

Zephyr Lodge No. 198
F&AM
Zephyrhills, FL
1911-2014

Trestle Board
April - June 2014

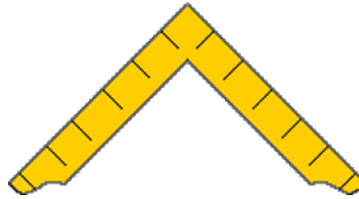


Meetings 2nd and 4th Thursdays 7:30pm

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, this has been a very fast moving and busy three months and we have barely had a chance to catch our breath! I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication. For this, we have achieved a successful pig roast and 4 new brothers in our craft.

Many of our visiting brothers will be heading back to their summer abodes. I would like to thank them for visiting with us, and wish them safe passage. I look forward to their return in the Fall.

I would like to thank RW Jerry Murray and RW Scott McAllister for visiting with us and performing those wonderful lectures. It is a true treat.

We are in need of brothers who are interested in learning any parts of the degree work. One of my main goals is to increase our knowledge of this work. If you are interested, please contact any of the officers.

And as always, if you know this man, please invite him to call our Secretary about joining Zephyr lodge.

**Fraternally,
Bob Benner**

Spring is fast approaching...the days are getting longer, the flowers and trees are budding, the laughter of children can be heard while playing outside, and we anxiously await the arrival of new baby Sandhill Cranes!

Spring becomes a symphony of new life. What will be your song?

The poem below is one I will try to "sing." Care to join me?

My Symphony of Life

To live content with small means;
To seek elegance rather than luxury, and refinement rather than fashion.

To be worthy, not respectable, and wealthy, not rich;
To study hard, think quietly, talk gently, act frankly;

To listen to stars and birds, to babes and sages, with open heart;
To bear all cheerfully, do all bravely, await occasions, hurry never.

In a word, to let the spiritual, unbidden and unconscious, grow up through the common.

This will be my Symphony.

-- William Henry Channing



Greetings from the West

Dear Brethren, greetings from the West! As we move forward into our year, we look forward to implementing the new ideas that have been floating around the officers meetings. The chili cook off and the yard sale or a combination thereof, are key points we have to ponder. Please get with any officer and give us your opinion on how you would like to see future events transpire. Not only do these events raise funds to support the lodge but bring us closer to the eyes of the community.

As I make my way to the East, I'm trying to plan for our future by increasing membership, by positive involvement in our community, and being an organization that people would be proud to support, and be a part of; also increasing projects and fundraisers that are fun and start to reach all of our local population. We have a few great ideas on the table, come be a part of our Lodge as we grow together! Sincere thanks to all our brethren who came out to help with the pig roast, we had another great time! THANK YOU.

Fraternally, Dave Budai, Sr. Warden



Greetings from the South

My fellow brothers,

It's appropriate that I am writing "from the south". As we come out of a nasty winter, a lot of our seasonal resident brothers will be returning to their northern homes "from the south". While you're back in your northern home this summer take time to get your friends interested in Masonry and encourage them to join a local lodge. While we are away from home and meeting new people it is always a good time to spread the word about our fraternity and to show strangers how we are better men because of it. If you don't have your Masonic license plate on your car yet now is your chance to show everyone your support for your brotherhood on your long drive back north.

Our lodge here in sunny Zephyrhills is having a great year so far:

We have just completed our spring Pig Roast Dinner, which was a great success. We raised a portion of the money we need to operate the lodge all year and spent quality time together as brothers while we organized it and actually ran it. It is an important part of what holds our lodge together and if you didn't participate this time, I urge you to get involved for the one in November. It's fun, and is what makes it possible for us to pay for the upkeep of our building.

We have been bringing in new members on a consistent basis and are even running back-to-back degrees every meeting just to keep up with the influx of new members. Make every one of these new members feel welcome and they will in turn bring in even more new members and help our lodge become one of the strongest in the country. One thing that makes our lodge so successful is everyone's friendly attitude toward visitors. With a thousand ways to entertain yourself on a Thursday evening it's important we all make an effort to make every meeting as enjoyable as possible for each of our brothers whether they were raised 50 years ago or last week.

Sometime soon I would like to start photographing each of our brothers so we can produce a membership book with everyone's picture, name, home lodge, and year they were raised, so everyone can learn a little about each of the brothers they sit near every meeting.

