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LODGE HAPPENINGS

☉ July 4 — Independence Day



☉ July 15— National Ice Cream Day

☉ July 18 — National Hot Dog Day



☉ July 28 — Zone 4 School / Open Books—9am Scottish Rite Temple

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

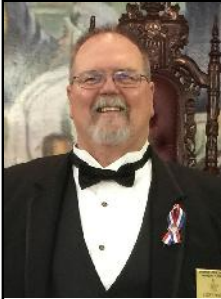
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It has more information than we can print on the calendar that is part of our Trestleboard.

FROM THE EAST



Are you a Mason?



I bought another dog. He's a little pup about a year old that some family no longer wanted. He's a miniature schnauzer and is a good dog.

Now this story is not about the dog. It's about being out and about in the world as a Freemason. I was on my way back from picking up my dog. I had to make a stop at a convenience store before continuing my journey. I had the pup in the truck and it was nice and cool inside and not too bad outside. I pulled in and found a place in a shady area and went into the store. When I jumped out, a man, who appeared to be homeless, approached me and said, "Nice truck". I said, "Thank you". He noticed my Masonic hat and said, "Are you a Mason"? I said that I was, and he proceeded to ask me for some spare change. I told him that I didn't have any, which was the truth. I had a couple of quarters, but I needed them for the toll booths on the return trip. I went in, and while I was in the store, I felt a bit guilty for not wanting to give the guy anything because I thought he was the usual panhandler. It's a typical scenario played out all over the place daily for most of us. I know each of you has had someone ask you for money. It could be at a stop light, on the street, or perhaps where you eat lunch.

Then this thought came flooding into my head. He knew I was a Mason. Aren't Masons supposed to be charitable? He saw my hat, noticed my truck and then asked if I had a little something I could spare. I could have ignored him as we all regularly do. Most of those guys are usually panhandlers trying to get a quick handout. But what if he wasn't? What if he was just looking for something to eat? When I walked back out, he had come over to the front of the store to ask someone else for a little something. I looked at him and said, "I don't have any spare change, but I do have a little folding money. Take this", as I handed him a few bucks.

Now, this is not a commentary on giving homeless people money, or how you should handle a similar situation. Rather, it is an example of one experience of a Mason. My hat indicated to another member of the human family that I was supposed to be a good man. He obviously knew enough to identify me as a Mason and that freemasons are supposed to be good men. There are really people out in the world that know our reputation. The other thing *(From the East Continued Page 7)*

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FROM THE WEST



Happy July Brothers!

This month we celebrate our independence. Let us remember our forefathers who fought for and achieved the freedoms we now have. Let us also remember those who are fighting to keep these freedoms intact.

Freemasonry is at the very base of the United States, the country which has allowed the union of different races and which has mutual respect and good will at its heart. Freemasons built this country and Freemasons fight to preserve it! Pray for your Brothers!

Let us celebrate, enjoy the barbeque, enjoy the fireworks and have a great 4th of July!

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 have a goal this year of 2500 lbs and we are on target! 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 *(From the West Cont'd Next page)*

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proud to support! Please bring all you can. Many thanks to the Brothers who have donated to this cause! Many thanks to the Eastern Star for their contributions as well!

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

"May the conduct of Masons be as such to convince the world they dwell in light."

Thank you and have a great month Brothers!

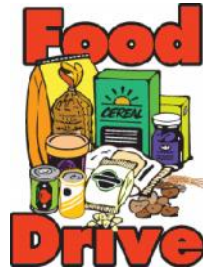
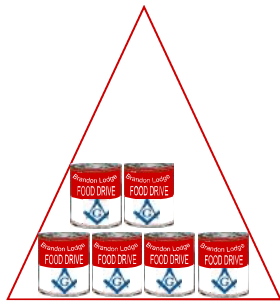
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Brother Travis C. Brumbaugh – Senior Warden

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2018 GOAL: 2500 lbs

June 2018: 1447 lbs

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FROM THE SOUTH



Hey Brothers,

I do hope all is well with you.

Well here we are July already, my how time flies when you are having fun, and I hope you have had fun at lodge so far this year.

Going back to the end of May and attending Grand Communications, Brothers that was real cool. There were Masons for as far as the eye could see. Had a great time hanging out and talking with Brothers from all over. I would like to invite you to attend next year, it is definitely something different and I do believe you would enjoy it.

