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## LODGE HAPPENINGS

☉ April 12 — Spaghetti Dinner (sponsored by RW Don Cowart) — Fundraiser Proceeds to be donated to the Masonic Charity of RW Don Cowart's choice



**BRING A FRIEND!** ☉ April 12 — Bring a Friend Night

☉ April 12-15 — Shrine Circus



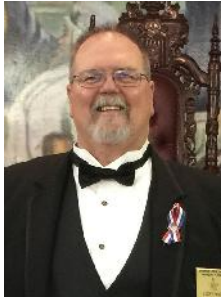
☉ April 26th — Chili Cook-off

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

[www.brandonlodge.org/calendar](http://www.brandonlodge.org/calendar)

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

## FROM THE EAST



### An Active Lodge Is a Healthy Lodge!

Brothers,

We have had an exciting month this past March. We had a 100 man initiative in conjunction with the 40 year pin presentation of RW Don Cowart, by the Most Worshipful Grand Master. There were 178 Masons in lodge that night. What an awesome night of Masonic fellowship. This is the way Freemason lodges should be; full of good men on meeting nights.

We had our degree completion on the 24th. We came in first place. Many thanks to the brothers that participated, and a special thanks to our instructors; Cliff Webb, RH Jack Hampton, and W.: Ron Green. Each had a hand in shaping our work for this Fellowcraft competition.

On the 31st, we did courtesy work for two lodges. One candidate was a special dispensation. It was short time, all three degrees, as he is about to be deployed, the other was a brother being part of the Grand Master's Directive No. 2. What a great honor for Brandon Lodge to be asked to do this work! Not many lodges can do all three degrees back to back in one day. The Master Mason degree was done with no practice beforehand, as was a great degree. Well done, my brothers, well done.

Brandon Lodge is growing and we are trying to get more brothers to come out to the lodge. If you haven't been to lodge in a while, come out and enjoy in the Masonic fellowship. Its good to get out of the house if you can, and enjoy your brothers' company, and improve your Masonic life.

This month, I wanted to present a Masonic poem I put in the Treslteboard years ago.

### Lets Go To Lodge

*I say, old friend, let's go to Lodge,  
Just thinking, it's not right.  
We haven't been inside for years,  
Let's go to lodge tonight.  
I've paid my fees when they were due,  
And helped at charity's call,  
But, oh, the good I might have done*

(From the East Continued Page 7)

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## FROM THE WEST





Happy April Brothers!

Spring is in the air. "Collaboration is the essence of life. The wind, bees and flowers work together, to spread the pollen." I can't stop sneezing. If you have allergies, I hope they are not too burdensome.

We held a Lodge clean up last month and had a great turnout. We accomplished much and yet there is so much more that is needed to be done. I would like to thank all of the Brothers who came out and helped take care of our Lodge. I plan to hold a Lodge clean up every quarter. If you have any ideas or suggestions please share them with me.

We've had a busy first quarter with many Degrees and are showing no signs of slowing down. I welcome our new Brothers and encourage you to get to know them and make them feel at home. This is their Lodge as it is yours. We have a great Lodge and with your help it can be even better!

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 job loss, loss of income, house fire, emergency foster children, or other 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 the families in our community that are truly in need. We (From the West Cont'd Next page)

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(From the West Continued) have a goal this year of 2500 lbs. We will be dropping by ECHO multiple times a month to deliver what is brought in. This is an excellent charity that we should be proud to support! Please bring all you can. Many thanks to all of the Brothers who have donated to this cause!

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 all the contention among true Masons be, who better can work and who better agree”

Thank you and have a great month Brothers!

Fraternally,  
Brother Travis C. Brumbaugh – Senior Warden

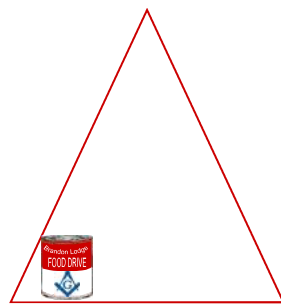


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## FROM THE SOUTH



Hey Brothers

I hope all is well with you. Well we sure had a busy March, and thanks to all that came out for our meeting on 8 March. It was a great event and I was really inspired to see the lodge so full and everyone seemed to have had a great time. It would be great to see that more often, who knows, maybe again.

I would like to see April be just as busy. On the 12th of April we are going to have a spaghetti dinner sponsored by RW Cowart. Proceeds from this event will go to a Masonic charity of his choosing. That night we will be presenting our annual Scholarship Award, also we will present Yates Elementary with the proceeds from our fish fry. That night will also be Bring A Friend night. Remember we are looking for Quality not Quantity. So chose wisely Brothers who you wish to bring. Another event coming up on 26 April will be a chili cook off, Brother Don Spencer is spear heading this so get with him for details.

Now I would like to talk a bit about food, no not what you have to endure on Thursday nights, I'm talking about "Brain Food". I have paid a lot of attention to who eats and who doesn't, and what you eat and don't. Some for your weight, some for more health reasons. This is good you are concerned and are doing something about it. Brothers we must not neglect one of the most important part of our body, our brain. When it goes the rest of the body isn't so important.

Masonry is full of brain food, find something you like and dig in. You will be amazed by how quickly you will see positive results not only in memory but a greater sharpness in your mind. Brothers, I have heard it all, I'm too busy, too old, to this, to that. The biggest obstacle you have before you is "YOU". If you put your mind to it and let nothing stop you, all things are possible regardless of time or age. The older we get the more important it is to keep our minds active. And (From the South Next Page)

(From the South Continued) for you younger Masons I'll tell you this, we have an important duty, to Protect, Preserve, and Pass On our work. This is not a duty for the few, but it is all of our responsibility. Feed your brain Brothers, help the cause.