Brothers, I look forward to seeing you in lodge.

Fraternally, Marcus Price, Jr. Warden

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM OUR SECRETARY

Brothers, if you change your address, your phone number, or E-mail address PLEASE let me know right away. It is critically important that we have accurate contact information at all times. You can e-mail me at weilpaul02@gmail.com or call me at 813-780-9838. Thank you.

Fraternally,

Paul Weil, Secretary

Question: Did you ever wonder about how Freemasonry got its start in the Territory of Florida and how the Grand Lodge of Florida came into existence? Well, here is the answer. It is somewhat lengthy but fascinating. Enjoy.

Courtesy of the Grand Lodge of Florida

The History of Masonry in Florida cannot be traced properly until the source from which it derived its authority has been firmly established. Inasmuch as Masonry in Florida and in the various States of the Union was established by authority from Masonry in the British Isles, a brief review of the early Masonic activities there should be reported.

Masonry can be traced as far as 926 A.D. in the City of York, England. The history of Masonic activities in this region is referred to as the "York Legend." Although Masonry can be traced back to the Eighth Century, it was not until the Eighteenth Century that dedicated members of the four Lodges in London recognized the need for organization and firm leadership and for a close bond between the various Lodges. Thus, in February, 1717, representatives of the four Lodges met in the Apple Tree Tavern, and the Grand Lodge of England was formed. The structure of this new organization was based upon a constitution which provided for regular communications and a revival of the assembly and the feast. Its object was to provide mutual help and promote brotherly feeling among the members of the affiliated Lodges.

A new ritual, coupled with a system of secret signs, added strength to this structure of Freemasonry. As provided in its constitution, the Grand Lodge adopted rules and regulations which clarified the rights and the responsibilities of the individual Lodges. In addition, the rules and regulations set limitations on the powers of the new body and provided for its operations. On St. John The Baptist Day, 1717, the annual assembly and feast was held at which time Mr. Anthony Sayer was proclaimed Grand Master. Then in 1725 the Grand Lodge of All England was formed in York, England, and like the Grand Lodge located in London, was constructed on the foundation of Operative Masonry, which had passed into history.

Freemasonry was brought to America by those Master Masons who sought a better way of life in the new world. Here, again, this review will deal only with that portion of the early Masonic history that has a bearing on Masonry in Florida. Inasmuch as Masonry in the United States is

organized and operates according to Grand Jurisdiction, it will be necessary to deal with the early history in the States. The first known record of Masonic activity on the new continent was in 1730 when Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England (Moderns), appointed Daniel Coxe as "Provincial Grand Master of the Provinces of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, in America." The appointment made on June 5, 1730, established a Grand Lodge in North America. There is evidence, however, that Masonry and Masonic Lodges were in existence prior to that date. The appointment of Daniel Coxe as Provincial Grand Master was for a period of two years, but there is no known record as to his activities. Neither is the fate of the Provincial Grand Lodge known. It is assumed that it went out of existence, and a provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was established since certain records have been found in the archives of the present Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and in copies of the Pennsylvania Gazette which was owned and edited by Benjamin Franklin, the celebrated patriarch and statesman. Benjamin Franklin became a member of the Masonic Fraternity in 1731. He was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1732 and Grand Master in 1734. The history of this Grand Lodge from 1734 to 1743 is vague. In 1743, Thomas Oxnard of Boston was appointed Provincial Grand Master of America, and in 1749, he appointed Benjamin Franklin the Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania.

In 1735, Masonry was organized in the territory of Georgia. The early history of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction is vague because its records have been destroyed. In 1786, however, the Masonic Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction declared their independence and formed the Grand Lodge of Georgia. Masonry was introduced into South Carolina when Solomon's Lodge of Charleston was organized October 28, 1736. This Lodge was warranted in 1735 by Lord Weymouth, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England (Moderns); and in 1736, John Hammerton was appointed Provincial Grand Master by the Earl of Landown, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England (Moderns).

