



Bellevue Masonic Lodge No. 95

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Chartered January 19, 1887
Meetings: 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Dinner at 6:30PM. Meeting at 7:30PM

TRESTLEBOARD – JANUARY/ FEBRUARY 2019

Worshipful Master	W.: H. Roger Miller	693-4144
Senior Warden	Bro. Randy Young	687-1107
Junior Ward	W.: Tony Martin	693-4000
Secretary	W.: Steve Whaley	347-6547
Treasurer	W.: Terry Davies	245-3729
Chaplain	W.: Tom "Arlo" Ventre	216-7065
Senior Deacon	Bro. Chris Williams	502-3295
Junior Deacon	Bro. Tim Maloney	536-4123
Senior Steward	Bro. Houston Dilley	307-9142
Junior Steward	W.: John Pisani	
Marshall	W.: Russ McNealy	233-0568
Tyler	Bro. Gary Mathews	

Mark your Calendar!!

Jan. 12 Breakfast	Apr. 13 th Breakfast	July 13 th Breakfast	Oct. 12 th Breakfast
Feb. 9 th Breakfast	May 13 th Breakfast	Aug. 10 th Breakfast	Nov. 9 th Breakfast
Mar. 9 th Breakfast	June 8 th Breakfast	Sept. 14 th Breakfast	Dec. 14 th Breakfast

We ALWAYS need volunteers to help with the Breakfast! Please join us for this important opportunity for fellowship!!

Perpetual Membership

A Perpetual Membership not only benefits you for your lifetime, it also benefits your Lodge as proceeds from the Perpetual Membership are used to offset Grand Lodge per capita every year for years to come. It is a legacy in your name. Please consider a Perpetual Membership. Ask Secretary W.: Steve Whaley for forms and information.

Sickness and Distress

If anyone knows of any sickness or distress within our Fraternity, please contact Chaplain W.: Tom Ventre 216-7065 or one of the Lodge Officers. To our brothers and friends who are sick or

housebound, we ask the Lord God to keep you under his protection until we can meet again. Special Prayers go out to the men and women of our Military, First Responders.

Trestleboard

Please send the Secretary W. Steve Whaley your E-mail address, so we can reduce the expense of snail mailing the trestleboard.

TRESTLEBOARD SUPPORTERS---

Mr. & Mr. Steve Whaley	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Shoopman	Mr. Johnny Walker
Mr. Art Umland	Mr. & Mrs. George Reynolds	
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Ventre	Mr. Harry Medlock	

Out of the East



Brethren,

Welcome my brothers to 2019!

Last year was a good year for Belleview Lodge, and I would like to keep that ball rolling.

I would like to thank you for having the confidence in me to be Worshipful Master for this year. I would like to continue to focus on membership this year, and we also have to continue our fund-raising efforts to keep the Lodge open. This requires a lot of help from the membership. In 2018 our fundraisers fell short of our needs, as it has in the preceding years. We have discussed making some changes and will continue to do so as needed. I would like to hear everyone's opinion on events that you can attend.

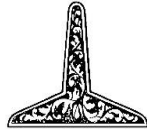
W. Brother Tony Martin brought back our BREAKFAST as a fundraiser and it has been very successful. We will pursue it as long as it continues to be successful.

Please help me in actively pursuing new members in the community, and I hope you will join us at our meetings in 2019 and will continue to do so throughout the year.

Until then my brothers, stay healthy and God Bless you and your families

**W. H. Roger Miller
Worshipful Master**

OUT of the WEST



Brethren,

I hope this finds you in good health, and hope you had a good holiday season. As the new masonic year has started we need to help the new Worshipful Master Roger Miller. He has fund raisers on the new calendar, so we need to help as much as possible.

I would love to see all of our members make at least one of our meetings a month to show your support.

We had a great year with new membership in 2018, we need to keep getting new members , because they will be the ones that help keep our fraternity alive for years to come. We will need help with the degrees as we now have new EA's and Fellow Crafts coming through our three symbolic degrees.

I hope you have a great start to your new year and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Randy Young
Senior Warden

Freemasonry is not about how good of a man you are.... It's about how good of a man you want to be.

Robert Herd

Out of the South



Brethren

I look forward to serving our Lodge as your Junior Warden for 2019. Please come to Lodge and share in the comradery with your Brothers and enjoy a home cooked meal. I will make every effort to provide an enjoyable experience. We need you ALL to come to Lodge and support your new line of officers.

Please think about why you became a Mason to begin with, reach inside and find that spark, bring it to lodge with you, and share in the vision of what Belleview Lodge COULD be again, all it will take is getting back into Masonry. Come on Brothers, what have you got to lose?? Lets make Belleview 95 the best lodge in the 12th Masonic District. OH HELL lets make it the best Lodge in Florida, all it takes is YOU!!!!

