

# THE TRESTLEBOARD

a Beech Grove Lodge #694 publication





## 2021 Officers



On Thursday, December 17th, the following Brothers were duly installed as Officers for the year 2021.

Front Row (Lt. to Rt.): S.W. James T. Wheatley; W.M. Travis L. Cross P.M.; S.D. Joseph K. Hedges P.M.; Chaplain Roger A. Newman P.M.; J.D. Robert E. Mullen

Second Row (Lt. to Rt.): Treasurer/Trustee Roy F. Mills P.M.; J.W. Ashton L. Anderson

Back Row (Lt. to Rt.): J.S. Anthony A. Gregg; Trustee Kevin R. Upshaw P.M; Secretary Harry A. Morris P.M.; S.S. Ryan A. Crouch; Not Pictured: Tyler/Trustee John S. Crook P.M.

## 2020 Beech Grove Lodge #694 "Mason of The Year"

On Thursday, January 7th, W. Bro. Kevin Upshaw presented WB John M. Taylor, PM the 2020 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 John M. Taylor, 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 John for all your hard work this past year. You not only performed your duties as Trustee, your own business, but took the lead role of Liaison between the Lodge and the contractor, making sure the lodge was rebuilt and finished. You by far have gone above and beyond, thank you and congratulations!





## From the East

Brethren,

I want to say thank you for placing your trust in me, and that I am honored to serve as Worshipful Master for 2021 for Beech Grove Lodge No. 694. I am looking forward with anticipation as we move into the new year in our newly renovated lodge. Although we have had our difficulties in the last couple of years, it has shown me that Freemasonry is alive and well with brothers from all over lending their help and support during our time of need. It is truly inspiring to see a group of selfless individuals come together for the common good.

Congratulations to the newly installed officers for 2021. I look forward to both serving and learning with you as we make this a great year for our lodge. Also, congratulations is in order for W. Bro Kevin Upshaw. W. Bro Kevin has faithfully served four consecutive terms as Worshipful Master with distinction. On behalf of myself and Beech Grove Lodge thank you for being a leader, mentor, and a friend.

For 2021 events, we should have a FC degree soon depending on the brother's availability. We will also have the lodge re-dedication on Saturday, April 10, 2021 in the afternoon. It would be great to have a nice showing of the membership of Beech Grove Lodge. Please join us if the situation allows for it. I plan on having a meeting every Thursday unless there is a conflicting holiday or event. We will have dinner at 6:15 pm and lodge will open at 7:00 pm so come out and see your lodge. Even if you have not been to lodge in a while come enjoy some fellowship with us and I think you will feel right at home.

It is my sincere hope that 2021 will be a great year for all of us and I hope to see brothers both new and old throughout the year. Again, it is an honor and a privilege to serve as your Worshipful Master this year.

Fraternally,  
Travis L. Cross, PM, WM  
Worshipful Master

## From the West

Brethren,

Being a Mason, it is not about being better than someone else, but being the best I can be. Challenging myself to be better than I was yesterday, and not settling for less than "My Best". Raising my standards and motivating others to be their best, by setting good examples. Asking for and using good advice from others. Giving of myself to help others, doing it not for the notoriety but because it is the right thing to do. Just being around a great Brotherhood like Beech Grove Lodge #694.

Thank you Brothers,  
James T. Wheatly  
Senior Warden

## From the Secretary

Brothers, I hope you enjoyed time with your Family over the Holidays. We are starting out the year with a younger line. They will need all the encouragement and assistance that one Brother gives another in time of need. Our Lodge is almost complete and there are so many Brothers that have helped accomplish this. Hours of working around their own lives and jobs. Phone calls, physical work, buying supplies, working with contractors. We can all be proud, and I hope you find the time to visit your Lodge and see the improvements. Remember you do not have to work your way into your own Lodge.

We lost a lot of Brothers to the Grand Lodge above in 2020. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Our membership could use a big boost with the Fire in 2019 then this COVID in 2020 it has hurt us. The Grand Lodge has sent us information of Men interested however none have worked out. If you know of a Good Man, please send him our way.

Thanks to Brother Ellis N. Gary II our web site [beechgrove694.org](http://beechgrove694.org) is back up and running, Ellis is updating the calendar as events come up.

Please keep the secretary advised when you move or change phone numbers or e-mails.

Harry P.M., Secretary

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## Birthdays

### January

1<sup>st</sup> Joshua W. Asa  
Donald G. Stansbury  
3<sup>rd</sup> Edward R. Tribby  
5<sup>th</sup> Junior L. Anderson  
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> W.B. Stephen A. Nohlecek  
Kenneth D. Northerner  
14<sup>th</sup> Mark A. Gray  
Michael E. Gray  
21<sup>st</sup> David R. Burnworth  
27<sup>th</sup> Richard S. Mynes  
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  
9<sup>th</sup> Delano O. Crew  
W.B. Kevin R. Upshaw  
12<sup>th</sup> W.B. Joseph R. Benek  
13<sup>th</sup> Kenneth D. Winecoff  
23<sup>rd</sup> W.B. Arnold W. Gaskill  
24<sup>th</sup> W.B. Robert R. Blackburn  
27<sup>th</sup> W.B. John R. Hicks

### March

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



## Upcoming Events

### January

- 7<sup>th</sup> – Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Founders Day, Scottish Rite Virtual, 9:00 am
- 14<sup>th</sup> – 2020 Audit and FC Degree Practice, 6:30 pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Degree or Practice, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Degree or Practice, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm

### February

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Degree or Practice, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Degree or Practice, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> – George Washington Dinner, 6:30 pm - TBD

### March

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Degree or Practice, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Degree or Practice, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Degree or Practice, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm

### April

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Degree or Practice, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Lodge Rededication with Grand Lodge, TBD

\*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.

