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# Masonic Journal

**DECEMBER 2012**
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# Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

## DECEMBER

1 Installation of Officers, Clintonville No. 197, Manawa No. 82, Shawano No. 170 and MasonWoods No. 368. Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert, Installing Master. 2:30 p.m., Shawano Masonic Center, 2324 East Richmond St., Shawano.

2 Chippewa Falls Lodge No. 176, breakfast, 8 a.m.-12:30. p.m.

5 Prairie du Chien Lodge No. 8 & Fennimore Lodge No. 219 joint public installation at Prairie du Chien. Meal at 6:30 p.m. installation to follow.

6-8 "A Christmas Carol", Directed by Nancy Storrs, West Bend Masonic Center, 301 N. University Drive, West Bend. Tickets on sale online: www.westbendchristmascarol.com. See story on page 17.

8 Silas H. Shepherd Research Lodge No.1843 Stated Communication 9:00 a.m. coffee, 10:00 a.m. meeting. Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge No. 42, 307 N. Lake Rd., Oconomowoc. Contact Bro. Dan Bast, Master, dbast@wi.rr.com or Lodge Secretary, secretary@silasshepherd.org.

8 Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301 Installation of Officers, 7:00 p.m., 4315 N. 92nd St., Wauwatosa.

8 Lake Lodge No. 189 Installation of Officers, 7:00 p.m.. 125 Howard Ave, Milwaukee.

8 Grand Bethel Caroling and Congress at Dousman.

8 Union Lodge No. 32 Installation of Offices.

9 Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301, Pizza With Santa, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Kids are free, Adults, $10.00, 4315 N 92nd St. in Wauwatosa. Contact Bro. Lee Wackman for more information at 414-406-6556.

9 Dousman Lodge No. 315 Public Installation of Officers, 1:00 p.m., Three Pillars, Village on the Square.

9 Glenn L. Humphrey Lodge No. 364 Public Installation of Officers, 1:00 p.m., Three Pillars, Village on the Square.

10 Bicknell Lodge No. 94 Installation of Officers, 7:30 p.m., Brodhead Masonic Center.

10 James M. Hayes Lodge No. 331 Installation of Officers, 6:30 p.m.

11 Installation of Officers, Prairie View Lodge No. 95, W14188 Hwy KK, Ripon.

13 Keystone Lodge No. 263, Hayward, Open Installation of Officers, 6:00 p.m., 10629 Main St., Hayward.

13 Installation of Officers, Frontier Lodge No. 45, 118 S. 8th St., La Crosse.

13 Oregon Lodge No. 151 Election of Officers at 7:30 p.m.; oyster stew and chili after the meeting. Al Brethren welcome!

13-16 "A Christmas Carol", Directed by Nancy Storrs, West Bend Masonic Center, 301 N. University Drive, West Bend. Tickets on sale online: www.westbendchristmascarol.com. See story on page 17.

13 Installation of Officers, Frontier Lodge No. 45, 118 S. 8th St., La Crosse.

13 Installation of Officers, Tomah Lodge No. 132, 7:00 p.m., 520 E. Saratoga St., Tomah.

14 Installation of Officers, Valley Lodge No. 60, 603 Court St., Sparta.

14 Freemasons Lodge No. 363 Installation of Officers, 6:00 p.m., 790 N. Van Buren St., Milwaukee.

14 West Allis Lodge No. 291 Installation of Officers, 7:30 p.m., 715 W. National Ave., West Allis.

15 Ozaukee Lodge No. 17 Family Holiday Breakfast, breakfast from 8:30-9:00 a.m., Santa arrives at 9:00 a.m. Gifts for kids up to 10 years of age. If you don't have kids, come for fraternal socialization. Ozaukee Masonic Center. Contact Bro. Gary McClellan, Master, Xanadu0868@sbcglobal.net or call 262-212-5725.

15 Jefferson County Lodge No. 9 Public Installation of Officers, 4:00 p.m.

16 Damascus Lodge No. 290, Installation of Officers, hors d'oeuvres 5:00 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. RSVP by Dec. 13 to Bro. Sean Schult at sean@flashfiresystems.com.

20 Oregon Lodge No. 151 Public Installation of Officers; 201 Park St., dinner 6:00 p.m. (RSVP required); installation after the meal. Contact Bro. Jim Goldsmith at 608-220-1924 or 2drbone@gmail.com for reservations.

20 New Glarus Lodge No. 310 public installation.

26 Installation of Officers, Salem Lodge No. 125, 7:30 p.m. 101 W. Hamilton St., West Salem.

27 Installation of Officers, Black River Lodge No. 74, 7:30 p.m., 314 Main St., Black River Falls.

29 Milton Lodge No. 161 Installation of Officers,3:00 p.m.

## JANUARY

3 Wisconsin Lodge No. 13 Installation of Officers, 7:30 p.m.

3 Northern Light Lodge No. 81 and Camp Douglas Lodge No. 272 Joint Installation of Officers, 7:00 p.m.

4 Tripoli Shrine Open Installation of Officers at the Tripoli Shrine Center 3000 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m. cocktails & fellowship – Cash Bar, 6:15 p.m. Entrance of Tripoli Officers & Ladies,6:30 p.m. open installation, 7:00 p.m. Traditional Wisconsin Fish Fry (Reservations required), 8:00 p.m. After Glow - Cash Bar. Dinner reservations required by Dec. 28, $12.50 per person, send reservations to: Tripoli Shrine, Installation Reservation, 3000 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53208.

8 Aurora Lodge No. 30 Installation of officers, 7:00 p.m., 517 E. Beaumont, Whitefish Bay.

8 Lafayette Lodge No. 265 Installation of officers, 6:00 p.m. dinner, installation 7:30 p.m., 790 N. Van Buren, Milwaukee.

11 Job's Daughters Bethel #6 Installation of Officers, 7:30 p.m., 125 Howard Ave, Milwaukee.

12 Wauwatosa Lodge No. 267 Installation of Officers, 1:00 p.m.

13 Ozaukee Lodge No. 17 Installation of Officers. 2:00 p.m., Ozaukee Masonic Center. RSVP 262-284-6877 or flack@alliedinsulation.com.

19 Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge No. 261 Installation of Officers, 6:30 p.m.

19-20 Statewide Secretary Seminar in Madison, Madison Masonic Center.

24 Lake Lodge No. 189, Robert Burns Table Lodge 6:00 p.m., Lake Masonic Center, 1235 E. Howard Ave., Milwaukee. See story on page 7.

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# Grand Master Reconsecrates New Dodge County Masonic Center

**Bro. Ray Mielke was caught by surprise when the portrait he and District Lecturer J. Patrick Storrs were asked to unveil turns out to be of himself. Bro. Mielke referred to as Hiram by his Brethren of Dodge County Lodge was honored for all the building and remodeling he did on the new Masonic Center. From left: R.J. Johnson, Master, Bro. Mielke, Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert, Senior Grand Warden William Beetcher and J. Patrick Storrs, architect.**

Photo by Rich Rygh

**By Rich Rygh**

Brethren, families and friends gathered for the Reconsecration Ceremony of the Dodge County Masonic Center on Nov. 11, conducted by Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert.

The Brethren of Dodge County Lodge No. 72 sat down in August 2011 and talked about the possibility of finding a building, renovating it and funding the project. With the help of many of Brethren this has been accomplished just in 14 months. The beautiful new Dodge County Masonic Center is complete and Master R.J. Johnson stated that as of the end of the year there are enough pledges to pay for the new facility and have money left over.

The Master opened the Lodge with the public opening followed by the presentation of the colors by Robert Macoy Commandery No. 3.

This being Veteran's Day, Bro. Bud Turner, who served on a submarine during WWII gave a tribute to our veterans.

Bro. R.J. Johnson asked that the new Masonic Hall, which they have prepared, be examined by the Grand Lodge and be dedicated to Masonic purposes agreeable to ancient form and usage. He introduced Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert and his officers to perform the reconsecration ceremony.

The Stewards uncovered the Lodge, the ceremony was conducted and the Lodge officers reinstalled.

Grand Master Siewert returned the gavel to the Master and thanked him for the opportunity to conduct the ceremony.

Bro. Bob Keller was introduced by the Master R.J. Johnson and thanked for his generous donation of resources to help fund the Lodge. The Master presented an artistic plaque designed by Senior Steward Eric Arthur which will be hung in the Lodge room in remembrance of Bro. Bob Keller's father, the late Bro. Clarence Keller, Master in 1934. A picture was unveiled of Bro. Clarence Keller which will be hung in his honor.

Bro. Keller thanked the Lodge for the opportunity to speak and gave a brief history of his father as businessman and mayor of Beaver Dam. He said he and his father bonded playing three cushion billiards at the Madison Masonic Center.

Past Grand Master James H. Olson told of Bro. Clarence Keller's help providing him with an office and furniture when he began practicing law right out of school.

Past Grand Master Olson thanked everyone for all their help with the building and said he was going to do a special presentation to a particular person for his part in the project. He asked Bro. J. Patrick Storrs, the architect and Bro. Ray Mielke to assist him in unveiling a portrait of the honoree. Bros. Storrs and Mielke unveiled the picture and to Bro. Mielke's surprise it was of him. Past Grand Master Olson referred to Bro. Ray Mielke as Hiram of Dodge County No. 72, the name he has earned from his Bros. for his leadership and work on the new Center. He was also presented a plaque naming fellowship hall in his honor. Bro Mielke thanked the Lodge and told how he got started in Masonry when his daughter was a Job's Daughter. He also recounted of some of the interesting stories during the

See **Dodge County** on page 7

## Bro. Hutchison receives Century Certificate

Bro. Royce Jones, Master of Mineral Point Lodge No. 1 recently presented Bro. Harry Hutchison his Grand Master's Century Certificate. Bro. Hutchison is 101 years old and has been a member of Mineral Point Lodge for 35 years.

Submitted by Bro. William Buckingham, Secretary

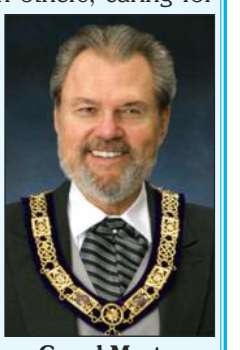
## *The Grand Master's Message:*

**By Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin Brother Dennis V. Siewert**

**"Tis the Season?"**

My Brothers;

The Holiday Season is upon us, a time for our religious celebrations, family gatherings, traditions, sharing with others, caring for others and the list goes on. In Freemasonry, when we live up to our obligations, "It's always the Season". Living up to our Masonic Tenants of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth gives a group of "Diverse" men from all walks of life an opportunity to join together. It is a time for those Brothers to bond and focus on common goals.



**Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert**

Hurricane Sandy was devastating to the people on the East Coast of the United States. Some of these people are our Brothers and their families. This was evident after looking at the Grand Lodge of New Jersey's website. The Grand Lodge of New Jersey and the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin have had a long relationship of support and Brotherly Love. To that end as your Grand Master I decided to make a decision to send funds to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. I sent the following e-mail to the Chairman of our Service & Assistance Committee:

M.W. Brother Chamberlain,

We have been in contact with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, through their Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Glenn R. Trautmann. I have also attached a letter from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey website. Hurricane Sandy has had a devastating effect on many of our New Jersey Brothers. The New Jersey Grand Lodge has opened their doors to many Brothers who are homeless or have found their homes uninhabitable.

I spoke with Most Worshipful Brother Brian Beermann, Grand Master of Minnesota. The Brothers in Minnesota are sending trucks with relief supplies as well as money to New Jersey. We asked the Grand Master of New Jersey what we could do to help. After that conversation, I am requesting that $10,000 from the Service & Assistance Fund, be sent immediately, to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey Hurricane Relief Fund.

It is also my wish that any disaster funds under the care of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation be transferred to the Service & Assistance Fund for distribution when and where needed.

I have received inquiries from Brothers and various Lodges around the State regarding the devastation in New Jersey. In the Grand Master's December Article, in the Wisconsin Masonic Journal, I will direct them to make any contributions to our Service & Assistance Fund for fund replenishment and future distributions. The receipt of these contributions will be coordinated by Wisconsin Masonic Charities Office and deposited into the Service & Assistance Fund.

I would ask that these funds ($10,000) be sent to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey Hurricane Relief Fund for the benefit of our Brothers in distress from their Wisconsin Brothers.

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My Brothers the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation made a contribution to the Service & Assistance Fund. The check has been sent to the Grand Lodge of Jersey.

After reading the e-mail to our Service and Assistance Committee and the letter from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey (see page 7); I'm sure that you agree the right action was taken. This contribution represents about each Master Mason in the State of Wisconsin reaching into his pocket and giving 83 cents.

**A memo has been sent to all the Lodges.**

Memo To: All Wisconsin Lodges
November 12, 2012

Re: Hurricane Disaster Relief for our Brothers

$10,000 has been sent to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey to help our Brothers in need from their Wisconsin Brothers.

- Our New Jersey Brothers have continually supported their Wisconsin Brothers that is why the direct gift.
- This gift reinforces the Tenants of Freemasonry.
- It also shows how a group of "Diverse Men" can unite for a common cause.

See **GM Message** on page 7

## On Our Cover

Ebenezer Scrooge played by Jim Mohr and the Ghost of Christmas Present played by Rory Ott, look in on the Cratchit Family: Tiny Tim played by Owen Damkot, Ruby Young as Martha Cratchit, Eric Damkot as Bob Cratchit, Peter Cratchit played by Mark Damkot, Frederick Cratchit played by Otto Jung and Belinda Cratchit played by Sarah Labinski.

The production, directed by Nancy Storrs, opens at the West Bend Masonic Center on Dec. 6.

The "Dickens Pub" will be open offering mulled cider, hot cocoa and seasonal refreshments before the performance and during intermission.

It is all new with fresh faces and fresh visuals.

See story on page 17 and photos from a rehearsal on page 23.

## Prairie View Lodge helps student to serve on Panama Mission Project

Amber Atkinson, a Ripon College first year student and a Job's Daughter from Minnesota, will be traveling to Panama to serve on a Mission Project building dams to bring fresh water to the locals, among other humanitarian projects, with other Ripon College students for the Father Wally Project. Ripon College Professor of Religion Brian Smith is the organizer of the RC students' trip. Prairie View Lodge No. 95 of Ripon voted unanimously to help Amber fund her trip. Pictured presenting the check on the Ripon College campus are Prairie View Lodge Brethren Kevan Nault, Secretary; Tim Aither, Senior Warden; Bruce Stephenson, Junior Warden; and Rick Coles, Master. Accepting the check is Amber Atkinson, and looking on is Prof. Brian Smith. In addition to Brian Smith, other Ripon College employees are Bruce Stephenson who works in the Advancement Office, and Rick Coles, Assoc. Professor of Exercise Science and Football Offensive Coordinator.

