

BRIGHTON MASONIC LODGE #247

TRESTLE BOARD



— ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS —

Brethren,

September has a way of reminding us that the seasons are changing. The long days of summer begin to give way to cooler evenings, school is back in session, families are settling into new routines, and before we know it, the final months of the year will be upon us.

For Brighton Lodge No. 247, September is also a good time to take a breath, look at where we have been, and more importantly, look at where we are going.

I want to thank each of you who has continued to give your time, energy, and enthusiasm to our Lodge. Whether you have been at every meeting, helped with an event, participated in charity work, assisted with ritual, or simply taken the time to check in with a Brother, **you are part of what makes Brighton Lodge strong.**

As we move out of the summer season and back into our normal routines, I would encourage every Brother to find an opportunity to reconnect with the Lodge. Masonry is at its best when we are doing more than simply showing up for a meeting. It is the conversations before and after Lodge, working side-by-side on a service project, helping a new Brother find his footing, sharing a meal, or simply catching up with someone we have not seen in a while.

For our newer Brothers, September is a great time to become more involved and find your place within the Lodge. For those who may have stepped away for a period of time, consider this your invitation to come back. **There is no expiration date on being a Brother of Brighton Lodge, and there is always a place for you here.**

The return of the school year also provides a fitting reminder of one of the things we value most as Masons: **lifelong learning.** As we welcome new Brothers into the Craft, we have an opportunity to teach, mentor, and encourage them. At the same time, every one of us has something left to learn. Whether it is ritual, Masonic history, leadership, or simply becoming a better Brother, our work is never truly finished.

As we enter the final stretch of the year, our priorities remain clear:

- **Be Present in Our Community** – Continue finding ways for Brighton Lodge to be visible, active, and recognized for the good we do beyond the Lodge room.
- **Give Brothers a Reason to Be Here** – Create opportunities for fellowship, service, charity, and fun that bring us together and strengthen the bonds between us.
- **Welcome and Develop Our New Brothers** – Make sure our newest members feel that they are not simply members on a roster, but an important part of our Lodge family.
- **Bring Our Families and Friends Along** – Continue building opportunities for the people closest to us to experience the fellowship and community that make Masonry special.
- **Strengthen Our Ritual and Masonic Education** – Put in the time to practice, learn, teach, and improve. The quality of our work reflects the pride we have in our Lodge and our Craft.

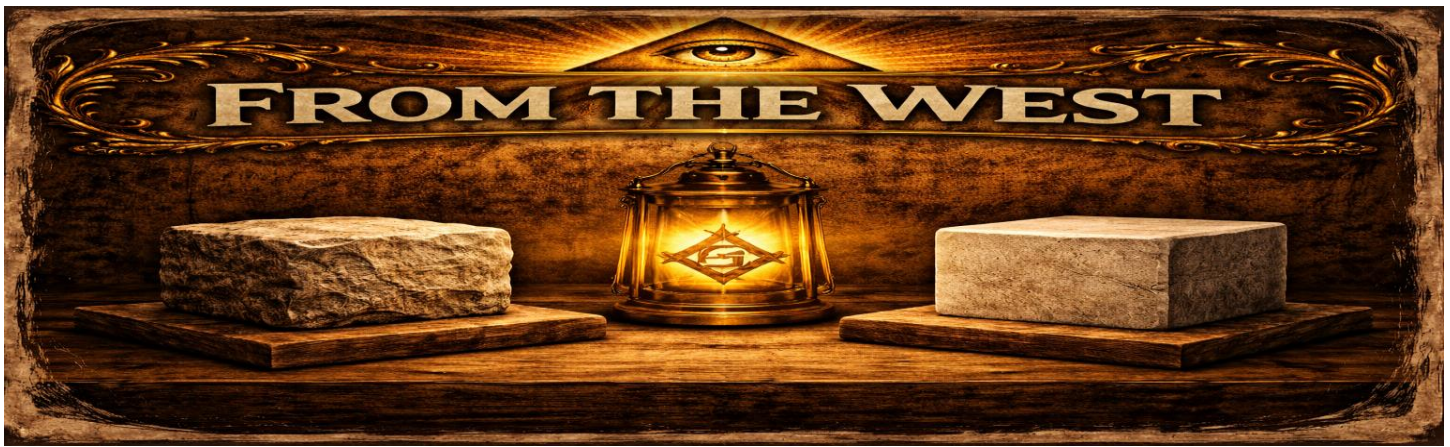
September is more than the end of summer. It is a fresh start.

The calendar is filling up, routines are returning, and there is still plenty of work—and plenty of fellowship—ahead of us. I hope you will make time for Brighton Lodge in the months ahead. Come to a meeting. Bring a Brother. Join us for an event. Volunteer for a project. Reach out to someone you have not seen in a while. The upcoming months will be very busy with elections and other important decisions to be reviewed by the brothers all on the docket.

We will be glad to see you.

Fraternally,

Garrett Graham, WM
Brighton Lodge No. 247



Beat the Badge Scholarship Race!

This fall, Brighton Lodge No. 247 is proud to support a new community initiative that brings together students, local law enforcement, and the excitement of Brighton football: the Beat the Badge Scholarship Race.

