledge of handicap systems for handling a wheel chair and person please contact me so we may further this project. We have recently sponsored a successful blood drive at the lodge thanks to the help of Brother Tony Spitaleri.

Degree work is always an essential function of the lodge so we may carry on the tradition of fellowship and brotherly love with new brothers. We do need assistance with degrees coming in the near future. It would be a great gesture to volunteer your time to help your lodge.

Fraternally,  
Kevin Hanson, Senior Warden

## From the South

Brothers,

Let me remind you that we are feeding at every meeting. My brothers we would love to see you at lodge if you are in town. The Ladies of Rowe feed the first wednesday of every month and I provide the meal for the second meeting. The meal is at 7pm with the meeting following afterwards.

Frateranlly,  
Henry Bariteau, Junior Warden

## Masonic Trivia

1.  
Music written by Brother John Stafford Smith (1750-1836) of Inverness Lodge #4 in London was, at one time, used by an Irish Masonic Orphans' Home as their song. Later it became a popular drinking song for many years known as To Anacreon in Heaven. Then, some years later, the music was adopted by Francis Scott Key to which he wrote the words to our National Anthem, The Star Spangled Banner.

2.  
By Ancient custom, the King was always covered while his subjects were never covered in his presence. The American custom of the Master of the Lodge wearing a hat as a symbol of his authority is apparently a result of that ancient custom.



## From the Editor

Is there anything you would like to see covered about Gainesville lodge in the Trestleboard? Please email suggestions to [gainesvillelodge@hotmail.com](mailto:gainesvillelodge@hotmail.com) if you have something you would like to see covered in the Trestleboard.

Fraternally,

Kevin Hanson, Trestleboard Editor

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