

BRIGHTON MASONIC LODGE #247

TRESTLE BOARD



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



Brethren,

We had a very successful dinner outing on March 28th as we came together to celebrate Worshipful Brother Jim Watters being named our Mason of the Year. It was a great evening of fellowship and recognition for a well-deserving brother.

I'm also pleased to share that we have successfully launched a new scholarship initiative in partnership with Brighton Athletics for the upcoming Fall 2026 football season. This is a great opportunity for us to give back to the community. Any brother interested in getting involved is encouraged to reach out to Jonathon McKinney, SW, for more information.

Additionally, the 4th of July parade will be here before we know it. Brothers who would like to assist and get active are encouraged to contact Brother Jr Deacon Scott Fust or Brother Treasurer Dan Powell to learn how they can help support this event

Our focus this year is centered around several important goals that we believe will strengthen both our Lodge and our connection to the community:

- **Raising the Profile of Masonry in Our Community** – Ensuring that our Lodge is visible, active, and known for the positive impact we make.
- **Creating Opportunities for Brothers to Engage** – Both inside and outside the Lodge through fellowship activities as well as hands-on charity opportunities where we can work together and serve others.
- **Educating and Supporting Our New Brothers** – Through mentoring, involvement, and guidance so that each new Mason feels welcomed, supported, and able to grow without becoming overwhelmed.
- **Encouraging Family and Friends Involvement** – Through events such as game nights, picnics, social gatherings, and service projects that allow those closest to us to share in the fellowship of the Lodge.
- **Practice and Ritual** – Continuing to strengthen our ritual work through practice and participation so that we maintain the high standards expected of our Craft.

I encourage each of you to remain engaged in the life of our Lodge—attend whenever you are able, and seek out opportunities throughout the year to take part in the many activities before us. It is through your presence, your efforts, and your commitment that our work gains meaning. With your continued support and involvement, I am confident that 2026 will not only strengthen the bonds of our brotherhood, but also leave a lasting and positive impression upon our community.

Fraternally,

Garrett Graham

Worshipful Master

Mason of The Year Dinner



Brethren,

It is difficult to put into words the depth of gratitude we feel for Worshipful Brother Jim Watters and all that he has given to our Lodge. Through his dedicated service as Secretary, he has been the steady hand behind so much of what we do—often working quietly and tirelessly to ensure everything runs smoothly. His commitment, attention to detail, and unwavering support have not only strengthened the foundation of our Lodge, but have also extended into our community in meaningful and lasting ways.

More than his work, it is his character, his reliability, and his genuine care for the Craft and his Brothers that truly set him apart. Worshipful Brother Watters exemplifies what it means to serve with humility and purpose, and our Lodge is better because of him.

I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to all who attended the dinner in his honor. Your presence made the evening truly special and reflected the respect and appreciation we all share for a Brother who has given so much.

I would encourage each and every one of you that were unable to attend the dinner to extend a heartfelt thank you to WB Jim and congratulate him on his award. He has truly earned it and is a shining example of what it means to be a man and a mason. On Behalf of the brothers of Brighton lodge Congratulations again Jim.

Fraternally,
Jonathon McKinney

Senior Warden

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS in April

(Please refer to Grandview for more details & Updates)

https://mi.grandview.systems/users/sign_in

April 2nd Thurs

Regular Communication

(Dinner 6:30; Gavel 7:30)

April 16TH Thurs

Master Mason Degree Practice

(Dinner 6:30pm)

Please feel free to join your brothers for a night of ritual practice and fellowship (Master Masons ONLY)

April 18TH Sat

Game Night

(Event starts at 5:30pm)

Please feel free to bring your favorite board game and drinks.

April 25TH Sat

All you Can eat Pulled Pork dinner

(Event starts at 4pm to 7pm)

Please join us for a night of fellowship and food with the brother of Howell Lodge #38. Cost is 10\$ per person Kids under 5-year-old eat free.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

EVENTS Looking Forward

(Please refer to Grandview for more details & Updates)

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July 9TH Thursday

Regular Communication (Moved due to holiday)

(Dinner 6:30; Gavel 7:30)

Aug 15TH Sat

Joint Festive Board (To Be Confirmed)

Location: (Location Brighton Lodge) (Hosted by Brighton & Howell Lodges – Open to other brothers also)

RSVP to TBD (Committee Chair Needed)

Sept 19TH Sat

District #31 Picnic and Disc Golf event

Open to family & friends

Location: Independence Park Whitmore Lake Mi.

Please RSVP to Oscar A. at (810) 772-1440 or by email at Spaniard201066@gmail.com



Dear Brothers and Friends,

I would like to be the first to inform you of the newly reformed and Approved Widows Sons of Michigan Masonic Riders Association. For those of you not aware of who the Widows Sons are or what we are about Please let me take a moment to enlighten you to our cause.

