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4/2	Ray Hicks	4/18	Terry Rountree
4/3	Marvin Rousseau	4/19	Robert Colon
4/4	Robert Gillis	4/21	Ed Kellner
4/4	David Smith	4/21	Alvin Simpson, Jr.
4/5	Terry Foster	4/22	George Richardson, Jr.
4/7	Dennis Capps	4/24	Robert Elkin
4/8	Jeremy Poston	4/26	William Odor
4/9	Steven Landers, II	4/27	Lawrence McKinnon III
4/9	Wolfgang Calvert	4/28	Scott Sandusky
4/10	David Jones	4/30	Philip Orrico
4/10	Roscoe Love		
4/10	Dale Solomon		
4/11	Walter Law		
4/11	Wesley Forrest		
4/11	Malcolm Gillis III		
4/12	Fritz Beinert		



FROM THE EAST



Ah, April is here. Spring is upon us. That, in Florida, means heat, grass growing, mowing and pollen in the air. But, for those who have been in a northern climate (either living there or stationed there in the military), April represented a time of new growth.

On March 20th, we celebrated the spring equinox. Twelve hours of darkness and twelve hour of light. It is a time looked forward to by many peoples. When I was stationed in Alaska, where the winter sunset was 1:30 in the afternoon, it meant coming from darkness into light. As Masons, let us remember that we need to renew ourselves, just as Mother Nature renews the earth. Have we slipped into "darkness" during this Covid period? Have we allowed the festivities of the past season (Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Valentine's Day) to detour us from seeking the light of Masonic knowledge and fellowship?

As our ancient brethren looked to spring as a time of renewal, we need to make a commitment to also renew ourselves. Mark your calendars; Thursday evening is Lodge night. Come back to the Lodge; support the brothers on their journeys through the degrees. Enjoy fellowship with your brothers. We can use all your help with the degrees, instruction of brothers, and simply helping with Lodge activities. We keep looking for you.

Improve your knowledge:

1. Ancient monuments were aligned with the equinox. Name 3
2. In ancient Mesopotamia, what festival celebrated the spring equinox?
3. What famous Mason was killed just days before the spring equinox?
4. Easter Bunny – why a bunny? What significance from the ancient world?

Fraternally,

Ed Kellner
Worshipful Master



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FROM THE WEST



Brothers,

During the recent visit of District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM) Joe Severino's Official visit he read from Most Worshipful Grand Master (MW) Thomas Turlington, Jr.'s, Grand Master's message. MW Turlington referenced three goals: communication; accountability and unity. MW Turlington challenged us to

display, "Unity in our fraternity," and to have an attitude of "One for all and all for one."

Later that evening I reflected on how profound MW Turlington's words were. Recently, I witnessed the type of unity in Brandon Lodge. Unity in a lodge I often assumed, after all we are all brothers. However, that is not always the case. In MW Turlington's message he challenged us to unite and help each other to be better men. MW Turlington also encouraged us to improve our ritual by helping our brothers learn openings and closing of our lodges and our floor work. Another point highlighted by MW Turlington was to improve the condition of our lodges.

Recently I witnessed the type of unity MW Turlington referenced during a workday at our lodge. Our challenge was to remove old ceiling tiles and install new tiles in our dining room in furtherance of our renovation project. We had eleven brothers show up, David Wenzel, Tony Hill, Matt Huebner, Jesus Alonso, Walter Vogelgesang, Corey Jones, Gerard Solis, Hiroshi Thomas, Jack Hampton, Ken Paxton and me. Planning and resources were also provided by brothers Mark Anderson and Joe Davis. Thirteen brothers from different backgrounds with different life experiences were able to work together in "Unity" to complete a difficult project.

Brothers let us continue to display the "Unity" referenced in MW Turlington's message! Laboring toward the goal of improving our fraternity so the the men of our community will want to invest their time and efforts in becoming Masons.

"Behold how good and pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in Unity." Psalm 133:1

Fraternally,

Steve Davenport
Junior Warden



2021 Brandon Lodge

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED
4 Rainbow Girls 7:00pm	5	6	7 Officers Meeting Degree Practice
11	12	13 Brandon Shrine Club  11am	14 Degree Practice
18 Rainbow Girls 7pm	19 20th District School at Tampa 240, 7pm	20	21 Degree Practice
25 DeSoto Lodge Pancake Breakfast 8:30am	26 Masonic Discussion Group 7pm	27	28 Degree Practice








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UP TO DATE EVENT INFORMATION.

