

THE TRESTLEBOARD



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Upcoming Events

Oct 5	Fellowcraft Degree
Oct 7	Fall Event at Eagle Creek
Oct 12	Stated Meeting
Oct 19	Fellowcraft Degree
Oct 26	Officers Meeting/Collect Carwash Tickets
Oct 28	Schofield House visit
Nov 9	Stated Meeting*
Nov 11	Ladies Luncheon
Nov 23.	Thanksgiving
Nov 30.	PM Degree Practice
Dec 9,	Tentative PM Degree
Dec. 14.	Stated Meeting

Go to www.brldodge.org for updates and changes!

From the East

As we approach Autumn, we find

ourselves with a number of items to complete and events on the calendar. There are a number of items I'd like to particularly draw our attention to:

The Craft Club, at the start of the year, selected two charities to pursue and assist this year. To that end, we are doing a fundraiser with Crew Car Wash throughout the month of October. The tickets don't expire and are good for one basic wash.

This Trestle Board includes a proposed change to our bylaws to move elections to November instead of December. This will be voted on at our October Stated meeting, just in time to make the change effective this year. While it doesn't shorten or change the length of office, it does make the process of installing officers and holding the PM degree much easier, particularly around the beginning of the new year when installation must follow so closely on the heels of the new year as our Bylaws currently require.

Finally, we have two scheduled opportunities for our families coming up in the coming weeks: a Hayride at Eagle Creek on October 7th and a Ladies Luncheon to be held at the lodge on November 11th. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

Fraternally,

Doug Eckhart, WM



Stats on our Lodge

We have 128 Master Masons

We have 5 Brothers progressing through their degrees.

We have 31 Fifty Year Members

We have 8 Lifetime Endowment members

2017 Officers:

WM - WBro Doug Eckhart, PM

SW - Bro Arlie Hartman

JW - Bro Jerry Lande

SD - Bro Nicholas Barber

JD - Bro Brian Ross

SS - Bro Steve Mayflower

JS - Bro Noah Rider

Tyler - WBro Matthew Griffin,
PM

Marshall - Bro Dave Reynolds

Chaplin - WBro Mike Walkup,
PM

Treasurer - WBro Lee Hargitt,
III, PM

Secretary WBro Ben Fuhr, PM

From the West

Greetings from the West! What a fantastic year it has been. I want to thank all the brethren of Broad Ripple that have helped me this year. We have had some great family events including dinners, a baseball game and the summer picnic. We were just shy of filing the blood mobile this year. We were at a disadvantage by numbers but our lodge gave 13 units. Our Jr Warden Jerry Lande provided some great grilled meats.

The seasons are changing and we are settling into the final stretch of 2017. We have another fun filled family event on the calendar for October 8th. Broad Ripple Lodge has arranged for a Hayride through Eagle Creek Park. We have reserved Pine Grove Shelter H from 3 to 6 PM and the hayride leaving the shelter at 4:45. Please RSVP with your Sr. Warden at sw@brdloge.org or arlie.hartman@gmail.com.



Bylaw Change Proposal

At a Stated Meeting earlier this year, a motion was read and debated to change the existing Bylaws to hold officer elections in the month of November instead of December. Aside from the obvious, this change was recommended in order to make the very busy holiday times from late December through Early January easier on our families and ourselves. This change would allow us to hold installation and the PM Degree earlier in the month of December (but still after the Stated Meeting). The motion was widely applauded by the Past Masters in the room and well received by the brothers as a whole.

The specific change proposed is:

Original Text:

Article 2, Section 2:
The annual election of officers shall be held at the stated meeting next preceding the anniversary of the St. John the Evangelist (Dec 27). The first five officers for a term of one year, and one Trustee for a term of three years, must be elected by ballot, and a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to elect. Blank ballots shall not be counted. The remaining officers shall be appointed by the Worshipful Master-elect. All officers shall be installed on or before the next stated meeting or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Proposed Text:

Article 2, Section 2:
The annual election of officers shall be held at the stated meeting in November. The first five officers for a term of one year from January through December of the year following election, and one Trustee for a term of three years also beginning in January of the year following election, must be elected by ballot, and a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to elect. Blank ballots shall not be counted. The remaining officers shall be appointed by the Worshipful Master-elect. All officers shall be installed after the December stated meeting and on or before the January stated meeting or as soon thereafter as practicable.

This language was deemed by those present to be consistent with the Relevant Indiana Blue Book Law:

CHAPTER 17. LODGE OFFICERS -- ELECTION AND INSTALLATION

Reg. 17.010. *Election of Officers.*

(a) Election of officers may be held annually at the November or December stated meeting as provided for in the Lodge By-Laws and no Lodge shall install officers until after the December stated meeting and no later than the January stated meeting. The Past Master's degree may be given in November.

About Parkers Place Foundation

It's been said that the loss of a child is the greatest loss anyone can endure. If you have experienced the death of a child, you know that statement as truth. Parker's Place Foundation connects parents who share the common bond of perinatal and infant loss and giving them the opportunity to build relationships while exploring the grieving process.

