

BRIGHTON MASONIC LODGE #247

TRESTLE BOARD



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



Brethren,

I want to extend my sincere gratitude to each of you for your unwavering support, dedication, and commitment to Brighton Lodge #247. Your efforts, time, and brotherly spirit have truly set the tone for what promises to be an outstanding year. Because of your collective enthusiasm and willingness to contribute, we've been able to start the year on an incredibly strong and positive note. It is a reflection of the strength of our fraternity and the values we all share.

I'd also like to take a moment to highlight some of the great work we've already accomplished together. Our recent Adopt-a-Highway cleanup was a tremendous success, demonstrating our commitment not only to each other, but to our community as well. In addition, we were proud to make a \$5,000 donation to Camp Skywild, supporting a cause that makes a meaningful difference in the lives of many. These achievements reflect the generosity and spirit of our lodge, and they set a strong example of what we can continue to do together.

To those Brothers we haven't seen in lodge recently, please know that you are missed and always welcome. Your presence is an important part of what makes our lodge whole, and we would be honored to have you join us again whenever you are able. The door of the lodge is always open to you, and your Brothers look forward to your return.

Thank you for showing up, for stepping forward, and for continuing to uphold the traditions and principles that make our lodge something special. I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in the months ahead.

- **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.

Fraternally,

Garrett Graham

Worshipful Master

Highway cleanup



Adopt-a-Highway cleanup effort. After several years of being unable to participate due to the ongoing construction along US-23, it was especially meaningful to return to this important service project. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of all who took part, the cleanup was a great success and made a noticeable impact on our community. It was a strong reminder of the role we play not only within our lodge, but also in the world around us. Our efforts helped restore a sense of pride and care along the roadway, and demonstrated our continued commitment to service.

This event was more than just a cleanup—it was a reflection of our shared values and our willingness to step forward when the opportunity arises. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and energy to make this possible. Your efforts truly made a difference.

OLSHA Donation



We are proud to share that Brighton Lodge No. 247 has made a \$5,000 donation to the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA), an organization whose mission is dedicated to strengthening communities and helping individuals and families overcome the challenges of poverty.

OLHSA provides vital support across a wide range of services—including housing assistance, education, food and nutrition programs, and economic support—working to create lasting pathways toward stability and self-sufficiency for those in need.

Camp Skywild tour and Donation.



There are moments in our journey as Masons that remind us, in the clearest and most meaningful ways, why we commit ourselves to this path of service—and our recent visit to Camp Skywild was certainly one of them. What we experienced was far more than a tour.

Through the kindness and generosity of their Executive Director, Erin Ross, we were given a window into a place where compassion, care, and dedication are woven into every aspect of their work. It was truly inspiring to see firsthand the impact this organization has on the lives of those they serve.

Walking the grounds, sharing in fellowship, and witnessing the heart behind their mission left a lasting impression on all of us. There was a genuine sense of purpose present—one that aligns deeply with the principles we strive to uphold as Masons. It was not only enlightening, but also uplifting, and yes, even filled with moments of joy as we took it all in together.

Our support of Camp Skywild is more than a charitable act—it is a reflection of who we are. It is a testament to our commitment to extend relief, to bring light where it is needed, and to stand in quiet support of those doing truly meaningful work in our communities.

May we continue to seek out and support causes such as this, and may we always remember that even the smallest gestures, when given with sincerity, can have a profound and lasting impact.

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS in May

(Please refer to Grandview for more details & Updates)

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

May 7TH Thurs

Regular Communication

(Dinner 6:30; Gavel 7:30)

May 14TH & 21st Thurs

EA Degree Practice

(Dinner 6:30pm)

Please feel free to join your brothers for a night of ritual practice and fellowship (ALL BROTHERS WELCOME)

May 28TH

EA Degree or Degree Practice

(Dinner 6:30pm)

Please plan to join your brothers for the initiation of a new Brother (ALL BROTHERS WELCOME) (degree subject to candidate availability)

May 16TH Sat

Game Night

(Event starts at 5:30pm)

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

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,

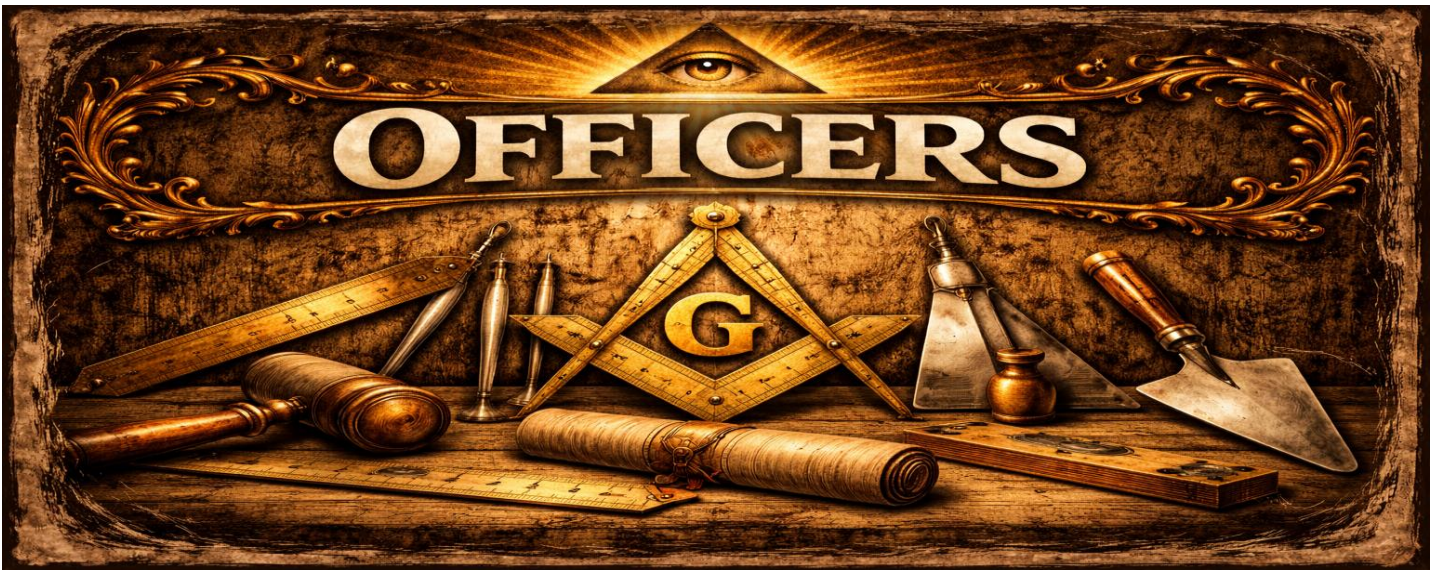
On behalf of Widows Sons of Michigan, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to all who attended the 1st Annual Anniversary Party of the Widows Sons of Michigan Masonic Riders Association, Detroit No. 1 Chapter. Your presence helped make the event a tremendous success. It was truly inspiring to see such a strong showing of brotherhood, fellowship, and shared purpose. The day was filled with great conversation, camaraderie, and celebration, and it is clear that fun was had by all who attended.

Events like this serve as a powerful reminder of the bonds we share as Masons and the positive impact we can have when we come together in support of one another and our communities. The success of this gathering is a testament to the dedication and spirit of everyone involved. Thank you again for your support, your participation, and for helping to make this occasion so memorable. We look forward to many more opportunities to come together in fellowship and service.

Fraternally,
Jonathon Mckinney

Senior Warden





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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