

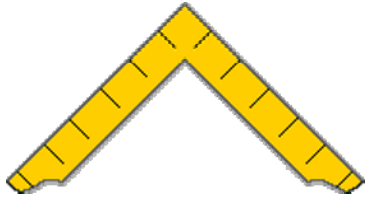
**Zephyr Lodge No. 198
F&AM
Zephyrhills, FL
1911-2013**

**Trestle Board
October - December 2013**



MEETINGS 2ND AND 4TH THURSDAYS 7:30PM DINNER & FELLOWSHIP 6:30PM DONATION STILL ONLY \$5
LODGE IS LOCATED AT CORNER NORTH AVE AND 12TH STREET

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Greetings from the East

Brethren, while we were dark during the summer, much was still accomplished. In July, all the furniture was removed from the Lodge room and cleaned as was the carpet. There were over 25 Lodge brothers and sisters from the OES and the Ladies of the Shrine who showed up to help and as they say, many hands make work light! My thanks go out to all those who helped! The Lodge room looks fantastic!! On August 15th, our Jr. Warden, David Budai with the help of his Lady Carol put on a killer spaghetti dinner for all the brothers who attended the Masonic Leadership Training Program sponsored by Zephyr Lodge. At the conclusion of the program, our Jr. Deacon, Joe Angello was awarded the coveted MLT lapel pin for having completed all 15 courses in the syllabus. And on September 25th, just last week at Trilby Lodge, our Sr. Deacon Marcus Price, our Sr. Steward Ed Davis and our Brother Walter Wethington also completed the 15 course program. My hardy congratulations go out to these great Brothers!! Thanks to our Sr. Deacon Marcus Price, all the windows on the Lodge were cleaned up and re-caulked. Looks great and boy did it need it!! Thank you Marcus!! Finally, we received two petitions for the Three Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry with another three still outstanding. Our Lodge website managed by our Sr. Deacon Marcus Price has been instrumental in recruiting new members so get on-line and check out www.zephyrlodge198.com. And don't forget our Facebook link!!

Our Pig Roast is still on for November 24th and then comes Officer Elections in December. Check out the Calendar of Events further back in this Trestle Board. Looking forward to seeing you in Lodge and don't forget those Zephyr Angels!!! They are still doing their magic and cooking up great meals for all of us!!

Fraternally, Bill Clark



Greetings from the West

MAKING THE GRADE

In the education system, it is always stressed to do your best and strive for that "A". To achieve recognition and success, we are driven to get that grade!

However, in the past few weeks with my daughter breaking her foot, my wife being hospitalized for eight days and caring for my one year old granddaughter and thirteen year old dog, I have realized the importance of seeking the "F's."

Yes, it is Faith, Family and Friends.... A leader is depended upon for decisions, sometimes choosing between the greater of two goods or the lesser of two evils. Leaders have learned the secret: they are not alone. When forced to make tough choices, we should seek the counsel of the One greater than ourselves.

Our times of prayer and reflection signify a spiritual relationship with the Almighty that makes us feel accepted and loved, even when we feel that we have been abandoned. Prayer is not a way out, but a way through.

So in times of adversity, strive for that "F." Rely on the power of your faith, your family and friends.

From the West,
Bob Benner, Sr. Warden



Greetings from the South

Dear Brethren,

Greetings from the South! As we wind up for the second part of the year, let's all get ready for the November Pig Roast by spreading the word a little early. I will be printing the tickets and distributing them as soon as approved. Soon, we will be welcoming our northern Brothers back and look forward to some cooler weather. I'm very excited and look forward to the upcoming events and serving our lodge as we go forward into 2014.

We have grown in numbers now, so let us grow as one Lodge. Please look for upcoming Masonic Leadership classes if you need to attend. And if you do, don't forget to ask around for any other Brother who may want to car pool!

