

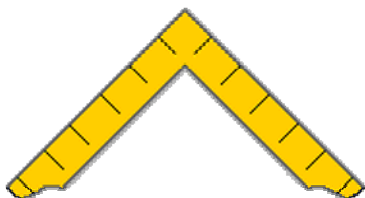
Zephyr Lodge No. 198
F&AM
Zephyrhills, FL
1911-2013

Trestle Board
July - September 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, we have had yet another exciting quarter. A third Brother, Eddie Cox was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason joining Brothers Cory Sommers and Chris Mandia who are now Master Masons too. In addition, our Jr. Warden, David Budai, completed the 15 part Masonic Leadership Training Syllabus and received his MLT Certificate from Most Worshipful Jorge L. Aladro during the 184th Annual Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida on May 28, 2013 in Orlando. Check the photo out at www.zephyrlodge198.com. And don't forget our Facebook link!!

While we are dark until our next Stated Communication on September 12, 2013, the summer months will be spent in preparing brothers for various new roles in the three Degrees and hosting another Zone 4 Masonic Leadership Training (MLT) session in August. The Lodge Room furniture will also be removed and cleaned and the carpet will be steam cleaned as well on Saturday July 13, 2013. Plans also include some work on the outside of the building too. A tremendous amount of work goes into the maintenance of our Lodge and our Building Committee, Chaired by our Treasurer Dewey Bandy, deserves special recognition for an outstanding job well done this year.

Our Lodge Instructor, Worshipful Howard Bell continues to teach the catechism and inculcates into each new Master Mason all those honorable and sacred principles and traditions that will sustain our Lodge for decades into the future. We are fortunate to have so many younger men join our Lodge who want to take active roles in the Lodge and also want to work their way through the chairs. And all this begins with the instruction provided from day one by Worshipful Howard Bell. Thank you Howie for your dedication and love for the Craft and for your outstanding work with every Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason!! And to think you have been doing this for at least the past 5 years when you raised me to the sublime Degree of Master Mason on April 24, 2008.

We don't want our Lodge Instructor to get lonely and have no one to teach in the fall so we continue to look for new candidates. If you know a good man who you believe would make a good Brother, please invite them to call our Secretary, Paul

Weil at 813-780-9838 for information and a petition. You know what we say, "We take good men and make them better". Please help your Lodge grow.

Have a wonderful summer and I'll see you in September.

Fraternally, Bill Clark



Greetings from the West

Need A Shoulder Rub?

Brethren,

If we are known by the company we keep, then the company we keep ought to inspire and invigorate us to greatness. Masonry is not just learned by scanning words, sentences, or paragraphs in a textbook. It is grasped by the mind and spirit of those who search for it in the lives of others.

Masons recognize the importance of keeping company with those who have chosen to excel. They listen to them, watch them. They seek them out. Their words and actions fall on their spirits like drops of moisture on a thirsty sponge.

Masons acknowledge that the achievement of others offers a key to unlocking their own excellence. They associate with great men not as an act of worship but rather to learn the cause of their success. Every Mason should be a mentor. But more important, every Mason should have a mentor.

Call it success by association—the Mason who strives for personal excellence will find a way to rub shoulders with the great people around him!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate all brethren for a wonderful and fulfilling first half of this year. May each and every one of you have a safe summer. See you in September.

On the Level,

Bob Benner, Senior Warden



Greetings from the South

Dear Brethren,

Well, it has been a great year so far, and as we go dark for the summer, I hope all of you are catching up on your honey- do lists and having fun with the family!

In August, we are planning a Masonic Leadership Training Class for the benefit of all the Brethren but especially those nearing the completion of the 15 part syllabus. This program developed by Grand Lodge helps prepare Brothers for the responsibility of going through the chairs and becoming the Worshipful Master of their Lodge. This Zone 4 MLT Class will be held at our Lodge tentatively on August 15, 2013 starting at 6:00pm but keep checking our Lodge website www.zephyrlodge198.com to confirm the date and time.

Please feel free to contact me by phone at 813-928-4416 or through my new **e-mail address** which is bigdave82@peoplepc.com . If I don't answer, please leave a detailed message if you have any questions or if I can help in any way. We would like any Brother who plans on attending to e-mail or call me so that we can have some sort of head count for the amount of food and drink to prepare.

