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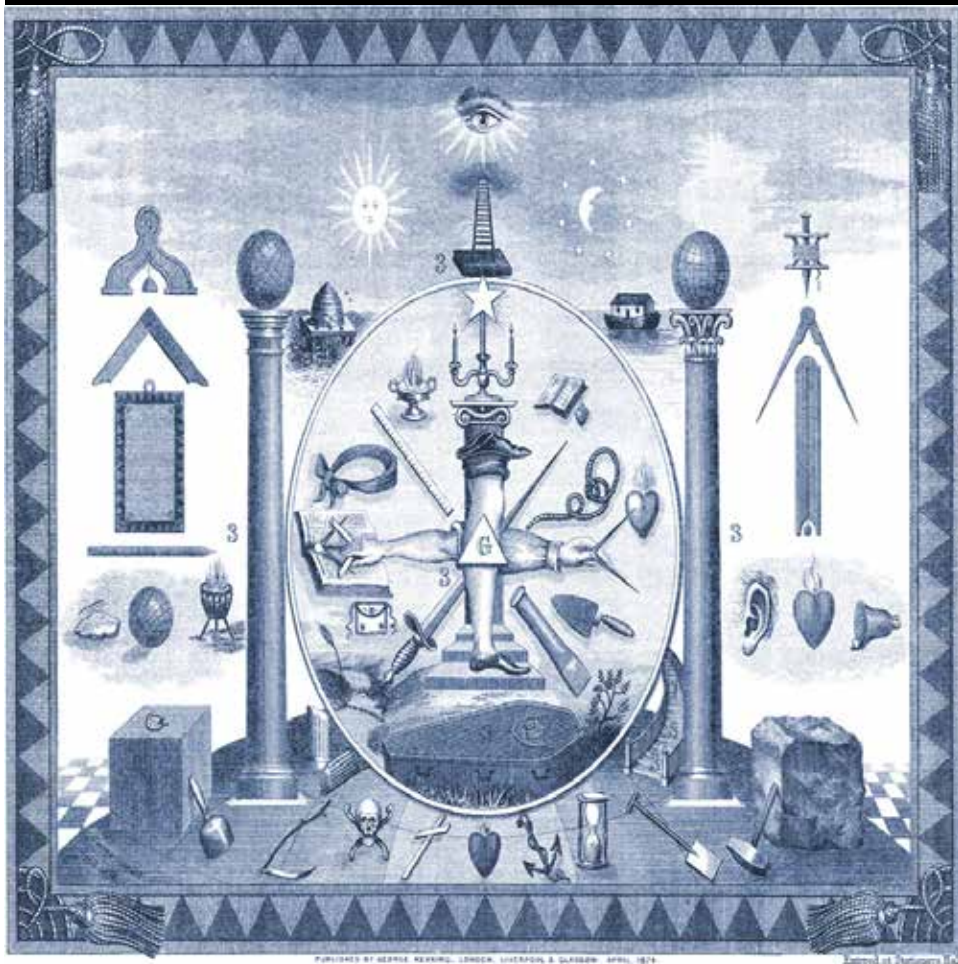
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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|
| John Hattan III | Sept 2 | Ray Von Miller, Jr. | Sept 20 |
| Percy Jackson | Sept 2 | Joseph Rosa | Sept 20 |
| Jonathan T. McVicker | Sept 2 | Simon Shakespeare | Sept 20 |
| Todd Fischer | Sept 3 | Paul Dombrowski | Sept 21 |
| Frederick Walden | Sept 4 | James Register | Sept 21 |
| James Barfield | Sept 5 | Peter Matassa | Sept 22 |
| Jeffrey Reynolds | Sept 5 | William P. Andrews | Sept 22 |
| Dominick R. Satterlee, II | Sept 6 | Charles Chancey, P. M. | Sept 23 |
| James Docherty | Sept 7 | John Romanyak Sr. | Sept 24 |
| Lyndon Creager | Sept 7 | William P. Guthrie | Sept 24 |
| Paul Benton, Jr. | Sept 9 | John Cloyd | Sept 25 |
| David O'Brien, Jr. | Sept 9 | Scott McCormick | Sept 25 |
| Charles West | Sept 10 | Kendall Schwindt | Sept 26 |
| Dorvan Cofield | Sept 11 | Robert Robaus | Sept 28 |
| Dorman Moses, P. M. | Sept 14 | Alden Perkins | Sept 28 |
| Charles Meryman | Sept 14 | Eric H. Beeders | Sept 28 |
| Kevin W. Brown | Sept 15 | Chad Coates | Sept 28 |
| Charles Jagars | Sept 15 | Tony Hill | Sept 28 |
| Presley Talley | Sept 16 | David Parker | Sept 29 |
| Joshua L. Vargo | Sept 17 | John Adams | Sept 29 |
| Mark Keating | Sept 17 | Andy Johnson | Sept 29 |



