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## LODGE HAPPENINGS

- ☉ March 8 — 40 year award for R.: W.: Don Cowart, presented by Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard G. Hoover. Brothers. We want to have 100 Masons in Lodge that evening. Please try to come an help us achieve that goal. Masonic Homecoming



- ☉ March 10th — Fish Fry Fundraiser for Yates 2pm — 6pm



- ☉ March 17th—Masonic Home Pilgrimage Day—Happy St. Patrick's Day



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

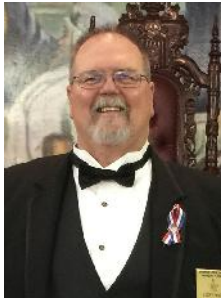
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It has more information than we can print on the calendar that is part of our Trestleboard.

## FROM THE EAST



### What's that in your eye?



In the book of Matthew, Chapter 7, the first three verses talk of not judging. "Judge not, that you not be judged. For with what judgement you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?"


As the **Masonic Man** considers these words, he should be reminded of our own lectures of the various degrees. We are to strive to transform ourselves from an imperfect state to a perfect state. We hope to arrive at this state of perfection *by a virtuous education, our own endeavors and the blessing of God.*

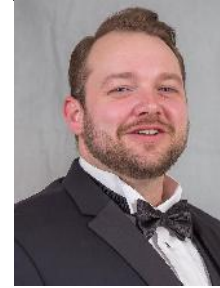
What then with judging. Most of us are eager to be as perfect as we can in ritual, and in our masonic lives, but oft times we aim a critical eye at our brothers. And, as the scripture quoted above points out, we look at the speck in our brother's eye, and ignore the plank in our own. In other words, we spend an inordinate amount of time worrying about another's journey to his perfect state, and spend less time concerned with our own. No, I am not alluding to that fact that we should lift up one another and whisper words of wise council, but to the fact that we point out flaws in another's work, behavior and performance rather than keep our attention to our own journey. We are all, as Masons, endeavoring to erect our perfect spiritual edifice, and as each person's own journey is unique to him, we should really be watching our own path. Sometimes it seems, in our zeal to be helpful to one another, we ignore our own flaws to point out another's flaws.

The scripture above addresses that. As we take to pointing out some small error that we perceive in another (the speck), in accordance to our own measure, we fail to see our own failings (the plank). We all do it. My brothers, I submit to you, this is an egregious setback to our own labors. Part of Freemasonry is that we love one another as brothers. Surely, whispering wise council as needed, but ever remembering our own failings. It happens, and it is a left turn in our journey toward the goal of the true and faithful **Masonic Man**.

***"When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind. – Dr. Wayne W. Dyer"***

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## FROM THE WEST



Happy March Brothers!



This month we celebrate St Patrick's Day, and the coming of Spring.

Don't forget our clocks move forward on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

In ancient times March was the first month of the year. The name March comes from Martius, which was named after Mars, the Roman god of war, who was also regarded as a guardian of agriculture. His month Martius was the beginning of the season for both farming and warfare, and the festivals held in his honor during the month were mirrored by others in October, when the season for these activities came to a close. Several religious observances in the first half of the month were originally New Year's celebrations. Interestingly, many other cultures and religions still celebrate the beginning of the New Year in March.

Please mark your calendars for our first fundraiser of the year. On March 10th we will be having our Fish Fry Fundraiser from 2:00 – 6:00. The proceeds for this fundraiser will go to Yates Elementary School. Please come out and support our cause!

While you are out, please keep our charity ECHO in mind. The ECHO Food Pantry was created to assist families who have suffered a recent emergency and need help with food. Those who have suffered a recent loss of job, loss of income, house fire, emergency foster children, or other *(From the West Cont'd Next page)*

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(From the West Continued) emergencies are encouraged to visit the ECHO Food Pantry for temporary help feeding their family. This is where we come in. The more we bring in, the more we help families in our community that are truly in need.

Our goal this year is 2500 lbs. so please, bring all that you can to Lodge. We 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!