May GOD Bless You All,

Fraternally and by the Plumb,

Dave Budai, Junior Warden

THE BEGINNINGS OF FREEMASONRY IN AMERICA

**BY MELVIN M. JOHNSON
GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN MASSACHUSETTS,
1914, 1915, 1916**

(Edited for Space)



A brief summary of some of the principal events in the introduction of Freemasonry into the western hemisphere may be made as follows:

- 1. Freemasonry was introduced into the Colonies of North America at an unascertained period in the early part of the 18th century.**
- 2. These earliest Lodges were "occasional," meeting "according to the Old Customs." They had no charters or warrants, but met as other Lodges had met prior to the organization of the Grand Lodge system.**
- 3. The first Freemason definitely known to be in the western hemisphere was Governor Jonathan Belcher of Massachusetts Bay Colony, in 1705.**
- 4. The earliest use in America in writing or in print of the word "Freemason" (so far as now known) was in the Boston News Letter for January 5, 1718/1719.**
- 5. The first Lodge meeting in the western hemisphere, the knowledge of which is supported by something more than pure tradition, was probably held in King's Chapel, Boston, in 1720.**
- 6. The first known American newspaper account relating to Freemasonry was published in Boston, May 25, 1727.**
- 7. The first deputation for a Provincial Grand Master in the western hemisphere was that issued June 5, 1730, by the Duke of Norfolk to Daniel Coxe, appointing him Provincial Grand Master for New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania for two years. This deputation, however, was never exercised.**
- 8. The first American newspaper item concerning a Lodge meeting in the western hemisphere (so far as now known) was published in the Philadelphia Gazette for December 8, 1730.**

- 9. The oldest American Lodge account-book known is "Libr B," beginning with June 24, 1731, belonging to a Lodge meeting "according to the Old Customs" - that is to say, without charter or warrant, in Philadelphia.**
- 10. The first known Warrant, Deputation, Commission, or other authority, issuing from the Grand Lodge of England or its Grand Master (or from any other Masonic organization or officer, for that matter) to be exercised in America was April 13, 1733 by virtue of which Henry Price founded a Provincial Grand Lodge in Boston, July 30, 1733.**
- 11. The first regular and duly constituted Lodge in America was the First Lodge in Boston, July 30, 1733.**
- 12. The first Lodge in America to be registered by the Grand Lodge of England in the official list of Lodges was the First Lodge at Boston.**
- 13. The first Masonic officer in the Western World to have jurisdiction over the whole of North America was Henry Price, whose authority was extended broadly in August, 1734.**
- 14. The first Masonic book published in America was Franklin's Reprint (Philadelphia, 1734) of Anderson's Constitutions.**
- 15. The first exercise by any Masonic authority in America of the right to grant provincial Masonic powers was the appointment of Benjamin Franklin as "Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Pennsylvania," February 21, 1734/1735, by Henry Price, "Grand Master of His Majesty's Dominions in North America."**
- 16. Regular authority was granted for the establishment of duly constituted Freemasonry in New England in 1733; in all North America in 1734; in Pennsylvania in 1734; in South America in 1735; in South Carolina, Georgia and New Hampshire in 1735 or 1736; in the West Indies and New York in 1737; in Antigua and Nova Scotia in 1737/1738; in Jamaica and St. Christopher in 1739; in the Barbados in 1739/1740; in Bermuda, 1742; in Newfoundland, 1746; in San Domingo, 1748; and in Rhode Island, 1749.**
- 17. By the close of the first half of the century not less than forty Lodges had sprung from the Provincial Grand Lodge in Boston. Others had been warranted direct from London.**
- 18. The first anti-Masonic movement known on this side of the Atlantic was successfully directed against the Fraternity in Pennsylvania, beginning in 1738.**
- 19. The earliest record book, still preserved, of any Lodge in the western hemisphere is that of the First Lodge in Boston, beginning on December 27, 1738.**
- 20. The existing records of the Masters Lodge in Boston begin with its Constitution, December 22, 1738.**
- 21. The known records of St. John's Lodge of Portsmouth, N.H., begin October 31, 1739.**