In 1783, the Grand Lodge of England (Ancients) granted a charter for a Lodge in Charleston, South Carolina. By 1787, five Lodges had been chartered by this Grand Lodge. These five Lodges joined together and, in 1787, organized the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons of South Carolina. Distrust and hostile feelings between the two Grand Lodges existed until 1817 when they merged and adopted the name "Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of South Carolina." On May 31, 1801, the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry was opened in Charleston. This Council is the Mother Council of the world. The seat of the Council remains in Charleston, but the physical outlay and its operations are located in Washington, DC. Organized Masonry came to Alabama in 1811 during the time that this land was still a part of the Mississippi Territory. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, a product of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, chartered Madison Lodge No. 21 in 1811. This Lodge worked under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky until the Grand Lodge of Alabama was formed in 1821. From 1818 to 1821, the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, which originated from the Grand Lodges of both North Carolina and Kentucky, chartered some twelve Lodges in Alabama. When the Grand Lodge of Alabama was originated on June 14, 1821, these Lodges were also absorbed into that body.

The historical records of Freemasonry in Florida were for many years hidden from the world, lying dormant in unmarked and forgotten files. Historians made various attempts to report the early Masonic activities on this territory. Their efforts were in vain. In 1898, the first authoritative record of Masonry in Florida came to light. This record was a rare and very old copy of "Preston's Illustration" which was presented to the Grand Lodge of Florida by Doctor F. F. Bond of Thorncliff, Brighthouse, England. On the title page of the prized gift, the following words were inscribed: "The Gift of James Murray to St. Andrews Lodge No. 1, West Florida,

June 27, 1776.” This was the first reliable information that a Masonic Lodge had existed in Florida at such an early date and was the spark that kindled the interest to search for the history of Masonry in the Grand Jurisdiction of Florida. M . W . James M. Hilliard, Grand Master in 1898, appointed R . W . Silas B. Wright, Deputy Grand Master, to search for any additional information that might have a bearing on the history of Florida Masonry and to make a written report of his findings to the next Grand Lodge. Brother Wright made two appeals, one to the Board of Editors of the “History of Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons and Concordant Orders,” and the other to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Board of Editors was unable to furnish any information that would be beneficial or that would support historical facts about Masonry in Florida, but the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania reported that there were documents and records in possession of that Grand Lodge that would prove the existence of Masonry in Florida during the early period of the country. The records, so the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania reported, had been found among the old records of that Grand Jurisdiction which had been boxed and placed in storage. These records were compiled by the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania under the title “Old Masonic Lodge of Pennsylvania, Moderns and Ancients, 1730 - 1800.”

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, through its Grand Secretary, made the records and documents available to R . W . Brother Wright, who studied and copied documents and papers pertinent to Florida. Authentic copies of these papers are now filed in the archives of the Grand Lodge of Florida and are a part of its St. Andrews Lodge No. 1, of West Florida, and other documents which cover portions of the period from 1768 through 1785. Brother Wright prepared and gave a detailed report on his findings which was included in the 1899 Grand Lodge Proceedings. The charter of St. Andrews Lodge No. 1 of West Florida was issued on May 3, 1771 by the “Provincial Grand Lodge of the Southern District of North America.” The petitioners for this Lodge were members of Lodge No. 108 of the register of Scotland and were attached to the 31st Regiment of Foot of the British Army stationed at Pensacola.

Ten Master Masons applied for the charter and are listed as charter members. The charter was signed by James Grant, Provincial Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Southern District of North America, and other officials of the Provincial Grand Lodge. In addition to the certified copy of the charter of St. Andrews Lodge, there were other documents and papers relating to early Masonry in Florida. There were records and minutes of St. Andrews Lodge which revealed the plight of this Lodge and its ties with its Provincial Grand Lodge.

These historical records were definite proof of the activities of the Masonic Fraternity in Florida and further revealed that its activity had emanated from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Brother Wright immediately wrote that Grand Lodge requesting confirmation of the authenticity of these records and any other information from the records of that Grand Jurisdiction. Their records not only confirmed the accuracy of the records found by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, but also shed light on the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Southern District of North America. The following excerpts are taken from the reply of R . W . Brother Lyon: “In searching our Grand Lodge records, I find under date of March 15, 1769. . . ‘Having read a petition from James Grant, Esq., Governor of the Province of East Florida, Henry Cunningham, late Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and many other brethren residing in the province aforesaid, craving a charter for holding a Lodge there by the stile and title of Grant’s East Florida Lodge, and also entreating that the Grand Lodge would

appoint the said Governor, James Grant, Provincial Grand Master over the lodges in the Southern District of North America, the Grand Lodge granted the desire of that petition and authorized a charter to be made out accordingly, and likewise a commission appointing Governor James Grant, Provincial Grand Master, over the lodges in the Southern District of North America'."

