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LODGE HAPPENINGS

☉ August 4 — MLT @ A.W Windhorst 185 @ 9am



☉ August 7— DDGM Visit to Turkey Creek 248



☉ August 18 — Brandon Pasta Fundraiser



☉ August 25 — Zone 4 School / Open Books—9am Scottish Rite Temple

☉ 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.

FROM THE EAST



What defines you as a Mason?

It has been said by many wise Masons, "Freemasonry is many things to many men." I couldn't agree more. I submit to you this month, this: What is Freemasonry to you? What defines your Masonry?

Some men are word guys. They know every word in every ceremony, ritual or lecture we have. It's their masonic passion, and very useful.

Some men are ritualists. They love to participate in our rituals, and make our ceremonies look great.

Some men like to pitch in, and help out at their lodge.

Some men like to work fundraisers, or community outreach. They love helping people, and put our craft in the public eye.

Some men try to live by the lessons taught by our rituals, and lectures.

Some men study the beginnings of our fraternity, the origins and creation of its lessons and tenets.

Some men love the Masonic laws, and by-laws, and study them.

Some men move on to the appendant bodies and lend their efforts there.

Some men try being a part of many things. The list goes on.

But no matter your Masonic passion, you are necessary. You're a part of the fabric that is freemasonry, and each part makes up the whole. Your contribution is as important as the next man's. We each give of ourselves that which we can, and no contribution is less important than that of another. Together we are supposed to uphold, support and love one another as brothers. And together, we are Freemasonry.

The trap we must avoid and always guard against is that of judging another man's masonry. I am not speaking of behavior that is illegal, or immoral, but rather that tendency to apply our beliefs when considering another brother. Each of us strives to build our Masonic edifice as it applies to our needs. We all are looking to the same goal of being better men, but we all take different paths. Each path is as individual as a thumbprint, and we should always respect every brother's path. Too many times we apply our perception of freemasonry to another brother and decide he isn't doing it the right way, or doesn't "get it". Maybe the truth is, we are the ones that don't "get it".

We each need to seek our own path to being a good man, and be ready to support our brother on his path. Be good to one another.

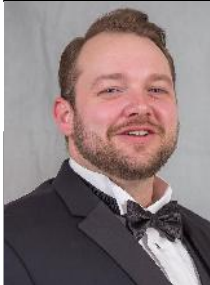
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Brother Lucky Wade – Worshipful Master

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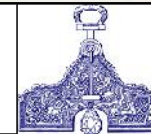


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FROM THE WEST



Happy August Brothers!

The kids are back in school and the heat is sweltering. Summer has indeed set in with its usual severity. Stay cool if you can Brothers!

Please encourage our youth to work hard at their studies. Knowledge is the foundation for all things and our future depends on our children!

The month of August was originally named Sextilis. In 8 BC, it was renamed in honor of Augustus who was the first Roman emperor. This month was chosen because it was the time of several of his great triumphs, including the conquest of Egypt. Augustus was originally named Octavian. The senate gave him the title Augustus meaning "the illustrious one".

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 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

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what is brought in. This is an excellent charity that we should be proud to support! Please bring all you can. Many thanks to the Brothers who have donated to this cause!

Many thanks to Brother Tim Johnson for making the deliveries!
Many thanks to the Eastern Star for their contributions!

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 altitude of our virtues, ever be at High Twelve"

Thank you and have a great month Brothers!

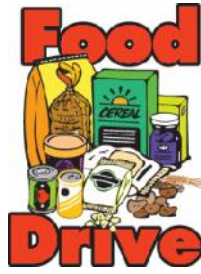
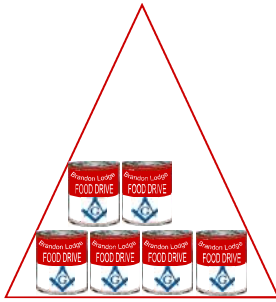
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Brother Travis C. Brumbaugh – Senior Warden

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2018 GOAL: 2500 lbs

July 2018: 1528 lbs

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FROM THE SOUTH



Hey Brothers,

Wow August already, the dead of summer. Lets be careful outside this time of year, the heat and humidity can get you before you know it, drink plenty of fluids (water) and rest frequently.

Summer can be a slow time of year for petitions and degrees, so while we have a little time we need to continue to develop and expand our degree team and bring on board additional catechism instructors. You can never have to many of either.

As most of you know I taught catechisms for several years and enjoyed every bit of it. It is a great way to be involved in the lodge and have a positive impact on a young Brothers life. Any who are interested get in touch with Worshipful Wenzel who would be happy to get you on your way.

The degree team is always looking for new members who want to learn the ritual work and who desire to present it with passion and accurately. You may think that it may not be your thing, I say don't say no to something until you try.

Brothers our catechisms and ritual work is what sets us apart from other organizations and we should take great pride in that, and only accept that they be presented in the highest quality.

As a reminder we are having a Pasta Dinner on the 18th of August. For additional information please visit our Facebook page. Monthly menu and upcoming events listed below.