FROM THE EAST



I was watching the BUCS preseason game the other day, and I realized, YES! Football season is back! As we enter September, college football returns, rivalries and favorite teams will get a topic of discussion and bragging, and professional football will catch our attention. The lazy days of summer will give way to excitement and expectation.

But as I watched the preseason game, I thought "how well this parallels masonry". Listening to the sports broadcasters, I thought what if they were broadcasting the personnel in the Lodge? According to the broadcasters, the BUCS are returning the starting lineup of both offense and defense, plus their kickers. It is on the shoulders of these are the persons that the expectations are placed. They are expected to show up each and every week and give their best. Isn't that what is expected in the Lodge? The officers are the starting lineup. They are expected to be in Lodge each and every week. And we have several other brothers who are always there; ready to support and help the Lodge.

Then there are the backup players. No, you seldom see the second-string quarterback go in unless there is an injury or other situation that requires him. But running backs, wide receivers, linemen (especially defensive linemen) often have a substitute. Same happens in the Lodge; we have brothers who are usually available to step in and help, to participate in the degrees or help with a fundraising event. They are willing to step in and help, but don't want to be an officer.

Then there are the rookies, transfer players. They are like new brothers. The players need to learn the playbook. They need to know the signals, the expected way a play is going to be run, and they are expected to do their part to help the team. Just as new brothers need to learn the catechism (playbook), to learn how to be supportive in their role. I was struck as the broadcasters noted that for many of these players, this was their only time on the field, as cut day would soon be coming. They were on the team, but just didn't make it. And I thought of brothers who start in Masonry, but don't continue. They wanted to try out for the "team", but didn't have the drive to be an active member. Or the brother who left right after being raised, because he really wanted to be in the Shrine or one of the appended bodies. Or the one who joined because dad or grandad or a friend was a member and he wanted the ring, but had no desire to be a participant.

There are those who got the playbook. Looked at what was expected of them, and decided they didn't want to dedicate the time and effort to the team. Maybe they liked something else; baseball, hockey, basketball. Oh, they liked to watch, maybe even buy a ticket. Those are like members who like to say they are Masons, who pay their dues, but that is the total of their contribution and participation. They don't even come to sit in the stands.

Article continued and Trivia on next page.

Finally, there are those who are retired. Maybe they were starters, maybe they were the reserves. They like to participate when they can, but circumstances don't allow them to be there all the time. Often, they will participate in a fundraising event.

So the question comes to each of us, "where are you on the team?" You don't have to be an officer to be a strong supportive player. Be in the Lodge, help where you can, and give support. Or do you want to just sit there, say "yes, I'm a member, but I don't attend." "I send in my dues, what else do I need to do?" Only you know what type of a member you are. Do you remember why you joined Masonry? I urge you to come to the Lodge; we want you to be rejuvenated. The Lodge needs more than your money, it needs you.

Fraternally,

Ed Kellner, PDDGM
W. M.

THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S TRIVIA

The Star Spangled Banner

- 1) Who wrote the poem that became the Star Spangled Banner?
- 2) When was it written?
- 3) What war was in progress when it was written?
- 4) Over what fort did the flag fly which inspired the poem?
- 5) We usually sing the first verse. How many verses are there?
- 6) What flag was flying that inspired the poem?
- 7) To what tune was the poem set?
- 8) Who composed the music to which the poem is set?
- 9) When was the Star Spangled Banner adopted as the National Anthem?

