



Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

JANUARY

8 Kick off meeting for Kettle Moraine Chapter of the Widows Sons Masonic Motorcycle Riding Group. New members and charter signing at Noon, Perkins Restaurant, 2400 West Washington St., West Bend.

8 Ozaukee Lodge No. 17 installation of officers, 5:00 p.m., Port Washington Masonic Center. Bro. Sid Arthur, Master elect.

11 Blood Drive, Waukesha Lodge No. 37, 3 p.m.-7 p.m., Please contact ericf@waukeshalodge.org for more information or to register.

18 Grand Master's Florida Tour, Forest Country Club, 6100 Club Blvd. S. W., Fort Myers, Florida. See story on page 3.

20 9th Annual Robert Burns Table Lodge, 6 p.m., Thursday, January 20 at the Lake Masonic Center, 1235 E. Howard Avenue in Milwaukee. Tickets \$20. For reservations, send check to Don Hensiak, S74 W20710 Field Drive, Muskego, WI 53150. Phone 262-682-4390. See story page 2.

21 Grand Master's Florida Tour, Deer Creek RV Golf Resort, 42749 Hwy. 27, Davenport, Florida. See story on page 3.

24 Grand Master's Arizona Tour, Briarwood Country Club 20800 N. 135th Ave., Sun City West, Arizona. See story on page 3.

22 Ozaukee Lodge No. 17, fifth annual "Master's Feast", Port Washington Masonic Center, Gathering at 5:30 p.m., Feast at 6:00 p.m. Send reservations by January 16 to Bro. David Tainter, 1027 W. Lincoln Ave., Port Washington, WI 53074 or e-mail dtainter@wi.rr.com. See Story on page 3.

31 District 12 winter meeting, Lake Lodge No. 189, 1235 E. Howard Avenue, Milwaukee, light dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. District Deputy Robert Strader.

FEBRUARY

12 Valley of Milwaukee Scottish Rite Brother to Brother lunch and a play with ladies and lodges.

19 Waukesha Lodge No. 37 Annual George Washington Dinner, 6:30 p.m. More details to follow.

MARCH

19 Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament, to benefit Waukesha Lodge No. 37 Scholarship Fund, at The Nice Ash Cigar Bar, 327 W Main St., Waukesha. Registration will be from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. By in is \$60. Contact Brian Reed at brianreed129@gmail.com with questions.

APRIL

9 Valley of Milwaukee Scottish Rite Easter Bunny Brunch 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

30 2011 Degree Competition at the Madison Masonic Center.

30 Ladies Fundraiser for Learning Center, Madison Masonic Center. Tickets \$30. Raffle 10:30 a.m., Lunch at Noon, Fashion Show 12:45 p.m. Call Judie Nitzsche at 608-873-6433 for tickets.

MAY

7 Masonic Unity Conference, Three Pillars, Dousman, 8:30 a.m. social, 9:00 a.m. meeting. Contact Ronal Koller, 262-670-0424 or cell 414-507-5355.

17 Waukesha Lodge No. 37 Pancake Breakfast, from 8 a.m. to Noon, \$5 for adults, \$3 for children.

JUNE

10-11 Grand Lodge Annual Communication, Madison Masonic Center, Madison. For more information and agenda see A/C 2011 at wisc-freemasonry.com



Canada Geese on the Bark River bordering the Three Pillars Senior Living Community in Dousman.

Photo by Rich Rygh

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JANUARY 2011

Brother Stefan Streitferdt Recounts Masonry in Post-Communist Hungary

By Rich Rygh

Stefan Streitferdt was born and raised in a Hungarian cultural environment in Romania, studied English and French in college and lived 20 years in Germany, worked for UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) and Hungarian charities during the Yugoslav war and did business development in Europe and Asia for French and German companies marshaling sales teams, running stress and sales communication training courses and workshops for Microsoft and Henkel.

