



# THE TRESTLEBOARD BEECH GROVE LODGE #694

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## 2019 Officers



The Installation of Officers for 2019, was held on Saturday, December 15th. Thank you to W.B. W. Douglas Sausville for being the Installing Master and W.B. Tim J.D. Nichols for being the Installing Marshall.

## The Officers for 2019 are as follows:

Worshipful Master.....Kevin R. Upshaw, PM	Senior Stewart.....Sid A. Lucas
Senior Warden.....Travis L. Cross	Junior Stewart.....Ryan A. Crouch
Junior Warden.....James T. Wheatley	Chaplain.....Roger A. Newman, PM
Treasurer.....Stephen A. Nohlechek, PM	Tyler.....Robert E. Mullen
Secretary.....Harry A. Morris, PM	Trustee.....Roy F. Mills, PM
Senior Deacon.....Joseph K. Hedges, PM	Trustee.....John M. Taylor, PM
Junior Deacon.....Zachery T. Howard	Trustee.....John S. Crook, PM

## From the East

Brethren,

Thank you for having the faith and trust you have placed in me, to be the Worshipful Master of Beech Grove Lodge #694 for a third term. I look forward to another amazing year of spreading the light that is Freemasonry.

To the Officers of 2018, thank you for all your hard work and your dedication for Beech Grove Lodge, you helped make 2018 a great year.

To the Officers of 2019, I look forward to your continuing hard work and dedication to make 2019 an even better year. For those Officers new to the chairs, I am excited to help mentor and lead you through this next year.

A huge thank you goes out to both W.B. John Taylor and Brother Ryan Matkins. They both put in some long hours, even after their normal day jobs, in getting the downstairs ceiling and closet area looking respectable for the Truman Dinner back in October. Thank You Brothers!

Brothers, I look forward to seeing you this next year. Come by on a meeting night, even if to just have dinner with us.

Kevin R. Upshaw P.M., W.M.



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## From the Secretary

Brothers:

I hope you had a good New Years, and with a New Year we welcome our new officers for 2019. Dues were due December 31st- we were able to keep the Dues rate at \$165.30. If you did not receive a notice from Grand Lodge you can just write a check to Beech Grove Lodge and mail it or drop it in our secure mailbox. We can take credit cards, however you will need to drop into the Lodge and see the Treasurer or Secretary. You cannot pay via the portal, Our Lodge is not participating in that program.

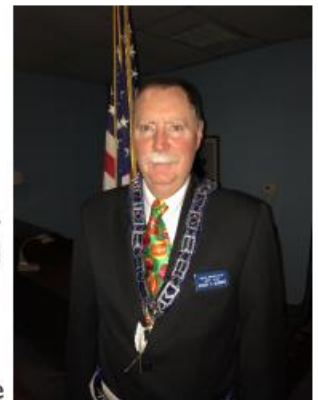
If you find that you are having health or financial issues please let us know. We are here, and we care, however we can't help if we don't know.

The Member Portal: <https://members.indianafreemasons.com> you can check your dues status, change your phone number or address and e-mail from this site, if you do please let me know, I do not get a notification from Grand Lodge, and will only find out if I open your record.

The Grand Lodge Scholarship Forms are available through the Secretary. They are due back to the Secretary March 1st. Contact Harry at either [secretarybg694@mail.com](mailto:secretarybg694@mail.com) or 317-691-2590.

Looking forward to a Great Year.

Harry Morris P.M.





## Grand Masters One Day Class

On Saturday, October 27th, Beech Grove Lodge welcomed 4 New Members from the Grand Masters One Day Class. New Members were able to join the Blue Lodge and Shrine all in one day.

Pictured from Left to Right:

Ryan A. Crouch, Robert E. Mullen, W.M. Kevin R. Upshaw P.M., William J. Boucher III and Sid A. Lucas.



