

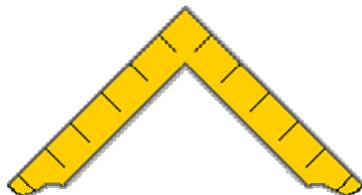
Zephyr Lodge No. 198
F&AM
Zephyrhills, FL
1911-2013

Trestle Board
January-March 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

Brethern, thank you for the privilege of allowing me to serve as Master of Zephyr Lodge for 2013. I will work hard to fulfill my obligation and duty to each of every one of you. All of us are fortunate to be a member of Zephyr Lodge No. 198 and for good reason. There are always in attendance at our Stated Communications 20 or more Worshipful Past Masters, four or five past Grand Lodge Officers, ten or more 50 Year Members and even three or four 60+ Year Members!! Where else could anyone expect to find such a reservoir of experience and knowledge?!!! That being said, let's look down the road.

Did you know that the average age of our members is 69? Did you know that 27% of our Brothers are age 80 and older? That an additional 40% are 65-79 years of age which means that 67% of our members are age 65+. Only 33% of the members are under age 65. This is fairly typical for most of the Lodges in our District. However, this year we need to change these numbers and bring in as many new members as we can.

You know what we say, "We take good men and make them better." So if you know of a good man, please invite them to call our Secretary about joining Zephyr Lodge No. 198. We need to take action now to insure that five or ten years from now our Lodge will continue to maintain that reservoir of experience and knowledge that we have today thanks to all of you.

Our primary goal in 2013 is to grow the membership of our Lodge. This is extremely important. Please help your Lodge grow.

Fraternally, Bill Clark



Greetings From the West

Brethren, I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as your Senior Warden. I give my solemn pledge that I will work for the betterment of Zephyr Lodge, and in support of Worshipful Master Clark.

I welcome back our brethren from the north, and hope this communiqué finds everyone well.

"Every team requires unity. A team has to move as one unit, one force, with each person understanding and assisting the roles of his teammates. If your team doesn't do this, whatever the reason, it goes down in defeat. You win or lose as a team, as a family."

Author Unknown

From the West
Robert "Bob" Benner



Greetings From the South

Greetings from the South Brethren,

First, I would like to thank all the Brethren for their faith in me as I am honored to serve as your Jr. Warden for 2013. As we proceed into the year, I look forward to executing the duties of my Office with passion and enthusiasm. I also look forward to learning from all the years of experience Zephyr Lodge has to offer.

On a business note, Pig Roast tickets are out and waiting for you to sell in support of our Lodge. Remember, we count on all the Brethren to help in any way you can. Our Lodge depends on all of us. Tickets are \$8.00 for the March 10th, 2013 Pig Roast. Please see any Lodge Officer for tickets or see my wife, Carol, at Freedom Scooter and Supply located at 6421 Gall Blvd. (next to Walgreens) on Highway US 301 in Zephyrhills. Or call me, Dave, your Junior Warden at 813-928-4416 for locations in Zephyrhills to pick up tickets. Thank you.

Fraternally, David Budai
Junior Warden



Our Masonic Apron



After each of us was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, he was presented “with a lambskin or white leather apron, which is an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason,” and it was hoped that we would “wear it with pride” to ourselves and “honor to the fraternity.” We have worn our white apron at Lodge meetings and at other special occasions. Many of us wish to wear it to our graves, to “the starry-decked heaven,” to that “spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.” However, when we don our apron, do we think of what it stands for? Of its symbolism in the three principal Masonic degrees? Let us consider this now.

Our apron appears to be of two parts, a triangular flap and a larger rectangle; yet it contains a third. To find it, raise the flap and count the number of points in the perimeter of this five-sided shape; it forms the badge of a Mason. Now lower the flap to “At ease,” that is, to its usual position and due form. The apron includes the quintuple shape and its five points, which explains why we can say the apron itself, which contains three parts, is the badge of a Mason. Let us consider the principal symbolism contained in the triangular flap, the rectangle, and the quintuple badge.

The Triangular Flap contains many 3's of Masonry and their symbolism. Among the principal 3's:

1) The Three Great Lights in Masonry: “The Holy Bible, is dedicated to the service of God, because it is the inestimable gift of God to man, a true rule and guide to our faith and practice; The Square of Morality to the Worshipful Master, because it is the proper Masonic emblem of his office; and the Compasses to the Craft, because, by a due attention to their use, we are taught to circumscribe our desires, and keep our passions within due bounds toward all mankind, especially a brother Mason.”

