

BRIGHTON MASONIC LODGE #247

TRESTLE BOARD



— ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS —

Brethren,

As we move into the summer months, I want to take a moment to express my appreciation for the continued support, enthusiasm, and dedication shown by the members of Brighton Lodge No. 247. The energy and commitment displayed throughout the first half of the year have been remarkable, and it is because of your efforts that our lodge continues to thrive.

The strength of our fraternity is measured not only by our meetings and rituals but also by the impact we make beyond the walls of the lodge. Over the past several months, we have demonstrated that commitment through both service and charity. We have many upcoming events and opportunities for brother to get engaged in several meaningful ways. Whether you are a new brother wondering how to get more engaged or perhaps a brother who has been away for a while and are looking to reconnect with the community through charitable outreach or simply reconnect with your brothers through fellowship. We likely have an event coming up that can help with that. Also as a friendly reminder Our lodge **WILL NOT** be going dark this year. We have moved the July meeting to the following week as to not conflict with the 4th of July Holiday.

As we look ahead, I encourage all members to remain engaged and involved in the life of the lodge. To those brothers who have not been able to attend recently, please know that your presence is valued and your company is missed. Whether it has been weeks, months, or even years, you will always find a warm welcome waiting for you at Brighton Lodge. We look forward to seeing you again whenever circumstances allow.

Our focus for the remainder of the year continues to center on several important goals:

- **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, WM
Brighton Lodge No. 247

Brighton 4th of July Parade

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make the Brighton 4th of July Parade such a wonderful success!

We were truly honored to have **Most Worshipful Grand Master Mike Roberts** as well as some his officers join us for the celebration. Your presence and support meant a great deal to the members of Brighton Lodge and our community.

A sincere thank you as well to the **Moslem Shriners** and all of their parade units for participating and bringing their enthusiasm to the parade. Your continued support and fellowship are greatly appreciated.

Finally, thank you to all of the **Brighton Lodge** members and their families who volunteered their time, marched, drove vehicles, handed out candy, and cheered along the route. Your dedication, teamwork, and community spirit are what make events like this so special.

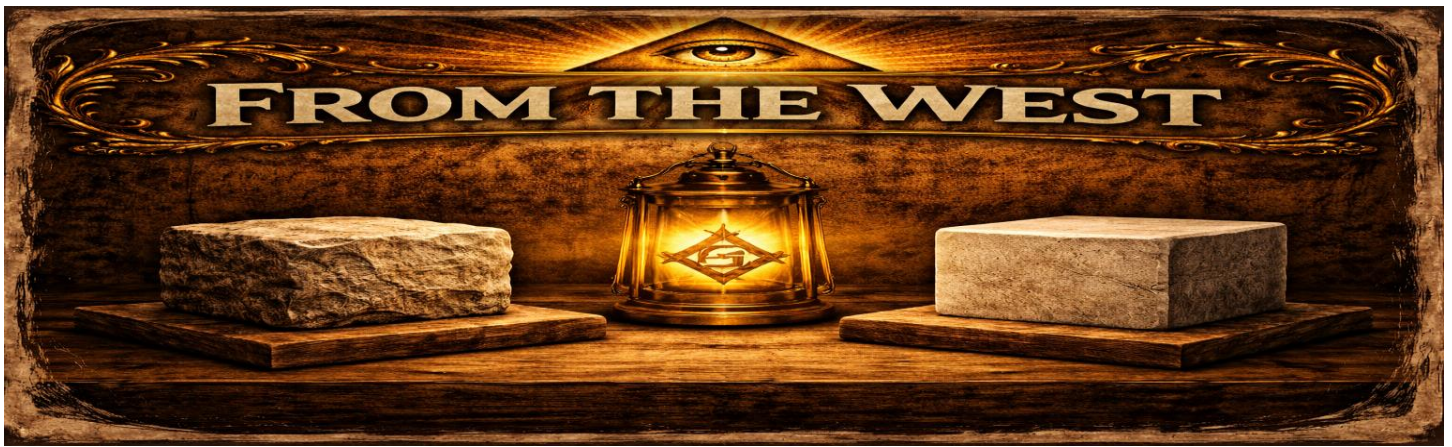
We are proud to represent Freemasonry in our community and grateful to everyone who helped make this year's parade a memorable one. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year!

Fraternally,

Garrett Graham, WM
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Brighton Masonic Lodge Brothers Support The Arc Livingston at Charity Golf Outing



Several Brothers from Brighton Masonic Lodge recently had the privilege of participating in The Arc Livingston's Annual Charity Golf Classic, an outstanding community event that brought together supporters from across Livingston County for a day of fellowship, fun, and philanthropy.

The outing was a tremendous success and provided an opportunity for our Lodge to support an organization that makes a meaningful difference in the lives of countless individuals and families

throughout our community. The Arc Livingston has been serving Livingston County since 1954, providing advocacy, support, information, referrals, educational guidance, inclusive recreational opportunities, and resources for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Their mission is to empower people with developmental disabilities to be valued members of society and to participate fully in community life.