The Michigan Widows Sons is a Masonic riding association made up of Master Masons who share a passion for Freemasonry, motorcycles, and service to others. As part of the broader Widows Sons organization, the Michigan chapters are dedicated to strengthening the bonds of brotherhood while actively supporting their local communities. Specifically providing relief to widows and orphans.

Our mission centers on charitable work, particularly assisting Masonic widows and families in need, as well as supporting youth organizations, local causes, and community events. Through organized rides, fundraisers, and outreach efforts, we aim to promote fellowship, charity, and a positive image of Freemasonry, all while enjoying the camaraderie that comes with the open road.

As a thank you to the brothers of Brighton Lodge for their help and support during or initial startup and re-founding. You are cordially invited to join the Michigan Widows Sons, Detroit No. 1 Chapter, as we celebrate our **1st Annual Anniversary Party**. This special occasion marks one year since the founding and official recognition of our chapter, and we look forward to sharing an afternoon and evening of fellowship, food, and festivities with you.

Event Details:

Date: April 18th

Time: 12:00 PM (Noon)

Location: 1001 Jennings Road, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189

This event will bring together brothers and guests in the spirit of camaraderie and celebration. Lunch will be provided at 2:00 PM.

Hosted by:

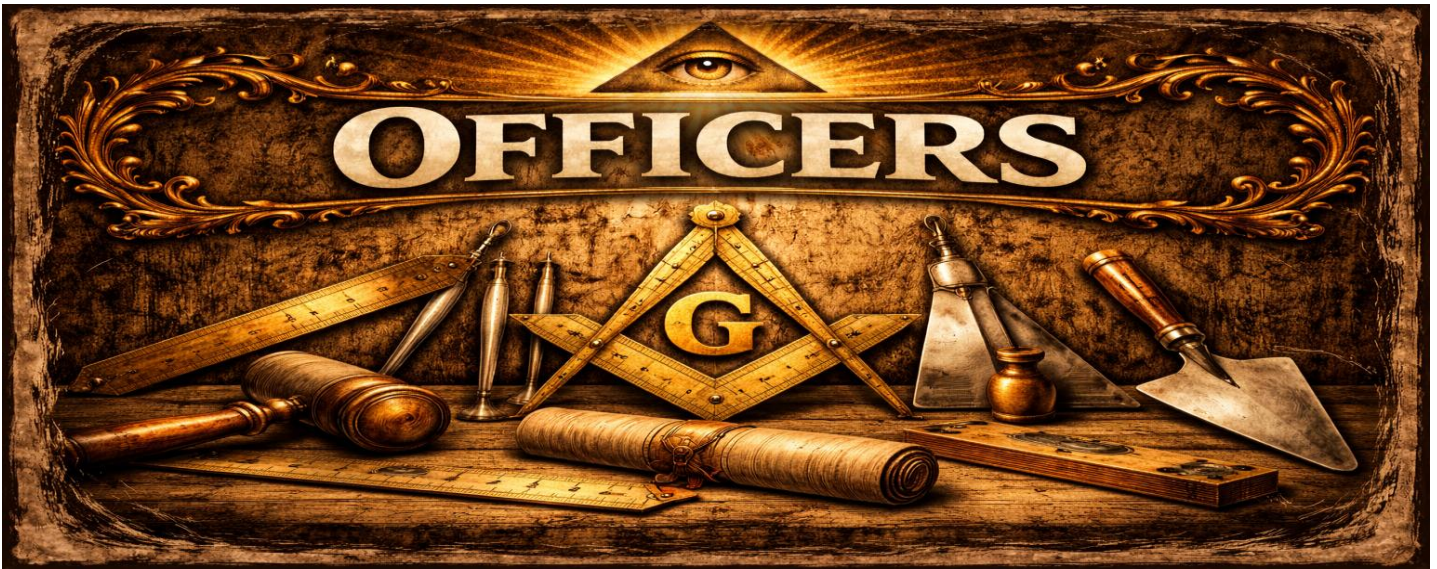
Detroit No. 1 Chapter, We kindly ask that you **RSVP to Robbie Moore (Secretary)** by text or phone call at **(586) 238-5080**.

Please plan to bring a camping chair, cooler, and your preferred beverages to enjoy throughout the day.

We sincerely hope you will join us as we commemorate this milestone and continue to build strong bonds of brotherhood and community.

Fraternally,

Jon McKinney, Senior Warden
Brighton Lodge No. 247



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Please come out and support our local Girls masonic youth group. This is a great opportunity to support some of our young adults through our Masonic youth organization.

Coney Night 5-7pm Upcoming Dates:

April 10th & 17th , May 8th & 22nd , June 5th & 19th , July 17th & 31st