2) Three levels of symbolism (a, b, c) in The Three Lesser Lights follow:

- a) is a straightforward metaphor and simile: “The Sun, Moon, and Worshipful Master are represented by three burning tapers placed in a triangular position about the Altar.” The taper in the South represents the Junior Warden; the taper in the North-west corner of the Altar, the Senior Warden; the taper in the East, the Worshipful Master. “As the Sun rules the day and the Moon governs the night, so should the Worshipful Master, with equal regularity, endeavor to rule and guide the Lodge.”
- b) is veiled imagery: “The Lodge is metaphorically supported by three great pillars, denominated Wisdom, Strength and Beauty represented by the three principal officers of the Lodge”: The Worshipful Master, with Wisdom and intelligence to invent and manage, contrives to build our temple, as did King Solomon his temple; the Senior Warden is Strength to support, as did King Hiram of Tyre; the Junior Warden adorns with Beauty, as did Hiram Abiff.
- c) is a still deeper level of imagery: The Worshipful Master in the East also personifies Spiritual Light, the Divine Principle in man. The earth’s moon reflects light from the sun and without light from the moon; our night would be completely dark. The Masonic Moon, the Senior Warden, reflects the Spiritual Light coming to him from the East; he personifies the immortal soul. The Sun, the Junior Warden, whose position in the South is midway between the Worshipful Master and Senior Warden in the Lodge room, and symbolizes the meeting of man’s intelligence and spiritual consciousness.

Symbolism in the three Masonic Degrees

1) In the Entered Apprentice degree, the candidate learns the three-fold tenets Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are truly commendable virtues; in the Master Mason degree, he is taught “the most vital tenets of Freemasonry are Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love.”

2) Of the three immovable jewels: “The Plumb admonishes us to walk uprightly in our several stations before God and man, squaring our actions by The Square of Virtue, ever remembering that we are travelling upon the Level of time toward that ‘undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveler returns.” That is, Level’s finality posits equality. The three moveable jewels are the rough ashlar (ignorant man, without moral and intellectual Light), the perfect ashlar (regenerated, reborn man, who seeks perfection and unity with the supreme Spiritual Being), and the Trestle Board, whose “designs laid down by the Supreme Architect of the Universe” we have pledged to obey.

3) From earth to heaven, the three theological rungs in Jacob’s ladder will aid Masons to achieve heaven: Faith in God, Hope in immortality, and Charity toward all mankind of these, the greatest is Charity. They are the three supernatural or theological virtues infused in mankind by God. The usual modern connotation of charity is help-the-needy; but in its original Latin context, the word *caritas* meant Love, unbounded love and, for Masons, both Brotherly love and God’s love that Masons seek in mankind and in all things. Most important to remember is the triangular flap represents man’s spiritual nature: his mind, his spirit, his soul.

The Rectangular Portion of the Apron has four points which, in the Entered Apprentice degree, we call The Perfect Points of Entrance. There are four in number: Pectoral, which represents Fortitude; Manual, Prudence; Gutteral, Temperance; and Pedal, Justice. In ancient philosophies, the number 4 represented physical things; e.g., the Greek philosopher Plato distinguished Fortitude, Prudence, Temperance, and Justice as four cardinal virtues. (Later, religious moralists called them natural virtues.) Through them, Masons govern their conduct in the Lodge and in the world. Because Pectoral, Manual, Gutteral, and Pedal “allude to the body, the hands, the tongue, and the feet,” and because “certain [physical] signs, a token, a word,” make us known as Masons, the

rectangular portion of our apron represents the physical. The rectangle is physical; the triangular flap, spiritual. When we add the number 3 of the spiritual triangle and the number 4 of the physical rectangular portion, the total is 7, the perfect number which, the Holy Bible tells us, was beloved by God; so God created man with spiritual qualities and a physical body, and He was pleased with His creation.

The Apron as the Badge of a Mason

I previously demonstrated that our apron contains a “badge” with five points. As the Fellow Craft degree taught us, it reveals the five physical senses — hearing, seeing, feeling, smelling, and tasting; at the same time, this badge includes The Five Points of Fellowship whose physical actions are also symbolic: the feet (we will travel barefoot, if required, on a necessary Masonic errand), knee to knee (devotion to Deity and to our Brethren is ever present), breast to breast (secrets between Brothers are secure and inviolate), hand to back (a Brother will support a falling Brother), and mouth to ear “at low breath” (to give “wise counsel” to an erring Brother, or to impart a special word. And so, the three-part apron itself becomes the badge of a Mason.

Conclusion

Our Masonic apron is precious and reminds us every time we don it we should recall it symbolizes our inner, immortal soul, the basis of innocence, and also our physical state, both of which we should always seek to improve so we will become better men and better Masons, thereby strengthening our Hope that someday our soul will merge with the ineffable spiritual Light of Deity. And so, it follows, all else in Freemasonry is secondary to our regeneration, our spiritual rebirth, and our efforts to improve ourselves so that they will lead us, eventually, to the Grace of heaven.

