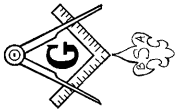


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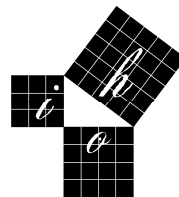
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Call Herb Whisenant (689-4221) or Lucky Wade (681-4838) for information

Lodge Happenings

- ⇒ Brandon Lodge is online at www.brandonlodge.org
Check out your web page. **Updated to 2010!!!**
- ⇒ July 4th - **Happy INDEPENDENCE DAY !!!!!!!**
- ⇒ July 5th - Rainbow Advisory Board — 7:30 PM
- ⇒ July 6th - Officers Meeting @ Lodge — 7:00 PM
- ⇒ July 17th - OES Breakfast 8:00 AM — Memorial Lodge 10:00 AM
- ⇒ July 19th - District School — Tampa #240 @ 7:00 PM
- ⇒ July 23rd - Masters & Wardens — Fellowship Lodge @ 7:30 PM



Past Masters of Brandon Lodge

1889-90.....*W. C. Moore	1958.....*C. White
1891.....*J. M. Duffie	1959.....E. R. Lastinger
1892.....*W. C. Moore	1960.....*H. T. Barron
1893.....*C. H. Spencer	1961.....*W. S. Richards
1894.....*J. P. Hill	1962.....*T. C. Casey
1895.....*C. H. Spencer	1963.....*H. R. Moody
1896-1900..*R. G. Brooker	1964.....*A. O. Miller
1901-1902...*J. H. Wedell	1965.....C. B. Reynolds
1903.....*D. E. Hazen	1966.....D. C. Moses
1904.....*R. G. Brooker	1967.....*W. Seber
1905.....*J. A. Johnson	1968.....*L. Stanberry
1906-07...*T. F. Parramore	1969.....*H. F. Turner
1908-09.....*J. H. Wedell	1970.....*T. C. Casey
1910-11....*D. E. Hazen	1971.....L. R. Chambliss
1912.....*J. A. Johnson	1972.....*S. W. Rich
1913-14....*C. W. Haas	1973.....A. M. Schrader
1915-16....*J. R. Brooker	1974.....C. B. Hamlin
1917-18....*C. W. Haas	1975.....*W. Seber
1919.....*W. P. Pemberton	1976.....C. E. Wysong
1920...*W. E. Touchstone	1977.....*L. L. Griffin
1921...*L. Wetherington	1978.....R. L. Dykes
1922-23....*L. A. Hogan	1979.....E. R. Poling
1924-25....*J. M. Morgan	1980.....E. B. McAuley
1926-1927..*R. A. McIntoch	1981.....*R. L. Prekop
1928.....*A. Rothwell	1982.....*J. Leitner
1929.....*J. Morgan	1983.....*R. H. Riveiro
1930.....*D. M. Robison	1984.....T. R. Shaffer
1931.....*E. L. Robison	1985.....L. Carnley
1932.....*G. O. Dunlap	1986.....C. Chancey
1933.....*R. S. Summerall	1987.....D. H. Bridges
1934.....*L. B. Selden	1988.....G. Alfonso
1935.....*F. B. Akard	1989.....K. A. Thornton
1936.....*W. K. Lewis	1990.....W. J. Kalbas
1937.....*W. A. Ledford	1991.....*H. Allen
1938.....*M. B. Whitfield	1992...D. W. Morgan, Sr.
1939.....*L. W. Blaisdell	1993.....G. W. Reese III
1940...*L. E. Tourtellotte	1994.....R. K. Murrhee
1941.....*B. L. Lanford	1995...H. H. Whisenant
1942.....*P. O. Marcum	1996.....R. E. Age
1943.....*J. H. Stevenson	1997.....M. R. Cary
1944...*T. M. Blackshear	1998.....W. C. Mitchell
1945.....*C. A. Garner	1999...D. R. Hutchinson
1946.....*P. N. Chancey	2000...H. A. Kuczvara
1947.....*J. O. Tottle	2001...Daniel Heston
1948.....*H. H. King	2002...Ronald Brimner
1949.....*R. E. Hiller	2003.....Benjamin P. Piatt
1950.....*C. R. Hampton	2004.....Ron Green
1951.....*W. A. Brodie	2005.....Ed Kellner
1952.....*J. O. Crozier	2006.....Gene Hagan
1953.....W. Leitner	2007.....Peter Williams
1954.....J. R. Edwards	2008...Chas. Reichert, Sr.
1955.....*H. H. Rushing	2009.....Richard Boettger
1956.....*W. B. Westbrook	
1957.....L. W. Roberts	

* Deceased

From the Secretary's Desk



Brethren:

Brethren since our last Trestleboard we have had 2 of our Dearly Beloved Brothers pass away; Worshipful Harold Davis and Brother Billy Leffler, we will surely miss these two Brothers, please keep them in your prayers.

