

THE TRESTLEBOARD

a Beech Grove Lodge #694 publication

January 2024



Letter from the Editor

Brethren,

As we embark on the journey into the year 2024, it is with renewed vigor and a sense of purpose that we, the Masonic Lodge #694, greet each member of our distinguished fraternity. This year promises to be one of transformation and growth, with a focus on fostering an even stronger sense of brotherhood and community engagement. In our pursuit of excellence, we are excited to announce a paramount goal for the upcoming year – the recruitment and integration of new members into our cherished lodge. Beyond the confines of our customary community events, our primary objective will be to extend the hand of brotherhood to those who seek the profound values and camaraderie that our esteemed fraternity offers.

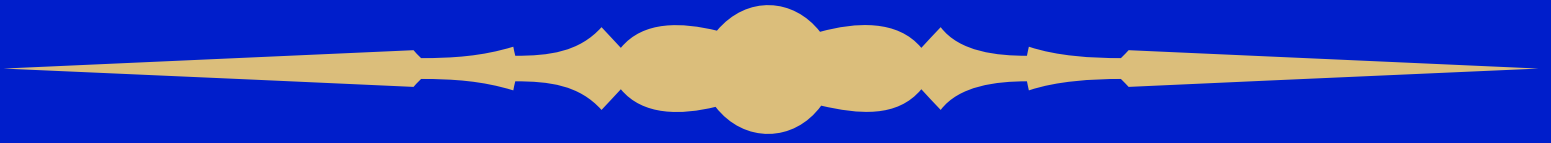
I am pleased to share that I, Brandon Dougherty, a devoted and esteemed member, will be lending my expertise to the redesign and creation of our Trestle Board. With my commitment to excellence and creative vision, I anticipate a Trestle Board that not only informs but also inspires, reflecting the vitality and dynamism of our lodge.

Let us collectively embrace the opportunities that 2024 presents, as we work together to strengthen the bonds of our fraternity and welcome new members into the fold. May this year be marked by unity, growth, and the enduring spirit of Masonic brotherhood. Fraternaly,

**Brother, Brandon Dougherty,
LODGE #694**



Work on the Lodge Building



Work on the Building: Brethren The outside of the building has had Effeec applied 3 inches of insulation and a tan coating that greatly improved the appearance of our building and increased our savings on the heating and cooling of the building. In the kitchen the counter tops have been installed and look great. The Ice maker is in place and will be hooked up soon. Upstairs The Past Master pictures are back up on the wall, Inside the Lodge room the George Washington picture has been replaced.

Thank you all for your donations to the Building fund and the numerous hours of work put in by our Brothers.

Harry P.M., Secretary



Masonic Milestones



**50 Year Award of Gold
W.B. Arnold Gaskill**



**50 Year Past Master Award
W.B. John Hicks**



**25 Year Award
W.B. Ryan Matkins**



**Master Mason Degree
W.B. David A. Polson**

Beech Grove Lodge #694

2024 Officers

W.M. James T. Wheatley P.M.

S.W. Alexander T. Fay,

J.W. David P. Irwin,

Treasurer W.B. Roy F. Mills ,

Secretary W.B. Harry A. Morris,

S.D. Scott C. Sivells,

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Tyler George M. Hensley.

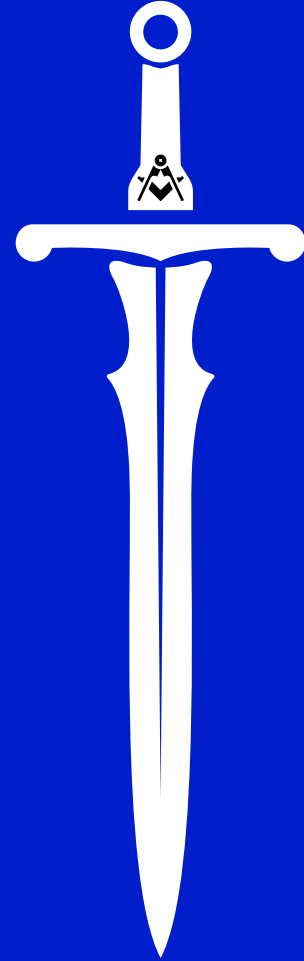
Chaplain W.B. W. Douglas Sausville,

S.S. Brandon T. Dougherty,

J.S. Junior L. Anderson

Trustees: W.B. Travis L. Cross, W.B. John M. Taylor,

W.B. Kevin R. Uphsaw.