By: Brother Noel Hamilton, Master Mason --- Star Lodge No. 78, Largo, Florida
Source: The Florida Masonic Code, The Grand Lodge of Florida, 1995.
The Holy Bible (Authorized or King James Version), Wichita: Heirloom

OUR ZEPHYR ANGELS IN THE KITCHEN **MARY BELL ELEANOR FRITTER LOIS GERARD MARY** **SMITH CAROLE MCBRIDE ELIZABETH RETEY CAROLYN** **MAYER**

Our Zephyr Angels have a reputation that precedes them in the District and Zone wherever we go. Those Lodges can only dream about what we already have So, the next time you attend Lodge and pass down by the serving line, please remember to give a special thanks to all the Zephyr Angels who have prepared your dinner. We are the only Lodge in District 19 and Zone 4 for that matter where such an exceptional first class dinner is served at every Stated Communication. Hours of hard work go into the preparation of each dinner served. We are blessed to have such great ladies who really know how to cook, so let them know exactly how much they are truly appreciated the next time you come to Lodge.

Dinner on January 24, 2013 will be Meat Loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, salad, rolls and butter, pie and cake, coffee and tea. The donation is still only \$5.00 – what a deal !

--- And best of all it is prepared by Our Zephyr Angels ---

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Historian	Robert Benner	813-728-0548
Tyler	Michael Daffron	813-312-0564

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LODGE CALENDAR & FIRST QUARTER EVENTS

January 22, 2013 --- OES Dinner 6:00pm honoring the Masons of Zephyr Lodge (wives included)

January 24, 2013 --- Stated Communication

January 26, 2013 --- Zone 4 Mandatory Masonic Education Workshops at Hernando Lodge

January 27, 2013 --- OES Fundraiser Luncheon - Beef tips and Noodles (11:00am to 2:00pm)
No tickets sold at the door. See Sec. Paul Weil for tickets (\$7.00)

January 31, 2013 --- Lodge Officer's Business Meeting (6:30pm)

February 7, 2013 --- Lodge Officer's Business Meeting

February 14, 2013 --- Stated Communication

February 21, 2013 --- Practice for EA Degree (Thursday) - (No business meeting that night)

February 25, 2013 --- Final Practice for EA Degree (Monday at 6:30pm)

February 28, 2013 --- Stated Communication and conferring of EA Degree

March 7, 2013 --- Lodge Officer's Business Meeting

March 9, 2013 --- Pig Roast Preparation - Lodge set-up at 8:00am

March 9, 2013 --- Zephyrhills 103rd Founder's Day Parade Celebration 9:00am-4:00pm

March 10, 2013 --- Zephyr Lodge 198 Pig Roast 11:00am-2:00pm

March 14, 2013 --- Stated Communication

March 16, 2013 --- Pilgrimage Day at the Masonic Home

March 21, 2013 --- Lodge Officer's Business Meeting

March 25, 2013 --- Practice for FC Degree (Monday)

March 28, 2013 --- Stated Communication and Planned FC Degree



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES GO OUT TO THESE BROTHERS

January

Federico Agnir
Leland Bartle
James Becker
Larry Cline
Ron Edgerton
Wallace Greene
William Kleinhans
Douglas McLean
Daniel Mehlman
Wayne Sholder Sr.
Walter Shorey
Bruce Townshend Jr.

February

William Coleman II
Bobby Gaddis
Carl Gerard
James Koontz
Paul March
Frank McDonald Sr.
Robert Pritchard
Harold Newcomb Jr.
Lowell Steve
Larry Weicht
John Werner Jr.
Floyd Wieck
Donnie Tyrrel

March

Merle Crum
John Fritter
Joseph Hinsz
David Kanter
Larry Kirkman
Donald Peterson
Zoltan Retey
Jerry Smith
Samuel Surratt Jr.
James Waddey
Thomas Wyant
Rolland Bice



REPORTS OF SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Please keep Brother Jack Johnson and His wife Doris in Your Prayers.

Please keep the sister of Worshipful Brother Cliff McDuffie in Your Prayers.

Also Brothers, if you have any reports of sickness or distress, please contact our Lodge so that we can add you to our list of those in need of Prayer.



CONGRATULATIONS !

Brother James L. Becker April 19, 1972 40 Years

Brother George A. Neukom Jr. January 24, 1963 50 Years

Treasurer Dewey Bandy February 26, 1957 – 50 Years!!! (Actual 56 years)

**WPM Vance Forbes June 20, 1947 received his 65 year pin
on November 8, 2012**



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