Submitted by Bro. Rick Coles

## James M. Hays Lodge honors Past Masters

The Brethren of James M. Hays Lodge No. 331 honored their Past Masters on Nov. 5. The Past Masters took the chairs of the current line officers and opened the stated meeting. During Lodge business, the Past Masters were presented name badges and pins with the assistance of Area Administrator Todd Krohn. Past Masters from left: Ralph Templeman (Honorary), Thomas Freuck, Ronald Buettner, James Winston, Barry Axelrood, Bryan Gapinski, Steven Schaapveld, Bruce Robraun, Robert Manders and Herb Raasch.

Submitted by Bro. Robert Skaradzinski, Master

**Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert toured the Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee in November.**

See the story in the January issue of The Wisconsin Masonic Journal.

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## Thoughts for the Journey

**By Reverend David R. Ritchie, Grand Chaplain**

"At this festive time of year, Mr. Scrooge, said the gentleman, taking up a pen, it is more than usually desirable that we should make some slight provision for the poor and destitute who suffer greatly at this present time . . . We chose this time, because it is a time, of all others, when Want is keenly felt, and Abundance rejoices."– Charles Dickens (A Christmas Carol.) During this month most of us will be celebrating whether it be the Solstice, Hanukkah, or Christmas. We will gather, we will be warm and overfed and surrounded by those we love. It will be a season of excess.

**Rev. David Ritchie**
**Grand Chaplain**

When Dickens wrote this, "Merry" did not mean to over indulge. To be, "made merry" one bought enough fuel, wood or coal, to warm their home. One ate enough not to be hungry and maybe imbibed in enough spirits to take away the aches and pains of a body overworked and under-cared for. For many this sounds so basic. For many this is a normal day not something done once a year in celebration.

As an Entered Apprentice a deep and lasting impression is made on helping a Brother or friend in destitute circumstance. As Masons we are taught to care for the widow and orphan, the less fortunate. Before we enter the lodge room the first time we declare that we desire to be of service to our fellow creatures. There is need. Many of our Brothers and neighbors are in need.

A few short years ago the largest problem many food pantries had was a lack of storage space. Today they cannot keep the shelves full. Government programs are full, with waiting lists to enroll, or have run out of funding. People who a few years ago gave generously no longer find that they are able to do so. The elderly are finding that their retirement plan is not providing what they had planned on a few short years ago. A young family struggles to make ends meet, a layoff or emergency has placed them in hardship. Many of these young families are two income households where both are under employed – "but hey, its a job."

These are people who are struggling to keep the lights on, pay the heating bill, and feed their family. Things so many of us take for granted. It seems strange that December is the month when depression is at its worst. December is when we celebrate light, and love, and hope, the eternal passing of the seasons. For those in need though this is a season of wanting as well as need. "How does Santa come when I can not afford milk?" "Do I spend the money on a tank of gas, so that I can spend the day with family or do I put it toward the rent?" I once heard someone remark that "it would be easier to make ends meet if there weren't as many ends." At this time of year the number of ends can seem infinite.

My Brothers let us do what we can. Throwing a few more coins into the kettle really will make a difference. Dropping off a few more items at a food drive will help someone rest easier. Quietly slipping a brother a little gift to help out or a bag of groceries left on a porch, will be a gift to two people, both he who receives and he who gave.

There is another form of poverty that strikes the heart at this time of year, loneliness. Ask yourselves, "Do I know of anyone who will be alone?" Then ask yourself, "Do I have room for one more chair at my table?"

My Brothers I know you to be some of the most generous and giving people on Earth. Carry on the good works. Often the smallest kindnesses have the greatest impact. Thank you for all that you do and the example you set for others. At this, the darkest time of year, may the light of Masonry shine fourth its brightest.

This December may you and those you love be able to "make Merry." May peace be upon your celebrations and may your celebrations be filled with the spirit of your creator, love and laughter. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Good Yule.

Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie can be reached at hickorysprings@gmail.com or 608-776-2698.

## *Masonic Quotes*

Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip. — Will Rogers – American cowboy, Comedian, Humorist, Social commentator, Actor & Freemason


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## Keystone Lodge promotes Freemasonry on the radio

Brethren of Keystone Lodge No. 263, Hayward, were discussing Freemasonry on Hayward's WRLS-FM radio on October 30, at Flat Creek Eatery for about 30 minutes. Bro. Dennis Zajac gave the history of Freemasonry; Keystone Lodge Fundraisers/Activities were covered by Bro. John Sigafus; and Bro. Kevin Fischer explained how to become a Mason, when the Lodge meets and their Christmas tree sales. Bro Al Hinkel spoke on the affiliated bodies of Masonry. From left: Senior Warden Kevin Fischer, Past Master Al Heinkel, Past Master Dennis Zajac, Secretary John Sigafus and Scott Clone from WRLS-FM.

Submitted by Bro. Kevin Fischer

# MSA Volunteers Host Band Social at Wis. Veterans Home at King

**By Rich Rygh**

Big band music and pie and ice cream were the delight of residents at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King on Nov. 4. The Band Social was produced under the able direction of Bro. Tom Dowman, Masonic Service Association Representative, his wife Dottie and 20 plus volunteers consisting of Masons, OES members and their families. The volunteers seem to have as much fun as the residents.

These events are usually attended by 150 to 200 residents.

Bro. Dowman has been organizing the Band Socials for eight years and they are fast moving with a maximum amount of music and fun and a minimum amount of speaking.

Each resident received a ticket when they registered which made them eligible to win Home Exchange Coupons in several drawings through out the program. Envelopes were handed out to the winners by Bro. Steve Labus and his grandson Christian Labus.

Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert said when he was a young man in high school and college he came out to King quite often with groups to sing for the residents at various Masonic functions. He thanked Bro. Dowman for organizing these events and thanked the veterans for attending.

MSA Coordinator for the State of Wisconsin Roger L. Magoon, PGM, thanked the veterans for all they have done for our country and he thanked Bro. Dowman and the volunteers for putting this program together. MSA Coordinator Magoon presented a certificate of appreciation signed by former State Coordinator Beecher Daniels, PGM, and Bro. George O. Braatz, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of North America.

**See photos on page 10.**

## Clear Lake Lodge provides AED

Clear Lake Lodge No. 230 helped secure a new automated external defibrillator for the Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Clayton, Wis. The donation was made possible through the Masonic Medical Fund of Wisconsin matching funds program. From left: Fr. Christopher Wojcik and Bro. Matt Cuper, Senior Warden.

Submitted by Bro. Milt Helmer

## Ask Hiram ?

**askhiram@wisc-freemasonry.org**

**Question:** Of the 180, or so, Grand Jurisdictions that the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin recognizes, how many allow business to be transacted in other than the MM degree.

Bro. Noah

**Answer:** I am not that familiar with other Grand Jurisdictions, but I did contact our Grand Secretary who has much more knowledge on this kind of data. I'm more of a Wisconsin guy. His response was that there are about seven.

**Question:** What is the proper way to wear your apron – under or over a coat? I was taught that it should be worn on the outside of coats, however in the summer 2012 WMJ, PGM Michael DeWolf, GM Davey White, and DGM Dennis Siewert were all pictured wearing their aprons under their coats.

Bro. Dale

**Answer:** You were taught correctly. The apron should always be worn outside of the suit jacket, tuxedo, or sport coat with only one exception. If you look closely at the pictures in this edition of the WMJ, you will notice that these officers were wearing a different coat at these times. All of these photos were taken during the Annual Communication business session. The Grand Lodge Officers wear morning dress when conducting business at the annual communication. Morning dress is a daytime formal dress code, consisting chiefly of a morning coat, waistcoat, and striped trousers. The coat for these morning clothes has tails. When wearing a coat with tails the apron is displayed under the coat.

The Wisconsin Masonic Code provides for this in chapter 91, paragraph .01

91.01 Manner of Wearing Apron. The Masonic apron shall be worn in the prescribed manner over the suit jacket or outer dress at all stated and special communications of a lodge and when in attendance at and participating in the Masonic burial or memorial service of a deceased brother. The Masonic apron may be worn under the jacket when wearing tails or a cutaway coat which are designed in such manner that the apron is visible.

The paragraph explains the reason for doing this because the apron is still visible when wearing the coat, but I would like to add that buttoning the coat and wearing the apron over it with the tails sticking out would create a very unusual appearance.

**Please send your questions to askhiram@wisc-freemasonry.org or mail your question to the Grand Lodge Office, c/o Ask Hiram, 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 53118, and Bro. Hiram will receive them.**

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## Notes From The Grand Lecturer
### By Brother Kenneth C. Gorgen

My Brothers,

". . . unfold its beauties to the candid and industrious observer". These are the final words of the third section lecture of the Entered Apprentice degree. The sentence is laying out a course of action that the candidate can take, if he so chooses. It is a course that our unfriendly challengers will never understand no matter how much of our ritual they publish. Their interest is in exposing words, but they perform their deed without understanding the secrets that lie beneath the script.

**Kenneth C. Gorgen**
**Grand Lecturer**

As an Entered Apprentice I might ask where you came from and what you came here to do. The ritual has a specific answer to the question, but only you would know the answer to that question when you ask it of yourself. In the Entered Apprentice posting you are asked a similar question, "If your spouse, your children or anyone for that matter were to ask you why you became a Mason – what would be your answer?" Most replies during the in-lodge examination center around "to became a better person". The answer is not surprising, and should be expected. It is the very universal mission of Masons around the world.

When asked, "What do Masons do?" The reply will be, "Masons take good men and make them better". At the Grand Lodge Annual Communication in June, Past Grand Master Jack Butler of Iowa, addressed the representatives about this very statement. His speech focused on the fact that this statement leaves the questioner almost wishing they would have never asked the question. Brother Butler did proceed to elaborate on better ways to answer that question.

Cliff Porter discusses the canned reply in his book "The Secret Psychology of Freemasonry". The statement's origin is unknown but the idea of Masonry making good men better was promoted in 1923 by H.L. Haywood. He writes, "Good and true men. How simple yet how profound are these time worn adjectives. They are not qualities that glitter but they are, in their completeness as rare as many that do!"

The mission of our fraternity is not reformation. The mission is to start with a man that is already good and the goal is to make him better. What an ambitious task this is. How can we expect to accomplish this when our meetings centered around minutes, correspondence, paying bills, etc.? How can we possibly do that when there is a movement to have our new candidates sit in a business meeting. There can be no hope in making a good man better without explaining to him and educating him on what was experienced during his degree. In fact, the practice of having him sit in business meetings might drive him away forever.

The alternate and the key to success is the study of the ritual. Discussions about parts of the ritual should take priority over minutes and planning the next pancake breakfast. It is the Master of the Lodge that is charged to make sure education happens in his lodge. At the opening and closing of each meeting, regardless of the degree being practiced, the Master of the Lodge is charged to set the craft at work and give them (the workmen) proper instruction. Masters are you living up to this charge?

Once we truly believe that the mission of the fraternity is to make good men better, then the organization is more than just a social order focusing on events. Events and business meetings are part of the work, but a priority should be to focus on the individual. I ask again, "Why did you come here and what did you come here to do?" A Senior Warden who is looking forward to becoming the new Master of the Lodge must plan his year with this objective in mind.

Do not forget about ritual study to help make good men better. Any lodge planning should be done with the goal of personal improvement of the lodge members being a consideration. This includes studying and learning the ritual. Too many lodges complete their degrees by enlisting the talents of Past Masters, proficiency men, and ritualists. It is time for the Master to put his officers and lodge members to work at learning a ritual part. How can a good man get better without studying the book which is intended to help and guide him?

So what is a good response when asked about being a Mason. Instead of saying that Freemasonry takes good men and makes them better. Give the answer that comes straight out of the ritual. "Masons are men of different faiths, races, and professions who are dedicated to their religion and their belief in God. Masons endeavor to conduct themselves in an honorable and moral manner. They love their families and have concern for their fellowman. You can always trust a Mason. He will never try to deceive or cheat you".

That is the definition of a "good" man as it comes straight from the third section picture lecture of the Master Mason degree. I'll paraphrase for you. "Imitate the good man with virtuous and amiable conduct, piety to God, and inflexible fidelity to his trust". It was always there right before our eyes."

As always, I encourage you to remain committed to your lodge and to the ritual. Study it with dedication and devotion to become a ritual leader in your Lodge, and a motivating force. Mentor the candidates with fierce abandon. Your lodge will be proud of your efforts and then we will all see more Light.

Feedback and questions are always welcome.
Contact Grand Lecturer Ken Gorgen at
grand_lecturer@wisc-freemasonry.org or 262-691-0859

## *Masonic Quotes*

"Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there." — Will Rogers – American cowboy, Comedian, Humorist, Social commentator, Actor & Freemason

# Service and Assistance Aids Victims of Hurricane Sandy Devastation

CNN reported that during Hurricane Sandy's two-day life on land, 7.5 million power outages were reported. Waves of 39.67 feet were recorded. Homes quite literally have floated away and much of the East Coast was destroyed.

The time for helping our East Coast Brethren was immediate, and as stated by our Benevolent Activities Board President, Donald Hensiak, "(He) Encouraged the Service and Assistance (Board) and the Grand Master to 'pull the trigger' and not wait for board meetings or red tape when there is a disaster, especially when Brother Masons are so profoundly affected."

Grand Master Dennis Siewert responded promptly to the call for assistance from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and a $10,000 donation has been sent to aid in the relief efforts.

If you have ever wondered about Service and Assistance, and how it can help do more than work "behind the scenes" helping Wisconsin Brethren in need, this is a prime example. Disaster Relief is also part of the Fund's mission, and when the time comes, action is taken.

For anyone who has ever wondered, why the Service and Assistance Fund needs the continued philanthropic support of Masons and friends, this is a good example.

Anyone who has read the Grand Master's Message, and is considering making a contribution to the Service and Assistance Fund, the time is now! Please consider making a contribution to Wisconsin Masonry's oldest charitable fund.