My heart felt condolences go out to Lois Gerard and the family of Worshipful Past Master Carl G. Gerard. Our dearly departed Brother, you will be sadly missed by all.....and I say this from the heart for my friend and Brother.....**GO STEELERS !!!**

By the Plumb,
David L. Budai, Jr. Warden

LET YOUR PENNIES MAKE GOOD SENSE
Did you ever take a really close look at the large picture in the hallway behind the kitchen in our Lodge?

Did you ever take a really close look at the large picture in the hallway behind the kitchen in our Lodge? It is a very old picture of the Masonic Home and Orphanage! "The Masonic Home and Orphanage was conceived in the mind of Brother Albert Waller Gilchrest of Punta Gorda Lodge No. 115 and first presented to the Grand Lodge in Annual Communication in 1902.

Ground work for such an undertaking was immediately laid, with the appointment of a Special Committee to contact the lodges of Florida and gather their opinions and support. The lodges were advised that if such an undertaking was pursued, each lodge would have the right to offer indigent and aged Masons or the orphan children of Masons, as guests in this home. The object of such a venture was to be a permanent home and guardianship for those who had a claim on Masonic relief. This Masonic Home would take some relief out of the hands of the Particular Lodges and place it in the united efforts of the Craft as a whole.

In the Grand Lodge of 1903, Brother Gilchrest offered a resolution that a Special Committee be appointed to solicit aid and receive subscriptions for the "Masonic Home and Orphanage." After a full discussion on this subject another resolution was presented and adopted. This resolution called for positive steps in the establishment of a Home and Orphanage; that there be a fifty cents per capita assessment for the establishment of a "permanent fund" to build such a home; that the Grand Lodge add treasury surplus to the permanent fund; that a Board of Trustees for investment of the permanent fund be established; that this Board of Trustees also solicit and investigate a location for the home, and that this Board will report annually, to the Grand Lodge, until a home is established.

In January, 1905, the Board reported to the Grand Lodge that the Fund had a balance of \$5,273.90 with subscriptions promised for another several thousand dollars. In 1906, this Fund contained almost eight thousand dollars and in 1907, more than eleven thousand dollars. By Grand Lodge of 1912, Most Worshipful Albert Gilchrist, had completed his first year as our Grand Master, was also serving as the Governor of the State of Florida and the Special Fund was approximately twenty thousand dollars. M.: W.: Gilchrist reported in 1913 that the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons had donated \$1,500.00 and donations from the Order of the Eastern Star were well over eleven hundred dollars. The Fund total was over twenty-three thousand dollars.

By 1916, a committee was appointed to solicit donations of land or other inducements for the location of the Home and Orphanage. Inducements in the form of cash and land were received from Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Palatka, Ocala, Lake Weir, Silver Springs, St. Petersburg, DeFuniak Springs, Zolfo Springs, White Springs, Polk County and Punta Gorda. After consideration was given to all offers, St. Petersburg was chosen as the location to build the new home. However, before plans could be developed to purchase land and build proper facilities, the "Southland Hotel Property" was purchased for seventy thousand dollars. This offer had been quickly accepted as this property met all the needs of the planned home.

The Masonic Home and Orphanage was dedicated on April 7, 1919. On the same day, the Board of Trustees met for the first time and appointed various committees and officers. The first three children, admitted into the home, were admitted that same month and were Ethna W.

Helton-age 13, Max Helton-age 11 and Earle Helton-age 9. These three children were all admitted through Barrett Lodge No. 43 of Live Oak, Florida.

By 1930, when the Grand Lodge was celebrating its one-hundredth anniversary and our Masonic Home at St. Petersburg was approximately eleven years old, there had been two hundred sixty-six (266) guests accepted into that home and one hundred twenty-five (125) were still in residence at the home. Twenty-three (23) were on non-resident relief; of which twelve (12) were children and eleven (11) were adults. Of the one hundred forty-eight (148), fifty-five (55) were boys, fifty-seven (57) were girls, nineteen (19) were men and seventeen (17) were women. Of the one hundred (100) children being cared for in residence at the home eighty-three (83) were attending school, two (2) were working and fifteen (15) were too young for school.

The children were all given well-rounded educations to prepare them for adult life. According to their talents in addition to their religious and public school educations, they were instructed in Orchestra, Band, Piano, Expression, Painting, Drawing, Business, Printing, Radio, Mechanical, Woodworking and Home Economics such as Cooking and Sewing.

Soon after the dedication of this new facility, the board of Trustees recommended to the Grand Lodge of 1920, that the name of the Masonic Home and Orphanage be changed to "The Masonic Home of Florida" and so it was.