Through its many programs, The Arc Livingston helps families navigate educational and disability-related services, offers support groups, hosts inclusive social and recreational events, provides scholarships, and connects individuals with valuable community resources. Their work promotes dignity, inclusion, independence, and opportunity for people of all ages with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The Charity Golf Classic serves as one of The Arc Livingston's major annual fundraisers, helping ensure these vital programs and services remain available to local families. Funds raised through the event directly support advocacy efforts, inclusive programming, educational assistance, and year-round support services for residents throughout Livingston County.

The Brothers who attended thoroughly enjoyed the day on the course. Beyond the golf itself, the event provided an opportunity to meet community leaders, supporters, and families whose lives have been positively impacted by The Arc Livingston's work. The atmosphere was welcoming, the organization was excellent, and it was inspiring to witness the generosity and community spirit displayed throughout the event.

Brighton Masonic Lodge has long been committed to supporting charitable organizations that strengthen our community, and participating in this outing was a wonderful way to continue that tradition. We are grateful to The Arc Livingston for hosting such an exceptional event and for the incredible work they do every day on behalf of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone involved in organizing the outing and congratulate The Arc Livingston on another successful fundraiser. All of the Brothers in attendance had a wonderful time, and we look forward to supporting future events and continuing our partnership with this remarkable organization for years to come.

Fraternally,

Jonathon McKinney,

Senior Warden, Brighton Lodge #247

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

(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)

July 16TH Thursday

EA Degree (Come help us welcome a new brother)

(Dinner 6:30; Gavel 7:30)

July 18TH Sat

Game Night

(Event starts at 5:30pm)

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

July 17TH & 31st Thurs

Rainbow girls Coney Night

(Dinner 5-7pm)

Please plan to join your brothers and friends for Coney dogs and root beer floats at the Howell Masonic Lodge.

EVENTS Looking Forward

(Please refer to Grandview for more details & Updates)

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Aug 15TH Sat

Child ID Event

Location: 242 Community Church

7526 Grand River Ave, Brighton, MI 48114

Start time: **TBD**

Aug 15TH Sat

Joint Festive Board (To Be Confirmed)

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

RSVP to Will Budnick & Brandon Benson

Sept 19TH Sat

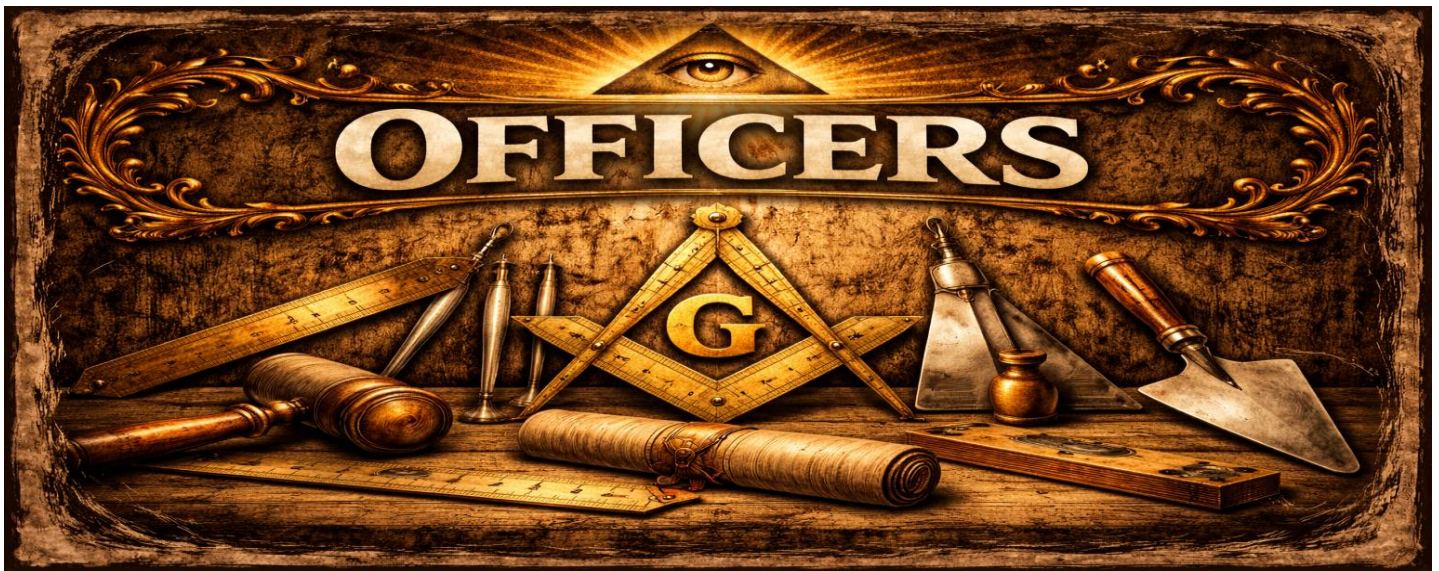
District #31 Picnic and Disc Golf event

Open to family & friends

Location: Independence Park Whitmore Lake Mi.

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

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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:

July 17th & 31st