Contributions should be made payable to: Service and Assistance Fund and sent to: Wisconsin Masonic Charities, Service & Assistance Fund, 36275 Sunset Drive P.O. Box 67, Dousman, WI 53118-9349

Should you have any questions about supporting the Service and Assistance Fund or any of the other Wisconsin Masonic Charities, please contact Erika Miller in the Development Office at: 262-965-2200, ext. 831 or via email at: erika@wisc-freemasonry.org.

# Blue Slipper Pin Available from Development Office

Purchasing a Blue Slipper Pin helps support the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Service and Assistance Fund.

Historically, the pin symbolized a Masonic connection and a reassurance that someone in the Fraternity would be standing by to lend a helping hand when needed.

The Service and Assistance Fund continues to provide this reassurance today. The Fund is always ready for Brethren and their families in times of need.

If you should ever require the support of our Service and Assistance Fund, do not hesitate to contact your Lodge, and then the Board for assistance.

Blue Slipper pins are currently available for purchase through the Development Office. Please contact Erika at: erika@wisc-freemasonry.org, or via telephone at: 262-965-2200, ext. 831 for ordering information.

# Grand Master to Visit Florida in January and Arizona in February

**By Erika Miller**

Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert and Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, will be journeying south in January and February of 2013, to make luncheon visits to Brethren and their Ladies.

Whether you call Florida or Arizona "home", or you migrate south for the winter, please set aside time to attend a luncheon in your area. We are excited to try out two new locations this year, and hope that we can count on your support.

Fellowship and lunch will be enjoyed at each stop, after which the Grand Master will update you on the state of the Craft, and the Grand Secretary will bring you the latest from the Wisconsin Masonic Charities.

A special thanks goes out to all of the new coordinators that we will be working with this year. Your assistance is invaluable. Formal invitations will be mailed after the Thanksgiving holiday, and RSVPs can be made to the appropriate coordinators. The luncheons will once again require a refundable $15.00 reservation fee per attendee.

Donations can be made to the Grand Master's charity of choice for his year, the Wisconsin Masonic Journal Endowment.

All luncheons will have the following schedule:11:00 a.m. fellowship (cash bar) and Noon luncheon. Speakers will follow. See schedule at right.

Grand Master Siewert looks forward to seeing everyone this winter. Should you have any questions, please contact Erika in the Development Office at: 262-965-2200, ext. 831 or via email at: erika@wisc-freemasonry.org.

## Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert's Travel Schedule

### Florida:

**Thursday, January 10, 2013**
The Landings Yacht, Golf & Tennis Club
4425 S. Landings Drive, Suite 100, Fort Myers, FL 33919
Coordinator- Richard Borys
RSVP to: 2735 SE 24th Ave, Cape Coral, FL 33904
Reach Richard at: (239) 574-3750

**Friday, January 11, 2013**
Safety Harbor Resort and Spa
105 N. Bayshore Drive, Safety Harbor, FL 34695
Coordinator- H. Albert Krueger
RSVP to: 8045 Monitor Drive, New Port Richey, FL 34653
Reach Al at: (727) 815-0056

### Arizona:

**Thursday, February 7, 2013**
Briarwood Country Club, 20800 N. 135th Ave., Sun City West, AZ 85375
Coordinator: Garry Hageness
RSVP to: 15830 W. Kino Dr. , Surprise, AZ 85374
Reach Garry at: (623) 328-7069

**Friday, February 8, 2013**
Arizona Golf Resort, 425 South Power Road, Mesa, AZ 85206
Coordinator: Wallace "Scotty" Giffen
RSVP to: Grand Masonic Center, 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 53118. Attn: Erika Miller
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Our focus every day is to ensure that the mission entrusted to us over 100 years ago guides our activity. As I reflect on this past year, there are plenty of reasons to be proud of your charity.

This includes another deficiency-free inspection at the Masonic Center for Health and Rehabilitation, over $250,000 of direct charity care to our residents, and recently the 20th year of our beloved community event Halloween Haunted Woods where over 1,200 community members experienced Three Pillars firsthand. Our resident satisfaction surveys continue to show excellent results, and we have a staff that is committed to making your charity the top provider of senior services in the state.

As the year draws to a close, I would like to take a moment to thank our staff, volunteers, and the fraternity for your support. Without the commitment of so many individuals we would not be successful.

From our home to yours we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. We look forward to a successful 2013.

Warm regards,

Mark Strautman,
Chief Executive Officer

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# News Events from the Lodges

## Reedsburg Lodge No. 79 Past Masters' Night

Reedsburg Lodge No. 79 held their Past Master's Banquet on October 4. A wonderful meal was prepared and served by the Order of the Eastern Star ladies. Before opening lodge each Past Master selected a slip of paper with a "chair designation" which determined his position for the meeting. "This had been the tradition for many years but we got away from doing it", explained Past Master Joe Williamson. "It was great to do it again and everyone seemed to enjoy it, I know I did", stated Past Master Robert Anderson (who acted as Master for the evening). Attendance was high, with nine Past Masters and seven other Bros. present. Past Master Rodney Seamans was the "most tenured Master" in attendance. Front row (from left) Past Masters: Douglas Bentley (2011), Greg Georgeson (1994), Kenneth Walter II (1995), Ronald Rasmussen (2006) and Robert Anderson (1996). Back Row Past Masters: Joe Williamson (1991), Rodney Seamans (1978), Robert Ott (2007) and Bill Gant (1981).

Submitted by Bro. Douglas Bentley, Secretary/Treasurer

## Waverly Lodge Run/Walk Helps Fund Pancreatic Cancer Research

**Brethren of Waverly Lodge holding the "big check" representing a donation of $500 to be used for pancreatic cancer research (from left) Bros: Rob Barbour, Matt Jackering, Rich Moore, Dave Barton, Craig Cloutier, Jonathan Foster, Eric Davidson, Roger Hamilton and Kevin Lorenz. Participating Bros. not pictured: E-Ben Grisby and Chad Klitzke.**

Submitted by Bro. Matt Jackering, P.M.

**By Bro. Matt Jackering**

The Brethren of Waverly Lodge No. 51, Appleton, lent their support again this year, on September 22 for the third annual 5K Beer Run/Walk to raise awareness and funding for pancreatic cancer research.

Waverly Lodge supported the walk in three ways: by encouraging all members and their families to sign up and participate in the walk; by purchasing the water and sponsoring and staffing water stops; and the Lodge loves an opportunity to get out the "Big Check" and this year donated $500 to the walk.

The cancer walk was created and is run by Craig Moore and Past Master Rich Moore. Beth Moore (Craig's mother and Bro. Rich's wife) died of pancreatic cancer. The family wanted to make a difference by raising funds for research.

All funds are donated to the Lustgarten Foundation who with the sponsorship of Charter Cable, see that 100% of the funds go towards Pancreatic Cancer research.

The walk/run has a fun and unique theme at it's core. Walk or run a 5K, and afterwards have burgers and brats and free beer. T-shirts have the tag line "I donated my kidney for pancreatic cancer research."


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## Bro. Henry Ogden honored for 50 years

Two long term members of the New Richmond Lodge No. 195 were honored for many years of service to the Masonic fraternity on October 23. District 2 Deputy Gary Stang, Eau Claire, presented a 50 year pin to Henry Ogden of Osceola and a 35 year pin to LeRoy Hodell of Prairie Farm. Bro. Ogden was raised on Sept. 18, 1962 in Osceola-St Croix Falls No. 134. He affiliated with Landmark Lodge No. 244, Frederic, on Sept, 28, 2001 and New Richmond Lodge on Nov. 18, 2003. Bro. Ogden (left) is congratulated by District 2 Deputy Gary Stang.

Photo by Julie Riemenschneider

## Southern Lakes Lodge honors Bro. Bilskey

Bro. Jim Bilskey, Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12, Delavan, was recently honored by his Bros. for 50 years of service. Bro. Bilskey was raised in Illinois on June 22, 1962 and affiliated with Southern Lakes Lodge from Elm Clare Ashlar Lodge No. 1163, Chicago, Ill. From left: Bro. Bilskey and Bro. Bob Burton, Master.

Submitted by Bro. Andrew Willett, Secretary

## Bro. Salvisberg achieves 50 years

Bro. Jim "Bone" Goldsmith, Master of Oregon Lodge No. 151, presented Bro. Robert Salvisberg (left) his 50 year certificate on Nov. 3. Bro. Salvisberg was raised on Oct. 25, 1962.

Photo by Rich Rygh

# District 10 Meeting Held at Hustisford Masonic Center

**By Bro. Randy Thorman**

District 10 held it's Fall District Meeting on Oct. 29 at the new Masonic Center in Hustisford. The meeting was hosted by Neosho-Mayville-Horicon Lodge No. 108.

**District Deputy John W. Krinke addresses the Brethren.**

The meal, prepared by Bros. Robert Scharnell, Roger Neuhaus and Dennis Weigman and was complimented many times by Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert, and all the Brethren in attendance.

Grand Master Siewert attended this meeting and shared some very valuable information with the 38 Brethren in attendance.

All Brothers listened with enthusiasm and asked many questions throughout the evening.

District 10 Deputy John W. Krinke also spoke and gave his remarks along with two Area Administrators Brian Graff and Bryon Zimmerman.

District 10 Lecturer J. Patrick Storrs gave some interesting words to ponder.

**Brethren listen to Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert speak at the District 10 Fall Meeting.**

# EA Degree is Focus of 2013 Degree Competition May 11

All lodge Secretaries have received an entry form for the 2013 Degree Competition. This is an advance notice to give you time to gather your team and prepare. Many of the Lodges have worked very hard to maintain their proficiency and to rebuild their expertise in the ritual work. Now is the time to show off the fruits of that labor.

The competition will take place on May 11, 2013, with registration at 8:30 a.m. and competition beginning at 9:00 a.m. The location has not been determined at this time and will depend on the locations of the lodges participating.

The competition will focus on the First Section of the Entered Apprenticed Degree only. The mailing explains all of the details and the rules.

Please enter early. If many Lodges are participating, there will be District run offs to narrow the field.

Recognition for the Grand Champion, Second, and Third Place finishers will be awarded at the 169th Annual Communication at the Madison Masonic Center in June.

# Dodge County from page 1

construction.

The Grand Master presented Past Grand Master H. Olson a certificate received by Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, from Grand Master Jeffery S. Carlton, of Arizona appointing PGM Olson as the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Arizona from the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

Grand Master Siewert acknowledge the veterans present on Veteran's Day and reported on his recent visits to the three VA hospitals in Wis. and the Veteran's Home at King. He said it is just heartwarming to go to these places. He explained what fine facilities they are and we should be proud to support them.

The Grand Master told the story of his father who was on a submarine during WWII and visiting him at the VA at Tomah. This was a time when the hospitals were not cognizant of what our veterans had been through. His father ended up committing suicide. He said at that time their were 1100 veterans at the hospital with 250 on staff. Today they have 270 patients with 1100 support staff and everything possible is done on an outpatient basis. He said we should also be proud of our Masonic Service Volunteers who contribute many hours to the hospitals and home.

Grand Master Siewert said yesterday he signed a check for $10,000 on behalf of the Masons of Wisconsin.

He said, "Next month in the Masonic Journal I am going to ask each one of our lodges to pass-the-hat, literally pass your hat around the lodge to see how much money we can come up with, I would like to see every lodge in the state of Wisconsin send to the Wisconsin Masonic Charities Service and Assistance Fund at least $100."

The Grand Master said, "New Jersey has supported our Grand Lodge through the years and they are hurting right now, unbelievably hurting, and one of the great tenets of our fraternity is to help a Bro. in distress. I am asking, in fact I would almost say I am demanding that every lodge would come up with $100 and give it to our service and assistance fund so we can replenish that, and we can give a contribution to the Masonic Service Association, which in turn will help distribute the money to our indigent Bros. devastated by Hurricane Sandy."

In closing, Grand Master Siewert said "Thank you for coming today, God Bless Freemasonry, God Bless all of you and God Bless the United States of America."

Master R.J. Johnson closed the Lodge and everyone retired to the Ray Mielke Fellowship Hall.

**See photos on page 14**

# 11th Annual Robert Burns Table Lodge and the Haggis Return January 24

Lake Lodge No. 189 is proud to announce its 11th Annual Robert Burns Table Lodge on Thursday, January 24, at the Lake Masonic Center, 1235 E. Howard Avenue in Milwaukee.

The program will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are $25 each.

Join Lake Lodge for this evening of great food and fellowship as they celebrate the legacy of Brother Robert Burns. The evening will feature ceremonial toasts, raffles, and a presentation by Deputy Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik

The menu will consist of a fine Roast "Beast" Dinner. The Scottish delicacy Haggis will be prepared by Senior Grand Deacon Donald W. Hensiak. The Haggis will be served with its traditional fanfare including the "Address to a Haggis" written by famed Scottish Poet and Masonic Brother Robert Burns.

Red and white wines will be served for the celebratory toasting.

Commemorative Toasting Cannons imported from England will be available for purchase.

All Masons are invited to attend, EAs and FCs are welcome!

For reservations please send a check in the amount of $25 per person to: Lake Lodge No. 189, c/o Robert Burns, 1235 E. Howard Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53207. Email robertburns@lakemasoniccenter.org.

Send your lodge officer installation photo to The Wisconsin Masonic Journal at:
**www.wisc-freemasonry.org**

# GM Message from page 1

I'm passing my hat to help Brothers in need.

- As more funds become available we will be making contributions to Hurricane Disaster Relief based on your response.
- These funds will be sent to the Masonic Service Association for distribution as needs arise for assistance.
- I am asking each Lodge to literally "pass the hat" and send at least $100 to the Wisconsin Masonic Charities – Service & Assistance Fund,
- We will print the names of the Lodges and Individual Contributors (not amounts) of gifts received in the Masonic Journal.

The Sky's the Limit – The Holidays are coming, "A time to share and help a Brother"

Now the rest of the story. I would like see some of the revenue used to establish a fund within our Service & Assistance Fund to help lodges within our state be proactive in dealing with natural disasters in their area. This fund would also be available to help out other Grand Lodge Jurisdictions.

Please make checks payable to:
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This just another example of the "Diversity" of people in this great Fraternity coming together for a common cause. This is not a special appeal or funding for a special project. I am doing what Masters should be doing in all Lodges, "I am passing my hat around the Lodge to help Brothers in need". Nothing else needs to be said other than Nancy and I wish each of you and your families a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy & Prosperous New Year.