On March 15, 1768, a charter was issued by the Grand Lodge of Scotland to "Grant's East Florida Lodge No. 143," to be located in St. Augustine, in the Territory of Florida. This was the first Masonic Lodge to be established in what is now the State of Florida. On this same date the "Provincial Grand Lodge over Lodges in the Southern District of North America" was created and located at St. Augustine, in the Territory of Florida. Honorable James Grant, Governor of the Territory of Florida, was named Provincial Grand Master. This Grand Body functioned until 1783 when it was suppressed by the Dominican Priesthood and the Spanish Government. All records of this Grand Lodge were destroyed or were carried away and are still missing. The meager information that is available was found in the archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The fate of the first Masonic Lodge, "Grant's East Florida Lodge," in the Territory of Florida, is not known, but it is assumed that it was suppressed at the same time as the Provincial Grand Lodge. The records found in the archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania gave a clear picture of the operations and the fate of Florida's second Masonic Lodge, St. Andrew's Lodge of Pensacola. Pensacola and the Territory of West Florida were captured by the Spanish in 1781. The Masonic Fraternity again was suppressed by the Dominican Priesthood and the Spanish Government and the Masons were forced to flee. Even though the Masonic Brethren faced grave dangers, they did not leave until they had obtained the charter and records which included the minutes of every communication that had been held since the Lodge was chartered. After they reached the safety of Charles Town, the plight of St. Andrews Lodge No. 1 was reported to the Provincial Grand Lodge on February 9, 1782. This report was assembled and prepared by the Worshipful Master, Thomas Underwood, the Junior Warden, H. Beaumont, and three other members, and forwarded to the Provincial Grand Master in St. Augustine. The Provincial Grand Lodge at St. Augustine acknowledged receipt of the communication, and on March 14, 1782, issued a dispensation to the Brethren of St. Andrews Lodge to work at Charles Town, South Carolina. This authorization stated: "Under your charter until it shall please God to restore you to the Ancient seat of your lodge in West Florida, provided you have the Master and a sufficient number of members of the same to form a lodge." It was signed by R. W. John Forbes, Deputy Grand Master, the Senior and the Junior Grand Wardens and the Grand Secretary.

In compliance with the Dispensation and to assure adequate and proper Masonic protection, a meeting was called and all Masters of the Ancient Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons of Charles Town were summoned. The stated business of this meeting was set forth in the call "to examine into their regularity and their right to work as Masons." A "Clear Bill of Regularity" was duly issued and signed by the Masters and Past Masters of four Lodges. This action cleared St. Andrews Lodge No. 1 of any doubt, and their labors as a regular Lodge were resumed in Charles Town, South Carolina. When the "Provincial Grand Lodge over the lodges in the Southern District of North America" was suppressed in 1783 by the Spaniards, St. Andrews Lodge No. 1 of West Florida, working under Dispensation in Charles Town, was without authority to function. A new charter from an active Grand Lodge was essential.

The Officers and members of St. Andrews Lodge No. 1 turned to the Grand Lodge of Philadelphia (Ancients), and on July 12, 1783, the Lodge was re-chartered as Lodge No. 40 of

Charles Town, South Carolina. There is no explanation as to why the original name was dropped, but apparently the decision was made by the Grand Lodge of Philadelphia. Lodge No. 40 of Charles Town continued to work under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Philadelphia until 1787, when it surrendered its charter, and together with four other Lodges, formed the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. The subsisting Lodge assumed the name of "St. Andrews Lodge No. 10," under the charter and jurisdiction of the new Grand Lodge of South Carolina. It continued to work until 1881 when its charter was surrendered and stricken from the rolls. It is reported that on January 17, 1859, the Grand Lodge of England (Ancients) warranted a Lodge to the 14th Regiment of Foot. The number of this Lodge is reported to be 58b. This Lodge, located in St. Augustine, became dormant. On March 6, 1776, a renewal of the warrant was authorized and on March 20, 1776, it was renewed. Then, on January 3, 1778, the Grand Lodge of England (Ancients) granted a warrant to No. 204, St. Augustine in East Florida. On January 17, 1780, this warrant was ordered returned to the Grand Secretary because the fee had not been recorded. The Grand Lodge of South Carolina (Ancients) issued warrant No. 30 to a Lodge at St. Augustine as well as a warrant to Lodge No. 56 located at Pensacola under the name of "Good Intention." Both Lodges were short lived and their exact fate is not known, but it is known that the Spanish Government suppressed all Masonic activities throughout its domain.