- 22. The known records of Tun Tavern Lodge at Philadelphia begin June 28, 1748.**
- 23. The contemporaneous records of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Boston begin April 15, 1750, and Massachusetts has Grand Lodge records continuously from that date to today, being the oldest Grand Lodge records known in the western hemisphere.**
- 24. The first procession of a Masonic Lodge in public in America, now known, was that of the Lodge at Charleston, South Carolina, on May 26, 1737.**
- 25. The first public procession in America definitely known to be in regalia was that in Boston, June 24, 1737.**
- 26. The first time that a Lodge in America is known to have attended church in due form was in Barbados, June 24, 1740.**
- 27. The first record of the construction of a Masonic hall in the western hemisphere is dated April 4, 1741, and concerns the Lodge room of "The Great Lodge at St. John's in Antigua."**
- 28. The earliest copy now extant of a sermon delivered to the Fraternity is that of the Rev. Bro. Brockwell at Christ Church, Boston, preached at the festival of St. John the Evangelist in 1749.**
- 29. The Freemasonry in America of the period dealt with is that emanating from the Grand Lodge of England, organized in 1717, known as "Moderns." Just as this period closes, the Grand Lodge known as the "Antients" began to exercise its influence in America.**
- 30. The leading men of the Colonies in mercantile, military and civil life were in these early days members of the Fraternity. Illustrations of this have appeared in various publications.**

Since then, we have learned how the seeds were sown in America for the birth and growth of Freemasonry. Its influence upon the establishment and development of the institutions of the United States powerfully appear in the last half of the 18th century. A study of the tremendous influence which Freemasonry had in the pre-Revolutionary days, in the years of that war, and throughout the formative period of American institutions, demonstrate that Freemasonry has exercised a greater influence upon the establishment and development of the American civilization and the fundamentals of our Government than any other single institution.

Historians in general, since the days of the first Constitutional Convention have never realized how much the United States of America owes to Freemasonry, and how great a part it played in the birth of this nation and the establishment of the Landmarks which has given to the citizens of our great country the liberty which we enjoy today.

OUR ZEPHYR ANGELS IN THE KITCHEN

**MARY BELL ELEANOR FRITTER MARY SMITH CAROLE McBRIDE
ELIZABETH RETEY CAROLYN MAYER CINDI MARCH SUSAN JOHNSTON**

Now that we are no longer dark, don't forget to welcome our newest Zephyr Angel, Susan Johnston who is married to our Marshall, Larry Johnston. We are blessed to have such great ladies to support us.....and feed us too!!

So, when you see them next, be sure to let them know exactly how much they were truly missed and how much you appreciate them now. Susan just recently joined the Angels in May just before we went dark so be sure to give her a hardy welcome and say thank you to Susan and all the Zephyr Angels the next time you pass down the serving line. We never take our Zephyr Angels for granted. We are extremely grateful to each and every one of these wonderful ladies and for what they do to support our Lodge.

--- And don't forget, the donation is still only \$5.00 ---

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES GO OUT TO THESE BROTHERS

October

Joseph Angello
Delmas Baldwin
Danny Campbell
Michael Counsell
Donald Geiger
James Jarrett, Jr.
James Johnston
Richard King
James Litchford
Sonny Manning

November

Jeffrey Boyd
Verrold Currier
Ed Davis II
Carl Fernandez
Phillip Guy
Thomas Moncrieff Jr.
Frank Swartz
Chuck Whiddon

December

Gary Belcher
Paul Craft
John Crosby
Neil Gregory
Elmer Hinsz
John Hiott
Lee Lannon Jr.
Phillip Mehlman
Jacob Muron
Rodrick Neal
Delbert Parker

LODGE CALENDAR & UPCOMING FOURTH QUARTER EVENTS

October 3, 2013 -- Lodge Officer's Meeting Thursday 6:30pm
October 10, 2013 --- Stated Communication; Dinner at 6:30pm; Lodge opens at 7:30pm.
October 17, 2013 -- Lodge Officer's Meeting Thursday 6:30pm
October 24, 2013 -- Stated Communication; Dinner at 6:30pm; Lodge opens at 7:30pm.
October 31, 2013 -- Lodge Officer's Meeting Thursday 6:30pm (Halloween)

November 2, 2013 -- Lodge/OES Yard Sale to raise funds to buy toys.
November 7, 2013 -- Widow's Night 7:00pm The ZHS Band will present a medley of tunes.
(tentative date at this writing)
November 14, 2013 -- Stated Communication; Dinner at 6:30pm; Lodge opens at 7:30pm.
November 21, 2013 -- Lodge Officer's Meeting Thursday 6:30pm
November 23, 2013 - Lodge Set-up for our Fall Pig Roast - 9am until completed
November 24, 2013 -- Fall Pig Roast - 11:00am to 2:00pm (Sunday)
November 28, 2013 -- Thanksgiving Day. No Stated Communication.