Beech Grove Lodge would also like to welcome Brother Ryan Ainsworth, who transferred from Sugar Creek Lodge. Ryan was very instrumental in the previously mentioned Brothers to Masonry. Thank you Ryan and welcome to Beech Grove Lodge!

## A Grand Adventure!

On April 7, 2019, W.B. Harry A. Morris will be retiring from the Indianapolis Fire Department. To kick off his retirement, he along with his wife Kyle, will be heading out west on a great adventure on Wednesday, April 17, 2019.

Harry will be hiking approximately 2700 miles, along the Pacific Crest Trail, beginning at the California/Mexico Border. The whole trip should take approximately 6 months. He will make his way up through California, through Oregon and Washington to the Canadian Border. Kyle will be driving the RV and doing a bunch of sightseeing, oh yes, and meeting up with Harry every so often, so that he may replenish his supplies.



I recently joked with Harry about not shaving or cutting his hair, he replied he didn't plan too. It will be interesting to see what he looks like when he gets back.

Good Luck W.B. Harry and Kyle, see you when you get back!

## ASSISTANT SECRETARY IS GREATLY NEEDED!

With W.B. Harry leaving in April, and potentially not returning until late October, an Assistant Secretary would be greatly appreciated. Harry does such a wonderful job, that it will take all of us working together to do his position. If you are willing to take some notes and with the assistance of the Officers, your help assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please let myself or Harry know.

Kevin Upshaw PM, WM (317)-919-6213; Harry Morris PM (317) 691-2590

## Birthdays

### January

1<sup>st</sup> Joshua W. Asa  
Donald G. Stansbury  
2<sup>nd</sup> Kenneth E. Dixon  
3<sup>rd</sup> Edward R. Tribby  
6<sup>th</sup> Kenneth Fields  
William F. Morgan  
James P. Parham  
9<sup>th</sup> Charles O. McCormick  
Irvin S. Weidner  
12<sup>th</sup> Stephen A. Nohlecek P.M.  
Kenneth D. Northerner  
14<sup>th</sup> Mark A. Gray  
14<sup>th</sup> Michael E. Gray  
21<sup>st</sup> David R. Burnworth  
22<sup>nd</sup> Arthur L. Sims  
27<sup>th</sup> Richard S. Mynes  
28<sup>th</sup> Jonathan A. Freeman  
31<sup>st</sup> Carl E. Koch

### February

1<sup>st</sup> Cleo Dallas  
Joseph A. Gilliland  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sid A. Lucas  
5<sup>th</sup> Leland E. Call  
William T. Thomas  
9<sup>th</sup> Delano O. Crew  
Kevin R. Upshaw P.M. W.M.  
12<sup>th</sup> Joseph R. Benek P.M.  
13<sup>th</sup> Kenneth D. Winecoff  
18<sup>th</sup> Alan L. Meese P.M.  
21<sup>st</sup> Roger J. Robinson  
22<sup>nd</sup> Walter J. Bright  
23<sup>rd</sup> Arnold W. Gaskill P.M.  
24<sup>th</sup> Robert R. Blackburn P.M.  
27<sup>th</sup> John R. Hicks P.M.

### March

1<sup>st</sup> Will J. Boucher III  
6<sup>th</sup> David A. Holman  
17<sup>th</sup> Clarence E. Gray  
18<sup>th</sup> Kenneth R. Matkins  
21<sup>st</sup> Gerald R. Wright  
22<sup>nd</sup> Austin J. Fugit  
Jimmy H. Linn  
24<sup>th</sup> Dennis E. Breedlove  
William S. Hunnicutt  
25<sup>th</sup> James H. Lloyd  
Robert L. Vanhook  
30<sup>th</sup> Dennis D. Wilson  
31<sup>st</sup> George M. Cantrell

## Masonic Milestones

- \* On Thursday, September 20th, Brother Lee James IV was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Congratulations Brother Lee, we are glad to have you as a part of Beech Grove Lodge.
- \* On November 23rd, Brother George M. Cantrell reached his 50 Year Mason Milestone, and due to some unforeseen circumstances, was unable to attend. He asked that his 50 Year Award of Gold Card and Pin be mailed to him. Congratulations Brother George!
- \* On Thursday, December 6th, WM Kevin Upshaw presented Brother Mark K. McNulty his 25 Year Mason Pin and Certificate. Congratulations Brother! Here's to another 25 years!