During Brighton home football games, one student will be selected at random to take on a police officer in a 50-yard dash on the field. The stakes are simple, but the impact can be lasting.

If the student wins the race, they will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. If the officer catches the student, the student will still receive a \$500 scholarship, while an additional \$500 will be donated to the police department to support local charitable efforts within our community.

The goal is about much more than who is fastest. It is about creating a positive experience for students, recognizing the important relationship between young people and law enforcement, and giving back to organizations and families in our community.

For Brighton Lodge, the Beat the Badge Scholarship Race is also an opportunity to demonstrate what Masonry looks like in action. We believe our fraternity is strongest when we are actively involved in our community and looking for ways to make a meaningful difference.

We hope this event becomes something students look forward to each football season and, more importantly, that it helps build connections, create opportunities, and leave a positive impression of Masonry throughout the Brighton community.

Sometimes giving back means writing a check. Sometimes it means showing up. And sometimes, it means stepping onto the football field and running 50 yards for a good cause. We hope to see each of you brothers at one of this years Brighton Highschool home games.



UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

(Please refer to Grandview for more details & Updates)

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Sept 17TH Thursday

EA Degree (Come help us welcome a new brother)

(Dinner 6:30; Gavel 7:30)

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

Sept 20TH Sun

Highway cleanup

Open to family & friends

Location: US23 Lee road park and ride 9am Meet up- 12noon finish

More hands make light work!!

Sept 26TH Sat

Masonic youth night 6PM

Registered guest only

Location: 8143 Grand River Ave, Brighton, MI 48114

EVENTS Looking Forward

(Please refer to Grandview for more details & Updates)

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Oct 1st Thursday

Regular communication (2027 Budget Review & Approval)

(Dinner 6:30; Gavel 7:30)

Nov 5th Thursday

Regular communication (Election of 2027 officers)

(Dinner 6:30; Gavel 7:30)

Nov 25th Wed

BMBA Annual meeting (Election of BMBA board members)

(Dinner 6:30; Gavel 7:30)

Nov 28th Sat

Christmas Party (Caio Amici's)

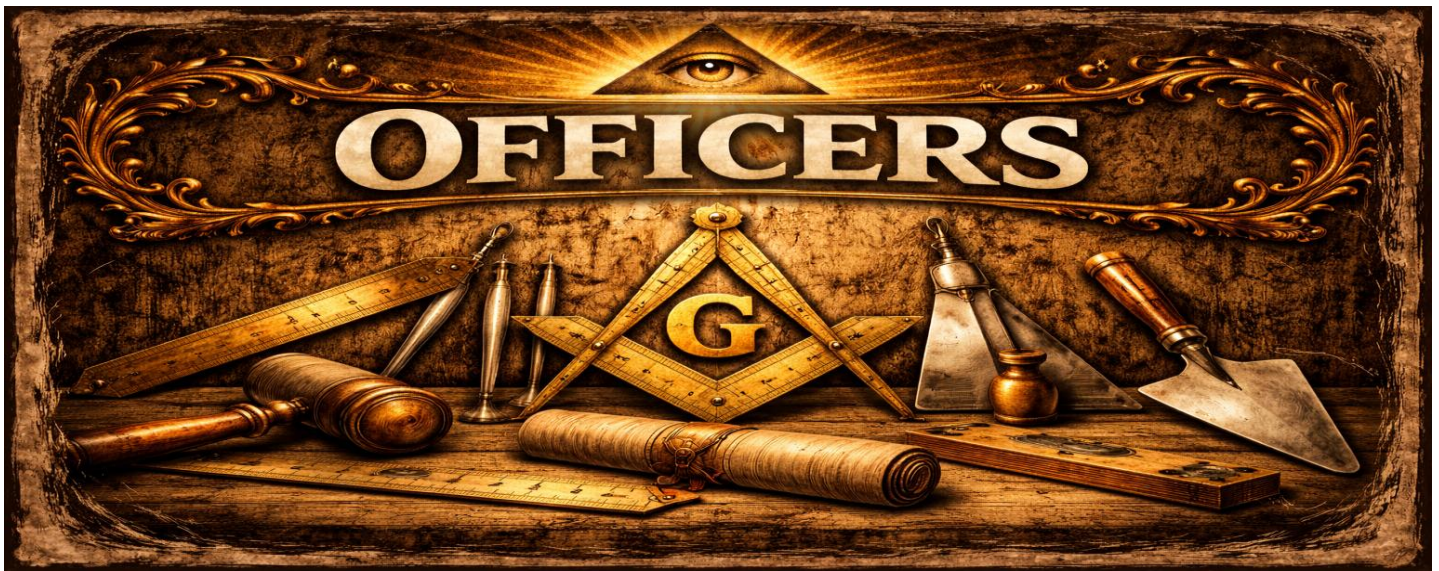
(Social Hour 6:00pm; Dinner 7:00pm)

Dec 12th – 23RD

12 day of Christmas raffle (20\$ per ticket, 999 tickets available)

Dec12-23 1000\$ cash prize off nightly Mi daily 3 night drawing lottery numbers

Dec24th 4000\$ cash prize selected via Mi daily 3 night drawing lottery numbers



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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:

TBD