December 5, 2013 -- Lodge Officer's Meeting Thursday 6:30pm
December 12, 2013 -- Stated Communication; Dinner at 6:30pm; Lodge opens at 7:30pm.
2014 Officer Elections
December 19, 2013 -- Lodge Officer's Meeting Thursday 6:30pm
December 26, 2013 -- Day after Christmas. No Stated Communication.

2014

January 4, 2014 -- Installation of 2014 Officers. (Saturday)

<http://www.zephyrlodge198.com>

BE SURE TO SAVE IT TO YOUR FAVORITES AND CHECK IT DAILY



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[Click here to visit our Facebook page.](#)

2013 Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	William Clark	941-920-8858
Senior Warden	Robert Benner	813-728-0548
Junior Warden	David Budai	813-928-4416
Treasurer	Dewey Bandy	813-782-2240
Secretary	Paul Weil	813-780-9838
Chaplain	James Litchford	813-994-4689
Senior Deacon	Marcus Price	813-486-3160
Junior Deacon	Joseph Angello	813-788-3928
Senior Steward	Edward Davis	813-949-0538
Junior Steward	Paul March	352-567-1298
Marshal	Larry Johnston	813-782-9586
Musician	Federico Agnir	813-991-1924
Historian	Robert Benner	813-728-0548
Tyler	Michael Daffron	813-312-0564

For questions about the website, contact marcus@goinpostal.com

Past Masters of Zephyr Lodge No. 198

**Worshipful Howard Bell
Worshipful Bob Skrapka
Worshipful Chuck Smith**

**Worshipful Jim Litchford
Worshipful John Fritter
Worshipful Cliff McDuffie**

Perpetual Members of Zephyr Lodge No. 198

Bro. Robert G. Scudder

Bro. David W. Canter

Zephyr Lodge No. 198 Standing Committees for 2013*

Finance

**SW Bob Benner, Chair
JW David Budai
TR Dewey Bandy
PM Howard Bell
PM Chuck Smith
SEC Paul Weil**

Vigilance

**JW David Budai, Chair
PM John Fritter
SD Marcus Price**

Petitions

**PM Bob Skrapka, Chair
PM Howard Bell
SW Bob Benner**

Board of Relief

**WM Bill Clark, Chair
SW Bob Benner
JW David Budai**

Charity

**PM Cliff McDuffie, Chair
PM Jim Litchford
JW David Budai
JD Joe Angello**

Lodge Property

**TR Dewey Bandy, Chair
PM Chuck Smith
SD Marcus Price
PM Howard Bell
PM John Fritter**

Masonic Education

**JW David Budai, Chair
PM Howard Bell – Lodge Catechism Instructor, Scheduling and Lodge Etiquette GL-208
SW Bob Benner – MLT Coordinator and Master Mason Exams**

Public Relations Officer – PM Cliff McDuffie

Lodge Mentor and Education of Candidates (other than catechism)

**PM John Fritter – Lodge Mentor – Chair and Booklet Lectures
PM Chuck Smith – GL-201 (EA Intro) Booklet No. 1 Review
SD Marcus Price – GL -202 (EA Degree) Booklet No. 2 Review**

PM John Fritter – GL – 204 (FC Degree) Booklet No. 3 Review
WM Bill Clark – GL – 206 (MM Degree Booklet No. 4 Review
PM Bob Skrapka – GL-200, GL-203, GL-205 and the Lodge By-Laws

Zephyr Lodge No. 198 Auxillary Committees for 2013*

Investigating

PM Howard Bell, Chair
PM Chuck Smith
PM John Fritter
TR Dewey Bandy
SD Marcus Price

Blood Bank

PM John Fritter, Chair
JD Joe Angello
JS Paul March, MD - Scheduling
of Blood Mobile