**Mark K. McNulty**

As you can see, we have been busy and will be even busier this next year. We have 3 Brothers whom will be receiving their 50 Year Award of Gold in January, and 1 in May. We Initiated an Entered Apprentice on December 20th and have already received a Petition for the Degrees of Masonry to be read at the next Stated Meeting. We are also expecting 2 or 3 more Petitions. We are starting to grow again, thanks to you Brothers! Keep up the great work and let everyone know Beech Grove Lodge is Alive!



## Upcoming Events

### January

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> – EA Degree or Practice, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Founders Day, Scottish Rite Cathedral
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Beech Grove Past Masters, Dinner 6:30 pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> – FC Degree or Practice, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Push Wheelchairs at Masonic Home, 9:30 am
- 24<sup>th</sup> – MM Degree or Practice, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Family Pitch In, Bring a covered dish, 6:30 pm

### February

- 7<sup>th</sup> – Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> – No Meeting – Happy Valentine's Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> – George Washington Dinner, 6:30 pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> – FC Degree or Practice, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> – MM Degree or Practice, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm

### March

- 7<sup>th</sup> – Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> – EA Degree or Practice, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Grand Masters One Day Class
- 21<sup>st</sup> – FC Degree or Practice, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> – MM Degree or Practice, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm

\*Dinners begin at 6:15 pm for Stated Meetings, Degrees and Degree Practices. Check our Facebook Page in case an Event changes than what is noted here.

***“May you live  
upon the level  
&  
part upon the  
square”***

## Plans for 2019

Throughout this next year, we are going to designate some Saturdays as “Working Saturdays”. On a Working Saturday, we will have breakfast for the Brothers, and then afterwards do some work fixing up the building, such as painting, replacing flooring or carpet, or whatever comes up at the time. We invite you all to come out and join us, even if it's just to have breakfast with us.

It is becoming apparent we need more Brothers to give Lectures or take part in Degree work. We are going to bring back the Craft Club to Beech Grove Lodge, the club will meet on certain evenings and work on learning the parts of the Degrees and Lectures. Even our more experienced Brothers are welcome to attend and brush up and even help the less experienced Brothers. More information to follow.

The Lodge will be participating in the Beech Grove Easter Express, Fall Festival (Rootbeer Floats, Parade and Breakfast), Halloween Express, CarsRUs car show (Rootbeer Floats), Polar Express and other local events.