**Sincerely & Fraternally,**
**Dennis V. Siewert**

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Brethren,

Our State has suffered greatly with the deluge of the Hurricane we all endured this week. The totality of the damage has yet to be realized. I know many of you and your families were deeply impacted and are just now trying to comprehend what the coming days will bring. Some have been left homeless, many are without power, gasoline is scarce and the shelves of the food stores are bare.

Because of the current situation, I ask anyone who came through the storm unscathed to consider making a donation to the **Grand Lodge of New Jersey Hurricane Relief Fund**. All funds donated will be used to assist Brothers and their families or Masonic Lodges in that order. To make a donation you can mail a check made payable to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey at 100 Barrack Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08608. In the memo mark it **"Hurricane Relief Fund"**. If it is easier, you can make a donation using a credit card by simply calling the Grand Lodge Office at 609-239-3950.

To assist in the recovery efforts, I have reached out to the Masonic Service Association of North America. For those Lodges that have power please consider opening your doors to the community for whatever needs there may be. Even if it is just to allow your neighbors to get warm or charge their phones. I know as Freemasons, you will find a way to aid the less fortunate.

May God bless each of you and keep you in the safety of the palm of his hand.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Glenn R. Trautmann

# Letter to New Jersey Masons

This letter was sent to the Brethren of New Jersey from Bro. Glenn R. Trautmann, Grand Master of Masons in New Jersey. See our Grand Master's message on page one.

# News Events from the Lodges

## Tomah Lodge honors Past Masters

Tomah Lodge No. 132 recognized their Past Masters at their stated communication on Oct. 18. Front row (from left): Jim DeVoe, Alan Coenen, Charles Calhoon, Johnston Bell and Ray Boettcher. Back row: Kenneth Kuhn, Robert Keene, Dean Baumgarten, Don Roscovius, Jessie Long, Harry Smith and Hollis Herbison.

Submitted by Bro. Kenneth Kuhn

## Third generation MM at Washburn Lodge

Brethren of Washburn Lodge No. 145 and visiting Brethren joined in celebration on Oct. 25 to raise Bro. Derek Krahn to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Bro. Krahn, who is currently attending the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, is the third member of the very active Krahn family to serve Washburn Lodge No. 145. He is the son of Senior Deacon Dennis Krahn, and the grandson of Past Master Clayton Krahn. From left: Past Master Clayton Krahn, Bro. Derek Krahn and Senior Deacon Dennis Krahn.

Submitted by Bro. Mike Wood

## Brylla family, three generations

Bro. Arnold Brylla proudly watched as his son, Daniel was initiated as an Entered Apprentice at the Reedsburg Lodge, No. 79 on May 17. On May 18, Christopher Brylla (Arnold's grandson and Daniel's son) was passed to the FC Degree. Reedsburg Lodge now has a Brylla that is a Master Mason, one that is a Fellow Craft and one that is an Entered Apprentice. The lodge is looking forward to both Bros. completing their degree work and taking their place in the Lodge. Bro. Arnold Brylla was Master of the Reedsburg Lodge in 1974. From left: Daniel Brylla, EA; Arnold Brylla, PM; and Christopher Brylla, FC.

Submitted by Bro. Douglas Bentley, P.M., Secretary

### *Masonic Quotes*

"Everyone is ignorant, only on different subjects." — Will Rogers – American cowboy, comedian, humorist, social commentator, actor & Freemason

## Thoughts from a New Master Mason

**Tools of the trade**

How to cement Brotherly Love in the 21st century.

I had the honor of being raised August 8, 2012 as a member of Janesville Western Star Lodge No. 55. Since that memorable night I have reflected on how the Trowel and Brotherly Love are significant to a new Master Mason.

The primary symbol that I feel embodies Janesville Western Star Lodge is the Trowel. The Trowel teaches us to spread the cement of affection and kindness to unite everyone under one Masonic family. As a new member of the Masonic family I feel that Brotherly Love is the Lodge's key to the retention of the members in the 21st century.

Master Tom Walton and the members of lodge have embodied this symbol and the moral principal of Brotherly Love by providing all a welcoming atmosphere and many different social functions.

The welcoming atmosphere is important. The Lodge needs to be a warm and welcoming place for everyone, not just those that are Master Masons. The night I received my EA I remember being introduced to everyone that was in attendance. This type of "social protocol" was foreign to me, as I have always experienced organizations where there was a rank or hierarchy. As a new EA I appreciated the display of Brotherly Love, not just because it is a moral principal of Freemasonry that we learn, but also because the members of Janesville Western Star Lodge lead by example and made me feel as if they wanted me to take part in Freemasonry.

In Janesville we do not just spread the cement of Brotherly Love to Master Masons. We also include petitioners, EA's and FC's in our social outings. In today's society there are too many groups and organizations that separate people based on their rank, social status or class. I appreciate the equality that the Lodge displays and that positive environment will always be an important incentive to attend lodge.

As a proud, new MM I would like to conclude by offering my thanks and gratitude to the members of Janesville Western Star Lodge. I feel that the Lodge and the Wisconsin Masonic family is truly "making good men better" through leading by example and exemplifying the tenet of Brotherly Love and the symbol of the Trowel.

Bro. JT Lichtfuss, PhD

## Ozaukee Lodge's "Master's Feast" Set for February 2

The seventh annual Ozaukee Lodge "Master's Feast", hosted by Bro. David Tainter, will be held on February 2, 2013 at the Port Washington Masonic Center, 504 W. Grand Ave., Port Washington.

Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship among Brothers, families and friends, featuring a meal fit for a King, along with minstrels and a jester.

Witness a medieval boar's head procession.

Medieval apparel is encouraged.

Gathering is at 5:30 p.m. with the feast beginning at 6:00 p.m. Price is $20.00 per adult, kids $10.00.

RSVP by Jan. 25, 2013. Reservations are limited. Contact Bro. David Tainter, 262-689-2848 or dtainter@wi.rr.com.

## Roosevelt Lodge Mason of the Year Awards

Past Master Gerald S. Brebner presented Bro. Darren K. Jenerson and Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert the Mason of the Year Award at the Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 322 Past Masters Dinner on Nov. 2. Mason of the Year Award, named the Russell C. "Jim" De Mary Award is given annually, to a worthy Bro. of the Lodge. A beloved Bro. of Roosevelt Lodge, Jim De Mary exemplified the ideals of Freemasonry – friendship, morality and brotherly love. He passed to the Celestial Lodge above, on July 17, 1999. To honor his memory the annual Teddy Award was rechristened the Russell C. "Jim" De Mary Award. From left: Bro. Darren K. Jenerson, Past Master Gerald S. Brebner and Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert.

Submitted by Bro. Gerald Brebner, Past Master

## Bro. Klemp honored for 50 years

Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert presented Bro. Clyde J. Klemp with his 50 year Masonic Pin and Certificate at a reception on Oct. 22, by his Brethren of Waverly Lodge No. 51, Appleton. Bro. Klemp was raised on January 23, 1962 and served his Lodge as Master in 1992. Grand Master Siewert pins a Grand Master's Pin on Bro. Klemp shirt.

Submitted by Bro. William Glass

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# Wisconsin Masonic Charities Honors Widows

**By Rich Rygh**

First Lady Nancy Siewert addressed the ladies at the "Widows at the Table Dinner" honoring our widows, hosted by Erika Miller, Development Officer, and the Wisconsin Masonic Charities. The event was held in the Glenn L. Humphrey Room at the beautiful Village on the Square on the Three Pillars Senior Living Communities Campus in Dousman, on Nov. 14.

**Erika Miller, Development Officer, hands out widows pins.**

Bro. David Tainter, Chairman of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, and Bro. Paul Tourville, member of the Service and Assistance Board and Area Administrator served wine to the ladies, assisted by Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM and Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert.

Nancy Siewert presented her pin to the ladies and special widows pins were given out.

First Lady Nancy spoke on the qualities that she so admires in the many Masons she has known and now knows. Their love of their families, of each other and their belief in God.

She said "The quality that has impressed me the most is their care for people."

She gave a short history on her grandfather Bro. Ross Caves. He moved from central Wisconsin to Wild Rose and started the first trucking company in Waushara County; he owned the dray line between the railroad and local businesses; he cut ice on the mill pond and delivered it to the town families; and plowed the snow in the winter. She read a short story she found in a book written by Wisconsin author Jerry Apps, which she felt really reflected her grandfather's Masonic values.

It was a story about Apps' ride in a big red cattle truck driven by Bro. Caves, who often asked local kids to ride along to the stockyards in Milwaukee to deliver livestock. As a young farm boy, Apps found many wonders in the city such as eating "lunch" in a restaurant at noon when they always ate "dinner" at noon at home and they used napkins every day, not just on Thanksgiving and Christmas. That day they each ordered the special, roast beef with mashed potatoes and peas for 50 cents which was Bro. Ross' treat. Apps learned what a tip was which he offered to pay, 15 cents.

Nancy said doing things like this was the way of her grandfather, quietly lending a hand to an older person, knowing who needed a ride to church on Sunday, taking food to a family who was going through a rough time and treating a young farm boy to a trip to the city. She said this compassion was passed on to his son Gordon, Nancy's father, who championed people on the edge, the kids with the absent fathers and struggling mothers, young people who didn't seem to have a direction and two old bachelors who always drove to town on a tractor. Her family made the two old bachelor's live just a little bit better.

Nancy said when it came to that time in her life when the thought of who she might marry became an issue, she wanted to share it with a person who held Masonic values, especially one who cared for others. She said the Grand Master wasn't a Mason when they met but became one shortly after (fifth generation). Some of his qualities she said she so loves are: he carries a list of people to visit and he does visit them; he has signed his name to help out Masonic Bros. even when it has been financially burdensome to him; and he has employed people who have not only needed a job, but some stability in their lives. She said this quality of caring for and taking care of others has been passed on to their sons, Barry and Blake, both Masons. She said she is proud of her Masons and she was sure everyone present was proud of theirs as well.

**First Lady Nancy Siewert speaks on the Masons in her life.**

Nancy concluded, "When I observe the Masons at the many meetings I attend with Dennis I am always touched in my heart by the good men in the room. I am thankful to God that I have been blessed my whole life with Masons."

Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert thanked Erika Miller for her work in putting the event together and thanked the ladies for coming.

**See photos on page 13**

# Youth Organizations, Friends Night Planning, Masonic Integrity and Audits are Subjects at District 2 Meeting

**By Bro. Milt Helmer**

When officers of the lodge get elected to their respective positions it is rather common for relative newcomers to Masonic leadership to be a little lost at times.

District 2 Deputy Gary Stang of Eau Claire recognized that fact after visiting with many lodges in his area and planned this Fall Meeting to help those leaders become more effective and have a more productive year.

**The Hodges father and sons team, dressed in bib overalls and farm attire to help promote Barron County's hosting of Farm Technology Days in July of 2013, receive the Area Friendship Gavel for Chetek Lodge No. 277. The Lodge received the gavel for having the greatest attendance at the District Meeting. From left: Master Andy Hodges, Junior Warden Alton Hodges, Senior Warden Adam Hodges and District 2 Deputy Gary L. Stang.**

Following the customary opening prayer and pledge at the Menomonie Masonic Center on October 27, District Deputy Stang introduced Bro. Harold Christensen of New Richmond, who as District Lecturer, organizes their annual Schools of Instruction coming up early next year. He gave a brief outline of what was going to be covered in his training sessions.

Bro. Larry Ganske, Eau Claire, who is in charge of youth organizations, gave a brief talk about the growing interest in both the DeMolay and Jobs Daughters Chapters. DeMolay has started a Chippewa Valley Chapter and there are plans to get a chapter started in the St. Croix Valley. Bro. Ganske told the Brothers to look around their community, family and friends and see who might have an interest in joining DeMolay. He said those members do not have to have a Masonic family tie to be eligible for DeMolay.

The next DeMolay class at the Chippewa Chapter will be meeting on Saturday, November 10.

Senior Grand Warden William Beetcher, Siren, gave an informative presentation on how to plan a successful friends night. The presentation provided a step by step time line on how to get the work done and assure success.

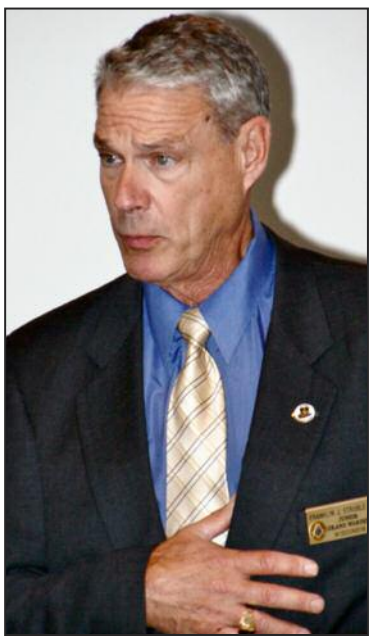
Since Grand Chaplain David R. Richie and Past Grand Master Davey White could not attend due to an unfortunate auto accident (hit a deer), Junior Grand Warden Franklin J. Struble filled in to discuss the integrity of Freemasonry. Bro. Struble noted that many members who become Master Masons are being ignored after being raised, when we should help them achieve their goal of building a better life.

The Junior Grand Warden said Masons should be automatically going to help widows and orphans without being asked. He said, "Just show up with a rake or shovel and help someone, even if they are not a Masonic family."

He also felt it would be good to put a question out to Brothers in Lodge asking "What would we expect of a Mason as a father, brother or grandfather?"

Junior Grand Deacon L. Arby Humphrey gave a talk about audits and expectations of the various officers of the lodge. In doing so, he was able to clear up some misconceptions held by some lodges.

A special delegation from Chetek Lodge was present garbed in bib overalls and farm attire to help promote Barron County's hosting of Farm Technology Days in July of 2013. The Brothers noted the Masons will host a food tent at the big event and invited Brothers in the District to come help raise awareness of the Masonic Fraternity.



**Junior Grand Franklin J. Struble speaks on welcoming our new Master Masons and helping them achieve their goals.**

In closing the morning program, District Deputy Gary Stang presented the Lodge Excellence Awards to representatives of the following lodges: Collins-Spring Valley, Eau Claire, River Falls, Chetek, Chippewa Falls, Buffalo Rivers, New Richmond and North Star of Star Prairie.

