



THE TRESTLEBOARD

BEECH GROVE LODGE

#694

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Special points of interest:

- You can stay connected with the Lodge through Facebook. We post events for the upcoming week. This will keep you updated in case an event changes than what is in the Upcoming Events Section.

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Tragedy At The Lodge



Brethren, as most of you know the Lodge suffered a fire early in the morning on Monday, July 8, 2019. Our apologies if some of you had not heard yet. The fire was electrical, some of the old wiring we had not replaced yet, and started in the area of the Treasurer's desk and organ.

The Lodge Room was pretty much destroyed and had the doors to the Preparation Room and Tyler's Room not been closed, those areas would have been destroyed, but they did have smoke and water damage. We were able to save the pictures of the Truman visit, the Past Masters photos and the Worthy Matrons photos, Lodge records and some other items.

Unfortunately, the Masters Chair, where President Harry Truman once sat, was damaged beyond repair. It was decided to use what pieces were salvageable and have pens and key fobs made. These will be sold as a fundraiser to help offset costs for the rebuild., more details to come soon. Several Lodges have reached out to us offering furniture from lodges that have merged with them. We are still in the process of looking at furniture to find the right fit for Beech Grove, a decision should be made within the next few weeks.

The first floor suffered a considerable amount of water and smoke damage. The block walls of the building are in good shape, the roof and joists were damaged enough that the whole roof will be replaced. That should happen by the middle of January. The building is currently gutted, and the Contractor is starting to build the new support walls for the new joists.

The rebuild plans have been approved for the layout and we are getting the Electrical, Lighting, Plumbing and HVAC plans finalized. We will keep you posted on the progress of the rebuild. **Until the completion of the rebuild we are meeting at Englewood Lodge #715, located at 6170 E. Southern Ave., Indianapolis.**

From the East

Brethren, the new year, 2020, brings us the 107th year of Beech Grove Lodge #694, and with it an opportunity to rebuild, not only structurally, but fraternally.

At the November Stated Meeting, the Elections resulted in keeping the 2019 Officers in their current positions for 2020, thus allowing us to keep continuity through the rebuild of the Lodge. While I can't lie and say I'm not filled with some measure of pride to serve as Master for a 4th year, it's not about me. It's about all of us as a brotherhood, and I am extremely proud to be a part of it. There is a lot of history with this lodge, and a lot more to come.

As I stated in the first paragraph, we have an opportunity to rebuild, not only structurally, but fraternally. Currently, we stand at 172 members strong and I would like to see us back over 200 members. I realize that trying to get 18 new members before the end of 2020 is a long shot, but we can try.

We have several opportunities this year to promote Freemasonry, of which we should be doing every day, and bring good men to our Craft. One such event will be the Open House/Rededication of the Lodge after the rebuild. Currently, the new structural walls are being built to hold the new trusses, with the roof being completed by the middle of January (fingers crossed). Tentatively, we are looking at the end of April to the middle of May for completion of the lodge.

In closing, together let's make this lodge great again. Let's show everyone our pride of being a Brother of Beech Grove Lodge #694. I look forward to seeing each and everyone of you at some point throughout the year, whether it be at a dinner, meeting or social event. I promise, if you attend an event, I won't make you commit to anything, just come have dinner sometime.

Thank you Brothers,

Kevin R. Upshaw PM, WM



Our Newest Master Mason

Brothers:

Welcome our newest Master Mason, Brother William Anthony (Tony) Gregg. Tony was Initiated as an Entered Apprentice on December 20, 2018, Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on October 17, 2019 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on November 19, 2019.

Tony is a Retired Plumber by trade and owner of a plumbing business with his two brothers.

Congratulations Tony and welcome to Beech Grove Lodge.



From the Secretary

Brothers it's nice to get back. Thank you all who followed our journey. My wife was my Trail angel helping with supplies and keeping my head straight with all the problems that occur in a hike of six months. The pressure on your mind and body are crazy. Trying to find water in the desert, not falling off the side of a mountain, crossing a mountain stream without drowning, just to name a few. There were times when I didn't see anyone for two days. The scenery was beautiful and like the Lodge it's the people that I enjoyed and miss the most. I met people from all over the world.

I was on top of a mountain and I thought I might have a cell signal up here. I turned my phone on and it blew up with text's, e-mail's missed phone calls, I wondered what had happened. I called my wife and found out about the fire at Our Lodge. I have to say that I teared up when I heard the news.

Well I 'am back, I would like to thank everyone who helped with the lodge while I was away.

It will soon be a New Year and maybe by April we can be back in Our building. If you haven't paid your dues for 2020 it's due December 31st, 2019. The dues are the same \$165.30, and you can mail it or drop it in the Beech Grove Lodge Mailbox. I know some Brothers never received a dues notice from Grand Lodge or you may have received an empty envelope. As always if you have a question or a problem please give me a call or send me an e-mail.