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Lodge #694 Beech Grove



From the East

Dear Brothers of Beech Grove Lodge No. 694,

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, I am filled with gratitude and anticipation for the journey that lies ahead. It is my honor and privilege to address you as Worshipful Master, and I extend my warmest greetings to each and every one of you.

The past year has been a testament to our resilience and unity as a brotherhood. Despite the challenges we faced, the spirit of Beech Grove Lodge has shone brightly, illuminating the path of Freemasonry in our community. Together, we have upheld the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth, forging a bond that is unbreakable.

As we gaze upon the canvas of 2024, let us do so with optimism and enthusiasm. The new year brings with it a multitude of opportunities for growth, learning, and service. I am confident that, guided by our shared values, we will continue to make a positive impact on the lives of those around us. Our lodge has always been a beacon of light in our community, and I believe that in the coming year, we can elevate our efforts even further. Let us strive for excellence in all our undertakings, fostering an environment where Masonic virtues flourish, and the teachings of our craft inspire us to be better men. I encourage each Brother to actively participate in the lodge activities, rituals, and educational programs that will be planned throughout the year. Let us engage in meaningful discussions, share our experiences, and deepen our understanding of the timeless principles that Freemasonry imparts. Furthermore, let us reach out to our fellow Brothers, both within our lodge and beyond, offering support and camaraderie. Together, we can strengthen the bonds that make Beech Grove Lodge a truly special place.

In closing, I want to express my gratitude for your dedication and commitment to our beloved lodge. May the year 2024 be a time of enlightenment, growth, and prosperity for each of us and for Beech Grove Lodge as a whole.

Fraternally,

W.M. James T. Wheatley P.M.



From the West

Brethren,

Becoming a Master Mason was one of the greatest choices I ever made. It helped me discover a lot about Masonry. I started as the Junior Warden and now I'm the Senior Warden. These two years have been the best part of my Masonic journey.

Thank you Brothers,
Senior Warden Alexander Fay



From the South

Brethren,

As Junior Warden looking forward to 2024, I'm hoping to see good health and prosperity for the members of our Lodge. And also to see the membership grow by recruiting new candidates.

Thank you Brothers,
Junior Warden, David P. Irwin



From the Secretary

From the Secretary, We had an active year and our fundraisers did well. The 75th Anniversary of the visit to PGM Harry S Truman, President of the United States was held in October, we still have commemorative coins that we are selling to raise funds. With the lodge being more frugal we have been able to keep the dues the same \$165.00 for 2024, It was due before December 31st, If you are having health or financial issues please feel free to contact me, so the lodge can take appropriate action. If you know of a good man that would make a good Mason, let's get them a petition. Remember that the coffee is always hot and you don't have to work your way back into your own lodge, please attend and help support your lodge.

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

Harry P.M., Secretary Secretary

bg694@gmail.com

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Birthdays

January

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

February

1st Cleo Dallas
2nd Sid A. Lucas
5th Leland E. Call
9th Delano O. Crew
David P. Irwin
W.B. Kevin R. Upshaw
12th W.B. Joseph R. Benek
22nd Michael M. Phillips
23rd W.B. Arnold W. Gaskill
24th W.B. Robert R.
Blackburn 27th W.B. John
R. Hicks

March

6th David A. Holman
18th Kenneth R. Matkins
21st Gerald R. Wright
21st David E. Lusk

March (Cont'd.)

