



Braden Lodge

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NEWS

October 2016

Braden Visits Heritage Center

Braden Lodge moved again - for just one night! We held our Sept 1st, 2016 lodge meeting at the new **Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center & Museum** in Bloomington. Opened in July, Braden became only the second lodge to ever meet there. The beautiful Ames Blue Lodge Room is offered

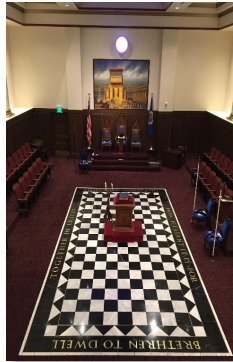


Photo by Ray Davis

free to MN Masons lodges to use once each year. It features a recessed ceiling with a celestial mural and a black-and-white mosaic tile inlay floor. Following the meeting, members toured the Masonic Museum. Our thanks to **WB Mark Anderson** of the Museum for his hospitality in sharing this beautiful facility!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 20th • Thurs • 7:30p

FELLOW CRAFT DEGREE

Oct 21st-22nd & Oct 28th & 29th • Fri & Sat

“BUMP IN THE NIGHT” Fundraiser

Nov 11th • Thurs • 6:30p

TABLE LODGE

Nov 17th • Thurs • 7:30p

ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT

Nov 19th • Sat • 8:30a Breakfast • 10a Ritual

MASTER MASON DEGREE

Dec 15th • 7:30p

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2017

Two New Brothers Start Path For Masonic Light At Braden Lodge

Braden Lodge #168 welcomed two worthy new Brothers into the Fraternal Brotherhood of Freemasons at an **Entered Apprentice Degree** held **Thurs, Sept 15, 2016!**



Photo by Erick Crail

Shown in the front row (L to R) are our newest Brothers, **Chris Hassinger** of Apple Valley, and **Eric Moen** of Minneapolis. Behind them are our principle officers (L to R), Junior Warden **Matt Gallagher**; Senior Warden **Jeff Koltveit**, who did an excellent job serving as Worshipful Master for the evening's ritual; and **Tim Grube**, Braden Lodge's Worshipful Master for 2016. A nice crowd of 28 Brothers were present for this special evening, and those presenting the Degree Ritual and Lectures did an outstanding job!

Congratulations, Chris and Eric! -- Best wishes as you continue your journey for Masonic Light!

Frightfully-Fun Fundraiser Planned For Halloween



Article Text and Graphic by David Allison

You're out to dinner with your friends in the private dining room of an exclusive club. While a cold wind blows about the ghoulies and ghosties that lurk in the Halloween fervor outside, you enjoy your warm meal among good company. But what was that noise? Probably nothing. But wasn't that statue facing the other way a moment ago? Now you definitely heard a noise. Perhaps there is one more in your company than you realize, and he has a story to tell...

“A Bump in the Night” is part Halloween Dinner Party, part Puzzle Room. Enjoy a four-course pot roast dinner (or vegetarian option) with your friends in a century old Masonic Lodge in NE Minneapolis. After dinner you'll be invited to help solve the mystery by taking on our Puzzle Room, where you'll have one hour to find the answer before time runs out.

This event runs **Friday and Saturday, October 21st & 22nd**, and again the following **Friday and Saturday, Oct 28th & 29th**. Each session is **limited to 10 people** and they start at **6:00, 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30pm**. Each ticket costs **\$30** and includes dinner as well as the puzzle room. Purchase tickets online at www.bradenlodge.org/bump — *if you dare!*

Braden Brothers March With PRIDE!

Thirteen Brothers from Braden Lodge proudly represented the Craft in the Twin Cities LGBTQ PRIDE Parade on Sunday, June 26th, 2016.



Photo by Brian Silverain

Shown above (L to R) are WB Erick Crail, Jay Koelsch, WB Tim Grube, Travis Thorpe, Matt Gallagher, Erik Fairchild, Danny Mason, Arik Oversmith, WB Steve O'Day, Damian Sheridan, Charles Knutson, and David Coleman (not pictured: Brian Silverain, who was taking the photo.) The Brothers carried a Lodge banner, Lodge flags, and distributed business cards inviting people to an Open House at the Lodge. The exposure caught the attention of many Masons in the crowd, which was estimated at over 400,000. One Brother from another Lodge wrote us:

"I wanted to say "Thanks" for taking the time and effort to participate in the Twin Cities Pride parade. Your actions mean more to me than you can ever imagine. Shocked does not begin to describe my feelings when I saw your sign, flag and brothers walking in aprons - I had tears in my eyes.

"It has been hard reading the posts of brothers in other states where their lodge decided to not allow gay people and kicked our fellow brothers out of the lodge because they are gay. It makes me so happy to know that the Grand Lodge of Minnesota granted you a dispensation to have on the aprons, and your lodge is accepting. ... The many steps you took in the parade was one giant leap in showing the community who we are.

"Thank you for taking a stand. Thank you for your inclusion. Thank you for your openness. Thank you for helping our Craft move forward. Thank you for understanding who a Mason is. Thank you for being Brothers!"

While our participation in the Parade was prompted in part by the recent actions in GA and TN to expel gay Brothers, Braden chose to present a more positive message, proudly showing the diversity of religions, sexual orientations, and ethnicities that strengthen and enrich our Lodge.

The Brothers of Braden Lodge extend grateful appreciation to our **Grand Master, MWB Robert Darling**, for granting dispensation to allow us to wear our aprons at this public event.



Photo by David Coleman

Join us for a Tasty, Toasty...

TABLE LODGE

Worshipful Brother Tim Grube and the Brothers of Braden cordially invite you to join us for a festive Table Lodge on **Thurs, Nov 10th, 2016**, starting at **6:30pm**.

Chef Extraordinaire **Br David Potter**, aided by his able minions, **WB David Allison, Br Miguel Viana, Br Jason Edward, and Br Ray Davis**, will whip up a scrumptious seven-course meal, punctuated by the traditional Masonic Ceremony of the Seven Toasts.



Tickets are now available for sale on our website for **\$15 each**, or **\$25 for a pair of tickets**. If you prefer, you can send an RSVP by mail or email and pay at the door. Please indicate if you want the meat or vegetarian option for each ticket.

This is an **"open"** event, so Brothers are encouraged to invite their spouses, significant others, family, and friends to join us and share in the fun and fellowship!

Membership Awards for 2016

Congratulations to the following Brothers who reached membership milestones in 2016:

10 Years:

- Neal Dodge
- Ivan Jovanovic
- Steve O'Day
- Jesse Williams

15 Years:

- Jay M Close

20 Years:

- Alan B Christofk
- David M Langer

25 Years:

- Peter S Laudert

35 Years:

- Otto B Christenson

45 Years:

- John Stitley

50 Years:

- Eugene W Purcell Jr
- Frank C Goodlake

55 Years:

- Lee R Anderson
- Roy W Sellon

60 Years:

- Stuart H Steinman

70 Years:

- Gordon H Bauer
- Gerald H Johnson

CONGRATULATIONS!

They will be honored at our **Annual Awards Night** scheduled for **Thurs Nov 17th at 7:30pm**.

Brother Is New American!

Brother Miguel Viana, who was raised in Braden Lodge in May of 2015, raised his hand in a Minneapolis Courtroom in July of this year and became a **Naturalized American Citizen!** He was treated to a surprise party given at Braden



Lodge on Aug 4th. Miguel, who was born in Lisbon, Portugal, met his future wife **Larissa** at a Lisbon university, and accompanied her back to the states 13 years ago. **Congratulations, Miguel!**



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