I would like to congratulate our Degree Team for coming in Third place in the state competition, that was great and I know we are all proud of them for their accomplishment. Look out we are going after them next year. Also I would like to thank all the Brothers who attended Masonic Education classes, District School, Zone School, and those who studied on their own, for contributing to the Lodge winning the Masonic Education Award. Brothers it is awarded to the lodge but it, in part, belongs to all of you. This award is one we all should be proud of, nothing better than an educated Mason.

I would like to also thank all of you who came out and supported our Chicken Bar B Que on 23 June. A good time was had by all. And a special thanks to all of those who worked so hard to make it happen.

Brothers have a Happy 4th of July, enjoy all the events of the day and do be careful with your fireworks.

Below is a list of our upcoming fundraisers and our monthly menu.

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5 July	12 July	19 July	26 July	18 August
Hoagie Sandwich	Fried Chicken	Pulled Pork Sandwich	Beef Stew	Pasta Dinner
Tuna Pasta	Baked Beans	Chicken Soup	Rice	
Peach Cups	Corn	Choc. Pudding	Green Beans	
	Cake / Ice Cream		Pies	
				Building Fund

(From the East Continued)

to remember is that there were other people around. They might have seen this interaction between a presumably homeless person and a man wearing a Masonic hat. What would they have thought had I shunned him as so many others did, and walked away? That wouldn't have shown the Masonic fraternity in a good **light**, would it?

My brothers, when we wear our regalia proclaiming our membership in a fraternity that has a charitable history that is older than our country, we represent that fraternity. We openly embody our masonic obligation that, in practice, sets us apart and distinguishes our brotherhood from other organizations. We are supposed to be charitable; visible in our community. We are supposed to be better men. Shouldn't we act as such?

This is not to suggest that we drop money into every outstretched hand. Would that we could afford to do so, and that every hand was indeed a hand in need. It is, however, a lesson to remember that; if we walk around presenting ourselves as good men, wearing hats, rings and pendants of a fraternity that professes the same, perhaps we should behave accordingly. It could attract other likeminded men, and demonstrate that we are who we hold ourselves out to be.

I know that we all strive to be good men. This experience unexpectedly proved to me just how much our conduct

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

My Brothers,

I am a strong believer that every Mason is a Masonic researcher. And every Lodge should be a research Lodge at its core.

Masonry is not a passive art, but a continued labor, from shaping our symbolic rough ashlar, toward perfection, or symbolically laying stone upon stone, extending out from the cornerstone that has been laid. It is a continual labor of study, and of moral and educational self improvement. That responsibility falls not only on each individual Brother, but on the Lodge in which they are raised as well .

Excerpt from Further Light Volume XLI Issue 2 May 2014. W/D. Agster.

Always remember Brothers, "Masonry is not a Destination, but a Journey."

Fraternally,
R/W Don Cowart, PDDGM, Secretary

(From the East Continued) and actions can easily be seen by others whether we realize it our not. We have to be vigilant.

You never know who is watching the **Masonic Man**.

Fraternally,
Lucky Wade -Worshipful Master

BRANDON LODGE #114 F&AM PAST MASTERS

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



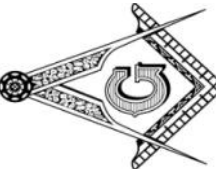
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July



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24)	25)	26) 	27) 	28) 	29)	30)
1 BMLSC Every Sunday 9am @ Fishhawk Sporting Clays	2 7pm Rainbow Girls  York Rite Stated Olin S. Wright	3 Degree Practice 7pm	4 Happy Independence Day	5 Dinner 6:30pm  FC Degree 7:30pm	6	7
8	9 Tampa Scottish Rite Stated Scottish Rite Temple	10 BSC Luncheon 11:30am @ Plummers	11 Officer's Meeting 6 pm Degree Practice 7pm Egypt Shrine Stated	12 Stated  Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm	13 Masonic Youth Park Board Mtg. 7pm @ Tampa 240	14
15  National Ice Cream Day	16 Rainbow Girls 7pm  District School of Instruction 7pm @ Tampa 240	17	18 Degree Practice 7pm Nat'l Hotdog Day  National Hot-Dog Day	19 Dinner 6:30pm  Degree or Masonic Education 7:30pm	20	21 Lodge Reserved Masonic Home Board Meeting 11am
22	23	24	25 Degree Practice 7pm	26 Dinner 6:30pm  Stated Communication 7:30pm	27 Masters and Wardens 6:30pm @ John Darling 154	28 Zone 4 School of Instruction / Open Books 9 am Tri-State Degree
29 Desoto Lodge Pancake Breakfast 9am-12noon	30 BSC Meeting 7pm OES Proficiency Group Dinner 6:30 Meeting 730	31	1)	2)	3)	4)