In 1806, St. Fernando Lodge in St. Augustine was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Georgia. This Lodge was subsequently suppressed by a mandate of the Spanish Government. Again, in 1820, the Grand Lodge of South Carolina granted a charter to Floridian Virtue Lodge No. 28, but it could not survive the political and religious hostilities of that day. During 1824, the Grand Lodge of South Carolina granted another charter to Esperanza Lodge at St. Augustine. The failure of this Lodge was attributed to the fact that practically all of its members moved to Havana, Cuba. There are reports of additional Lodges in Florida, but no records from these Lodges have been found. These are mentioned here only because some day documented evidence may be found to support their existence. Freemasonry entered Florida as a permanent institution when, on December 19, 1825, the Grand Lodge of Alabama issued a warrant to Jackson Lodge No. 23, to be located in Tallahassee, in the Territory of Florida.

A warrant was issued on December 2, 1826, to Washington Lodge No. 1 by the Grand Lodge of Georgia. This Lodge was to be located in Quincey, in the Territory of Florida. On December 8, 1829, the Grand Lodge of Georgia warranted Harmony Lodge No. 2. This Lodge was to be located in Marianna, in the Territory of Florida. The three Lodges worked under their respective Grand Lodges until 1830. At the regular meeting of May, 1830, Jackson Lodge No. 23 of Tallahassee adopted a Resolution inviting Washington Lodge No. 1 and Harmony Lodge No. 2 to join together in the organization of a Grand Lodge for the Territory of Florida.

The two Lodges accepted the invitation and in due time named their delegates. On Monday, July 5, 1830, the delegates from the three Lodges met in the Masonic Temple of Jackson Lodge No. 23, Tallahassee, to decide the proper course to be taken. The meeting was called to order by Brother John P. Duval, of Jackson Lodge No. 23, the oldest Past Master in attendance. Brother Thomas Monroe, also of Jackson Lodge No. 23, was named Secretary. It was the consensus of the group to organize a Grand Lodge for the Territory of Florida. The meeting was then organized into a permanent Convention. Brother John P. Duval was elected President and Brother Thomas Monroe was elected Secretary.

The first order of business following the organization was the adoption of a Resolution stating the right and the purpose of the body to organize a Grand Lodge for the Territory of Florida. The next order of business was the appointment of a Constitution and By-Laws

Committee. Named to the Committee were Brothers Thomas Brown, Robert Butler, Richard K. Call, John P. Duval, and Isham Green Searcy of Jackson Lodge No. 23; Henry Gee, John Lines and Isaac Nathans of Washington Lodge No. 1; James W. Exum, Jacob Robinson and William J. Watson of Harmony Lodge No. 2. Brother Jacob Robinson served as Chairman. The Committee made its report to the Convention on Friday, July 9, 1830. The report was adopted as amended, enrolled, certified and signed by the Honorable John P. Duval, President of the Convention. The Convention elected Grand Lodge Officers, and the first Grand Master was M . W . John P. Duval. The Officers, both elective and appointive were duly installed. The Convention, having fulfilled its mission, was adjourned.

The Grand Lodge for the Territory of Florida was then opened in Ample Form. The rules and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Alabama were adopted so far as they were applicable to the proceedings of this Grand Lodge; however, a Committee was appointed to make a study and prepare suitable rules and a code of By-Laws for the new Grand Body. The study was made and the report was submitted during the next annual session of Grand Lodge. Warrants for the three subordinate Lodges were approved and on July 10, 1830, were issued to Jackson Lodge No. 1, Washington Lodge No. 2 and Harmony Lodge No. 3. The new warrants were exchanged for the old charters. The Grand Secretary returned the three old documents to the appropriate Grand Lodges, and with these documents went a request for fraternal recognition and the exchange of fraternal correspondence.