In making the presentations, he said the committee used very high standards to measure the awards this year.

Several of the Brothers adjourned to the home of Bro. Bill Swannack for a picnic and refreshments.

The next District meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2013 at a place to be announced.

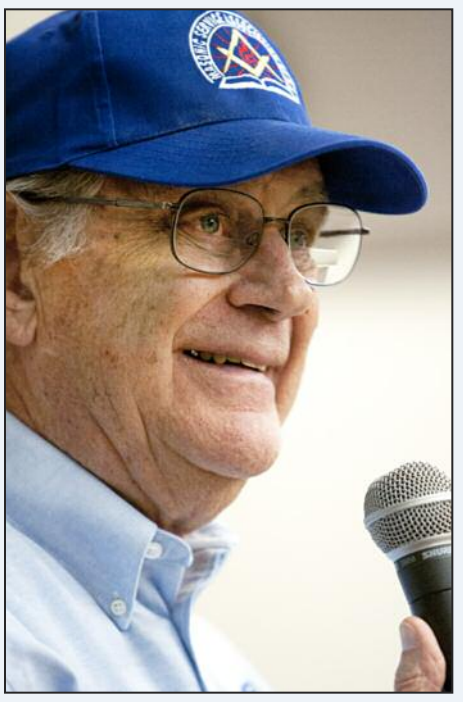
**A Bro. from Chetek Lodge invites the Brethren of District 2 to become part of the Farm Technology Days Celebration in July 2013 by helping at the Masonic food tent to help raise awareness of the Masonic Fraternity.**

Photos by Bro. Milt Helmer

# MSA Volunteers Host Band Social at King Veterans Home

Resident Jim Lunde (right) registers for the Band Social. Volunteers (from left) at table: Bro. Lorin Soderbeck and his wife Shirley; MSA State Coordinator Roger L. Magoon, PGM; and Bro. Jim Szydel. In back: Bro. John Jenks, Mary Szydel and Bro. Roger Barthel.

Past Grand Treasurer James M. Hays and Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert visit with resident Bro. Herb Sering. Bro Sering is a 54 year member of Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128.



Bro. Tom Dowman, MSA Representative and organizer of the Band Social announce the next song.

Two self proclaimed "Jarheads", Past Grand Master Roger L. Magoon (left) and Jim Lunde proudly display the inscription on the inside of Lunde's jacket on being a United States Marine forever.

Volunteer Dottie Dowman photographs the event.

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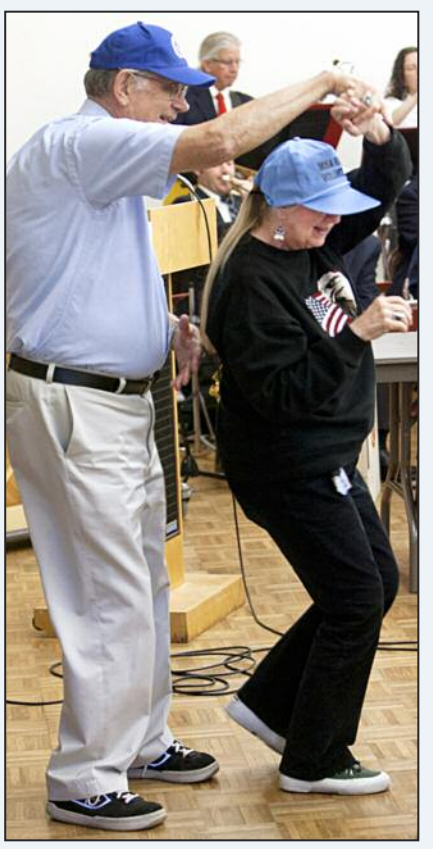
The Neenah Ambassadors provided the "big band" music.



Bro. Tom Dowman and wife Dottie take a moment to dance to the music.

Photos by Rich Rygh

Volunteer Peggy Hays helps serve coffee to the residents.

Bro. John Jenks, Master of Wautoma Lodge No. 148 serves pie and ice cream.

## James M. Hays Lodge assists Wisconsin Humane Society

Several Brethren from James M. Hays Lodge No. 331, dropped off items gathered throughout the year to the Wisconsin Humane Society on Nov. 13. Pictured are: Bob Skaradzinski, Master; David Princeton, Junior Deacon; and Past Masters Bob Manders and Ronald Buettner. Sarah Trudeau (right) from the Humane Society graciously received the several hundred pounds of food, litter, kennels, carriers, bowls, toys and other items. She also provided a tour of the building.

Submitted by Bro. Bob Skaradzinski, Master

## Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge honors Brethren for service

Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge No. 261 recently hosted a dinner honoring Brethren for years of service. Seated (from left) Bud Mason and Milt Holzman. Standing: Gene Marcus, Ted Sattler, Lou Plotkin, Jerry Hersh, Howard Hersh and Charles Wallens. Bro. Mason was raised on April 4, 1968; Bro. Holzman was raised in Harmony-Whitefish Bay Lodge No. 142 on Nov. 16, 1955; and Bro. Marcus was raised on June 4, 1958 in Harmony-Whitefish Bay Lodge, he served Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge as Master in 2005 and 2006 and is currently the Lodge Counselor, he has served as District Chaplain in Districts 11 and 12. Bro. Sattler was raised on Oct. 17, 1950; Bro Lou Plotkin was raised in Harmony-Whitefish Bay Lodge on Sept. 23, 1970 and is currently the Senior Warden; Bro. Jerry Hersh was raised on April 19, 1955 and served the Lodge as Master in 1961; Bro. Howard Hersh was raised on June 4, 1957 and served as Master in 1982; and Bro. Wallens was raised on May 11, 1956, he served as Master in 1986 and is currently the Treasurer, he is the MSA Representative at Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee. Brethren, spouses and friends attended the dinner to honor the recipients.

Submitted by Bro. Lowell Scott

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# Wisconsin Masons Serve Refreshments at Veterans Day Parade

Wisconsin Masons show their support for our veterans during the Milwaukee Veterans Day Parade in Milwaukee.

At right: Bro. Jim Kirsten, member of Milwaukee Chapter #47 National Sojourners in his colonial uniform.

**The Masonic Brotherhood Council consisting of members of Grand Lodge of Wisconsin and Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Wisconsin served donuts, coffee and hot chocolate to the participants in the 49th annual Veterans Day parade in downtown Milwaukee on Nov. 10. The special guest of honor was the United States Coast Guard.**

**The Masonic Brotherhood Council is open to any Mason in Wisconsin. There are no dues, no officers, no stated meetings. The Council gets together to promote fellowship among Brothers and supports community projects such as the Veterans Day parade. They meet the third Saturday of every month at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast at a local Milwaukee restaurant.**

Submitted by Bro. Lowell Scott

**Photos by Bro. Lowell Scott**

Veterans and parade participants enjoy coffee, hot chocolate and donuts served by the Masonic Brotherhood Council.

Tripoli Shriners Legion of Honor lines up before the parade with their float.

Prince Hall Deputy Grand Master Minor King assists in setting up the refreshments.

# Widows Honored by Wisconsin Masonic Charities

**Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert pours wine for the ladies at the Widows at the Table Dinner held at Three Pillars on Nov. 14.**

See Story on page 9.

**Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, presents a rose to Virginia Galloway.**

**Nancy Siewert presents her pin to Nellie Gurrath (left), Judi Schlitt is on right.**

Photos by Rich Rygh

# Green Bay Masons and Job's Daughters Bowl to Benefit HIKE

**By Ruth Vollrath**

On November 11, at the Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley in Green Bay, Daughters and Masons joined together to raise money for HIKE, Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment fund. The purpose of HIKE is to provide hearing devices for children with hearing loss between the ages of newborn and 20 years whose parents are unable to meet this special need financially. Approximately 100 children are provided with hearing devices each year.

Daughters from Bethel #32 in Green Bay: Dana Maki, Olesya Keating, Lula Keating, and Megan Rotter assisted by Jobie to Bees Koree and Kyra Brosig and Liz Twamley hosted State HIKE Youth Coordinator Ashley Dabbs, Grand Guardian Cindy Provencher and representatives from Roosevelt Lodge No. 322, Oconto Falls Lodge No. 293 and Valley of Green Bay Scottish Rite to a two hour bash of bowling, fellowship and fun. Family and friends joined in the party.

Activities included door prizes, pizza eating and a highly competitive round of bowling between the Roosevelt Lodge & Bethel #32.

The Wisconsin Job's Daughters Journal provided a common topic of conversation to share a HIKE story and communicate what Job's Daughters are involved in throughout the state.

In honor of Veterans Day, all participants were asked to write words of encouragement to wounded soldiers, as part of Operation Quiet Comfort. The words inscribed on denim quilt blocks will be sewn together with other squares to create a one of a kind blanket for a wounded soldier.

Dad Dennis Siewert, Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, and Mom Nancy Siewert stopped in to join the party. This is the second year of Bowling for HIKE and the bowling challenges have begun for next year. HIKE is kids helping kids. Almost $1000 was raised at this event.

# Job's Daughters Lose Beverly Rasmussen, Longtime Leader

Beverly M. Rasmussen, 79, Green Bay, died Tuesday, October 23, 2012 in Madison. She was born on July 29, 1933 in Antigo. Beverly married Bro. Paul Rasmussen on February 27, 1954 at Congregational Church in Elcho. He preceded her in death in 2001.

**Beverly Rasmussen**

Her Masonic life began when she married Paul. She was an incredible person and touched the lives, not only of folks in Wisconsin, but all over the country in Job's Daughters. The loving term for her was "The General", and she was best known as "Mom Razz." Her affiliation with Job's Daughters began in 1976 when she served as Promoter of Finance, Bethel No. 32, Green Bay (1976-89). She has served as Bethel Guardian, Bethel 32; Bethel Secretary, Bethel 32; General Chairman, Wis. Job's Daughters Grand Sessions (1980, 1991, 1994, 1996, and 2002 through 2009); and Chairman, International Supreme Session, held in Madison in 2008.

"Mom Razz" served as Grand 5th Messenger, Wis., 1990-91 and Grand Guardian of Wis., 1998-99 (elected to the Grand line in 1995).

She received the Youth Award, Knights Templar Grand Commandery, Knights Templar Grand Commandery USA Appreciation Award, 2010 and the Appreciation Award from Grand Guardian Council of Wis., Job's Daughters International in 2012 for years of service to Job's Daughters

Other Masonic affiliations include, Past Worthy High Priestess, Nazarene White Shrine #8; member of Martha Washington Chapter #124, Order of Eastern Star; President, Past President and Chairman of Green Bay Women's Shrine Auxiliary; Advisory Board Member, Women's General Auxiliary for Shriners Hospital in Minneapolis; Past President, Commandery Auxiliary for Knights Templar; member of Social Order of the Beauceant; and Charter member of Daughters of the Nile.

The service was held on October 27, at the Masonic Center, Green Bay. Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert conducted the service. A memorial fund has been established in Beverly's name. Online condolences may be expressed at www.lyndahl.com.

# Grand Bethel Meets at Tomah Masonic Center

**Job's Daughters Youth HIKE Coordinator Ashley Dabbs presents a HIKE check to 7 year old, Dominic, for the purchase new hearing aids. The check was presented during the Grand Bethel in Tomah.**

**By Kelly Engbring**
Grand Bethel Honored Queen

Grand Bethel of Wisconsin met at the Tomah Masonic Center for the first exemplification of the year on Oct. 20-21. Friday night started with a memory workshop for the girls. They were paired up and worked on their parts from the ritual to improve the memorization skills. After the workshop, the girls played dance and karaoke games on the Wii. Everyone had a blast playing them! The night included a sleepover at the Lodge, which is always fun.

Sunday morning the Grand Bethel Honored Queen Kelly and Grand Bethel Senior Princess Erin conducted a church service which was lively and included a sermon on Dr. Seuss's book "Oh the Places You'll Go." After lunch, the Youth HIKE Coordinator Ashley presented a HIKE check to a 7 year old boy named Dominic, who will be able to purchase new hearing aids. It was great to have Dominic and his family at lunch.

The exemplification began at 1:30 p.m. and the Grand Bethel did a great job exemplifying the Proficiency Lessons Examination. One of the goals of the GBHQ this year is to have more girls become proficient, so it was exciting to have two young girls pass the Proficiency Lesson Examination at the Exemplification. Congratulations to Annika, Bethel No. 2 and Olivia, Bethel No. 60; they both did a wonderful job!

We look forward to the next Grand Bethel exemplification which will be held on February 2, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at the Manitowoc Masonic Center. The initiation ceremony will be exemplified and we hope to be able to initiate new members that day.

Thanks to all who were in Tomah to support Job's Daughters!

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**The Closing Cross presented at the close of the Grand Bethel Exemplification in Tomah.**

# Dodge County Lodge No. 72 Makes New Home Official

Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert begins the reconsecration ceremony. In the East from left: Junior Grand Steward Robert C. Strader, Senior Grand Deacon Donald W. Hensiak, Deputy Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik, Grand Master Siewert, Senior Grand Warden William Beetcher, Dodge County Secretary John Machkovech, District 10 Deputy John W. Krinke and Acting Chaplain Art Rettschlag.

Acting Junior Warden Eric Arthur lights the three lesser lights.

Bro. Bob Keller (right) proudly stands by the portrait of his father Bro. Clarence Keller, at left are Bro. R.J. Johnson, Master of Dodge County Lodge and Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert.

Bro. Bud Turner pays tribute to the veterans.

**Photos by Rich Rygh**

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At right: Past Grand Master James H. Olson tells of the help he received from Bro. Clarence Keller when he opened his first law practice.

Bro. Ray Mielke and his wife Sharon leave the lodge room under an arch of steel provided by Robert Macoy Commandery.

Sir Knights Ralph Belhke, David Mahoney, Richard Moen and Parker Dow retire the flag.

# District 9 Meeting Focuses on Conflict, Three Pillars, LEA and Retention

**By Rich Rygh**

Officers and Brethren of District 9 gathered for their fall district meeting on Oct. 29, hosted by Jefferson County Lodge No. 9.

District 9 Deputy Terry Brown welcomed the Brethren and introduced Senior Grand Steward Scott E. Pedley for his presentation on conflict resolution.

Senior Grand Steward Pedley said he wasn't there to teach anyone anything he was there to remind the Brethren of their obligations taken at the altar. He presented many points on how to deal with conflict resolution and resources available to assist the Masters and officers of the lodges with conflicts that arise. He said in the end it all comes back to Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love, it is that simple.