On May 18, 1921, the five McQueen children, John, Fletcher, Margaret, Thomas and Mary were admitted to the home. It is important to note that one of these children, Fletcher, grew into manhood and after becoming a member of the Masonic Fraternity, served in numerous capacities including that of Grand Master of Florida. These children had been admitted through Eugene Lodge NO. 173 of Cross City.

Through the years, the number of adult guests in the home remained fairly constant with a small increase as the years passed. However, with children as our main concern, in the early years, their numbers grew rapidly until the years of prosperity which came with World War Two. From 1941 to 1942, the number of children in the home dropped from 89 to 34 and in 1946 there were only 8 left to our care. Due to the improved available help for orphan children, these numbers continued to dwindle and our last child was discharged from the home on June 3, 1956. This was Mary Virginia Allen who had entered the home on August 13, 1941 through Holyrood Lodge No. 257."

Today, the Masonic Home of Florida is situated on 18 acres of lush landscaping on the shores of Coffee Pot Bayou. While the Home was originally set aside for children, it slowly turned to the needs of senior Masons and their wives/widows as aging demographics changed. A series of building expansions beginning in 1973 brought the Home to its present 150,000 square foot size and can accommodate up to 187 Residents in a state-of-the-art setting. There are gracious lobbies, an elegant dining room overlooking the grounds and water, a 5,000 volume library, billiards and activities

rooms, gift shop, community kitchenettes and lounges, a chapel, waterside pavilion and a fishing pier plus a host of other amenities which make the Masonic Home one of the premiere facilities of its kind.” #

So there you have it and now you know why your pennies make good sense. But, it does not end there. The Masonic Home Endowment Fund will be vastly improved once every Mason in Florida purchases their Masonic License plate for their cars.

Mark October 1, 2013 on your calendar now!! Don't forget!! The Masonic Home of Florida needs you to purchase your Masonic License plate(s)!!! (see note below)

Article taken from the "History of the Masonic Home and Orphanage by M. W. J. Roy Crowther"; the Masonic Home Website and edited for space.

Note: A question came up at our last Stated Communication. Will Handicapped Masonic Tags be made available? At this time, the answer from Grand Lodge is "we don't think so". However, the DMV can be contacted regarding this after October 1, 2013.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida

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May 30, 2013

To: The Brethren residing in the Jurisdiction of The Grand Lodge of Florida

GREAT NEWS!!! GREAT NEWS!!! GREAT NEWS!!!

Governor Richard L. Scott has signed the Freemasonry Novelty License Plate into law. This dream has become a reality thanks to Brothers who work as public servants in the House and Senate and they are Senators W.: Charles Dean, Brothers Jack Latvala and Greg Evers and House Representatives W.: Charlie Stone, Brothers Ritch Workman and Clay Ford (deceased) and many others who assisted in the sponsoring of this bill in the House and Senate.

We also owe a great deal of gratitude to Brothers that played important roles behind the scenes. These Brothers were W.: Kevin Gholston and Brother Thomas Delaine who diligently worked with the legislators and created the letters and spreadsheets for all the Lodges to contact their Senators and Representatives; and Brother Christopher Turner who played an important part behind the scenes in favor of this legislation.

To W.: Francisco Penela and R.:W.: Charles Elul who printed and distributed the information to all the Senators and Representatives for the Legislative Breakfast, and R.:W.: Stephen Berry who took us around the House and Senate Chambers and the many Brothers from the Tallahassee area that supported the event including R.:W.: James Evans who attended the breakfast and hearings.

And finally to all the Brothers that signed and sent in the petitions in support of the legislation in their respective Districts as well as the Brothers and Lodges that donated funds toward the expenses of invitations and material presented we are eternally grateful. Your efforts proved that when we work together we can overcome and be triumphant.

Congratulations, effective October 1, 2013, you can obtain a voucher at any location that sells license plates and order your "Freemasonry License Plate" and as soon as one thousand vouchers are turned in, the State of Florida will start the production of the plate. Remember this all important date; it would be very exciting if we could have all the vouchers presented the same day across the State and demonstrate that we are 100% behind this effort.