The First Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Florida was closed in Ample Form to meet again on the second Monday after the annual session of the Legislative Council of the Territory of Florida.

In these early years of Freemasonry in Florida, it was determined that no Lodge in Florida shall be named after any living man, and no Lodge in Florida shall bear the number "8." Orion Lodge No. 8 was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Florida at Pleasant Grove, Georgia, near the Florida Line, in 1839. Two years later, without consent of either Grand Body, the Lodge moved to Decatur, now Bainbridge, Georgia. When this fact came to the attention of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, much indignation was expressed and a Resolution was adopted officially declaring Orion Lodge to be a Lodge of Clandestine Masons. Explanations followed and the matter was adjusted in a fraternal spirit of amity and good will. Florida released claim on Orion Lodge and Georgia received it in full fellowship, and to cement the bond of good will and good fellowship, Florida resolved that no other Florida Lodge should bear the number "8," and as a further gesture of good will, elected the Masters and Wardens of Orion Lodge No. 8 honorary members of the Grand Lodge of Florida in perpetuity. In the same spirit, Georgia resolved that Orion Lodge should continue to work under the charter granted by the Grand Lodge of Florida, endorsed by the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

And so we see the anomaly of a Lodge of Masons working in another Grand Jurisdiction under and by virtue of authority granted by the Grand Lodge of Florida more than 145 years ago. The Grand Lodge of Florida, under Masonic Law, has determined that newly chartered Lodges shall be numbered chronologically, the newest Lodge taking the next number above the last Lodge chartered.

NOTE: It is recommended that for further research into early Freemasonry in Florida that the Grand Lodge Proceedings and the Grand Lodge Archives are an excellent source for study and research. Source: History of Freemasonry in Florida, Volume One (Approved by the 133rd Grand Communication. See report of History Committee, Grand Lodge Proceedings 1962, page 337) and Chapter 16, Article 16.01 Digest of Masonic Law.

Our Zephyr Angels in the Kitchen

Mary Bell Eleanor Fritter Mary Smith Carole McBride
Elizabeth Retey Carolyn Mayer Cindi March Susan Johnston

Brothers, be sure to say thank you to all of our 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 ---

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**Living Past Masters and Members of
Zephyr Lodge No. 198**

Worshipful Vance R. Forbes 1950
Worshipful George A. Neukom Jr. 1968
Worshipful Elmer Hinsz 1974
Worshipful Wayne S. Sholder Sr. 1981
Worshipful Robert W. Pritchard 1986
Worshipful Robert G. Scudder 1993
Worshipful Victor D. Mitchel 1994/1996
Worshipful Thomas L. Wyant 1995
Worshipful Donald H. Geiger 1999

Worshipful John E. Harrison 2002
Worshipful George W. Palmer 2004
Worshipful Robert Skrapka 2005
Worshipful Howard J. Bell Sr. 2007
Worshipful Charles D. Smith 2009
Worshipful James H. Litchford 2010
Worshipful John W. Fritter 2011
Worshipful Cliff McDuffie 2012
Worshipful William E. Clark 2013

Perpetual Members of Zephyr Lodge No. 198

WPM Robert G. Scudder

Bro. David W. Canter

Happy Birthday Wishes Go Out to these Brothers

APRIL

Howard J. Bell, Sr.	Robert C. Benner	Michael C. Daffron	Robert E. French
Robert J. Gaulin, Sr	Jennings R. Gibson	John E. Harrison	Kenneth F. Kepner
Nicholas R. Lenz	Russell V. Loomis	Philip C. Miller, Sr.	Lawrence H. Monroe
George A. Neukom, Jr.	Robert Skrapka	Benjamin J. Warrell	Robert G. Winters

MAY

Richard P. Butler	Robert M. Butler	William E. Clark	Eugene L. Dorsey
Vance R. Forbes	Christopher C. Francis	Jack I. Johnson	William J. Metzner, Jr.
Donald R. Oaks	George W. Palmer	Thomas E. Potter	Jerald C. Pricher
Albert W. Royal	Melvin A. Tschappat	Paul F. Weil	

JUNE

Robert G. Batdorf	Richard C. Benner	Lawrence Bleichfeld	Peter J. Dempsey
Ramond J. Dennis	Freddie D. Horn	Bradford H Johnson	Cliff McDuffie
Courtney D. Pennell	Marcus S. Price	Cory P. Sommers	Ira H. Ward, III

A very special birthday wish goes to our Brother Benjamin Warrell who turns 100 in April!!! As well as Worshipful Past Master Vance Forbes who turns 99 in May!!!

