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LODGE HAPPENINGS

☉ Brandon Lodge Officer Installation will be held on Thursday, January 4th at 6:00pm. The Lodge Officers are a vital part of our organization, as they provide leadership and guidance for all our Brothers throughout the year. Please come and support your lodge and the New Officers as they begin another great year at Brandon Lodge! Dinner will be served following the installation. Kindly notify the lodge secretary if you are planning to attend. Thank you.
(secretary@brandonlodge.org)

☉ *Brothers, Check out the Calendar on our web page:*

www.brandonlodge.org/calendar

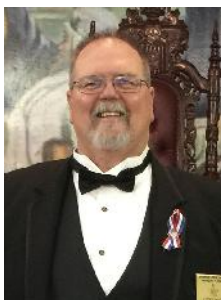
It has more information than we can print on the calendar that is part of our Trestleboard.

YOU ARE INVITED



TO AN INSTALLATION...

FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

I would first like to say thank you for electing me to the honorable position of Worshipful Master. I will strive to serve our Fraternity and our Brethren to the best of my abilities. It is a privilege to be entrusted with this esteemed office. Thank you again.

I would like this year to be great time of Masonic growth. We should endeavor to pursue building our membership by raising good men to the sublime degree of Master Mason. This can be accomplished, I believe, by doing

two things:

Firstly, by being a **Masonic Man**. Many of the articles I penned last year were about what it means to be a **Masonic Man**. Every one of us ought to be building our spiritual edifice daily. One part of that construction is the outward appearance that we present to the world. We should all act accordingly. Secondly, if we can get our absentee brothers to come back and participate in the Lodge, I believe it will rekindle their passion for the craft and lead them to invite men of equal caliber to join our fraternity. Along with this, is to also keep our newly raised brothers occupied. We need to encourage all of our new Master Masons to come and be a participant in their lodge. This we accomplish by giving them something to do.

I will be making an effort to restructure our business meetings to make them more interesting, and less mundane. There are business items we must attend, to be sure, but there is no reason we have to create an atmosphere that leads us down the same old path. *"If you do the same things, the same way, all of the time, you'll get the same results you've always gotten"* This is a paraphrased statement I've heard in every leadership course, seminar, and class I've ever attended, and there have been quite a few. We can intersperse presentations, education, and conversation throughout the process to entertain our minds as well while we tax them with the necessary business. I want to see what we can do with this theme this year: **Back to Masonry**.

I cannot do this alone. The officers and I will make every effort to make coming to Lodge interesting and informative, but we need you to come and be part of the effort. After all, it's OUR lodge. It's our duty to make the masonic experience our own, and work together in the transformation of ourselves to become a **Masonic Man**.

I challenge all of you, my Brothers, to come back to lodge, and participate. *(From the East Cont'd Page 5)*

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FROM THE WEST



Happy New Year Brothers!

I would first like to thank the Craft for the opportunity to serve as Senior Warden. I am truly honored and assure you that I will perform the duties required to the best of my ability. Please contact me if you have any comments, questions or concerns. Ideas and suggestions are always welcome. If you see a light out or something that needs to be repaired, please bring it to my attention.



I am excited for the year to come and while I will be focusing on the budget and our building, I will also keep my focus on one of our charities ECHO. The **ECHO Food Pantry** was created to assist families who have suffered a recent emergency and need help with food in Eastern Hillsborough County. Those who have suffered a recent loss of job, income, house fire, emergency foster children, or other emergencies are encouraged to visit the ECHO Food Pantry for temporary help feeding their family. Please bring all you can to Lodge. I will be dropping by ECHO multiple times a month to deliver what we bring. This is an excellent charity that we should be proud to support!

I hope that you will come out and enjoy the fellowship that Brandon Lodge has to offer.

"May success come to every Mason who stands plumb to his principles and on the level with his Brethren."
(From the West Cont'd Next page)

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Thank you again ,Brothers and have a great month!

Fraternally,

Bro. Travis C. Brumbaugh—Senior Warden






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Make Thursday night a time to come and fellowship with your brothers.

Let us begin.

Fraternally,

Brother Lucky Wade, - Worshipful Master.

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FROM THE SOUTH

Hey Brothers,

Happy New Years and I hope all of your holiday festivities went well.

I would like to first thank you for having the confidence in me to elect me into the South. There are many challenges that lay ahead this coming year and I am up for the challenge. With you help and support all things are possible.

