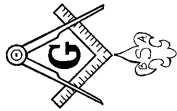


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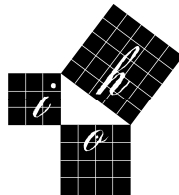
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	Don Cowart	Wayne Myers
	Dwight Shingledecker	Mike Dumond
	Erik Sampson, PM, Oxford, MA	

**Brother** - be a Trestleboard booster..... YOUR name could appear here.....  
Call Herb Whisenant (689-4221) or Lucky Wade (681-4838) for information

### Lodge Happenings

- ⇒ Brandon Lodge is online at [www.brandonlodge.org](http://www.brandonlodge.org)  
Check out your web page. **Soon to be updated to 2010!!!**
- ⇒ February 1st - Rainbow Advisory Board — 7:30 PM
- ⇒ February 2nd - Officers Meeting @ Lodge 7:00 PM
- ⇒ February 14th - Grand Lodge — Masonic Home @ 11:00 AM
- ⇒ February 15th - District School — Tampa #240 @ 7:00 PM
- ⇒ February 20th - OES Breakfast @ 10:00 AM — Memorial Lodge
- ⇒ February 26th - 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:

Right Worshipful Raul Riveiro passed away on January 7, 2010. Please keep his family in your prayers. The Masonic Service was held on January 13, 2010 and there were a lot of Masons and Past Masters in attendance. Worshipful Ronald Brimner delivered the Graveside Service and did a wonderful job.

If you have not been to the Lodge lately, you should make it a point to come and see the nice landscaping that has been done by Brothers Charles Holder and Brandon Sprague. We have a lot of new trees and shrubs, plus a new handicap ramp on the Morgan Street side.

Fraternally,  
Herb Whisenant, P.M., Secretary



### Eastern Star

February marks the end of the Eastern Star Year. On February 27th at 8:00 P.M. Sister Jeanne Steele will be installed as Worthy Matron for the ensuing year. It will be an open installation and all are invited to attend. Please plan to attend and show Sister Jeannie your support.

February 2nd at 8:00 P.M. will be advance night when line officers move up and Sister Jeannie will be serving as Worthy Matron. Sister Christine Hentschel and I will be serving refreshments.

February 16th will be election of officers with all officers bringing refreshments. This will be my last meeting as Worthy Matron.

I have enjoyed my year in the East representing Linsley Chapter and considered it an honor. I wish the incoming Worthy Matron, Sister Jeannie, a successful year and extend to her congratulations. The Masonic Fraternity has been most kind and it has been a pleasure assisting them with meals and other functions.

Farewell and God Bless.

Fraternally  
Clair Bryan, Worthy Matron



### From the East

Brothers ~

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the 120th Lodge Installation. I will always remember that day. It just seems like yesterday that I was an EA.

I want to thank my Officers for their attendance. We will strive to do our best for Brandon Lodge. We held our first Degree of the year on the 7th.

I would like to welcome our newest Entered Apprentices Locke Olin Brown and Benjamin Parker. If you see them in or around the Lodge, please introduce yourself to them.

Brothers if you have time please come out and assist our Degree Team every Wednesday. It is going to be a busy year around here for our Degree Team. We need all the help we can get.

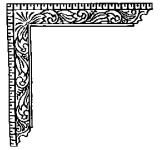
Mark your calendar for our 1st Spring Lodge Fundraiser. It will be a Bar-B-Q and will be on 13th March from 4-7 PM. Our own Sr. Deacon Don Cowart will be heading it up. We will have Ribs, Chicken, Pork Butt, and Smoked Sausage with all the fixings.

I'm putting this out early so we can get it communicated. Brothers, if you plan to use the Lodge for any special event, please contact our Sr. Warden, Justin Aldrich. He will be able to schedule the date.

In closing, we are off to a flying start. Let's continue to work together as Brothers. I wish you all Peace, Health, and Happiness.

Respectfully,

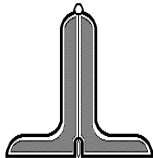
Merritt J. Drouillard  
Worshipful Master



"It is going to be a busy year around here for our Degree Team."



## From the West



My Brothers ~

The other day a man walked into my office and needed to purchase some products for his farm up north. He was an older gentleman and he had obviously been in an accident recently as his arm was in a cast. He was a pleasant man and very patient. I was very busy when he walked in and he waited for me to help him. I introduced myself and so did he, he informed me of his intentions and asked my opinion. I gave him my best advice and participated in some conversation with him. I helped him to his truck and noticed the Masonic badge in his back window, I asked "So where are you from and where are you bound" he answered with "Sun city and headed to West Virginia". We again started talking but this time it was Lodge talk. Turns out this brother was a founding member of an Eastern Star chapter and had been a Mason for many years. He was grateful of my services and thanked me several times. I asked him to come to Lodge one night while he was in town he said he would love to but he was leaving the next day. He also invited me to visit his lodge in West Virginia, I had to decline because of the travel time involved.

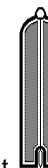
This little story is of course cut short, but the moral of it is quite long. Had this brother walked in and portrayed himself as something he was not, the outcome may have been different. This is affirmation that a Mason has higher standards of conduct. We are to uphold the ideas we are taught, and treat each other with dignity and respect. This Brother was not in search of a good deal but rather the right deal.

The Brother was not aware of my being a member at first but he and I were on the same Masonic page at the end of our short interaction.

Brothers we are teaching our new members with our actions and words towards one another. We need to remember that we are in constant view. If we are to hold ourselves to higher standards in our daily walks through life, we should attempt to hold our standards higher while at Lodge.

Fraternally,  
Justin W. Aldrich  
Senior Warden

## From the South



Brethren,

January started off great and hopefully February will be just as strong. Of course with my work at the fairgrounds, this is the time of year that I turn into a pumpkin working the state fair. A HUGE thank you goes out to Bro Aryn Hirji and Wor Chuck Reichert for volunteering to be guest chefs while I am preoccupied at work.

Every day I endeavor to do the best I can in everything I do and to help as many as I humanly can and then reflect each night on if I did right or could have done more. When I came upon this poem, I could not have written it better to describe how I look at each and every day:

Beauty in the South  
Jeff Shreaves  
Junior Warden

### BY THE WORK YOU DID TODAY

*By Charles L. Mead 33  
Boynnton Lodge #236*

Can you say tonight in parting  
with the day that's slipping past  
That you helped a single brother  
of the many that you passed?

Is a single heart rejoicing  
over what you did and said?  
Does the man whose hopes where fading,  
Now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day or lose it,  
Was it well or poorly spent?  
Did you leave a trail of kindness,  
Or a scar of discontent?

As you close your eyes in slumber,  
Do you think God will say,  
You have earned one more tomorrow,  
By the work you did today.