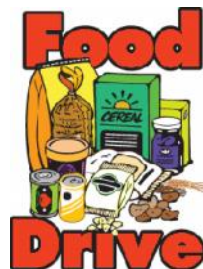
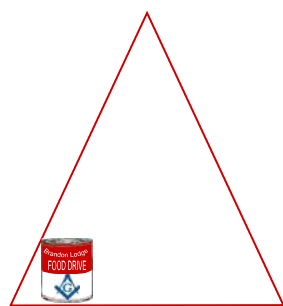
Please contact me if you have any comments, questions or concerns. Ideas and suggestions are always welcome. If you see a light out or something that needs to be repaired, please bring it to my attention.

*"May every Free-Mason have so much genuine philosophy, that he may neither be too much exalted with the smiles of prosperity, nor too much dejected with the frowns of adversity."*

Thank you and have a great month Brothers!

Fraternally,  
 Brother Travis C. Brumbaugh – Senior Warden

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## FROM THE SOUTH

Hey Brothers,

I hope all is well with you and your family's and that your visits to the lodge have been enjoyable and educational.

March is going to be a busy month, filled with degrees, fundraiser, and special visitation.

First up on March 8 our own RW Don Cowart will receive his 40 year pin. That in itself is "News of Importance" but it is trumped by the presenter. The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Florida, Most Worshipful Richard G. Hoover will perform the presentation. Brothers that night we are expecting to have over a hundred Master Masons in attendance for the presentation and meeting. This should be a real "Hoot" so come out and be a part of this great event. The meal that night will be a special meal donated to the lodge and the proceeds will be donated to a Masonic cause.

Also on March 10 is our annual Fish Fry with all the sides that go with it. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be donated to Yates Elementary. Brothers this is important because we are helping the school facility in their work to better educate young children, which as Masons should be near and dear to our hearts.

Another event which is on March 24 is our Degree Completion to be held at the Scottish Rite. Brothers come out and support this event because through competition it makes our work better.

And lastly we should have a few degrees ourselves this month so come out and support those who are going through, I know it is greatly appreciated.

As always  
 Fraternally,  
 Roscoe Love — Junior Warden

1 March	8 March	15 March	22 March	29 March
Shepard's Pie	Roast Beef	Pork Sandwich	Swede Meatball	Cold Cuts
Ice Cream	Mashed Potatoes	Chicken Pasta	Pasta	Chick Soup
Cookies	Green Beans	Peach cups	Corn	Pies
	Salad		Salad	
	Cake / Ice Cream		Cake / Ice Cream	

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Kindness is love, and charitable.

Brothers, we are that. Or at least we should be. The world is hard enough, our paths are

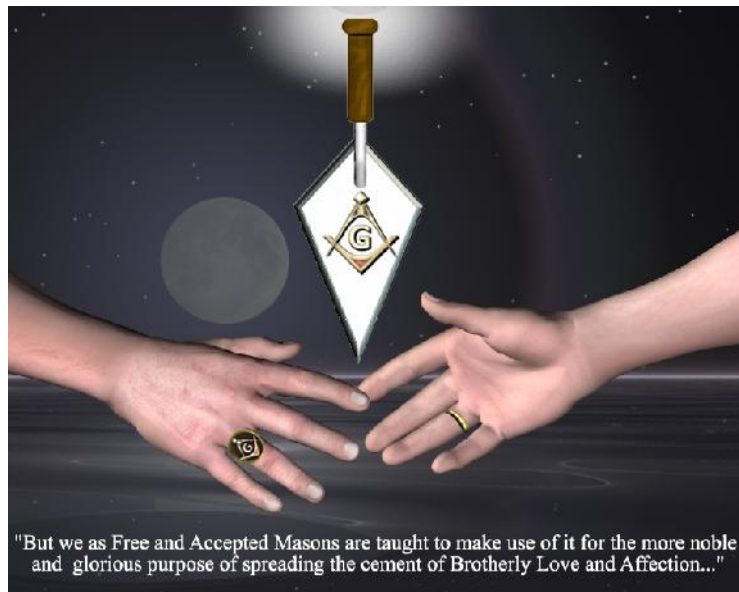
littered with the debris that debases our existence, and causes us to stumble far too often. We joined the brotherhood of Freemasonry to make ourselves better men. Let us accomplish this with the lessons we profess in our ritual. If we cannot, what then the purpose of our order? What then the tenets of our fraternity? We can mouth the words of our ritual, lectures, charges, etc. But if we do not heed them and make them part of our very lives, and strive to make ourselves **Masonic Men**, then we could very well consider ourselves another of the fraternities out there that exist for \_\_\_\_\_ . You fill in the blank.