Fraternally,



Jorge L. Aladro
Past Grand Master

Approved for distribution by:
M.:W.: Danny R. Griffith, Grand Master
May 30, 2013

"Be A Leader; Make It Happen"

OUR ZEPHYR ANGELS IN THE KITCHEN

**MARY BELL ELEANOR FRITTER LOIS GERARD MARY SMITH CAROLE
MCBRIDE**

ELIZABETH RETEY CAROLYN MAYER CINDI MARCH SUSAN JOHNSTON

Please welcome our newest Zephyr Angel, Susan Johnston who is married to our Marshall, Larry Johnston. We are blessed to have such great ladies who really know

how to cook, but as we are now dark, we will have to suffer through until September 12, 2013 before we can savor another delicious meal. 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 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 ---

LODGE CALENDAR & UPCOMING THIRD QUARTER EVENTS

July 11, 2013 - Lodge Officer's Meeting Thursday 6:30pm

July 13, 2013 - Lodge Cleaning. Saturday 9:00am. Remove and clean all furniture from the Lodge Room. Steam clean the carpet.

July 18, 2013 - Return all the furniture to the Lodge Room. Thursday 6:30pm

August 8, 2013 -- Lodge Officer's Meeting Thursday 6:30pm

August 15, 2013 - Zone 4 Masonic Leadership Training Workshop (tentative).
6:00pm at Zephyr Lodge.

September 5, 2013 -- Lodge Officer's Meeting Thursday 6:30pm

September 12, 2013 -- Stated Communication (no longer dark). Dinner at 6:30pm; Lodge opens at 7:30pm.

September 19, 2013 -- Lodge Officer's Meeting Thursday 6:30pm and practice for DDGM Visit

September 26, 2013 -- Stated Communication - Official DDGM Visit by Right Worshipful Bob Thompson, Right Honorable Samuel Z. Douglas III and the Committeemen of the 19th Masonic District.

<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.](#)

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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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES GO OUT TO THESE BROTHERS

July

August

September

David L Budai
Richard J. Burgstrom
William G. Law
David M. Schneck
Roy J. Smith
Steve P. Van Gorden

James M. Aiman
Gary R. Beecher
William B. Bennett
Mark A. Bryant
James E. Cramer
James E. Bryant
James E. Davis
Ziad T. Elchantiry
Thomas E. Goldwaite
Larry D. Johnston
James O. Kenagy, Jr.
John P. Knowles, Jr.

Willie T. Quick
Thomas R. Ramsey
John W. Rickard
Truman Rooks
Thomas J. Rufe, Jr.
Douglas R. Sage
Robert G. Scudder
Wilson C. Vennard
Bobby L. Walker
Norman B. Wedemeyer
Dacid M. Williams

Charles L. Baptist
Donald B. Freeman
George E. Jarrett
Victor D. Mitchell
Michael G. Payne
Wayne T. Rodney
Eric L. Simmons
Charles D. Smith

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

It is with a heavy heart that we report the passing of our Worshipful Past Master Carl G. Gerard. Worshipful Brother Gerard was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 16, 2002 and served the Lodge as Jr. Deacon (2004), Sr. Deacon (2005), Jr. Warden (2006), Sr. Warden (2007), Worshipful Master of Zephyr Lodge in 2008 and Chaplain (2009). He received his Past Master's Degree on May 26, 2008 and was also a member of Memorial Lodge 919 where he served as Tyler in 2009 and 2010 and was Worshipful Master of Memorial Lodge 919 in 2013. He served for years on many of the Standing and Auxiliary Committees of Zephyr Lodge and was instrumental in contributing to the success of our bi-annual pig roasts. He will be missed so very much and please keep his Lady, Lois Gerard in your prayers.

Zephyr Lodge No. 198 Standing Committees for 2013*

Finance
SW Bob Benner, Chair

Vigilance
JW David Budai, Chair

Petitions
PM Bob Skrapka, Chair

JW David Budai
TR Dewey Bandy
PM Howard Bell
PM Chuck Smith
SEC Paul Weil

PM John Fritter
SD Marcus Price

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.



CONGRATULATIONS !

Raised September 28, 1988 Zoltan Retez - 25 Years!

Raised June 11, 1973 Paul F. Weil - 40 Years!

A note regarding our Secretary Paul Weil: Due to time constraints during our Stated Communication of June 13, 2013, our Secretary Paul Weil volunteered to postpone receiving his 40 year pin and certificate until our Stated Communication of September 12, 2013. You will recall on June 13th, that in addition to business and balloting on a Waiver of Jurisdiction, we raised Brother Eddie Cox to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. So as to keep that Communication under three hours in length Secretary Paul put the Brothers of our Lodge ahead of his own recognition for 40 years of faithful service to the Craft. That should tell you everything you need to know about our Secretary!!! Thank you Paul for all that you do for our Lodge.



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