Parker's Place Foundation was created in response to the large number of bereaved parents of infants and the lack of places to connect and move through the grieving process with others who share similar loss.

The Foundation is an organization filled with experienced, compassionate individuals that have the desire to encourage and equip bereaved parents to walk through his or her unique grieving process and to support one another in a way that is emotionally healthy and full of hope.



October: Crew Carwash Fundraiser

During the month of October, we are selling tickets to raise funds for Parkers Place Foundation and our local community schools.

Tickets maybe purchased for \$9/carwash.

We are asking two things of the Brothers of our Lodge to support this fundraiser:

- 1) Help us sell these tickets!
- 2) Buy these tickets!

We will be distributing tickets for sale during the Stated Meeting in October and at the Fellow Craft Degree on October 5th.

Tickets can either be purchased or a block of tickets will be issued to you for sale. **We must return unsold tickets by the end of October.**

We hope you will participate in this worthy endeavor! Please stop by the Lodge, buy and sell these tickets, and help us support this charity and our schools!

From our Senior Steward Steve Mayflower:

Mexican Corn Bread Recipe

Serves approximately 20

1. 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted, plus butter for baking dish.
2. 6 large eggs, lightly beaten.
3. 4 ½ cups of whole milk
4. 2 cans of corn
5. 1 can of cream corn
6. ½ cup of chopped jalapenos
7. 3 ½ cup cornmeal.
8. 2 ¾ cup all-purpose flour.
9. 3 tablespoon sugar.
10. 4 1/2 teaspoons baking powder.
11. 1 1/2 teaspoon baking soda.
12. 3/4 teaspoon salt.
13. 4 small cans of chopped green chiles
14. 2 small cans of chopped jalapenos
15. 1 package of sliced pepper jack cheese

Directions

Preheat oven to 425

Mix wet ingredients (the first 6 ingredients) in one bowl.

Mix all the dry ingredients (ingredients 7 – 12) in a bowl.

Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and FOLD together slowly

Butter a baking pan thoroughly.

Pour half of the batter into pan

Layer with the cheese slices ... then add the four cans of chiles and 2 cans of jalapenos

Pour the rest of batter on top.

Bake until golden brown ...

20 – 25 minutes in conventional oven

12 – 15 minutes in convection oven.

Ladies Luncheon

We would like to invite the Ladies of Broad Ripple to a luncheon to be at the Lodge on November 11th. This luncheon is to honor and show our appreciation to our Widows, but want to extend this invitation to all the ladies whom we are honored to have in our lives.

Lunch will include Hors d'oeuvres, salad, soup, and panini sandwiches.

Please RSVP by October 28th by email at brlodge@brlodge.org or by voicemail at 317-255-1664.



From the Archives: Lodge Events of 1917

The year we were finally drawn into conflict with those who for three years had been struggling at War – was marked as one full of activity. In January, the Lodge passed a resolution to borrow \$1000.00 with which to repay a like amount borrowed of S. G. Dawson to furnish the Temple at the time of its completion. A loan was executed with the Broad Ripple State Bank, the Worshipful Master signing two notes each for \$500.00. One of these notes was later retired prior to the close of the year.

During the year, thirty-six candidates received their degrees. Five members passed to their reward, three of whom were buried with Masonic Honors, the Master officiating.

Many of the Brethren having responded to their country's call, the Lodge issued paid-up memberships to all of its members enrolled in Service. An Honor Roll was also prepared and hung for many years in our Tyler's room.

The high light of our year, Past Master's Night, had its inception in 1917 when on October 26, the first of an very long series of such splendid annual meetings was held.

Broad Ripple Lodge No. 643, F&AM

The Freemasons of Broad Ripple Lodge are committed to building our characters and strengthening our resolve to become good men through brotherhood.

To help our community and our neighbors, and each other. We are men from every social status and level in society.

Our common bond is our love for this ancient Fraternity and our shared experiences within its lodges.

About Us

Broad Ripple Lodge #643 is one of the youngest and most active Lodges in the Indianapolis area. Our officer line consists of brothers in the range of mid-twenties to mid-fifties years of age with healthy past master attendance and support. We have about 150 members total with a strong 30-40+ active members. We meet on the second Thursday of each month for our 'Stated' business meeting with dinner served beforehand at 6:30pm.

However, our Lodge is active on just about every Thursday with degree work, as well as social and charitable events. We host a variety of events throughout the year for our members, family and friends including but not limited to a Valentine's dinner, Independence Day picnic / Blood Drive, Ronald McDonald House meal serving, Family Fall Festival, and Team Building Retreat. We also take an annual trip down to Madison, IN to do a degree in the first Grand Lodge of Indiana, Schofield House.

Whether you are a man in your late 20's looking for active fraternal fellowship or a distinguished gentleman of age seeking Masonic wisdom- consider this Lodge a great opportunity for building character in yourself and the community. To find out more about our lodge please feel to read some of the articles on <http://brlodge.org> and check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/brlodge643>. If you have any further questions please let us know.

Dinner is served @ 6:30pm

Business meeting @ 7:15pm

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