## Rededication of Beech Grove Lodge #694

There will be a Rededication of Beech Grove Lodge #694 conducted by the Grand Lodge of Indiana Officers, on Saturday, April 10th. Please put this date on your calendar and more information will follow. The Lodge is looking great, so come by any meeting night and take a look, plus we would like a large showing for the Rededication.





## Past Masters of Beech Grove Lodge #694

1913 – Thomas N. Boicourt *	1951 – Adolph V. Whitlock *	1990 – Alan L. Meese*
1914 – Merrill N. Johnson *	1952 – E. Byron Cox *	1991 – Alan P. Blakeburn
1915 – Frank Stuck *	1953 – Clifford H. Fleetwood *	1992 – Robert D. Amick *
1916 – Claude Thompson *	1954 – William H. Abbett *	1993 – William D. Nichols *
1917 – Frank Stuck *	1955 – James E. Love *	1994 – Brian L. Penley
1918 – Elmer Finchum *	1956 – John W. Gilliland Jr. *	1995 – Frank J. Wilson
1919 – Jacob G. Banta *	1957 – Richard B. Deane *	1996 – William D. Nichols *
1920 – H. Lee Clark *	1958 – Robert H. Stone *	1997 – Harold L. Clark Jr. *
1921 – Henry W. Wehmeier *	1959 – Benjamin L. Fuchs *	1998 – William David Nichols II
1922 – Charles D. Howell *	1960 – Eddie E. Burton *	1999 – William David Nichols II
1923 – Torrence A. Winner *	1961 – Raymond B. Jennings *	2000 – Robert S. Whiteis
1923 – Walter H. Mills *	1962 – Carl M. Upshaw *	2001 – John R. Blocher
1924 – Roy Truex *	1963 – Herbert L. Vandergrift *	2002 – Paul D. Schlangen *
1925 – William O. McCrae *	1964 – Gerald L. Reid *	2003 – Ronald L. Schlangen *
1926 – H. Fredric Bronson *	1965 – George C. Weidman*	2004 – Robert R. Blackburn
1927 – Francis L. Byrne *	1966 – Fred Byrum *	2005 – Roger A. Newman
1928 – Otho R. Lacey *	1967 – Earl D. Howser *	2006 – William David Nichols II
1929 – Frank D. Marquett *	1968 – Clayton Cantrell *	2007 – Stephen A. Nohlecek
1930 – Salathiel T. Sutherland *	1969 – Marion L. O'Dell *	2008 – Harry Allen Morris
1931 – Edward E. Myers *	1970 – Carroll I. Polsley *	2009 – Joseph Robert Leo Benek
1932 – Earl H. McCormick *	1971 – Harold L. Clark Jr. *	2010 – Timothy James Dene Nichols
1933 – Raymond L. Neer *	1972 – John R. Hicks	2011 – John Sheldon Crook Jr.
1934 – Jesse R. Paugh *	1973 – Marvin D. Bowers *	2012 – John Michael Taylor
1935 – Herbert Jenkinson *	1974 – Frank D. Nolton *	2013 – George M. Marlow
1936 – Louis D. Neer *	1975 – Donald K. Huber*	2014 – John R. Freeland
1937 – Stanley A. Short *	1976 – Robert D. Conger	2015 – Glenn W. Schmidt
1938 – Roy T. McCandles *	1977 – Joseph A. Barnes *	2016 – Roy F. Mills
1939 – Earl B. Monce *	1978 – Henry J. Chiles*	2017 – Kevin R. Upshaw
1940 – Paul R. Lingle *	1979 – Arnold W. Gaskill	2018 – Kevin R. Upshaw
1941 – Orla L. Easton *	1980 – Purdy A. Hickok *	2019 – Kevin R. Upshaw
1942 – Francis E. Deane *	1981 – James H. Vaden	2020 – Kevin R. Upshaw
1943 – William E. Herold *	1982 – Ronald R. Pea *	2021 – Travis L. Cross
1944 – Jesse J. Crane *	1983 – Robert D. Amick *	* - Deceased
1945 – Edward C. Hamilton *	1984 – W. Douglas Sausville	
1946 – John C. Simmons *	1985 – Alan L. Meese*	
1947 – Robert L. Frame *	1986 – Joseph K. Hedges	
1948 – Alonzo C. Stratton *	1987 – Steven J. Hillman	
1949 – Thomas O. Mears *	1988 – Aubrey E. Ward *	
1950 – Carl E. Rudolph *	1989 – Donald A. Hilts *	

## Passed to that Celestial Lodge Above

Paul S. Icenogle—February 23, 2006\*\*

Richard J. Greenfield—January 9, 2020

Floyd M. Carman—January 23, 2020

Aaron E. Jines—March 12, 2020

Kenneth E. Dixon—March 24, 2020

Thomas A. Speer—April 15, 2020

Wilburn R. Pitcock—August 27, 2020

Jerry L. Erisman Sr. —September 2, 2020

Walter J. Bright—September 27, 2020

Charles D. Lancaster—October 22, 2020

W.B. Donald K. Huber —December 1, 2020

Kenneth D. Winecoff—December 8, 2020

Arthur L. Sims—December 13, 2020