During the upcoming year you will notice some changes will be made to the operation of the kitchen and dining room. These will be phased in over time and are intended to make the kitchen run more efficient and meals served in a timely manner.

Lastly, I want you all to know that I will work very diligently in all my assigned task and allow no issue or problem go unresolved.

Fraternally,

Roscoe Love — Junior Warden

 <p>2018</p> <p>2018 GOAL: 2500 lbs</p> <p>Emergency Care Help Organization</p>	 <p>Food Drive</p>	<p>Emergency Care Help Organization</p> <p>2017 Donations</p> <p>2141 Pounds!</p>
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between the candidate and the Ritual.

The Brother who is Raised has done nothing to merit any applause. He offered himself as candidate to Masonry of his own free will and accord. If we should wish to express our pleasure of him being made a Master Mason, a welcome and friendly Brotherly handshake at the end of the meeting should be appropriate.

*Our Ritual is designed to be effective in the inner life of the candidate, a genuine moral and spiritual experience by which he enters into a new kind of life and becomes morally bound to his obligation. Upon any other interpretation of it and our Ritual degenerates into a play; into an empty ceremony that is self-falsified and without any meaning. The entire structure of the instruction of Freemasonry is shattered. Our Degrees, especially the Third Degree, is a serious allegory of Life itself, both good and evil, and we are reminded at the beginning of the second section of the Master's Degree—**“this portion of our ceremony was never intended of to be used as a means of creating mirth and frivolity. It is without question the most important part of our entire degree work. The scene at the East Gate of the Temple represents tragedy and death, and upon no occasion does death leave us in a spirit of levity. Death is the most solemn moment in the life of any individual.***

Sometimes during our degrees, there are things that happen which are out of the ordinary, and simply by their nature, are funny. This is to be expected, but should be the exception and not the rule. R.: H.: Don Skidmore, who was many Brother's mentor as well as our District Instructor for many years use to say:

“Anyone who sees anything funny about the second section of the Master Mason Degree has simply missed the point.

This article was written by M.: W.: Robert D. Trump.

Fraternally,

R.: W.: Don Cowart, PDDGM, Secretary

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	<p>FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK</p>	

My Brothers,

Occasionally I read something that I feel is really beneficial to the Brothers of Brandon Lodge. I feel this is one of those times. Brandon Lodge has taken pride in their Ritual work over the years. I feel we can benefit from this article and raise the bar to a new level. Take the time to read this timely article.

Our Degree work in the Lodge is one of the most important parts of Masonry. It is the means of taking a normal man from the outside world and transforming him into a Brother and a Mason. It is the means of teaching the new candidates the meaning and tenets of Masonry and the allegories which are hidden so deeply in our three degrees.

To make light jesters, and inserting tricks or jokes during our Degree work is an insult not only to the Lodge, but to all the Brothers and Candidates as well. Mirth has no place whatsoever in the exemplification of any of the three Degrees of Freemasonry, more especially the Master Mason Degree. The letter “G” in the East, the Altar holding the Holy Bible as the focal point in our Lodge Room, all play such a prominent part in each of the Degrees, surely there is no place for levity, laughter, or applause, To break into an applause because a ritualist has performed some part well, destroys the illusion and reduces our Ritual to the level of a play. Nor should applause be given when a candidate has been raised or completed his recital of the catechism. He does not take part in the second section of the Master Mason Degree in his own name, or perform it in his own proper person. His individuality should be diminished to himself and his