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FROM THE WEST



As we pass into the ninth month of the year, let us pause and contemplate the future. In last month's trestle board article, I asked you, to reflect upon the challenges we have faced and overcome here at Brandon Lodge. "Covid -19", renovations, inspections, repairs, supporting our various charities, degree work, ritual competition are just a few of the challenges. We have worked through those challenges together and maintained our momentum and been successful.

The foremost challenge we soon we will soon be facing is filling leadership positions within our lodge. Those of you who are considering taking on that responsibility, I implore you to take advantage of the leadership resources that are available to you. The Grand Lodge website and is easily accessible via the internet and has many resources available. In preparation for the aforementioned challenge, I took my own advice and discovered that, "a good leader recognizes these four proven facts:

- Personnel determine the potential of the organization
- Relationships determine the morale of the organization
- Structure determines the direction of the organization
- Leadership determines the success of the organization "

Consider these proven facts while contemplating taking a leadership position here at Brandon Lodge. I believe we have the personnel with rectitude, a fellowship that strengthens relationships and morale, and the structure to determine our direction. Brandon Lodge needs you to offer your leadership skills to determine our success as an organization. "Remember, ordinary Brothers, with the right direction, can become extraordinary Brothers." "And we all know intuitively that people go along with people they get along with and respect."

There is no easy way to attract and develop those individuals who will become effective leaders within the Fraternity. In fact, there is no easy way to attract a leader in any endeavor of any consequence. Yet, in our civic clubs' leaders continue to emerge. In business, leadership asserts itself. In Masonry, we must learn the knack of involving our membership in our Masonic activities to the end that leaders will emerge.

The caveat in the aforementioned statement is "involving," you have to be present in order to be involved! During the last quarter of the year, attend the activities at Brandon Lodge, support those who are willing to take on the responsibility of leadership. Brandon Lodge has an abundance of mature Masons who can support "the Craft" and allow those leaders to emerge. However, you can only support those emerging leaders if you are present and available!

A quote that has been attributed to both President and Brother Harry S. Truman and President Ronald Reagan, was actually spoken by Brother Mark Twain/Samuel Clemens, "Great things can happen when you don't care who get the credit."

Fraternally,

Steve Davenport
Junior Warden

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Worshipful Master

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To: Brothers of Brandon Lodge

August 23, 2021

Subject: COVID protocols

Dear Brothers,

I have received two directives from the Grand Master on the subject of COVID and necessary precautions. These will be more fully discussed at the stated meeting on August 26, 2021. I urge you to attend.

Based on these directives, I am issuing the following EDICT update on the subject.

1. I feel I need to implement COVID protocols again in the Lodge. As a Mason, I ask you to do your best to help protect yourself and your brothers. If you are positive for COVID or know that you have been exposed to someone who is positive, you needed to quarantine yourself, and not come to the Lodge, until you are sure you are negative for the COVID virus.
2. Temperature testing will be required of everyone entering the building. A temperature of 100.4° and you will be asked to go home.
3. A face mask is required inside the building and inside the Lodge room. The only exception will be while eating.
4. Social distancing will be in effect in the Lodge room. Consider appropriate distancing while at the tables during meals.
5. Hand sanitizing is required upon entering the building.
6. Consider a fist bump or elbow bump as a greeting. Physical contact will be allowed during ritual work, as required.

Brothers, let's be safe, but still enjoy our fellowship as best we can until this pandemic is under control. If you have not received a COVID vaccination, I urge you to get one.

Fraternally,

Ed Kellner, PDDGM
Worshipful Master, 2021




2021 Brandon Lodge No. 114 Activites

AUGUST



View the virtual calendar at www.BrandonLodge.org

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|-----|-----|
| | | | 1 Officers Meeting 6pm Degree Practice 7pm | 2 Dinner 6:30 pm Masonic Ed 7:30 pm | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Rainbow Girls 3pm | 6 Labor Day | 7 | 8 Degree Practice 7pm | 9 Dinner 6:30pm Stated Communication 7:30pm | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 Brandon Shrine Club 11am | 15 Degree Practice 7pm | 16 Dinner 6:30pm | 17 | 18 |
| 19 DeSoto Lodge Pancake Breakfast 8:30 am | 20 20th District School at Tampa 240, 7pm | 21 | 22 Degree Practice 7pm | 23 Dinner 6:30pm Stated Communication 7:30pm | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 Masonic Discussion Group 7:00 pm | 28 | 29 Degree Practice 7pm | 30 | | |

