



## Bellevue Masonic Lodge No. 95

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

### TRESTLEBOARD – April/May/June 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!

Apr. 13 <sup>th</sup> Breakfast	July 13 <sup>th</sup> Breakfast	Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup> Breakfast
May 13 <sup>th</sup> Breakfast	Aug. 10 <sup>th</sup> Breakfast	Nov. 9 <sup>th</sup> Breakfast
June 8 <sup>th</sup> Breakfast	Sept. 14 <sup>th</sup> Breakfast	Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup> 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,

Most of you know that I'm having a few health problems. I am slowly getting my strength back, and am able to drive and get around a little. I was able to get to the March Fish Fry, and was pleasantly surprised to see our usual crew working hard to make it happen. These members and wives, and, some members of other Lodges who choose to help out for various reasons, deserve our thanks, for supporting Belleview Lodge.

I recall an article I recently read by Elbert Bede entitled:  
"Masonry a Way of Life "

Many have ask for a definition of Masonry, but few have received a satisfactory answer. The explanation most frequently given is that it is a science veiled in Allegory and explained in Symbols. Concealed in

Symbols might explain the real situation. This explanation really means little to most of us. Inasmuch as anyone may interpret our symbols, and masonry itself, according to his own light, here is my definition:

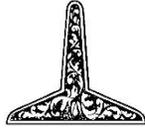
Masonry, in the final analysis, is a way of life. It manifests itself

in our daily contacts with our fellows. It is not what the tongue proclaims, but what the heart contains. The true Mason, then, is the one who interprets the Symbols in which Masonry is concealed (or by which it is explained) through exemplification in his daily life of what was put into such Symbols long before Solomon started construction of the Great White Temple which crowned Moriah's Mount.

Masonry should be a brotherhood of man, and this need not be an idle dream, even though it may require long and patient effort to overcome error and prejudice. I believe the time yet will come, possibly within the lives of some here today, when the battle flags will be forever furled, when the battle tanks will become the tractors of the husbandman, and the Eternal Truths which are Freemasonry, will be universally recognized by a world forever at peace through practice of what our Symbols contain. That will be Masonry fully developed.

**W . . H. Roger Miller**  
**WORSHIPFULL MASTER**

## OUT of the WEST



**Brethren,**



As we get into the year, we had a wonderful Master Mason Degree with Brother Chris Williams in the East for both section's. Plus we had a great fish fry on March 23rd.

We still have more brother going through the degree's this year, and as we do the degree's we still need help to put them on. There are more fund raiser's left this year,

and I hope to see many of you helping the best you can. As everyone knows W :. Rodger Miller is still recovering, please keep him your prayer's. If you need any Class's like MM 1,2,3, or MLT, let

Joe, Chris Williams or Me, know so we can get you in the classes. In closing my Brother's if you know of someone, that would make a just and up right man and mason. Please bring him to one of our dinners before the lodge meeting to show him what Masonry is all about. We are the ones that can keep our time-honored fraternity alive.

**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**

We've had a busy 1gt Quarter. We're looking for everyone handling food at fund raisers to get their food handler license, after what happened to the shrine club.

We are in process of getting our Building up to code by installing new fire extinguishers ,lighted exit signs and smoke detectors.

We now have Amaranth meeting in our Lodge on the third Saturday of each month.

We welcome them into the Belleview Lodge family. Their installation of New Officers is being held on Saturday April 20 with a lunch at NOON and we're all invited to share and attend their OPEN meeting . **Let's welcome them by attending(let me know if you can make it).**

We have a rental of the lodge on Saturday March 30. Come on out to lodge and have fellowship with your Brothers.

We had a great turnout for the FISH FRY. As always, our cook Brothers on the patio, and our kitchen Brothers and Sisters as well as the dining room Brothers and sisters, were FANTASTIC!!!! Thank you all for a great job. Another 20 or so in sales would have wiped us out of fish.!!

**W. . Tony Martin**  
**Junior Warden**



**Worthy Matron- Donna Gann**  
**Worthy Patron- Tony Martin**  
**OES Chapter 122 Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays**

**Meeting Dates; April 2. May 7,8,21, June 4,18**  
**Dark July August Sept**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Apr. 13 Breakfast  
May 11 Breakfast  
May 27 Grand Lodge Communication  
Jun. 8 Breakfast  
Jul. 13 Breakfast  
Aug. 10 Breakfast  
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Sep. 14 Breakfast  
Oct. 5 Rib FEST  
Oct. 12 Breakfast  
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 MASTERS HAT FROM THE ARCHIVES

"Why does the Master wear a hat

How many times do newly raised brethren ask the question, and how few of the brethren interrogated can give a satisfactory answer! Usually, the reply is: "Oh, that's an old symbol." or, "That's one of the

Landmarks." But wearing a hat in Lodge is symbolic only as all customs with regard to headgear are symbolic. In ancient times the king never uncovered. He wore his crown where he would, even in the House of God. All had to uncover before the king, as all had to retreat from his presence by moving backward—a custom which obtains today in ceremonial audiences in England—that none might "turn his back on his Sovereign." The very bowing of the head without hat is a survival; the savage who lowered his head in the presence of authority confessed either fearlessness of an unseen blow, or his willingness to receive it from his liege lord.

Just when or where originated the custom of a Master wearing a hat as a sign of authority is an unsolved question. It is easy enough to guess" that it began from operative Masons of the middle ages aping the customs of the court, and requiring all Fellows of the Craft to uncover before the Master Mason. But guessing is not proving. In the light of history and the etiquette of various ages, the most probable theory seems to be that a Master wears a hat today in imitation of the rulers of olden times who wore hat or crown while those who owed them allegiance uncovered.

"When should the Worshipful Master remove his hat, the answer must come from taste rather than law. Some Masters are veritable "hat snatchers," pulling off their headgear

whenever they speak from the East. There seems little more reason for a Master to divest himself of his badge of office when addressing a brother, than to remove his apron or jewel. The Master's hat is not used as a head cover in designed for warmth and protection from the weather, but as a badge of authority. Good taste would dictate its lifting when the Master speaks of or to Deity, of death, during the reading of passages of Scripture, and in the presence of the Grand Master. In other words, the Master's hat is doffed in the presence of superior authority. Lodges in which the officers appear in evening clothes, either "swallow tails" or dinner coats, naturally expect Masters to use black silk hats. Lodges where less formality is practiced frequently see Masters in silk hats, but the results are sometimes anomalous. The spectacle of a brother in white trousers, blue shirt, no coat, black and white shoes and a silk hat, is incongruous, at least. At a Lodge meeting in hot weather in informal clothes the Master is better dressed with a straw hat than the more formal silk. Lodges in which the officers wear ordinary business clothes should look with approbation on the felt or derby. The Grand Master in Massachusetts wears a three-cornered cockade hat at the solemn ceremonies of St. John's Day in Winter, survival of the custom began in the days when Paul Revere was Grand Master. But the official costume of a Grand Master in that Jurisdiction, inclusive of a large, heavily gold-incrusted apron, collar, gauntlets and jewels, removes any feeling of incongruity from the appearance of this old custom; the Massachusetts Grand Master does not wear his cockade when visiting other Grand Lodges. That the Master should wear his hat, and not let the old custom go by default, merely for personal convenience, goes without saying..