Scholarships

PM Cliff McDuffie, Chair
PM Bob Skrapka

Lodge Librarian

Bro. Chuck Whiddon
MAR Larry Johnston - Assistant

By-Laws Maintenance

PM Bob Skrapka, Chair
SS Ed Davis
SW Bob Benner

Lodge Historian

SW Bob Benner
PM Chuck Smith – Back-up
PM Cliff McDuffie – Back-up

Zephyr Angels (Meals)

David Budai – Coordinator
SS Ed Davis
JS Paul March, MD

Sub-Committee on Ritual Work – Degree Teams

PM Howard Bell – Chair and Degree Team Instructor
PM Jim Litchford – Degree Team Instructor, Floorwork Procedures Manual

Sub-Committee on Lodge Work – Stated/Called Communications

PM Bob Skrapka, Chair and SW/JW Florida Masonic Code
PM Cliff McDuffie – SD/JD Florida Masonic Code
PM John Fritter – SS/JS Florida Masonic Code

Lodge Prompters

PM Chuck Smith – Stated Communications – Business Meetings
PM Howard Bell – EA, FC, MM Degrees; Called Communications

Lodge Visitations with Newly Raised Master Masons – PM Bob Skrapka

Zone Workshops/Degree Exemplifications – SW Bob Benner, JW David Budai, SD Marcus Price

Trestle Board – Quarterly

WM Bill Clark – East; Editor
SW Bob Benner – West
JW David Budai – South
SEC Paul – Grand Lodge Communications/Updates
PM Bob Skrapka – Lodge Activities
PM Chuck Smith – Calendar
SD Marcus Price – Website Management (www.zephyrlodge198.com)

Distribution: 1. E-mail – SEC Paul Weil
2. Hardcopy – at Stated Communications only
3. Website – SD Marcus Price

Lodge Reports (other than Grand Lodge Reports)

SW Bob Benner – Financial Report, quarterly (Internal Report)
JW David Budai -- Masonic Education Activities Report, quarterly (Form ME-Q)
WM Bill Clark/JW David Budai – Record of ME Activities – Annually (Form ME-1)

Miscellaneous

JW David Budai – Pig Roast Ticket Distribution and Tracking
JW David Budai, SS Ed Davis and JS Paul March – Lodge Set-up/Breakdown and Trash
Candidate/Brother Degree Preparation – PM Bobby Walker

- Updated effective July 1, 2013.

Here is the latest update on the Masonic License Plate:

More Specialty plates on the way

BY ANDREA CARROZ
Tribune correspondent

(Edited for space)

TAMPA — Florida is adding to the list of 120 license plates available to drivers. In the spring legislative session, four new plates were approved for sale and orders began July 1 for the American Legion, Big Brothers Big Sisters and Lauren's Kids sex-abuse survivor tags. **The fourth plate, Freemasonry, will be available for order Oct. 1.**

All four new specialty plates have two years to reach 1,000 orders. "Once a plate reaches the 1,000 mark, it'll take about eight months for it to hit the streets," Palmer said. If the plate does not reach 1,000 orders, it will be canceled and buyers will have the option to choose another specialty tag or request a refund.

The Freemasonry plate is supported by the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, which plans to use the money raised for the residents of the Masonic Home of Florida in St. Petersburg, said Richard Lynn, grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida. "The extra funds that come from the plate go directly to the endowment fund, which go to the home for the residents," Lynn said.

Each of the four plates cost \$25.50 plus a \$5 specialty fee and \$5 in administrative fees, Palmer said.



CONGRATULATIONS !

Raised October 17, 1963 - Kenneth F. Kepner – 50 Years!!
Raised November 20, 1963 - Thomas E. Goldthwaite – 50 Years!!

Raised September 28, 1988 Zoltan A. Retez - 25 Years!!
Raised November 15, 1988 – Victor D. Mitchell – 25 Years!!



Brethren,

Please contact Worshipful Master Bill Clark with any submissions or suggestions for our Trestle Board. Also to those of you who have sent in your updated contact information and e-mail address, we thank you. For those whose cable tow has not allowed this to happen, we look forward to hearing from you. Contact Secretary Paul Weil at: weilpaul02@gmail.com

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God Bless America