W. . Tony Martin
Junior Warden



Worthy Matron- Mary H. Moody
Worthy Patron Richard Domine
OES Chapter 122 Meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Next Meeting January 15th

Upcoming Events

Breakfast

January 12th & February 9th

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 12 Breakfast

Feb. 9 Breakfast

Feb.23 Fish Fry

Mar. 9 Breakfast

Mar. 23 Rib Fest/ CHICKEN?

Apr. 13 Breakfast

May 11 Breakfast

May 27 Grand Lodge Communication

Jun. 8 Breakfast

Jun. 15 Memorial Golf Outing

Jul. 13 Breakfast

Aug. 10 Breakfast

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Sep. 14 Breakfast

Oct. 5 Rib FEST

Oct. 12 Breakfast

Nov. 2 Fish Fry

Nov. 9 Breakfast

Nov. 14 Honoring Past Masters Night

Nov.28 Nominations of officers

Dec. 6 Lodge Christmas Party

Dec. 12 Lodge Election of Officers

Dec. 14 Breakfast

Dec. 14 Light up Lake Lilian?

Dates highlighted in red have been questioned and warrant further discussion!!

THE TRUTH IS ENOUGH

With the recent 15th Masonic District sponsored display of the George Washington Gavel in the Ocala area, I wonder, “how active were Masons in the founding of our country”.

M.W. Brother Carl H. Claudy wrote the following in part.

In this country, Freemasonry has always been strong. Many of the makers of the America we know and love were Freemasons, proud to be

Freemasons, carrying their Freemasonry into their councils and their deliberations. The part which Freemasons played in the formation of American ideas and ideals has been so great that it belittles, not adds, to its glory, to tell and retell some of the “tall tales” of masonic participation in American historical events.

As most good brethren do not have easy access to the facts, a few of them are herewith set down as evidence that the truth is far more impressive than falsehood.

“Most the Presidents of the United States have been Freemasons.”

This statement is not true. Fourteen certainly, and two more probably, have been Freemasons. The certainties are Buchanan, Ford,

Garfield, Harding, Jackson, Johnson, McKinley, Monroe, Polk, Theodore

Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Taft, Truman and Washington. Jefferson and Madison were possibly—even probably—Freemasons, but

evidence is circumstantial, not direct.

Some of these were interested, ardent, working Freemasons. Jackson and Truman were Grand Masters, the only Presidents ever to become so.

Buchanan was a Master of his Lodge. He was appointed and served as

District Deputy Grand Master for three counties in his State.

Andrew Johnson was sufficiently interested in the Craft to become the first President to receive the degrees in the Scottish Rite.

Garfield was Chaplin of his Lodge in Ohio for two years and a charter

member of Pentalpha Lodge No. 23, of Washington D.C., and became a Knight Templar.

George Washington was elected to serve as the first Master of the Lodge in Alexandria, Virginia in 1788.

Harding was the first President to be elected to receive the Thirty-third degree, of the Scottish Rite. He died before that honor was conferred upon him. Truman was the first President to receive the Thirty-third degree, having it conferred on him at Washington in October, 1945.

A nonsensical statement is often heard: "All (or a great majority) of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were Masons.

Boyden lists 15 of the signers as Masons. The Masonic Service Committee of the Grand Lodge of Iowa lists 29. The truth is probably somewhere between the two. Iowa lists Samuel Adams and Thomas Jefferson; most authorities deny any proof that either was a Mason.

Another statement too often heard is that most if not all, of the framers of the Constitution were Masons. The facts are impressive enough without resorting to fancy. Thirty certainly and 31 if Madison be conceded, of those who framed the Constitution were Freemasons.

In the early years, it was a fact that most of the governors of the 48 states were masons: so was most of both houses of the National legislature. It is not a fact, and has never been a fact, that all legislators or all governors of the several States were Masons. Moreover, thinking Freemasons do not desire that all members of any government which is supposed to represent all the people of this nation should be Freemasons. The United States is a federation of minorities; every State is a minority: every religion, every race, every organization within the United States is a minority. To have any minority control the government which administers the affairs of the majority—the whole people—would be unfortunate from the standpoint of national welfare, whether that controlling minority was any religion, any labor union, any race or any fraternity.

**America was born out of a demand for liberty of thought, person,
speech and worship. It was won from a wilderness by men imbued
with**

**courage, resource, daring and vision. That many of them were
Freemasons is their glory and our heritage; to credit Freemasonry with
the accomplishments of manhood and patriotism may be flattering to
the
vanity, but is unjust to country, to patriots and to the Order so many
love.**

**Freemasonry's great objectives—to build character and hold ideals
before men's eyes—have worked miracles in men; it is the men, not
the Order, who have worked the miracle which is America.**

**All honor to all patriots, soldiers, statesmen who built our nation;
to those who were Freemasons, a Masonic salute!
They should want—we should want—no more.**