## Past Masters of Beech Grove Lodge #694

1913 – Thomas N. Boicourt *	1952 – E. Byron Cox *	1992 – Robert D. Amick *
1914 – Merrill N. Johnson *	1953 – Clifford H. Fleetwood *	1993 – William D. Nichols *
1915 – Frank Stuck *	1954 – William H. Abbett *	1994 – Brian L. Penley
1916 – Claude Thompson *	1955 – James E. Love *	1995 – Frank J. Wilson
1917 – Frank Stuck *	1956 – John W. Gilliland Jr. *	1996 – William D. Nichols *
1918 – Elmer Finchum *	1957 – Richard B. Deane *	1997 – Harold L. Clark Jr. *
1919 – Jacob G. Banta *	1958 – Robert H. Stone *	1998 – William David Nichols II
1920 – H. Lee Clark *	1959 – Benjamin L. Fuchs *	1999 – William David Nichols II
1921 – Henry W. Wehmeier *	1960 – Eddie E. Burton *	2000 – Robert S. Whiteis
1922 – Charles D. Howell *	1961 – Raymond B. Jennings *	2001 – John R. Blocher
1923 – Torrence A. Winner *	1962 – Carl M. Upshaw *	2002 – Paul D. Schlangen *
1923 – Walter H. Mills *	1963 – Herbert L. Vandergrift *	2003 – Ronald L. Schlangen *
1924 – Roy Truex *	1964 – Gerald L. Reid *	2004 – Robert R. Blackburn
1925 – William O. McCrae *	1965 – George C. Weidman	2005 – Roger A. Newman
1926 – H. Fredric Bronson *	1966 – Fred Byrum *	2006 – William David Nichols II
1927 – Francis L. Byrne *	1967 – Earl D. Howser	2007 – Stephen A. Nohlecek
1928 – Otho R. Lacey *	1968 – Clayton Cantrell *	2008 – Harry Allen Morris
1929 – Frank D. Marquett *	1969 – Marion L. O'Dell *	2009 – Joseph Robert Leo Benek
1930 – Salathiel T. Sutherland *	1970 – Carroll I. Polsley *	2010 – Timothy James Dene Nichols
1931 – Edward E. Myers *	1971 – Harold L. Clark Jr. *	2011 – John Sheldon Crook Jr.
1932 – Earl H. McCormick *	1972 – John R. Hicks	2012 – John Michael Taylor
1933 – Raymond L. Neer *	1973 – Marvin D. Bowers *	2013 – George M. Marlow
1934 – Jesse R. Paugh *	1974 – Frank D. Nolton *	2014 – John R. Freeland
1935 – Herbert Jenkinson *	1975 – Donald K. Huber	2015 – Glenn W. Schmidt
1936 – Louis D. Neer *	1976 – Robert D. Conger	2016 – Roy F. Mills
1937 – Stanley A. Short *	1977 – Joseph A. Barnes *	2017 – Kevin R. Upshaw
1938 – Roy T. McCandles *	1978 – Henry J. Chiles *	2018 – Kevin R. Upshaw
1939 – Earl B. Monce *	1979 – Arnold W. Gaskill	2019 – Kevin R. Upshaw
1940 – Paul R. Lingle *	1980 – Purdy A. Hickok *	* - Deceased
1941 – Orla L. Easton *	1981 – James H. Vaden	
1942 – Francis E. Deane *	1982 – Ronald R. Pea *	
1943 – William E. Herold *	1983 – Robert D. Amick *	
1944 – Jesse J. Crane *	1984 – W. Douglas Sausville	
1945 – Edward C. Hamilton *	1985 – Alan L. Meese	
1946 – John C. Simmons *	1986 – Joseph K. Hedges	
1947 – Robert L. Frame *	1987 – Steven J. Hillman	
1948 – Alonzo C. Stratton *	1988 – Aubrey E. Ward *	
1949 – Thomas O. Mears *	1989 – Donald A. Hilts *	
1950 – Carl E. Rudolph *	1990 – Alan L. Meese	
1951 – Adolph V. Whitlock *	1991 – Alan P. Blakeburn	

\* - Deceased

### Passed to that Celestial Lodge Above

Joyce Lee White April 13, 2017  
 Rex Samuel Beghtel October 9, 2018  
 Charles N. Harley Jr. October 13, 2018

Danny Earl Reeves October 22, 2018  
 Douglas Robert Williamson November 22, 2018  
 Robert Gene Bonar December 18, 2018

#### A Brother's Hand

By George B. Staff

When you're feeling all downhearted,  
 And life's hard to understand,  
 Say, it's fine to feel the pressure  
 Of a Brother's friendly hand.

Just to know he sympathizes,  
 Though he doesn't say a word;  
 How it starts your courage climbing,  
 As your heart is touched and stirred.

With an arm across your shoulders,  
 And a grip you love to find,  
 How it makes you feel the bounding  
 Of the hearts of humankind.

It is just a little token  
 Of an ever growing band,  
 For there's faith and hope and courage  
 In a Brother's friendly hand!