District Deputy Terry Brown as Chairman of the Community Outreach Committee for Three Pillars explained the importance of building the bonds of the fraternity with our Masonic Home. He asked the Brethren to please take a few minutes to fill out the Three Pillars survey in the Oct. Wisconsin Masonic Journal or fill it out online. This survey, he said, will give the committee a baseline of what all Brethren across the entire state know and feel about Three Pillars. This survey is going to greatly influence the direction the committee takes, not only as community outreach, but it will have an affect on the types of programs they are able to provide to Star members, Brethren and lodges.

District Deputy Brown gave a presentation of what Three Pillars is and its history. He explained the many services provided at Three Pillars.

The discussions go back to 1888 regarding helping our Bros. and Sisters who are no longer able to live on their own due to health or finances. In 1905 Bro. Willard Van Brunt donated his farm, mansion and 300 acres of land to realize this vision. Van Brunt Hall was built in the 1920s when the old mansion reached its capacity. A hospital was built and opened in 1924 and The Masonic Home became a full service organization in 1982 with the opening of an 84 bed full care nursing facility. Hickory Suites was added later. Village on the Square was built in 1991 and in 1995 Riverside Lodge was added. MasonWoods was established in 1996 at Shawano and Compass Point was opened in Dousman in 2006. In 2010 Hickory Suites Rehabilitation and the Three Pillars Wellness Connection opened up. Today the Three Pillars Senior Living Communities is a state-of-the-art facility for seniors, also featuring rehabilitation and wellness programs for those age 55 and over.

Between the fiscal years of 2007 and 2011, Three Pillars provided $1.5 million in direct charity to its residents.

Bro. Brown stressed that Three Pillars is our charity and it is through our support and dedication that this facility exists. We are the people that made Bro. Willard Van Brunt's vision grow and it is this dedication that is going to take this vision into the future and make it grow.

The campus is open to the lodges for tours.

The Lodge Education Award was discussed. Two months are remaining to fulfill this year's requirements. Last year, not conferring all three degrees and not having a budget turned in by Feb. 15 were the two biggest disqualifiers statewide. Bros. Chad Snyder and Robert Hanson, Janesville Western Star Lodge No. 55, introduced a spreadsheet they have developed to track the LEA in their lodge and it is available on their website at www.jvlmasons.com for all lodges to download and use.

Deputy Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik reminded the Brethren of the availability of the Wisconsin Masonic Journal online to view extra pages not in the print addition. He urged the lodges to get their activities into the Masonic Journal. These articles also qualify for points on the LEA.

The Deputy Grand Master spoke on the importance of membership retention. Over the past five years we have lost 2700 Bros. because of non-payment of dues. He said think about how many man hours are involved to put on a degree, both learning the parts and presenting the degrees and think of the investment that has been lost with these Bros. He said we must get our new members involved, not necessarily rushing them through the chairs. Get them involved in degree teams, visiting Bros. and other lodge activities. It is much easier to retain a Bro. than to try to regain a Bro. after he is lost. He said as Senior Grand Deacon Donald W. Hensiak says, we should focus on membership attention instead of membership retention.

**District 9 Deputy Terry Brown discusses the Lodge Excellence Award.**

Photos by Rich Rygh

**Brethren ask questions of Deputy Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik.**

**Deputy Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik addresses the importance of getting our members involved in lodge activities.**

# Grand Lodge of Michigan Demographics are Changing

*From Michigan's Weekly E-News by Bro. Bob Conley, Director of Member Services*

• In 2006, 19% of our membership was under the age of 55!

• In 2012, 24.46% of our membership is under the age of 55!

• In 2006, 81% of our membership was over the age of 55 and in 2012 it is now 75.5%.

The above shows that the craft in Michigan is getting younger. As a matter of fact the percentage of men under the age of 34 doubled during the period of time from 2006 to 2012!

In 2012 our suspensions for Non Payment of Dues were 30% lower than they were in 2011.

While we still have much work to do in the area of retention of our members, we are making great progress! And for all of this I am very thankful to all of you!

## South Shore Lodge honors Brethren at Past Masters Night

South Shore Lodge No. 3, South Milwaukee held it's Past Masters Dinner on Oct. 28. Several Bros. were honored, not only from their Lodge but from the Fraternity as well. Master Alan Edlebeck presented Junior Grand Steward Robert Strader and District 12 Deputy Patrick D. Cholka with a Certificate of Appreciation for their assistance throughout the year with degree work. Bro. Byron Borck was presented with the Mason of the Year Award for 2012 for his unselfish devotion in preparing the new Masons of the Lodge for their Masonic Careers. South Shore Lodge also presented Bros. Mick Olsen, Matthew Wright, Sean Schult, and Tom Stachowiak from Damascus Lodge No. 290 with Certificates of Appreciation for their assistance during the year. From left: Junior Grand Steward Robert C. Strader; Byron Borck; Alan Edlebeck, Master; and District 12 Deputy Patrick D. Cholka.

Submitted by James Goodman Jr., Secretary/ Treasurer

## Father confers son's MM Degree

Bro. Charles Kunde (right) had the privilege of conferring the Master Mason Degree on his son, Bro. Corey Kunde on November 14. Bro. Kunde is the newest Master Mason in Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 83, Madison.

Submitted by Bro. Travis West, Master

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# Grand Master Tours Tomah VA Medical Center

**By Rich Rygh**

The Tomah VA Medical Center is a 266 bed facility serving 58,000 plus veterans in a 15 county service area.

The 171 acre campus began as an Indian school in 1891 and in 1943 it became a radio school for the Department of Defense. The property was transferred to the VA in 1945 and opened as a Neuropsychiatric Hospital in 1946.

The hospital had 676 employees and 1,115 average daily census in 1953, with a budget of $2 million. Today it has 1,100 employees, a 227 inpatient average and serves 307,000 outpatient visits per year, with an annual budget of $147 million.

Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert, his Lady Nancy and a group of Masons toured the facility on Oct. 26. The tour was arranged by Masonic Service Representative Harry Smith.

Associated Director Sandy Gregar gave the group an update on the hospital and the many changes and improvements in recent years. Improvements such as the new highly developed state-of-the-art Ability Gym to assist acute rehab patients and a new inner courtyard now under construction to improve the patients quality of life and also serve their families. There are many other projects in the works. She said Telehealth is greatly expanding which allows patients to communicate with the doctors and nurses without coming to the facility.

**PGM Beecher Daniels (left) is presented a certificate by Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert, from Bro. George Braatz, MSA Executive Secretary, naming him a VA State Coordinator Emeritus.**

Photos by Rich Rygh

**Black River Lodge No. 74 Master Dan Drews presents a check to VA Medical Center Director Mario DeSanctis.**

The group took a tour through the Veterans Assistance Foundation's facility, conducted by Bro. Colin Moten, President of the Foundation, which leases space from the VA. This foundation provides programs and services designed to assist homeless or at risk of becoming homeless veterans maintain or improve their status in the community. They have beds and meals available and assist veterans with problems that have prevented them from being productive members of society. For more information on the Foundation go to www.vafveta.org.

Volunteer Services Coordinator Laura Bishop conducted the tour through the hospital. There is a lot of new construction going on and the rooms and halls are bright and inviting. She pointed out artists renderings of the Building 401 renovation which will include a beautiful dining area, all single rooms, a hospice facility and a day room with a fireplace. It is expected to open in February of 2013.

The Ability Gym is new and bright featuring the latest in equipment, including a rubberized floor, a Wii used for exercise, and an equine therapy machine which simulates horseback riding.

After the tour the group traveled to the Tomah Masonic Center for a dinner prepared by the Lemonwier Chapter No. 150 OES of Mauston.

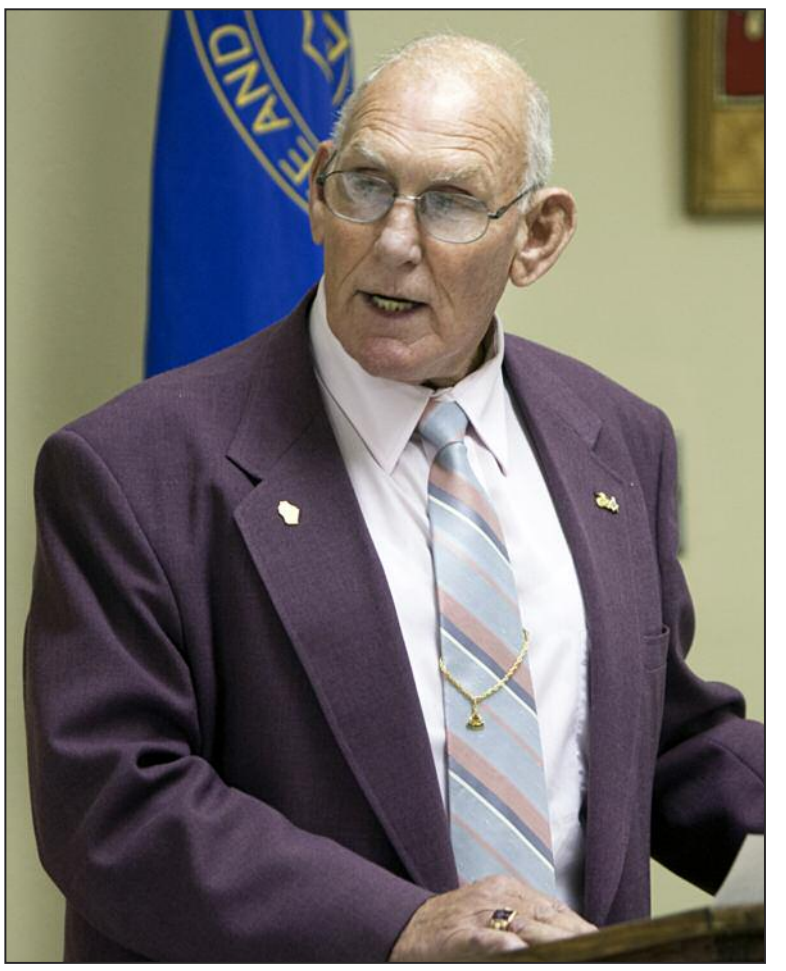
Bro. Harry Smith, Masonic Service Representative introduced Laura Bishop, Volunteer Services Director for the Tomah Medical Center. She expressed her appreciation to all the MSA Volunteers for all they do at the hospital, including the No Veterans Die Alone Program. The volunteers donated over 1000 hours in the last year. She thanked Bro. Harry Smith for all his work and always being there to help.

Bro. Dan Drews, Master of Black River Lodge No. 74, Black River Falls, presented a check from his lodge to Mario DeSanctis, Tomah VA Medical Center Director for $1,035.

Bro. Smith said over the last year every Lodge in the District has donated either personal care items or cash for the veterans and Star has also contributed.

Mario DeSanctis expressed his appreciation to the MSA Volunteers for their dedication and support.

Bro. Beecher Daniels, PGM, expressed the need for volunteers to continue the works of the MSA. He said we need to encourage our retired Brethren to volunteer.



**State MSA Coordinator Roger L. Magoon, PGM, expresses the need for more MSA Volunteers at our VA Facilities.**

Past Grand Master Daniels presented a plaque to Bro. Harry Smith from the Masonic Service Association expressing their appreciation for his faithful service.

PGM Daniels introduced his successor as Coordinator for the State of Wisconsin, Past Grand Master Roger L. Magoon.

PGM Magoon thanked Bro. Smith for his 169 hours of volunteer work in the third quarter of 2012. He said what many veterans need more than anything is someone to talk to. He said we need more Brethren to come forward to volunteer and get involved in the many programs at the VA. Membership retention is very important, we need to talk to our members to retain them, said PGM Magoon, we need to make contact with our Brethren on a regular basis and when we do that we should mention the need for MSA volunteers.

Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert thanked the members of Tomah Lodge for the welcome on the sign out front and for the excellent meal. He said he was very impressed with the hospital and its phenomenal facilities. The Grand Master presented PGM Daniels with a certificate from Bro. George A. Braatz, Executive Secretary of the MSA naming him as a VA State Coordinator Emeritus, Bro. Braatz states PGM Daniels has been one of the most dedicated state coordinators our organization has ever known.

**Tomah VA MSA Representative Bro. Harry Smith thanks his volunteers.**

Grand Master Siewert said he has finally come up with an idea in which he can double the membership of our Masonic organizations in five years. He said when you look in the mirror in the morning, just make a commitment to replace that person, that is all you need to do.

**Volunteer Service Coordinator Laura Bishop conducts a tour of the Ability Gym at the Tomah VA Medical Center. From left: Laura Slavik, Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert, Laura Bishop, Nancy Siewert, Deputy Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik, MSA Representative Harry Smith (partially hidden), State Coordinator Roger L. Magoon, PGM, and Bro. Jerry Potter.**

**Laura Bishop displays an architects rendering of the new inner court yard now under construction. This is just one of several building projects underway at the Tomah Facility.**

# "A Christmas Carol" Coming to West Bend

"A Christmas Carol" comes to life in West Bend again this holiday season, with a nine-performance run spanning the first two weekends in December.

Director Nancy Storrs has reimagined the production she introduced to the area in 2010 with fresh faces, and fresh visuals.

An intimate setting, the West Bend Masonic Center is again transformed into a Victorian-era London streetscape for local writer Paul Steinbach's faithful stage adaptation of the popular Charles Dickens novella published in 1843.

With a talented cast virtually within arms length of the first row, audiences will no doubt be touched by the portrayals of such time-honored characters as Ebenezer Scrooge, Jacob Marley, Bob Cratchit, and Tiny Tim.

Get into the "Spirit of Christmas" with your family and friends.

The "Dickens Pub" will be open offering mulled cider, hot cocoa and seasonal refreshments at affordable prices before the performance and during intermission.

The event is both a fundraiser and a community outreach effort by the Brethren of West Bend Lodge No. 138.

Masonic groups are encouraged to attend the show. Several lodges attended last year as a group outing. The show promises to be equally as delightful and brighter and fresher than last year.

Tickets are available online, only 150 tickets will be sold for each performance.

The website, www.westbendchristmascarol.com, offers complete information on the show, directions to West Bend's Masonic Center, background on some of the actors, and photos from last year's production.

For group sales and special ticketing needs contact Nancy Storrs at 262-305-9613.