22nd Jimmy H. Linn
24th Dennis E. Breedlove
25th James H. Lloyd
Robert L. Vanhook
30th Dennis D. Wilson
31st George M. Cantrell

April

1st WB John S. Crook, Jr.
4th David L. Windle
13th Ashton L. Anderson
16th Edward L. Bell
17th Richard D. Johnson
John L. Kemp
23rd David L. Dinkins
24th W.B. Roger A.
Newman
29th John R. Shaw
30th Jonathon T. Sprong

Upcoming Events

January

4th – Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm

13th – Founders Day, 9:00 am

13th- central Indiana freemasons assoc. -100th anniversary lynhurst lodge

17th - Pitch in - 6:30 pm

February

1st - Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm

29th - Family Pitch in, 6:30pm

March

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

9th- masters and wardens, beech Grove Lodge 6:30 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.

<https://www.facebook.com/BeechGroveLodge694>



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. Nohlechek
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 *	2022–James T. Wheatley
1945 – Edward C. Hamilton *	1984 – W. Douglas Sausville	2023–James T. Wheatley
1946 – John C. Simmons *	1985 – Alan L. Meese*	2024–James T. Wheatley
1947 – Robert L. Frame *	1986 – Joseph K. Hedges	* - Deceased
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...

William S. Hunnicutt December 20, 2022,
John P. Mullis January 18, 2023 ,
Arcy D. Meador March 3, 2023,
Joseph A. Gilliland June 23, 2023,
Robert P. Ford September 2, 2023,
Charles W. Marschke November 9, 2023 .

In the sacred realm of Freemasonry, the departure of a brother to the celestial lodge is a moment of profound reflection. As the earthly lodge mourns the loss, the legacy of the departed Mason takes on a timeless significance. Beyond the rituals and symbols, his contributions echo in the hearts of those he leaves behind, a testament to the enduring bonds of brotherhood.

In the celestial lodge above, he joins the eternal brotherhood, his earthly labors embraced by the Great Architect, a reminder that the journey of a Mason extends beyond the mortal realm, weaving a thread into the grand tapestry of the cosmic design.



Closing Prayer

Most Worshipful Grand Architect of the Universe, Divine Master of All Creation,

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, we humbly gather before you, seeking guidance, wisdom, and light for the journey that lies ahead. As the architects of our own destinies, we come together as brethren of the Masonic craft, united in purpose and bound by the sacred principles etched upon our Trestle Board.

In this year of 2024, we pray for the strength to uphold the tenets of brotherly love, relief, and truth. May our actions reflect the plumb line of integrity, guiding us to walk uprightly in all our dealings. Grant us the courage to wield the square of justice, ensuring that our paths are just, our decisions fair, and our interactions honorable.

May the compass of understanding widen the circles of our compassion, reminding us to embrace the diversity within our sacred fraternity and extend the hand of brotherhood to all humanity. As we labor in the quarries of life, grant us the fortitude to build bridges of understanding, bridges that connect hearts and transcend the boundaries that divide. Bless our Lodge with harmony, unity, and a spirit of collaboration as we work together to strengthen the bonds of fellowship. May the teachings of the Trestle Board be a source of inspiration, guiding us to lead lives of purpose, service, and continuous improvement. We ask for your guidance, O Grand Architect, in navigating the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Illuminate our path with the light of knowledge, dispelling the shadows of ignorance and prejudice. As we inscribe the symbols of virtue upon the slate of our actions, may our endeavors contribute to the betterment of ourselves, our brethren, and the world.

As we embark on this journey through the annals of time, may the Great Lights of Masonry- the Volume of the Sacred Law, the Square, and the Compass- guide our steps and keep us steadfast in our commitment to building a world founded on the pillars of wisdom, strength, and beauty.

With gratitude for the blessings of fraternity and the guidance of the Grand Architect, we offer this prayer for the Masonic Trestle Board of 2024.

So mote it be.