Fraternally,
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2 August	9 August	16 August	18 August	23 August	30 August
Chili Dogs	Roast Pork	Cold Cut Sandwich	Pasta Dinner	Cowboy Beans 'n Rice	Empty the Freezer Night
French Fries	Black Beans Yellow Rice	Potato Salad		Cornbread	
Peach Cups	Salad	Pudding		Salad	
	Cake Ice Cream			Brownies Ice Cream	
			<i>Building Fund</i>	<i>Rainbow Girls</i>	

(From the Secretary Continued)

- and thorough job.
- Q** - Quality in character, a most valuable asset.
 - R** - Read everything you can, knowledge is a precious commodity and a Mason's charge to learn
 - S** - Study: Life is a learning experience, there is something to learn every day.
 - T** - Teach those to follow you as they are the future.
 - U** - Utilize the working tools available to do the best job as a Mason.
 - V** - Vitalize your Lodge with your encouragement, interest and enthusiasm.
 - W** - Walk always as a just and upright Mason, your first Masonic charge.
 - X** - Put your X on your Lodge through your actions.
 - Y** - You do make a difference in your Lodge and Masonry and your absence will be missed.
 - Z** - Zero in on your goals and you will achieve more than you ever dreamed.

These words of wisdom were authored by R\W\ Gil Weisman.

Fraternally,

R\W\ Don Cowart, PDDGM, Secretary

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

My Brothers,

The following words are the "ABC'S" of a Freemason.

- A** - Activity: Active Brothers are the key to a successful Lodge.
- B** - Brotherly Love: the underlying attitude that is the cement that binds us into the greatest fraternity the world has ever known.
- C** - Commitment: to the charges the essential assets of any Lodge Officer and every Mason.
- D** - Do unto others as you would have them to do unto you is the golden rule of life.
- E** - Enthusiasm: The contagious energy that creates interest and spreads like wildfire from one Brother to another.
- F** - Faith: In your God, your country, your Lodge, your Lodge Officers, your Brothers, and especially yourself and the path you have chosen to live.
- G** - God: Your creator and the source of all light in whom we all put our trust.
- H** - Helping those less fortunate is a Masons way.
- I** - Interest: That essential quality in Masons that is necessary for Lodge and personal success.
- J** - Just do it! Act on every "good idea." There is nothing wrong, or more powerful as an idea whose time has come.
- K** - Kindness to all, especially with the ones we disagree with.
- L** - Love: The greatest power on earth which liberally spread by Masons and it knows no boundaries.
- M** - Motivate by your interest and enthusiasm of our Gentle Craft to mentor others.
- N** - New ideas: the fountain of youth for any organization or Brother.
- O** - Obligations of a Mason are never to be forgotten and always observed.
- P** - Preparation: that quality that is necessary to do a good

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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



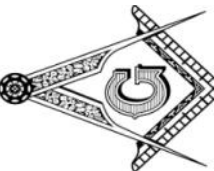
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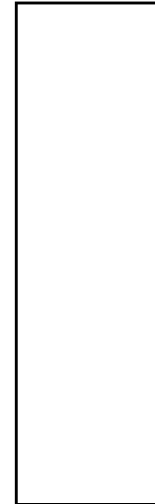
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August



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29)	30)	31)	1 <i>Degree Practice 7pm</i> <i>Officer's Meeting</i> 6:00pm	2  <i>MM Degree</i> <i>Dinner 6:30pm</i> <i>Degree 7:30pm</i>	3 4 <i>MLT</i> <i>Modules 1,2, & 3</i> <i>AW Windhorst 185</i> 9:00 am	
5 <i>BMLSC At Fishhawk</i> <i>Sporting Clays - Every</i> <i>Sunday at 9am</i>	6  <i>Rainbow Girls -7pm</i> <i>Brandon Lodge</i> <i>York Rite Stated</i> <i>Olin S. Wright 79</i>	7 <i>6:00pm Brandon Lodge</i> <i>BSC Luncheon</i> <i>11:00am @ Plummers</i> <i>DDGM Official Visit</i> <i>Turkey Creek 248</i>	8 <i>Degree Practice 7pm</i> <i>Egypt Shrine Stated</i> <i>Meeting -7:30 pm</i> <i>Centro Asturiano</i>	9  <i>Dinner 6:30pm</i> <i>Stated Communication</i> 7:30pm	10 <i>Masonic Youth Park</i> <i>Board Mtg. 7pm @</i> <i>Tampa 240</i>	11
12	13 <i>Scottish Rite Stated</i> <i>Scottish Rite</i> <i>Masonic Center</i>	14	15 <i>Degree Practice 7pm</i>	16  <i>Dinner 6:30</i> <i>Degree or Masonic</i> <i>Education 7:30pm</i>	17 18 <i>Brandon Lodge Pasta</i> <i>Fundraiser 11am - 2pm</i> <i>Masonic Home Board</i> <i>Meeting</i> 11 am 	
19	20  <i>District School</i> <i>of Instruction</i> <i>Tampa 240 - 7pm</i> <i>Rainbow Girls</i> <i>Brandon Lodge 7pm</i>	21	22 <i>Degree Practice 7pm</i>	23  <i>Dinner 6:30 pm</i> <i>Stated Communication</i> 7:30 pm	24 <i>Masters and Wardens</i> 6:30 at <i>John Darling Lodge 154</i>	25 <i>Zone 4</i> <i>School of Instruction</i> <i>Open Books</i> 9 am - 12pm @ Scottish Rite Temple
26 <i>Desoto Lodge Pancake</i> <i>Breakfast</i> 9am—12pm	27 <i>Brandon Shrine Social</i> <i>Evening - 7pm</i> <i>Masonic Discussion</i> <i>Group 6:30 pm</i>	28	29 <i>Degree Practice 7pm</i>	30 <i>Dinner 6:30pm</i> <i>Degree or Masonic</i> <i>Education 7:30pm</i>	31	1)