Brighton Elks Lodge #1586
A Brief History of Our Lodge & Building

As you may know, we as a Lodge celebrated our 96th Birthday this past July 10th. But the building we call home is even older.

Our Building

101 N Main Street was originally constructed in 1910 as the Farmers State Bank. In the late 1920s the bank failed during the economic downturn. On June 25, 1930, the soon-to-be Brighton Elks Lodge #1586 purchased the building just 15 days before receiving its charter.

Our First Officers

- Exalted Ruler: Charles F. Johnson
- Esteemed Leading Knight: F. F. Hunter
- Esteemed Loyal Knight: Roy C. Peppers
- Esteemed Lecturing Knight: D. G. Packer Jr.
- Esquire: Natte E. Austin
- Chaplain: J. F. Owells
- Inner Guard: J. R. Faulkner
- Tiler: Andrew Neilson
- Trustees: Henry G. Wellenkotter, Herman J. Schloo, and J. Paul Hill

Scout Troop 109

In 1932, Scout Troop 109 was chartered here at our Lodge. For 94 years they have been phenomenal partners and continue to meet on the second floor.

The Brick

The famous “Brick” from the original Farmers State Bank was preserved during the 2007 renovations and remains on display in our Lodge today.

Key Dates

1910 – Farmers State Bank building constructed

1930 – Brighton Elks Lodge #1586 purchases the building and receives its charter

1932 – Boy Scout Troop 109 is chartered by the Brighton Elks

1942 – Lodge burns its mortgage

2007 – “The Brick” is preserved during renovation

Today

Our Building: 116 years old

Our Lodge: 96 years old

Troop 109: 94 years old