Harry P.M., Secretary

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2019 Beech Grove Lodge #694 "Mason of The Year"

On Thursday, December 5th, WM Kevin Upshaw presented WB Stephen A. Nohlechek, PM the 2019 Beech Grove Lodge #694 Mason of the Year Award.

The plaque reads...

In recognition of his dedication and service to Beech Grove Lodge No. 694 Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana, Worshipful Brother Stephen A. Nohlechek, Who has made an outstanding contribution to the well being of this Lodge, and the Fraternity as a whole, through his commitment and perseverance to the craft.



Thank you WB Steve for all your hard work this past year. You not only performed your duties as Treasurer, but took on a majority of the Secretaries duties while WB Harry was away. You also maintained communication with the Insurance Company since the fire. You by far have gone above and beyond, thank you and congratulations!

Birthdays

January

1st Joshua W. Asa
 Donald G. Stansbury
 2nd Kenneth E. Dixon
 3rd Edward R. Tribby
 5th Junior L. Anderson
 6th Kenneth Fields
 William F. Morgan
 James P. Parham
 9th Charles O. McCormick
 Irvin S. Weidner
 12th W.B. Stephen A. Nohlechek
 Kenneth D. Northerner
 14th Mark A. Gray
 Michael E. Gray
 21st David R. Burnworth
 22nd Arthur L. Sims
 27th Richard S. Mynes
 31st Carl E. Koch

February

1st Cleo Dallas
 Joseph A. Gilliland
 2nd Sid A. Lucas
 5th Leland E. Call
 9th Delano O. Crew
 W.M. Kevin R. Upshaw
 12th W.B. Joseph R. Benek
 13th Kenneth D. Winecoff
 22nd Walter J. Bright
 23rd W.B. Arnold W. Gaskill
 24th W.B. Robert R. Blackburn
 27th W.B. John R. Hicks

March

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

Officers for 2020



Front Row (left to right): Robert E. Mullen-Tyler; Travis L. Cross—Senior Warden; Kevin R. Upshaw PM—Worshipful Master; James T. Wheatly—Junior Warden; Ashton L. Anderson—Junior Steward. Back Row (left to right): Stephen A. Nohlechek PM—Treasurer; Harry A. Morris PM—Secretary; Roger A. Newman PM. Not Pictured: Joseph K. Hedges PM—Senior Deacon; Zachary T. Howard—Junior Deacon; Sid A. Lucas—Senior Steward; John M. Taylor PM—Trustee; John S. Crook PM—Trustee; Roy F. Mills—Trustee

Upcoming Events

January

2nd – Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm

9th – TBD

11th – Founders Day, Scottish Rite Cathedral, 9:00 am

15th – Beech Grove Past Masters, Dinner 6:30 pm

16th - Degree or Practice, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm

23rd - TBD

30th - Family Pitch In, Bring a covered dish, 6:30 pm

February

6th - Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm

13th – TBD

16th - Wheelchairs, Indiana Masonic Home 9:45 am

20th – Degree or Practice, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm

22nd – George Washington Dinner, 6:30 pm - TBD

27th - TBD

March

5th - Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm

12th - TBD

14th – Central Indiana Freemasons, Dinner 6:30 pm, Meeting following
(formally Masters and Wardens) @ Englewood Lodge #715

19th - Degree or Practice, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm

26th - TBD

*Dinners begin at 6:15 pm for Stated Meetings, Degrees and Degree Practices.

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



**The Human brain
is an amazing
organ. It
functions
24 hours a day
from the day we
are born and only
stops when we
are performing
ritual**



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. Nohlechek
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 L. 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 *	2020 – Kevin R. Upshaw
1941 – Orla L. Easton *	1981 – James H. Vaden	* - Deceased
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

Donald R. Lowe—September 1, 2009

Richard D. Barton - June 26, 2019

Lowell Haverstick—July 31, 2019

W.B. Alan L. Meese—November 28, 2019

The Craft

By RWB William E. Ogren

Are we perfect? No, we never were, nor will we ever be,
Yet our light has been a beacon for all the world to see.

Belonging to a brotherhood that shares a trust in God,
We've left our mark upon the world, wherever we have trod.

Founded in antiquity and lasting through the years,
A fraternity of friendship, a brotherhood of peers.

From the moment we are raised, until we are deceased,
We always have the memory of our journey to the East.

When I knelt before the altar and then was brought to light,
I looked upon the Bible and the brothers in my sight.

My brothers never left my side through many trying days,
They made my life much richer in so many different ways.

I've felt the grip of brotherhood while traveling o'er the land,
That grip of Master Mason that is passed from hand to hand.

I have felt the nervous handshake of a brother newly raised,
And the cold hand in a hospice on a brother's final days.

I have labored in the quarries for I felt the cause was just,
Now I wear this purple apron and I view it as a trust.

An apron's just a piece of cloth, although it's worn with pride,
It's what it represents that counts a brotherhood worldwide