

BRAIDENTOWN LODGE NUMBER 99, F.&A.M.



Braidentown Lodge No. 99 was chartered January 19, 1898 to meet at Braidentown in Manatee County.

The three Line Officers at chartering were:

Thomas C. Walton — Worshipful Master
Edward R. Marsh — Senior Warden
Winfred K. Trimble — Junior Warden

The chartering Grand Lodge Officers were:

James M. Hilliard — Grand Master
Silas B. Wright — Deputy Grand Master
Syd. L. Carter — Senior Grand Warden
James Carnell — Junior Grand Warden
Wilber P. Webster — Grand Secretary

Braidentown Lodge No. 99 is the second lodge to be assigned number 99. This number was first given to Wauchula Lodge No. 99, January 18, 1888. That lodge surrendered its charter in January, 1897.

Braidentown Lodge is named for the Town of Braidentown and is still active and meets in Bradenton.

Braidentown Lodge No. 99 had twenty-five charter members. The Charter Worshipful Master was from Prairie Lodge No. 87 of Mississippi, the Senior Warden from Georgetown No. 48 of Colorado and the Junior Warden was from Princeton No. 587 of Illinois. The other charter members were from Bronson Lodge No. 7, Manatee No. 31 and Peace Creek No. 68 of Florida, John Sims No. 458 and Laredo No. 547 of Texas, Black River No. 85 of Vermont, Kemp No. 154 of Maryland, Thomas Hinds No. 58 of Mississippi and Sheboygan No. 11 of Wisconsin. Several received their degrees in the Lodge, U.D. These (22) charter members were: A. T. Cornwell (31), A. T. Cornwell, Jr. (31), Willy B. Coarsey (7), John F. Fisher (458), John T. Flowers (31), J. Hamilton Gillespie (31), S. V. Harris (547), John Holder (31), Freeman N. Horton (85), James W. Johnson (U.D.), Wm. I. Kirkhuff (31), Zadoc C. Lawson (154), John B. Leffingwell (31), Oscar H. McGinty (58), Horace H. McGinty (58), Garret Murphy (68), H. G. H. Reed (11), Robert C. Trimble (U.D.), Harry Wadham (31), Louis R. Warren (31), Joseph N. Riviere, E.A. (U.D.) and Horatio G. Reed, E.A. (U.D.).