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FROM THE SOUTH



Brothers,

Brothers, We have several candidates in the process of petitioning the lodge, along with many good men working through the degrees. I understand the state of the world but I would like to ask all of you to come out and support these men. I feel the purpose of Blue lodge is to provide an environment where

a man can improve himself. The best way to do that is through fellowship, mentorship and education. We all bring something to the table and it is through our collective work that greatness is achieved. Enrich the lodge experience with your attendance and support these men in their labors. In doing so you may find steel sharpens steel. I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

Fraternally,

Tony Hill
Junior Warden

“There are no strangers in Freemasonry, only friends you’ve yet to meet. “ Br Dave Thomas

Mango School Supply Needs



Mango Elementary School

A Hillsborough County Public School

- Pocket folders (with prongs)
- Spiral notebooks
- Glue sticks
- Dividers
- Crayola markers
- Crayons
- Pencils
- Expo dry erase markers
- Copy paper
- Plastic folder with pockets
- Colored pencils
- Tissues
- Disinfecting wipes

- Card stock (any color)
- Stop watches
- Sticky notes
- Paper towels
- Mechanical pencils
- Ziploc baggies (any size)
- Ear buds or headphones
- 3x5 index cards
- 3 Ring whole punchers

- Sheet protectors
- 1.5-3-inch binders
- Zipper pouches
- Hand held pencil sharpeners
- Electric pencil sharpeners
- Highlighters
- Paper clips

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All it takes is a donation of \$150 or more to get your name or the name of a loved one added to our Donation Tree. Forms are available on line. You can send your donations to the Lodge or make an on-line donation at: <https://squareup.com/store/brandon114>

As of July 28, 2021



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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Brothers,

Monthly Mail: Every month the Grand Lodge posts directives, executive orders, minutes, flyers and other items of interest to the Craft. Go to: http://grandlodgefl.com/gflf_monthlymail.html and check things out.

I regret to inform you of the death of **Worshipful Roy E. Age**. Worshipful Age was Initiated an Entered Apprentice on June 4, 1981, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on October 15, 1981 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 19, 1981. He was Worshipful Master of Brandon Lodge in 1995, Secretary 1998-2002 and Treasurer in 2010. Worshipful Age entered into rest on August 1, 2021 at the age of 94 years, 8 months and 10 days.

Congratulations to **Brother Mike Wick** on receiving his 50 Year Masonic Service Award and **Brother Sherman Hendry** on receiving his 65 Year Masonic Service Award.

Adopt a Teacher: Our Lodge has selected **Ms. Maria Caraballo** as our Adopted Teacher. She teaches 3rd grade at Mango Elementary School. She is focused on increasing student achievement and has had a positive impact on her students and their families. If you would like to make a donation to the Adopt-A-Teacher Fund, please send it to the Secretary or if you would like to donate online using the Square payment method go to: <http://brandonlodge.org/adopt-a-teacher-maria-caraballo-of-mango-elementary-school/>.

Junior Grand Warden Homecoming: Registration is now open for the Junior Grand Warden Homecoming (our own R.W. Don Cowart). The event is free but you MUST REGISTER in order to attend at: JGW2021.Eventbrite.com. Enter the site as a web address, not a browser search. Seating is limited so RSVP early.

Attention Veterans: Please send the Lodge a picture or two of you in uniform to add to our Veterans Day presentation.

I'm still looking for pictures of the exterior of any of our former Lodge buildings. If you have any, please scan them and send to Secretary@brandonlodge.org

Delinquent dues notices: Final notices will be sent this month to those who are currently in arrears of their 2021 dues. If you are having difficulties please contact the Lodge to work something out. Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. 2022 Dues notices will be mailed in mid-October and are due no later than December 27, 2021.