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APRIL



WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Dinner 6:30pm MM Degree 7:30pm 	2	3
Meeting 6pm Practice 7pm	8 Dinner 6:30pm Stated Communication 7:30pm 	9	10
Practice 7pm	15 Dinner 6:30pm FC Degree 7:30pm 	16	17
Practice 7pm	22 Dinner 6:30pm Stated Communication 7:30pm 	23 M	24 JGW Fundraiser at Tampa 240 11:00am
Practice 7pm	29 Dinner 6:30pm 	30	



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FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

Spring is upon us. It's time for new beginnings. That includes a new beginning for the flooring in our dining room. We will need to do some prep work before the renovations can begin. Saturday 4/17 we will be having another work day. We will need to remove the cabinets and countertops where we serve

the tea, as well as remove the ice maker and water fountain. There will be plenty of other miscellaneous tasks that we could use your assistance on. Don't be afraid to stop on by even if only to deliver words of encouragement. I will grill some chicken wings and burgers for all who come out.

Brothers we have some wonderful things going on at lodge. We have several good men knocking at the west gate. We just initiated a Brother last Wednesday and have several degrees lined up. Please come out and support the lodge. See the fine work these Brothers are doing in their catechisms. Many of these good men have made their way into the discussion group, which meets on the fourth Monday of the month. It's been a pleasure to have conversations with these men about self-improvement, philosophy, spirituality and other stimulating discussions. These conversations and the relationships that develop from them are, in my opinion, the true wages of a Mason.

In closing, It has been a great year so far in the south. I can't thank all of the Brother enough for all of your help. Every minute of time that your efforts have earned me is truly cherished.

Fraternally,

Tony Hill
Junior Warden

Brotherly love is not a tangible commodity. We cannot touch it or weigh it, smell it or taste it. Yet it is a reality; it can be creative, it can be fostered, it can be made a dynamic power." Br. Carl H. Claudy

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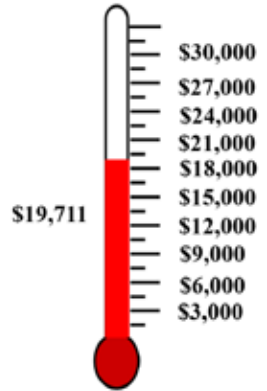
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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Brothers,

Unfortunately I have the sad duty to report that Brother Guy Wallace Wolf, Jr. passed to the Celestial Lodge on February 23, 2021. Brother Wolf was Initiated an Entered Apprentice on August 9, 1973, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on October 19, 1973 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on

November 4, 1973. He was 77 years old.

On a happier note, I would like to congratulate the following Brothers on receiving their Masonic Service Awards:

- Martin Andersen 55 Years
- William Kalbas 40 Years
- Steven Jefferson 40 Years
- James Caldwell 40 Years

Also, I would like to welcome Brother Shawn Robinson to our Lodge. He was initiated an Entered Apprentice on March 24, 2021.

Latest word from Grand Lodge is that they are planning a full Grand Communications at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando May 30 – June 2. If you plan to attend please make your own hotel reservations. Contact the Rosen Plaza for the Grand Lodge special rate but hurry because the hotel is filling fast.

Anyone wishing to be a Trestleboard Booster (\$20 per year) or have your business card placed in the Trestleboard (\$120 per year) please contact me.

Our donation tree continues to grow. If you are interested in purchasing a leaf, please contact me. Funds collected from the sale of leaves will go to our renovation projects.

Brothers, if you have not paid your 2021 dues please do so. If you are having difficulties, please contact the Lodge so something can be worked out.

Finally, Happy Birthday to all of our April birthday Brothers! May you enjoy many more in good health and happiness.

Fraternally,

Jack Hampton, PDDGm
Secretary

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1889-1890 W.C. Moore
 1891 J.M. Duffie
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 1903 D.E. Hazen
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 1920 W.E. Touchstone
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 1924-1925 J.M. Morgan
 1926-1927 R.A. McIntoch
 1928 A. Rothwell
 1929 J. Morgan
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 1931 E.L. Robison
 1932 G.O. Dunlap
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 2016 Jack Hampton
 2017 Wade Patterson
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