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1889-1890	W.C. Moore	1942	P.O. Marcum	1980	E.B. McAuley
1891	J.M. Duffie	1943	J.H. Stevenson	1981	R.L. Prekop
1892	W.C. Moore	1944	T.M. Blackshear	1982	J. Leitner
1893	C.H. Spencer	1945	C.A. Garner	1983	R.H. Riveiro
1894	J.P. Hill	1946	P.N. Chancey	1984	T.R. Shaffer
1895	C.H. Spencer	1947	J.O. Tottle	1985	L. Carnley
1896-1900	R.G. Brooker	1948	H.H. King	1986	C. Chancey
1901-1902	J.H. Wendell	1949	R.E. Hiller	1987	D.H. Bridge
1903	D.E. Hazen	1950	C.R. Hampton	1988	G. Alfonso
1904	R.G. Brooker	1951	W.A. Brodie	1989	K.A. Thornton
1905	J.A. Johnson	1952	J.O. Crozier	1990	W.J. Kalbas
1906-1907	T.F. Parramore	1953	W. leitner	1991	H. Allen
1908-1909	J.H. Wedell	1954	J.R. Edwards	1992	D.W. Morgan, Sr
1910-1911	D.E. Hazen	1955	H.H. Rushing	1993	G.W. Reese, III
1912	J.A. Johnson	1956	W.B. Westbrook	1994	R.K. Murrhee
1913-1914	C.W. Haas	1957	L.W. Roberts	1995	H.H. Whisenant
1915-1916	J.R. Brooker	1958	C. White	1996	R.E. Age
1917-1918	C.W. Haas	1959	E.R. Lastinger	1997	M.R. Cary
1919	W.P. Pemberton	1960	H.T. Barron	1998	W.C. Mitchell
1920	W.E. Touchstone	1961	W.S. Richards	1999	D.R. Hutchinson
1921	L. Wetherington	1962	T.C. Casey	2000	H.A. Kuczvara
1922-1923	L.A. Hogan	1963	H.R. Moody	2001	Daniel Heston
1924-1925	J.M. Morgan	1964	A.O. Miller	2002	Ronald Brimmer
1926-1927	R.A. McIntoch	1965	C.B. Reynolds	2003	Benjamin P. Piatt
1928	A. Rothwell	1966	D.C. Moses	2004	Ron Green
1929	J. Morgan	1967	W. Seber	2005	Ed Kellner
1930	D.M. Robison	1968	L. Stanberry	2006	Gene Hagan
1931	E.L. Robison	1969	H. F. Turner	2007	Peter Williams
1932	G.O. Dunlap	1970	T.C. Casey	2008	Chas Reichert, Sr.
1933	R.S. Sumerall	1971	L.R. Chambliss	2009	Richard Boettger
1934	L.B. Selden	1972	S.W. Rich	2010	Merritt Drouilliard
1935	F.B. Akard	1973	A.M. Schrader	2011	Justin Aldrich
1936	W.K. Lewis	1974	C.B. Hamlin	2012	Jeffrey Shreaves
1937	W.A. Ledford	1975	W. Seber	2013	Donald Cowart
1938	M.B. Whitfield	1976	C.E. Wysong	2014	Barry B. Butler
1939	L.W. Blaisdell	1977	LL. Griffin	2015	David Wenzel
1940	L.E. Tourtellotte	1978	R.L. Dykes	2016	Jack Hampton
1941	B.L. Lanford	1979	E.R. Poling	2017	Wade Patterson



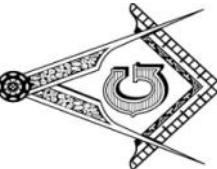
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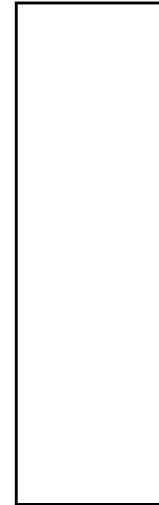
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Brandon Lodge No. 114 F. & A.M. Activities

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JANUARY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 	2  OES Stated Meeting 7:00 pm	3 Officers Meeting 6 pm Installation Practice 7pm	4  Installation 6pm Dinner — afterwards	5	6
7 BMLSC at Fishhawk Sporting Clays - Every Sunday at 9 am	8	9 Brandon Shrine Club Luncheon @ Plummer's Restaurant 11:30 am	10 Degree Practice 7pm Egypt Shrine Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	11  Dinner 6:30pm Stated Communication 7:30pm	12 Masonic Park Board Meeting Tampa #240 7pm — 9pm	13 Egypt Shrine Annual Meeting @ Centro Asturiano 9am
14 BMLSC at Fishhawk Sporting Clays - Every Sunday at 9 am	15  Rainbow Girls 7:00 pm MLK, Jr. Day District School 7pm @ Tampa 240	16	17  Rainbow Girls 7:00 pm Installation	18  Masonic Education or Called Degree	19	20 93rd East-West Shrine Game - 3:00 pm
21 Masonic Home Board Meeting - 11 am Chapel Service - 10 am	22  128th Anniversary Brandon Lodge #114 Brandon Shrine Club Meeting 6:30 pm	23	24 Degree Practice 7pm	25  Dinner 6:30pm Stated Communication 7:30pm	26 Masters & Wardens 6:30pm @ John Darling #154	27 Zone 4 School of Instruction / Open Books 9-11 am
28 DeSoto Lodge Pancake Breakfast 8:30 — 12 BMLSC at Fishhawk Sporting Clays - 9 am	29	30	31 Degree Practice 7pm	1	2	3