To be good men, upstanding in our communities, brothers to one another, and an attraction to other good men to be a part of our fraternity, is our goal as masons.

Let us clean up our own back yards, take the plank out of our own eyes, and attend to the erection our own spiritual edifice that is pleasing to our God.

Be a **Masonic Man**.

Fraternally,  
Lucky Wade -Worshipful Master



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

My Brothers,

I ran across this poem the other day. The title of this poem is "I am Free Masonry". I thought you might like it as I did.

I was born in antiquity, in the ancient days when men first dreamed of God. I have been tried through the ages, and found true. The crossroads of the world bear the imprint of my feet, and the cathedrals of all nations mark the skill of my hands. I strive for beauty and for symmetry. In my heart is wisdom and strength and courage for those who ask. Upon my alters is the Book of Holy Writ, and my prayers are to the One Omnipotent God, my sons work and pray together, without rank or discord, in the public mart and in the inner chamber. But signs and symbols I teach the lessons of Life and Death and the relationship of man with God and of man with man. My arms are widespread to receive those of lawful age and good report who seek me of their own free will. I accept them and teach them to use my tools in the building of men, and thereafter, find direction in their own quest for perfection so much desired and so difficult to attain. I lift up the fallen and shelter the sick. I hark to the orphans cry, the widows tears, the pain of the old and destitute. I am not church, nor party, nor school, yet my sons bear a full share of responsibility to God, to Country, to neighbor and themselves.. They are freemen, tenacious of their liberties and alert to lurking danger. At the end I commit them as each one undertakes the journey beyond the vale into the glory of everlasting life. I ponder the sand within the glass and think how small is a single life in the eternal universe. Always have I taught immortality, and even as I raise men from darkness into light. I am a way of Life. I am Freemasonry.

*This poem was written by Brother Ray V. Denslow.*

Fraternally,

R\W\ Don Cowart PDDGM, Secretary

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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



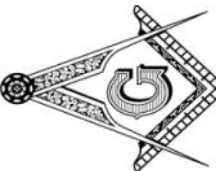
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# March



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25	26	27	28	1 EA Degree  Dinner At 6:30pm Meeting: 7:30pm	2	3 Brandon Lodge Cleanup 9am — 12pm
4 Brandon Lodge Sports- men's Club- Every Sun-9am @ Fishhawk Sporting Clays	5  Rainbow Girls 7pm	6  OES Stated Meeting 7:00pm	7 Degree Practice 7pm  Egypt Shrine Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	8  Dinner 6:30pm <b>Stated</b> <b>Masonic Homecoming</b> 7:30pm	9 Masonic Youth Camp Park Board Meeting 7pm @ Tampa #240	10 Brandon Lodge Fish Fry to Benefit Yates Elementary 2-6 pm  <b>Fish Fry Fundraiser</b>
11 Brandon Lodge Sports- men's Club- Every Sun-9am @ Fishhawk Sporting Clays	12  Rainbow Girls Sleep over	13 Brandon Shrine Club Luncheon 11:00 am Plummer's Restaurant	14 Degree Practice 7pm Shrine Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	15  FC Degree Dinner At 6:30pm Meeting: 7:30pm	16	17 Masonic Home Pilgrimage Day  10am—12pm <b>Happy St. Patrick's Day</b>
18 Masonic Home Board Meeting 10 am Chapel Service 11 am Meeting	19  Rainbow Girls 7pm District 20 School of Instruction 7pm @ Tampa No. 240	20	21 Degree Practice 7pm	22  Dinner 6:30pm <b>Stated</b> <b>Communication</b> 7:30pm	23 Masters & Wardens 6:30 pm @ John Darling	24 Degree Competition Zone 6 School of Instruction Scottish Rite Temple 9-11 am
25 Brandon Lodge Sports- men's Club- 9am @ Fishhawk Desoto Pancake B'fast 8:20 am — 12 pm	26 Brandon Shrine Club Meeting 7pm	27	28 Degree Practice 7pm	29  EA Degree Dinner At 6:30pm Meeting: 7:30pm	30	31 FC Degree & MM Degree