**See photos on page 23**

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## Lake Lodge Fall Spaghetti Dinner

Fellowcraft Jason Moeller assists his daughter Khloe at the Lake Lodge Spaghetti dinner on Oct. 25. Lower left is Greg Guzikowski, prospective candidate and Bro. Cary Maleu and his wife Andrea are on the right.

Submitted by Bro. Joshua Armstrong


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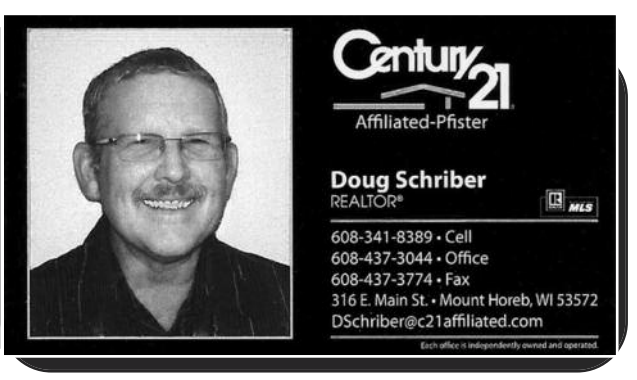


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**Theodore Roosevelt Lodge 322**
525 N. Taylor St. • 920-490-9777
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Dark July & Aug., www.roosevelt322.com

### Green Bay
**Washington Lodge No. 21**
525 N. Taylor St.• 920-499-7265
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Greenfield
**Damascus Lodge No. 290**
1235 E. Howard Ave • 262-853-5631
Meet 2nd Tues., Spec. 4th Tues. 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Hartford
**Hartford Lodge No. 120**
147 N. Rural St. • 262-670-4982
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

### Hayward
**Keystone Lodge No. 263**
10629 Main St. • 715-634-8735 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Hudson
**St. Croix Lodge No. 56**
209 Locust Street • 715-377-0817
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Janesville
**Janesville-Western Star No. 55**
2322 E. Milwaukee St. • 608-752-3098
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

### Jefferson
**Jefferson County Lodge No. 9**
617 Masonic Blvd. • 920-674-6715
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 p.m.
Meets All Year

### Kenosha
**Kenosha Lodge No. 47**
807 - 61st St. • 262-657-7631
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

### Kenosha
**Sunrise Lodge No. 359**
4320 Washington Rd. • 262-694-7817
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 9:30 a.m.
Dark July & August

### Kenosha
**Unity Lodge No. 367**
4320 Washington Rd. • 262-657-5575
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark 3rd Thurs., July & August

### La Crosse
**Frontier-Badger Lodge No. 45**
118 S. 8th St. • 608-782-1616
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

### La Crosse
**La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190**
118 8th Street So. • 608-782-1616
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

### Ladysmith
**Mystic Tie Lodge No. 280**
705 E. 3rd St. N. • 715-532-7696 (Sec)
Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

### Lake Geneva
**Geneva Lodge No. 44**
335 S. Lake Shore Dr. • 262-949-8523
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Linden
**Linden Lodge No. 206**
618 Main St. • 608-623-2143 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 8 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Lodi
**Lodi Valley Lodge No 99**
114 First St. • 608-592-7111 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark August

### Lone Rock
**Franklin Lodge No. 16**
227 S. Oak St. • 608-583-4303 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 8 p.m.
Meets All Year

### Madison
**Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 83**
Visitors call ahead 608-438-1648
Weds., stated 2nd, guest/brother meet 4th.
www.franklin83.org • Dark July & August

### Madison
**Commonwealth Lodge No. 325**
301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-271-5574
Travel 1st Wed.& Stated 3rd Wed., 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

### Madison
**Doric Lodge No. 356**
85 S. Stoughton Rd. • 608-770-2928 (Sec) • Meet 1st & 3rd Tues., 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

### Madison
**Four Lakes Daylite Lodge No. 362**
301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-831-8946
Meets 1st Mon. - 2nd Mon. if 1st is holiday wknd., 10 a.m. Meets All Year

### Madison
**Hiram Lodge No. 50**
310 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-209-4312
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m
Dark 1st Mondays, July thru September

### Madison
**Madison Lodge No. 5**
301 Wisconsin Ave. • 262-903-3770
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark 1st Thursday July & August

### Manawa
**Manawa Lodge No. 82**
520 N. Bridge St. • 920-596-0937
Meet 2nd & 4th Mon., Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., Dark July & August

### Manitowoc
**Manitowoc Lodge No. 65**
810 Chicago St. • 920-793-3473 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Marinette
**Marinette Lodge No. 182**
1610 Main St. • 715-735-9397
Meet 1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Marshfield
**Marshfield Lodge No. 224**
402 W. 4th St. • 715-384-8646
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

### Mauston
**Northern Light Lodge No. 81**
211 E. State St. • 608-548-4156
Meet 1st Thurs., Mauston, 3rd Thurs. rotates, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August

### Medford
**Medford Lodge No. 217**
150 S. Seventh St. • 715-748-6851 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark January & February

### Menomonie
**Menomonie Lodge No. 164**
N5729 - 410th St. • 715-235-2667
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Mercer
**Hurley Lodge No. 237**
5079 N. Hwy. 51 • 715-904-0400
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark December thru March

### Merrill
**Virginia Falls Lodge No. 226**
916½ E. Main St. • 715-675-3440
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

### Merrillan
**Merrillan Lodge No. 279**
105 S. Main Street • 715-333-5643 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark January, February & March

### Middleton
**Middleton-Ionic Lodge No. 180**
7409 Franklin Ave. • 608-831-4418
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Milton
**Milton Lodge No. 161**
508 Vernal Avenue • 608-931-4656
Meets 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Milwaukee
**Damascus Lodge No. 290**
1235 E. Howard Ave. • 262-853-5631 (Sec) • Meet 2nd & 4th Tues., Dinner 6 p.m., Lodge at 7 • Dark July & August

### Milwaukee
**Day-lite Lodge No. 358**
7515 W. National Ave. • 414-257-9450
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays
Dark July & August

### Milwaukee
**Freemasons Lodge No. 363**
790 N. Van Buren St. • 414-425-5166
Meets 1st Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Milwaukee
**James M. Hays Lodge No. 331**
790 N. Van Buren• 414-774-0366 (Sec)
Meet 1st Mondays, 6:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Milwaukee
**Lafayette Lodge No. 265**
790 N. Van Buren St. • 414-541-7139
Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Milwaukee
**Lake Lodge No. 189**
1235 E. Howard Ave. • 414-744-4609
Meet Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Milwaukee
**Milwaukee-Harmony No. 261**
4315 N. 92nd St. • 414-961-1133
1st & 3rd Tues. 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Milwaukee
**Nathan Hale Lodge No. 350**
790 N. Van Buren • 414-421-6493
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursday, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

### Mineral Point
**Mineral Point Lodge No. 1**
304 High St.
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark 1st Mon. Jan.-March & July-Sept.

### Minocqua
**Island City Lodge No. 330**
7529 Hwy 51 South • 715-358-9640 (Sec.) • Meet 1st Wednesday, 10 a.m.
Meets All Year

### Mondovi
**Buffalo River Lodge No. 252**
245 S. Franklin • 715-797-3261 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Monroe
**Smith Lodge No. 31**
1613-1/2 Tenth St. • 608-558-9987 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

### Mosinee
**Mosinee Lodge No. 318**
607 13th St. • 715-693-0345 (Master)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Mukwonago
**Laflin-St. James Lodge No. 247**
206 S. Main St. • 262-392-9366
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Neenah
**Appleton Lodge No. 349**
241 E. Wisconsin Ave. • 920-731-7355
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Neenah/Menasha
**Twin Cities Lodge No. 61**
241 E. Wisconsin Ave. • 920-722-3611
Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark August & September

### Neosho
**Neosho-Mayville-Horicon No. 108**
128 E. Anthony St., Hustisford
414-975-0516 • 1st & 3rd Tues. 7:30
Dark July & August

### New Diggings
**Olive Branch Lodge No. 6**
26750 Cty. Rd. W • 608-965-3122 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark January & February

### New Glarus
**New Glarus Lodge No. 310**
207 6th Avenue • 608-527-2583 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

### New Holstein
**Calumet Lodge No. 172**
2019 Washington St.• 920-894-2745 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Meets All Year

### New Lisbon
**Juneau Lodge No. 103**
302 S. Adams St. • 608-547-7719 (Sec) • Meet 2nd Thurs. 7:30 p.m.
Dark January & February

### New Richmond
**New Richmond Lodge No. 195**
119 E. 2nd St. • 715-246-2144
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

### Neosho
**Neosho-Mayville-Horicon No. 108**
315 E. Schuyler St. • 262-567-2354 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Oconomowoc
**Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge 42**
307 N. Lake Road • 262-567-9898
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
3rd Wednesdays, July & August

### Oconto
**Pine Lodge No. 188**
513 Superior Ave. • 920-604-2826
Meet 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark December & January

### Oconto Falls
**Oconto Falls Lodge No. 293**
170 N. Washington St. • 920-373-5747
Meet 1st Mon., Sept. 2nd Mon., 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

**Lodge Listings are continued on page 19**

## Bro. Dienes honored for 50 years

Richland Lodge No. 66 recently presented a 50-year lapel pin, congratulations letter, and certificate to Bro. Rudolph Edward Dienes of Blue River, Wisconsin. This presentation was made on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Illinois and Glenview United Lodge No. 1058, Bro. Dienes' home lodge prior to moving to Wisconsin. Bro Dienes is considering also becoming a plural member of Richland Lodge. From left: Master Larry Hallett of Richland Lodge and Brother Rudy Dienes.

Submitted by Bro. Brent Clausius

## Grandfather and granddaughter

Knights Templar Grand Commander David R. Schreier, Past Master, and his granddaughter 2 1/2 year old Charlotte Nelson spend a little quality time together on the computer at the Lake Lodge No. 189 Fall Spaghetti Dinner on Oct. 25.

Submitted by Bro. Joshua Armstrong

## Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

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25-27 Grand Lodge Officer Staff Meeting, Wisconsin Rapids

### FEBRUARY

2 Grand Bethel Exemplification, Location TBD.

2 Ozaukee Lodge No. 17 Master's Feast. Gather at 5:30 p.m., Feast at 6:00 p.m. RSVP by Jan. 25, 2013. Contact Bro. Dave Tainter at dtainter@wi.rr.com or call 262-689-2848.

23 Grand Bethel Tubing at Sunburst.

### MARCH

9 -10 Multi-State Grand Bethels/Supreme Visit in Racine, Bethel #22.

28 Waucoma Lodge No. 90, Cooksville, Annual Oyster Stew/Chili Dinner 6:00 p.m.

### APRIL

14 Grand Bethel Exemplification and Grand Bethel Honored Queen Reception in Madison.

26-27 Grand Lodge Officer Staff Meeting, Green Bay.

30 District 12 Spring Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Lake Lodge No. 189, 1235 Howard Ave., Milwaukee.

### MAY

11 2013 Degree Competition, registration at 8:30 a.m. and competition beginning at 9:00 a.m. The location has not been determined at this time and will depend on the locations of the lodges participating. See story on page 7.

### JUNE

7-8 169th Annual Communication, Madison Masonic Center.

## Stated Communications (continued from page 18)

### Omro
**Omro Lodge No. 168**
160 E. Main Street • 920-685-2798
Meet 2nd Monday, 7 p.m.
Dark January, February & March

### Onalaska
**Onalaska Lodge No. 214**
330 Main Street • 608-386-8230 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
2nd Thursday only, July & August

### Oregon
**Oregon Lodge No. 151**
201 Park St. • 608-835-9236 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Oshkosh
**Oshkosh Lodge No. 27**
204 Washington Ave. • 920-231-3410
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Owen
**Owen Lodge No. 317**
713 W. Third St. • 715-229-2832 (Sec.)
Meets 1st Monday at 7:30 p.m. & 3rd Mon. at 11 a.m. • Dark July & August

### Palmyra
**Palmyra Lodge No. 68**
125 N. Third St. • 262-495-4887
Meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

### Pewaukee
**Pewaukee Lodge No. 246**
126 Main St. • 262-367-4816.(WM)
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

### Phillips
**Phillips Lodge No. 225**
137 N. Lake Ave. • 715-339-3785
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

### Platteville
**Melody Lodge No. 2**
783 Enterprise Drive • 608-349-6021
Meet 1st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Meets All Year

### Plymouth
**Cassia Lodge No. 167**
441 Smith St. • 920-892-6336
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Portage
**Fort Winnebago Lodge No. 33**
111 W. Conant Street • 608-742-6468
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 2nd Tues., July-Aug., 7:30 p.m. Dark January & February

### Port Washington
**Ozaukee Lodge No. 17**
504 W. Grand Ave. • 262-284-9978
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

### Potosi
**Warren Lodge No. 4**
112 S. Main St. • 608-763-2221 (Sec)
Meets 1st Thursday, 6:30 p.m. lunch, 7:30 p.m. meeting. Meets All Year

### Poynette
**Poynette Lodge No. 173**
Poynette City Hall, 106 Main, Call Sec. for time • 608-635-4503 Meets 1st Wednesday
Dark July & August

### Prairie du Chien
**Prairie du Chien Lodge No. 8**
105 1/2 E. Blackhawk Avenue
608-326-4640 (Sec) • Meet 1st & 3rd Wed., 7:30 p.m. • Meets All Year

### Prairie du Sac
**Sauk Prairie Lodge No. 113**
580 Water St.• 608-544-2491 (WM)
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July, August & 1st Mon. in Sept.

### Prescott
**Northwestern Lodge No. 105**
132 N. Court St. • 715-262-5015 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Racine
**Racine-Belle City Lodge No. 18**
1012 Main St. • 262-633-6658
Meets 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

### Reedsburg
**Reedsburg Lodge No. 79**
213 E. Main St. • 608-415-2325
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark January & February

### Rhinelander
**Rhinelander Lodge No. 242**
23 E. Davenport St. • 715-362-3080
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark January & February

### Rice Lake
**Blue Hills Lodge No. 234**
225 W. South St. • 715-790-1234
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

### Richland Center
**Richland Lodge No. 66**
290 W. Union St. • 608-538-3173 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

### Ripon
**Prairie View Lodge No. 95**
W14188 County Rd. KK. • 920-291-8800
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
Dark 4th Tues. Nov. & Dec., 2nd Tues. Jan.