Lodge Calendar & Upcoming Second Quarter Events

April 3, 2014 - Lodge Officer's Business Meeting 6:00pm

April 10, 2014 - Stated Communication

April 12, 2014 - Zone 4 Workshop Gainesville Lodge No. 41 8:30am to 2:00pm (see bulletin below)

April 16, 2014 - Masters and Wardens Ridge Lodge No. 398 7:30pm in Floral City

April 17, 2014 - Lodge Officer's Business Meeting 6:30pm

April 24, 2014 - Stated Communication and tentative Fellow Craft Degree

April 24, 2014 - District 19 MLT Workshop Citrus Lodge No. 118 6:30pm

April 26, 2014 - Open Books Hernando Lodge No. 97 8:00am Coffee 9:00am Open Books

April 29, 2014 - District 19 MLT Workshop Springs Lodge No. 378 6:30pm

May 1, 2014 -- Lodge Officer's Business Meeting

May 1, 2014 -- District 15 MLT Workshop Morning Star Lodge No. 94 6:30pm

May 8, 2014 - Stated Communication

May 15, 2014 - Lodge Officer's Business Meeting - Proposed Grand Lodge Legislation review and MM Degree Practice (First and Second Sections) 6:30pm.

May 21, 2014 - Masters and Wardens Siloam Lodge No. 399 7:30pm
May 22, 2014 - Stated Communication and tentative MM Degree
May 24, 2014 - Open Books Hernando Lodge No. 97 8:00am Coffee 9:00am Open Books
May 26 - 28, 2014 - 185th Grand Lodge Communications - Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, Florida
Sunday, May 25, 2014 - Grand Master's Banquet
Wednesday, May 28, 2014 - Installation of Grand Lodge Officers
May 29, 2014 - Lodge Officer's Business Meeting 6:30pm

June 5, 2014 - Lodge Officer's Business Meeting 6:30pm
June 12, 2014 - Stated Communication
June 13, 2014 - Zephyr Lodge will go dark from June 13, 2014 through September 10, 2014.
(September 11, 2014 will be our next Stated Communication after being dark for the summer.)



(For the entire year 2014)

25 years, 40 years, 50 years and 60+ years

CONGRATULATIONS !

Raised October 24, 1974 - Charles L. Baptist - 40 Years in October!!

Raised November 4, 1964 - Bobby L. Walker - 50 years in November!!

Raised December 29, 1964 - Douglas R. Sage -- 50 years in December!!

Raised April 30, 1953 - Albert W. Royal - 61 years in April!!

Raised August 9, 1951 - Robert M. Butler - 63 Years in August!!

Raised May 19, 1949 -- John W. Crosby - 65 Years in May!!
(Turns 93 in December 2014)

Raised September 9, 1948 -- Phillip M. Guy -- 66 Years in September!!
(Turns 93 in November 2014)

Raised June 20, 1947 - Vance R. Forbes - 67 Years in June!!
(Turns 99 in May 2014)

Raised October 8, 1946 -- Wilson C. Vennard - 68 years in October
(Turns 93 in August 2014)

MASONIC EDUCATION

ZONE 4 WORKSHOPS

ZONE 4 MASONIC EDUCATION ZONE WORKSHOP
ZONE 4 MASONIC LEADERSHIP TRAINING ZONE WORKSHOP
EXEMPLIFICATION of The Entered Apprentice Degree including Second Section
(Books will be available in the Lodge Room during Workshops)

Saturday April 12th 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Hosted by Gainesville No.41

8:00 a.m. Donuts and Coffee & 12:00 p.m. Lunch will be served

Workshop Schedule:

Masonic Education by W.: Bob Fitzgerald EA, FC, MM (Dining Hall)

8:30- 10:00 Masonic Education W.: Fitzgerald is preparing a brand new presentation for this Workshop.