Fraternally,  
Roscoe Love - Junior Warden

5 April	12 April	19 April	26 April
Fried Chicken	Spaghetti Dinner	Cold Cut Sandwich	Chili Cook Off
Potato Salad	Salad	Sides	Corn Bread
Desert	Desert	Desert	Desert

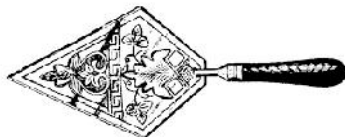
(From the East Continued)

*At the Masonic Hall.  
I feel we should; Come on, let's go  
To meet the "Sons of light."  
Get out the little cover case  
And sport our aprons white.  
I want to see the trestle board,  
To hear the gavels ring,  
And join in with the good old hymns  
The brethren used to sing.  
I feel I haven't played the game  
To Mother Lodge, it's true,  
There were times I couldn't go,  
But then, those times were few.  
I miss the joy of brotherhood,  
And wisdom's radiant light,  
I say, old friend, Let's go to Lodge  
And have a treat tonight.*

(Author unknown)

We need you here brother, to be with other **Masonic Men** again.

Fraternally,  
Lucky Wade -Worshipful Master



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## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

My Brothers,

This article was written by a wise man that I highly respect. An article that, to me, is a must read.

Freemasons do not ride a goat in their Lodges. It's a joke, a bad one I might add, perpetrated often by Masons themselves on nervous initiates.

Since at least the Middle Ages, the goat has been symbolic of the devil, and stories were circulated then of witches who called forth Satan, who came riding into town on a goat to take part in their blasphemous orgies. Then, as Freemasons gained in popularity, detractors accused them of witchcraft, which is probably where the notion of initiates riding a goat came from.

It didn't help that some early ritual books from the Fraternity referred to G-d as "G-d of all Things" and abbreviated it as G.O.A.T. That was quickly changed, and G-d is now referred to by Masons by the acronym G.A.O.T.U., for Grand Architect of the Universe.

Old catalogs from fraternal supply companies in the late 1800's actually offered mechanical goats for use in other fraternal organizations and "fun" degrees. As the golden age of fraternalism resulted in literally hundreds of other groups popping up in competition with the Masons, some were obviously less serious than others. Such items only served to perpetuate the myth that Masons and other fraternities required a goat-ride ritual for their initiations.

Rest assured, there is no goat lodge. The degrees of Masonry are serious business to Freemasons, and there is no horse-play (or goat-play). Take due notice thereof and govern yourself accordingly.

*This article was written and edited by Right Worship Gil Weisman.*

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



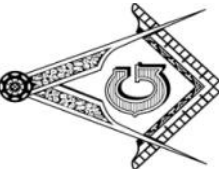
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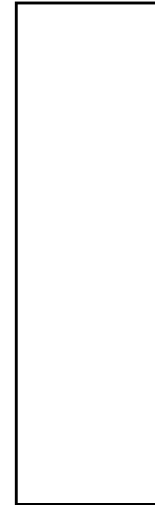
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# Brandon Lodge No. 114 F. & A.M. Activities

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p>  <p><i>Happy Easter!</i></p>	<p>2</p>  <p>Rainbow Girls 7pm</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>OES Stated Meeting 7:30pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Officers Meeting 6pm Degree Practice 7pm</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>Dinner 6:30pm FC Degree 7:30pm</p>	6	7
<p>8</p> <p>BMLSC Every Sunday 9am @ Fishhawk Sporting Clays</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Scottish Rite Stated Tampa Scottish Rite York Rite Stated Olin S. Wright 79</p>	<p>10</p> <p>BSC Luncheon 11:30am @ Plummers</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Degree practice 7pm Egypt Shrine Stated Meeting 7:30pm @ Centro Asturiano</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>Dinner 6:30pm <b>Stated Comm.</b> <b>Bring a Friend Night</b> <b>Spaghetti Dinner</b> <b>Fundraiser 7:30pm</b></p>	<p>13</p>  <p>Masonic Park Board Meeting Tampa 240 7pm  Rainbow Girls Sleepover</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>Shrine Circus @ Florida State Fairgrounds April 12th — 30th</p>
<p>15</p>  <p>BMLSC Every Sunday 9am @ Fishhawk Sporting Clays</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>Rainbow Girls 7pm  District School of Instruction 7pm</p>	17	<p>18</p> <p>Degree Practice 7pm</p>	<p>19</p>  <p>Dinner 6:30pm EA Degree 7:30pm</p>	20	<p>21</p> <p>Tampa No. 240 100 year Anniversary 12pm—3pm</p>
<p>22</p>  <p>Masonic Home Board Meeting 11am Chapel Service 10 am Desoto #105 - Pancake Brkfst - 8:30am-12pm</p>	23	24	<p>25</p> <p>Legislation Meeting 6:30pm @ John Darling 154  Degree Practice 7pm</p>	<p>26</p>  <p>Dinner 6:30pm <b>Stated Communication</b> Chili—Cook off 7:30pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Masters &amp; Wardens 6:30pm @ John Darling 154  Legislative Meeting</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>Zone 4 School of Instruction Open Books 9am-12pm Tampa Scottish Rite</p>
29	<p>30</p> <p>Brandon Shrine Club Meeting 7pm</p>	1	<p>2</p> <p>Officers Meeting 6pm Degree Practice 7pm</p>	3	4	5