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Richard Gormley	Oct 2	David Kennedy	Oct 16
Gilbert Hernandez	Oct 2	Ian D. Harris	Oct 17
Luther Potter Jr.	Oct 3	Floyd McKenzie	Oct 17
Michael T. Thibodeau	Oct 3	Theodore E. Beightol	Oct 18
Robert Morris	Oct 4	Robert Lorch	Oct 18
Michael Oliver, Sr.	Oct 5	Jay B. Holland	Oct 18
William Hoge	Oct 5	William Martin	Oct 20
Christopher Heaverin	Oct 6	Robert St. John	Oct 20
Nicholas Ferrario	Oct 6	Richard Griffin	Oct 20
Fredric Locke	Oct 7	Jeffrey Moss	Oct 20
Leroy Gonzalez Jr.	Oct 7	Michael Taylor	Oct 21
Jaye Poston	Oct 7	Tomas Izquierdo	Oct 23
Tom Bishop	Oct 8	Don Cowart PPDGM	Oct 23
Carnace Orender	Oct 9	George Durden	Oct 23
John Sprague	Oct 10	Richard Langill	Oct 24
Ken Fee	Oct 10	Ricky Lackey	Oct 24
Lee Fritchman	Oct 10	Robert Crawley	Oct 24
Robert Taylor	Oct 10	Stephen Connett	Oct 26
Charles E. Reichert, Sr.	Oct 10	Mark Chase	Oct 28
Amy M. Hirji	Oct 10	Ignacio Lopresto	Oct 28
Roger Myers	Oct 12	Jack Knight	Oct 28
Roland E. Wood, III	Oct 13	James Preston	Oct 29
Stephen York	Oct 14	Gary D. Broadus	Oct 31
Jason Morris	Oct 16		



FROM THE EAST



Consider the work of the operative Mason, in the construction of every edifice. Consider the tools of the operative Mason, ensuring his walls are straight, his floor level, the corners of the building square, and the structure smooth and having an appealing appearance. And underlying all of this is the science of Geometry, one of the seven Liberal Arts. In early education,

the seven Liberal Arts were a fundamental part of higher education.

Geometry? The word often strikes fear and a defensive reaction to many. We remember high school geometry – axioms, theorems, proofs, and perhaps having to go to the board and solve a problem identifying each step in the proof and citing the axiom, theorem or previous proof. Yes, this is the world of Euclidian geometry. The world of a flat plate. And it is a reasonable geometry, as it often proves items in the world in which we live. One of the proofs often required was that given a line, with a point on that line, and a second line perpendicular to the first. If the second line intersected the first at the given point, only one line could be perpendicular at that point. Consider two roads: you come to an intersection, where the second road is perpendicular to the one you are traveling on. Only one road can intersect your road at a 90 angle.

Opinions are often like the road we travel. Other opinions may differ from ours, and we often consider them to be at a 90 degree angle to ours. And, we discount other opinions, since only one can be 90 degree to ours. Right? So says Euclidian geometry.

But Einstein said the only true geometry is Lobachevski geometry; three-dimensional geometry. It is Lobachevski geometry that provides us with space travel and orbits, with a flight from New York to Oslo, Norway via the North Pole. It is also Lobachevski geometry that requires us to think in terms other than a flat surface. Consider a room; the base of one wall is a line. A second wall intersects the first at a 90 degree angle. In Euclidian geometry, we would stop, but we also have the wall rising to the ceiling, and this is a third line perpendicular to the other two. Now, we have a third perpendicular at a point (the corner of the room). In fact, Lobachevski said there are infinite perpendiculars to a given line at a given point.

And so it is with our opinions. We may not all agree with one opinion, but we can all express our opinions on a given point. In Freemasonry, geometry provides us with a valuable lesson and still provides the necessary foundation for everyone to express themselves, in a brotherly fashion.

Faternally,

Ed Kellner, PDDGM
W. M.

THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S TRIVIA

Trivia - Halloween


1. Where is the accepted place where Halloween originated?
2. What religious day follows Halloween?
3. What are the ties between Halloween and Freemasonry?
4. What is the significance of October 13th to Freemasonry?
5. What day of the week was October 13, 1307?