Masonic Leadership Training EA,FC, MM (Dining Hall)

10:10-11:00 Planning Your Year (3)

11:00-11:30 Becoming WM (4)

11:45-12:00 Running Your Lodge (5)

Masonic Leadership Training EA, FC, MM (in Library)

10:10 -11:30 Lodge Officers Duties (1) WM Duties (2)

11:30-12:00 Finance and Budget (9)

Masonic Leadership Training EA, FC, MM (Upstairs Anteroom) 10:10-10:50 Ritual (12)

10:50-12:00 OPEN CLASSES AS NEEDED (If you need a specific to complete)

Special Note: You can only receive credit for up to 5 classes of MLT

Zone 4 School of Ritual Instruction open to Master Masons Only

12:30 - 2:00 Exemplification of the Entered Apprentice Degree (This will be in Lodge Room, all chairs filled. The District Instructor will be in attendance and have Open Books)

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Zephyr Lodge No. 198 Standing Committees for 2014*

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PM Howard Bell

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JW Marcus Price, Chair

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SW David Budai – 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
JW Marcus Price – GL -202 (EA Degree) Booklet No. 2 Review
PM John Fritter – GL – 204 (FC Degree) Booklet No. 3 Review
WM Bob Benner – 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 Auxiliary Committees for 2014*

Investigating

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

Blood Bank

PM John Fritter, Chair
SD Ed Davis
SS 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
SD Ed Davis
SW David Budai

Lodge Historian

JW Marcus Price
PM Chuck Smith – Back-up
PM Cliff McDuffie – Back-up

Zephyr Angels (Meals)

JW Marcus Price – Coordinator
SS Paul March MD
JS Robert Hunter

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 David Budai, JW Marcus Price, SD Ed Davis

Trestle Board – Quarterly

WM Bob Benner – East; Editor
SW David Budai – West
JW Marcus Price – South and Website Management (www.zephyrlodge198.com)
SEC Paul – Grand Lodge Communications/Updates
PM Bill Clark – Publication
SD Ed Davis – Calendar Maintenance
Distribution: 1. E-mail – SEC Paul Weil
2. Hardcopy – 30 copies for Stated Communications only
3. Website and Face Book Management – JW Marcus Price

Lodge Reports (other than Grand Lodge Reports prepared by the Lodge Secretary)

SW David Budai – Financial Report, quarterly (Internal Report)
JW Marcus Price -- Masonic Education Activities Report, quarterly (Form ME-Q)
WM Bob Benner – Record of Masonic Education Activities – Annually (Form ME-1 and ME-1A)

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Training Syllabus Development: Degree Work and Education of Line Officers

WM Bob Benner
PM Bill Clark
PM Cliff McDuffie
JW Marcus Price
SD Ed Davis
JD Mike Daffron
JS Robert Hunter

Pig Roast

WM Bob Benner, Chair and Food Purchases Sam's Club
PM Chuck Smith and PM John Fritter – Paper Products and General Supplies
JW Marcus Price – Pig Roast Ticket Distribution and Tracking
PM Bill Clark, Event Coordinator and duty assignments
PM Jim Litchford, Charge of Kitchen Team and Serving Line
PM Cliff McDuffie, Charge of Team for tables and seating in back area
Brother Frank Swartz and Marge Schneck, Charge of seating for front seating area
PM John Fritter and Eleanor Fritter, Charge of traffic flow at side door and overflow name taking
PM Chuck Smith, Charge of overflow seating; front and back areas
Brother Gary Belcher, Charge of Take-out orders at front door
Brother Dave Schneck and Sec. Paul Weil, North door ticket/sales handling
PM Bob Skrapka – Charge of Exiting patrons through back door

Miscellaneous

Lodge Set-up/Breakdown and Trash -- JW Marcus Price, SS Paul March and JS Robert Hunter
Candidate/Brother Degree Preparation – PM Bobby Walker and PM John Fritter

- Updated effective February 21, 2014.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS



Brethren, please keep Brother Chuck Whiddon and his wife Rheda in your prayers as well as Eleanor Fritter, wife of Worshipful John Fritter.



Brethren,

Please contact Worshipful Master Bob Benner 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 or call him at 813-780-9838.

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