### River Falls
**River Falls Lodge No. 109**
122 E. Walnut St. • 715-425-6760 (Sec.)
Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Shawano
**Shawano Lodge No. 170**
2324 E. Richmond St.• 715-526-3920
Meets 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark January & February

### Sheboygan
**Sheboygan Lodge No. 11**
411 St. Clair Ave. • 920-457-3111
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.
Meets All Year

### Shell Lake
**Shell Lake /Spooner Lodge No. 221**
28 Doboy Drive • 715-468-4424 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
July & August

### Shullsburg
**Amicitia Lodge No. 25**
127-1/2 Water St. • 608-965-3414 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

### South Milwaukee
**South Shore Lodge No. 3**
2703 S. Chicago Ave. • 414-840-3393 (Sec.)
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 pm
Dark July & August

### Sparta
**Valley Lodge No. 60**
603 N. Court St. • 608-269-2616
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Star Prairie
**North Star Lodge No. 187**
207 Bridge Ave. • 715-246-6258
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

### Stevens Point
**Evergreen Lodge No. 93**
2854 Church Street • 715-344-2447
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark January & February

### Stoughton
**Kegonsa Lodge No. 73**
125 S. 5th St. • 608-873-9705
Meet 1st Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Sturgeon Bay
**Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174**
31 S. 3rd Ave. • 920-493-3727
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Sun Prairie
**Sun Prairie Lodge No. 143**
152 N. Bird St. • 608-770-2018 (Sec.)
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Superior
**Acacia-Itasca Lodge No. 329**
3117 N. 21 St .• 715-392-1398
Meet 1st & 3rd Fridays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Superior
**Superior Lodge No. 236**
1503 Belknap St .• 218-391-9877 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

### Sussex
**Lincoln Lodge No. 183**
N64 W23624 Main St. • www.lincolnlodge.org
craigscampbell@wi.rr.com
2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m. Meets All Year

### Tomah
**Tomah Lodge No. 132**
520 E. Saratoga Street • 608-372-5507
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Union Grove
**Union Grove Lodge No. 288**
1021 – 11th Ave. • 262-878-1494
Meet 3rd Saturday, 8:30 a.m.
Meets All Year

### Viroqua
**La Belle Lodge No. 84**
118½ S. Main • 608-637-7581 • Meet 1st & 3rd Wed., 7:30 p.m.; Meet 1st Wed. July, August & Dec. • Dark January & February

### Waterloo
**Waterloo Lodge No. 63**
300 Hendricks Street • 920-478-2800
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Web: www.waterloomasonry.com

### Waukesha
**Waukesha Lodge No. 37**
317 South Street • 262-542-6753
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Waupaca
**Waupaca Lodge No. 123**
105½ N. Main Street • 715-258-6198
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

### Waupun
**Waupun Lodge No. 48**
16 S. Madison St. • 920-324-3141
Meets 1st Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Wausau
**Forest Lodge No. 130**
130 First Street • 715-845-5198
Meet Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

### Wautoma
**Wautoma Lodge No. 148**
203 S. Scott St. • 920-647-0201 (Sec.)
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark Jan. & Feb. - last Monday of Dec.

### Wauwatosa
**Henry L Palmer Lodge No. 301**
4315 N. 92nd St. • 414-463-8390
Fridays, 7:30 p.m. Stated 4th Friday
Dark July & August

### Wauwatosa
**Wisconsin Lodge No. 13**
4315 N. 92nd St. • 262-939-2985 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June & July

### West Allis
**Day-Lite Lodge No. 358**
7515 W. National Ave. • 414-257-9450
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 9 a.m.
Dark July & August

### West Allis
**Wauwatosa Lodge No. 267**
7515 W. National Ave. • 262-250-1588
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

### West Allis
**West Allis Lodge No. 291**
7515 W. National Ave. • 414-257-9450
Meet 1st & 3rd Fridays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

### West Bend
**West Bend Lodge No. 138**
301 N. University Dr. • 262-338-3112
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

### West Salem
**Salem Lodge No. 125**
101 W. Hamilton St. • 608-786-0930 (Sec)
Meets 4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Whitefish Bay
**Aurora Lodge No. 30**
517 E. Beaumont Ave. • 414-964-4080
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Whitefish Bay
**Geo. Washington 1776 Lodge No. 337**
517 E. Beaumont Ave. • 414-979-1776
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Whitewater
**St. John's Lodge No. 57**
226 W. Main Street • 920-650-5406
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Wilmot
**Wilmot Lodge No. 241**
30702 Fox River Rd. • 224-627-6731 (Master)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
2nd Tuesday only July & August

### Winneconne
**Winneconne Lodge No. 186**
2 N. 1st Street • 920-582-7815 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Wisconsin Dells
**Dells Lodge No. 124**
815 Oak St. • 608-254-8136
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Wisconsin Rapids
**Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128**
2321 2nd Ave. So. • 715-423-2770
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

### Silas H. Shephard
**Lodge of Research No. 1843**
307 N. Lake Rd., Oconomowoc • 262-369-5481
2nd Saturday
March, June, September, December

### Armistead-Bingham
**Lodge No. 1862**
Call Secretary at 815-623-8460 for next meeting date & location • g2minime@aol.com
Meets 5th Saturdays, 1 p.m.

# Eighty Attend Friends Night at Manawa Masonic Center

**By Bro. James Campbell**
Sec., Shawano Lodge No. 170

Over 80 people gathered at the Manawa Masonic Center on Nov. 12, for a combined friends night. Members and their guests were there from Shawano, Clintonville, Gillett, Waupaca, and of course Manawa. They were treated to an excellent prime rib dinner prepared by resident chef Chris Molica, and the meal culminated with a wonderful cake and the singing of Happy Birthday to the evening's guest speaker Past Grand Master Craig S. Campbell who turned 50 that day.

Following dinner, guests moved from the dining area to the Lodge room where Master Tom Squires welcomed all present and formally introduced Past Grand Master Campbell. Bro. Campbell gave a very informative talk on how Masonry was instrumental in the formation of this country. He concluded by taking several questions from the guests and was given a standing ovation upon completion.

**Past Grand Master Craig S. Campbell speaks to a full house of members and guests at the Friends Night on Nov. 12 at the Manawa Masonic Center.**

It was truly a pleasurable and memorable event attended by young and old, and everyone walked away enlightened about the importance of Masonic principals and teachings and how they influenced our founding fathers.

**Photos by**
**Bro. George Tincher**

**Past Grand Master Craig S. Campbell (center) with his birthday cake, flanked by Manawa Master Tom Squires on the left and Clintonville Master Rusty Mitchell on the right.**

## New Master Masons

### New Master Masons at Durand-Pepin

Durand-Pepin Lodge No. 149 recently raised Bros. David Hayden and Erin Gaulke. Front row (from left): District 2 Deputy Gary Stang, David Hayden, Erin Gaulke and Senior Grand Warden William Beetcher. Back row: Junior Grand Warden Franklin J. Struble, Rick Wayne, Master and Tom Christiano, Master of Nine Rivers Lodge No. 369.

### Bro. Marsh raised in Mineral Point

Bro. Alexander Marsh was raised in Mineral Point Lodge No. 1 on Oct. 29. From left: Area Administrator Scott Rossing, Bro. Marsh and Master Royce Jones.

Submitted by Bro. William Buckingham, Secretary

### Bro. Fischer is new MM at River Falls

One of several new Master Masons who are joining the River Falls Masonic Lodge No. 109 this year is Bro. Eric Fischer of Roberts. Master Dave Hoffman (left), congratulates him on being raised to the Master Mason degree on November 13.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer

## Address Changing?

Remember to notify your lodge secretary or the Grand Lodge Office of your change of address.

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**Grand Lodge**
**F. & A. M. of Wisconsin**
**36275 Sunset Drive**
**Dousman, WI 53118**

## Lake Lodge No. 189

Invites you to their

## 11th Annual Robert Burns Table Lodge

**Thursday, January 24, 2013**
**6:00 p.m.**

Lake Masonic Center
1235 E. Howard Ave.

**$25 per person**

Join us for this wonderful evening as we celebrate the legacy of Brother Robert Burns. Senior Grand Deacon Donald W. Hensiak will host the evening and present the Haggis in all its fanfare.

The evening will consist of the fine Roast "Beast" and Haggis Dinner, Ceremonial Toasts, Raffles, and a presentation by Deputy Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik.

**Commemorative Toasting Cannons imported from England will be available for purchase.**

All Masons are invited to attend, the deadline for tickets is January 14th. For reservations please send a check in the amount of $25 per person to:

**Lake Lodge No.189**
**c/o Robert Burns**
**1235 E. Howard Ave.**
**Milwaukee, WI 53207**

e-mail to: robertburns@lakemasoniccenter.org

## Hancock Lodge Brethren honored by OES

Ellsworth Chapter #116 OES held a special recognition dinner for the members of the Hancock Lodge No. 229, Ellsworth, on Nov. 6. Newly initiated Star member Bro. Jeff Leonard and his two daughters Rachel and Elle help serve the Masons and their spouse during the evening.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer

## Why We Meet

We meet for the purpose of admitting members to our fellowship, to instruct them in the lessons and principles (of Masonry) and to strengthen each other in adherence thereto, said Bro. George W. Speth, in a public lecture in 1892. We meet to hand down to succeeding generations the knowledge and practice of certain ceremonies, which we have ourselves inherited from our Masonic ancestors, and the analogues of which can be traced in the remotest antiquity... lastly we meet to practice our three grand principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

# Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge Hosts Lunch for Patients at Zablocki VA Medical Center

Brethren and guests of Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge No. 261 visited the Spinal Cord Injury Unit at Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee on Sept. 9. Their purpose was to visit with and serve sub sandwiches to patients and family. Some of the patients were served in the dining room of the new facility while those who were unable to get to the dining room were served in their rooms. The patients and families enjoyed the sandwiches for lunch and were grateful for the visit and conversations that took place. This was not the regular routine and a welcomed change. The members and guests enjoyed the visit as much as, if not more than, the patients. The consensus was that the group should visit more often.

Submitted by Bro. Lowell Scott

**Bros. Ted Sattler, Tyler Sattler and Lou Plotkin prepare to deliver the sandwiches to the patients at the Zablocki VA Medical Center.**

**Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge group at the Zablocki VA Medical Center. Front row: (from left): Milt Rosenberg, Ted Sattler, Jack Keyes, Barry Hersh, Eileen Hersh and Jerry Hersh. Back row: Lowell Scott, Tyler Sattler, a guest, Bill Shelley, Lou Plotkin, Allan Leeb, Chuck Wallens and Gene Marcus.**

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**Bro Allan Leeb spends time talking with patients and families.**

## Stated Communications Listings

Lodge listings are $20 per year. To have your lodge listed, mail your lodge check made payable to the Wisconsin Masonic Journal to: WMJ Lodge Listings, Attn: Diane Igl, c/o Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin, 36275 Sunset Dr., Dousman, WI 53118.

# Dodge County Masonic Center Reconsecrated by Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert

**Brethren attending the Reconsecration of the Dodge County Masonic Center, new home of Dodge County Lodge No. 72. See story on page 1.**

Photo by Rich Rygh

## *Traveling Gavel*

**District 1**
Superior Lodge No. 236
**District 2**
Blue Hills Lodge No. 234
**District 3**
Forest Lodge No. 130
**District 4**
Daylite Lodge No. 360
**District 5**
Valley Lodge No. 60
**District 6**
Clintonville Lodge No. 197
**District 7**
Sun Prairie Lodge No. 143
**District 8**
Fennimore Lodge No. 219
**District 9**
Union Lodge No. 32
**District 10**
Calumet Lodge No. 172
**District 11**
Unity Lodge No. 367
**District 12**
Wauwatosa Lodge No. 267

Please check with the Master of the lodge listed before scheduling a trip to claim the Traveling Gavel. It may already have been claimed by or delivered to another lodge.

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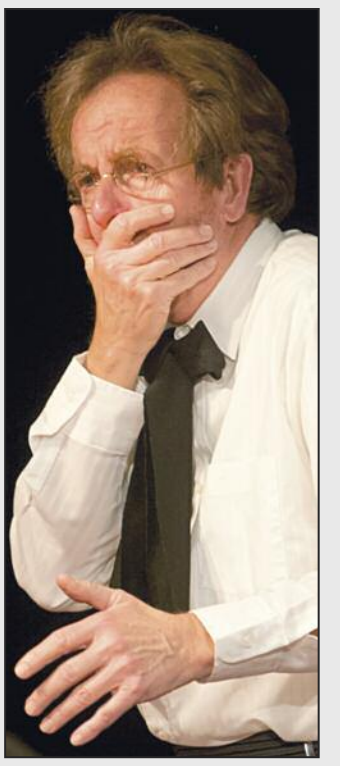
# WEST BEND LODGE'S "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

Tiny Tim played by Owen Damkot and Ruby Jung as Martha Cratchit.

Nancy Storrs (right) directs the production. From left: Ghost of Christmas Present Rory Ott; Eric Damkot as Bob Cratchit, Props Manager Laura Wagner and Nicole Podlipski; Sarah Lapinski, Chloe Podlipski and Ruby Young. Tiny Tim is in the foreground.

Ebenezer Scrooge and the Ghost of Christmas Past Libby Steinbach (background) look in on one of Mr. Fezziwig's merry parties. In the foreground Sophia Gibeau as Belle and Terry Beck as Young Scrooge dance to the music. From left: Abi Holter, Hazel Benton, Barb Senzig as Mrs. Fezziwig, Pat Storrs as Mr. Fezziwig and Alex Ewert.

In the Christmas Yet to Come old Scrooge sees Wendy Fairbanks as Mrs. Dibler selling his bed curtains to Old Joe played by Yogi Vogelsang.



Ebenezer Scrooge played by Jim Mohr looks in on the future as the Cratchit family mourns the loss of Tiny Tim.

**Photos by Rich Rygh**

Belle played by Sophia Gibeau and her husband Tut, played by Alex Friedemann and their children Alex Meer as Nicholas and Lauren Podlipski as Emily.

Parting in the Christmas Present: Carrie Labinski as Kate; Alan Jordan as Nephew Fred; party guests: Abi Holter (standing), Kelsey Knepler, Alex Ewert and Barb Senzig; and The Ghost of Christmas Present Rory Ott.

**See performance schedule on page 17.**