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FROM THE WEST



Brothers,

Sometimes it is good to look back into the past, so I reviewed my October 2020 Trestle Board Article. In summary, we were facing a very active hurricane season, Covid-19, civil unrest, and an acrimonious political environment for the pending election. Currently, we are still dealing with Covid-19 and its different variants, and the debates surrounding vaccinations, boosters, masks, and vaccination passports. Today the news cycle is dominated by the topics of immigration and our exit strategy regarding Afghanistan. Sometimes it seems that every issue is politicized, and it is easy to get mixed up as to who we are and what we do.

I am personally glad, that we have a place to go like Brandon Lodge where we can take refuge. The object of the lodge is to create a place where the divisions of modern-day life can be set aside. Where we can come together share a meal and have fellowship. A place where, as men and Masons we can engage in activities that unite us instead of separating us.

Freemasonry regards no man for his worldly wealth, social status, or outward appearance. Kings, princes, and potentates have been Masons. Doctors, lawyers, business leaders, movie stars, generals, and presidents all have been members of the fraternity. So have policemen, firefighters, salesmen, electricians, mechanics, iron workers, gardeners, and cooks. When we meet at lodge, we are all equal, no matter our socio-economic status or what profession we have chosen.

I recently read a story that demonstrates the "equality among members" of Freemasonry. This story was related by Theodore Roosevelt, the twenty-sixth President of the United States. In September of 1908, while he was president, Brother Roosevelt visited his home lodge, Matinecock #806 in New York. Afterward, Brother Roosevelt spoke of the experience of seeing his own gardener serving as Master of the Lodge that evening while he sat on the sidelines. Clearly, I could not call upon him when I came home, it would have embarrassed him. Neither could he, without embarrassment, call on me. In the lodge it was different. He was over me, though I was president, and it was good for him, and good for me. "In Masonry, all the trappings of status of prestige worn in the outside world are left on the other side of the door of the lodge --- even for presidents"

Fraternally,

Steve Davenport
 Junior Warden

"Knowing what's right doesn't mean much unless you do what's right." Theodore Roosevelt, Brother Mason, and the twenty-sixth President of the United States.
 - Christopher Hodapp



2021 Brandon Lodge No. 114 Activites

OCTOBER

View the virtual calendar at www.BrandonLodge.org



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 BE SURE TO CHECK OUT FACEBOOK AND OUR WEBSITE FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE EVENT INFORMATION.					1	2
3 Rainbow Girls 3pm	4 Labor Day	5	6 Officers Meeting 6pm Degree Practice 7pm	7 Dinner 6:30pm MM Degree 7:30pm 	8	9
10	11	12 Brandon Shrine Club  11am	13 Degree Practice 7pm	14 Dinner 6:30pm Stated Communication 7:30pm 	15	16
17 DeSoto Lodge Pancake Breakfast 8:30 am	18 20th District School at Tampa 240, 7pm	19	20 Degree Practice 7pm	21 Dinner 6:30pm 	22	23
24	25 Masonic Discussion Group 7:00 pm	26	27 Degree Practice 7pm	28 Dinner 6:30pm Stated Communication 7:30pm	29	30
31	 CALENDAR SCAN ME!					

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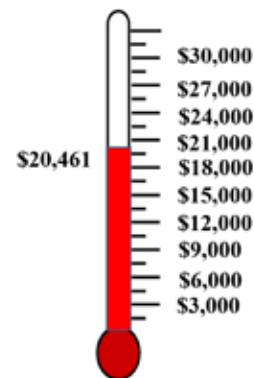
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Mango Elementary School

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)
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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/glfl_monthlymail.html and check things out.

I regret to inform you of the death of Brother **Richard Leslie Besett**. Brother Besett was Initiated an Entered Apprentice on September 20, 2007, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on January 3, 2008 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on February 21, 2008. He entered into rest on September 12, 2021 at the age of 66 years, 4 months and 7 days.

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-teach-maria-caraballo-of-mango-elementary-school/>.

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

Lodge Photos: 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.

Dues notices: Final notices have been sent 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. It is very important that we have your correct contact information. If you have recently moved, please ensure that we have your updates address. You can email me with the changes at: Secretary@brandonLodge.org.

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

2021 Trestleboard Boosters

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Herb Whisenant, PM
Dave Forrest
Mark Anderson

William 'Doc' Martin
Jim Knight
Chuck Gurey
Jack Hampton

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