At our first meeting on July 8th we will have the Official Visit by Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master and his committee Brothers on their first visit to Brandon Lodge, please come out and attend.

FOUR WORDS TO LIVE BY:

DRINK, STEAL, SWEAR AND LIE

1. "**Drink**" from the everlasting cup every day.
2. "**Steal**" a moment to help someone that is in worse shape than you are.
3. "**Swear**" that you will be a better person today than yesterday.
4. And last, but not least, when you "**Lie**" down at night Thank God you live in America and have freedom.

I am not as good as I should be. I am not as good as I could be. But Thank God I am better than I used to be!

Author Unknown

Fraternally,
Herb Whisenant, P.M., Secretary

From the East

Brothers ~

I want you to come on out to the Lodge on the 4th of July and have a Burger and Soda from 3 to 5 PM prior to the Brandon Parade. The parade will start at 6:30 PM. Make sure, if you can to show your support for our Lodge Float. The parade is based on "Defenders of Freedom". We will have Brothers both who are from the Lodge and Brothers who are in the Military, Eastern Star, Rainbow Girls and National Sojourners on the Float and passing out information cards. If you have any questions about the parade, please contact Brother Terry Foster or myself.

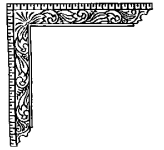
You all should be very proud of the countless positive comments for Brandon Lodge I heard at Grand Lodge this past month.

I want to say that I am so overwhelmed by the support I see from my fellow Brothers here at our Lodge. There is no other Lodge that I would want to be Master of then that of Brandon #114. It all starts with the youngest Entered Apprentice to the oldest Master Mason. From our Degree team to the Brothers who assist in the kitchen. I want to thank our Mentors for the outstanding job of teaching Masonic values to our young Brothers. It is really paying off. Our D.D.G.M. Gene Hagan and his traveling party will be kicking off his 1st visit to his home Lodge Brandon #114 on the 8th. Please come out and show your support for him and Brandon Lodge. I want to once again thank the Brothers of Brandon Lodge for a successful fund-raiser. We did a great job with the Fish Fry. I want to thank Roger and Sue for donating the col-slaw.

The Catfish was Great!!!

Respectfully,

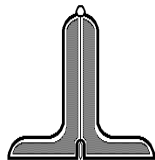
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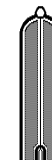


My Brothers ~

I would like to thank each and every one of you for the help and generosity that you have given to support your Lodge. Your help and time has been an encouragement to all. I am proud to say we have not had an unsuccessful event yet. Everything we have done this year has been a success, from our fundraisers to our degrees and our normal stated meetings. This is because of the help of all of our brothers and sisters. I would like to thank Brother Tom Harden for the condition of the south entrance. He and his company painted the entrance as a donation to our great Lodge. We have to remind ourselves what a Lodge actually is. Is it a building, or something more? Brothers, we are having a great year, so what would make it greater? Your involvement would. If you have not seen the south entrance since it has been painted or you have not been down to the Lodge to participate in our normal operations, you, my brother, are the missing element. I strongly encourage you to come out and see what is happening at our great Lodge. If you have an hour a week to come down and participate, our Lodge will definitely benefit from your presence. We are in need of instructors and brothers to help with the rather large and growing amount of new brothers. Brothers, we have one of the most active Lodges in the state and I would like to keep it that way. If you can, please come out and see what is going on at Brandon 114.

Fraternally,
Justin W. Aldrich, Senior Warden

From the South



Brethren all,

Summertime is here. The officers are in casual uniform (except for special occasions), we're getting ready for the Fourth of July parade, and are busy as ever. We continue to have great degrees every off week and it is a wonderful experience to see the new brothers. If you haven't watched the degree team in a while or seen the changes to the lodge both inside and out, please drop by and you're sure to be impressed.

A couple weeks ago I was on my way home from the mall and passing by the Arby's on 60 I heard the crunch of metal that I never wanted to hear again. I looked in my rear mirror and sure enough, there was a motorcycle tumbling. I quickly got off the road to the parking lot to start providing medical assistance. I'm not sure who was at fault or what happened at the moment of impact but the result was the same - a trip to the hospital. I still wonder if the guy is alright but will probably never know but I do know I did all I could to help him until paramedics took over the scene. Brothers, the reason why I wonder so much how he is was because he ended up landing head first into the ditch at an incline upside down with his arm partially wrapped around a metal pole. What makes things worse is the fact that he was only wearing sneakers, shorts, and a sleeveless shirt. No over the ankle footwear, no jeans, no jacket, no gloves, NO HELMET. While we cannot control our destiny, we can make choices to make things safer.

I wrote this as I know we have a lot of riders in the lodge. Please think about this and go have fun but please ride safe. No matter how warm it gets, please remember to "Ride Safe and Ride Again". Your family and your lodge need you.

I am humbled to serve,

Jeff Shreaves
Junior Warden