Finally, I would like to wish our Brothers born in September a very Happy Birthday. Please see the list posted elsewhere in the Trestle Board

Fraternally,
Jack Hampton, PDDGm
 Secretary

Brandon Lodge No. 114 Past Masters

| | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1889-1890 W.C. Moore | 1943 J.H. Stevenson | 1982 J. Leitner |
| 1891 J.M. Duffie | 1944 T.M. Blackshear | 1983 R.H. Riveiro |
| 1892 W.C. Moore | 1945 C.A. Garner | 1984 T.R. Shaffer |
| 1893 C.H. Spencer | 1946 P.N. Chancey | 1985 L. Carnley |
| 1894 J.P. Hill | 1947 J.O. Tottle | 1986 C. Chancey |
| 1895 C.H. Spencer | 1948 H.H. King | 1987 D.H. Bridge |
| 1896-1900 R.G. Brooker | 1949 R.E. Hiller | 1988 G. Alfonso |
| 1901-1902 J.H. Wendell | 1950 C.R. Hampton | 1989 K.A. Thornton |
| 1903 D.E. Hazen | 1951 W.A. Brodie | 1990 W.J. Kalbas |
| 1904 R.G. Brooker | 1952 J.O. Crozier | 1991 H. Allen |
| 1905 J.A. Johnson | 1953 W. leitner | 1992 D.W. Morgan, Sr |
| 1906-1907 T.F. Parramore | 1954 J.R. Edwards | 1993 G.W. Reese, III |
| 1908-1909 J.H. Wedell | 1955 H.H. Rushing | 1994 R.K. Murrhee |
| 1910-1911 D.E. Hazen | 1956 W.B. Westbrook | 1995 H.H. Whisenant |
| 1912 J.A. Johnson | 1957 L.W. Roberts | 1996 R.E. Age |
| 1913-1914 C.W. Haas | 1958 C. White | 1997 M.R. Cary |
| 1915-1916 J.R. Brooker | 1959 E.R. Lastinger | 1998 W.C. Mitchell |
| 1917-1918 C.W. Haas | 1960 H.T. Barron | 1999 D.R. Hutchinson |
| 1919 W.P. Pemberton | 1961 W.S. Richards | 2000 H.A. Kuczvara |
| 1920 W.E. Touchstone | 1962 T.C. Casey | 2001 Daniel Heston |
| 1921 L. Wetherington | 1963 H.R. Moody | 2002 Ronald Brimmer |
| 1922-1923 L.A. Hogan | 1964 A.O. Miller | 2003 Benjamin P. Piatt |
| 1924-1925 J.M. Morgan | 1965 C.B. Reynolds | 2004 Ron Green |
| 1926-1927 R.A. McIntoch | 1966 D.C. Moses | 2005 Ed Kellner |
| 1928 A. Rothwell | 1967 W. Seber | 2006 Gene Hagan |
| 1929 J. Morgan | 1968 L. Stanberry | 2007 Peter Williams |
| 1930 D.M. Robison | 1969 H. F. Turner | 2008 Chas Reichert, Sr. |
| 1931 E.L. Robison | 1970 T.C. Casey | 2009 Richard Boettger |
| 1932 G.O. Dunlap | 1971 L.R. Chambliss | 2010 Merritt Drouilliard |
| 1933 R.S. Sumerall | 1972 S.W. Rich | 2011 Justin Aldrich |
| 1934 L.B. Selden | 1973 A.M. Schrader | 2012 Jeffrey Shreaves |
| 1935 F.B. Akard | 1974 C.B. Hamlin | 2013 Donald Cowart |
| 1936 W.K. Lewis | 1975 W. Seber | 2014 Barry B. Butler |
| 1937 W.A. Ledford | 1976 C.E. Wysong | 2015 David Wenzel |
| 1938 M.B. Whitfield | 1977 LL. Griffin | 2016 Jack Hampton |
| 1939 L.W. Blaisdell | 1978 R.L. Dykes | 2017 Wade Patterson |
| 1940 L.E. Tourtellotte | 1979 E.R. Poling | 2018 Clarence Wade |
| 1941 B.L. Lanford | 1980 E.B. McAuley | 2019 Travis Brumbaugh |
| 1942 P.O. Marcum | 1981 R.L. Prekop | 2020 Roscoe Love |

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 Jack Hampton

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