In 2009 he came to visit his copywriter in Stoughton, Wisconsin. They fell in love and married in 2010. Bro. Stefan has two adult children and two young children, ages 9 and 12. The children are home schooled by him and his wife.

In July of 2010 he overtook the management of the established translation agency in Madison, Allegro Translation, Inc.

Bro. Stefan got interested in Freemasonry while living and working in South Germany but he saw the light in Hungary while working for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. He was initiated in the lodge "Egyenlőség" (Equality) in 1996. In 1998 he helped to found the German language lodge "Franz Liszt" in Budapest, Hungary and he was its Master between 2001 and 2003 and is still the only Honorary Master of that lodge.

In September 2010 Stefan

applied for and was granted plural membership in Kegonsa Lodge No. 73 in Stoughton.

Bro. Stefan has presented interesting and informative presentations in lodges in Oregon, Stoughton and Cooksville on divisions within European Masonry, differences in ritual, and being a Mason in post-Communist countries.

There are 12 lodges with only 400 Masons in Hungary a country with a population of over 10 million people. In 1919 when the country was larger there were 20 million people and 11,000 Masons. It takes courage to be a Mason in Hungary. Masons are always being watched and along with the Jews are said to be responsible for everything bad that happens in the country. Masonry was prohibited for 138 of the last 261 years. It was banned from 1795-1868, 1919-1920, 1920-1945, and 1950-1989. The lodges have an open mailing list but use coded words to protect the members.

Masonic Temples are never photographed and Masons are rarely photographed with their aprons. The only exceptions are the Grand Masters and their pictures are only displayed in the temples.

Bro. Stefan said, "The lodges operate on a democratic



Bro. Stefan Streitferdt wears some of his Masonic Jewels. The jewel on his pocket is a Past Master's Jewel, the one with the dark ribbon is the jewel of his "mother lodge" Egyenlőség (Equality) in Budapest, Hungary worn by every member of the lodge at all stated meetings and the jewel with the red, white and green ribbon is the lodge jewel of the German language lodge "Franz Liszt" in Budapest.

See **Bro. Stefan** on Page 10

Three Pillars Hickory Suites Rehabilitation and Wellness Connection are Now Open



Grand Master Joseph B. Harker cuts the ribbon for the official opening of the new Three Pillars Hickory Suites Rehabilitation and Wellness Connection. From left: Wisconsin Masonic Home Board Members Monte Steiber and Gary Krause; CEO Mark Strautman; Grand Master Joseph B. Harker; Junior Grand Deacon Frank Struble; Board Members Terry Brown and Kris Engbring; and Kerry Holtz, Wellness Connection Coordinator.

Photo by Rich Rygh

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Over 75 Masons, members of appendant bodies, families and friends toured the new Three Pillars Hickory Suites Rehabilitation and Wellness Connection on December 17.

Grand Master Joseph B. Harker, Wisconsin Masonic Home Board members, CEO Mark Strautman and Wellness Connection Coordinator Kerry Holtz, cut the ribbon for the official opening.

Tours of the facility were conducted by the Wisconsin Masonic Home Board members and Grand Master Joseph B. Harker.

Hickory Suites Rehabilitation is a new 13,000 sq. ft. wing providing 14 private suites with private baths for intensive, short-term, in-patient rehabilitation care. It also provides outpatient physical and occupational therapy.

The Three Pillars Wellness Connection is a 4,700 sq. ft. facility with a fitness center fea-

turing the HUR Fitness equipment along with treadmills, stationary bikes, stepper and elliptical aerobic equipment.

For a tour of the facility, to use the fitness center or to get questions answered, contact Wellness Connection Coordinator Kerry Holtz at 262-965-7017 or e-mail kholtz@threepillars.org.

See more photos on Page 16

The Grand Master's Message:

By Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin
Brother Joseph B. Harker

Happy New Year!

By now most Lodges have installed their officers for the 2011 Masonic year. There are just a few lodges that have scheduled installation for early January. As of this writing I have attended the installation of officers for 25 lodges with more scheduled over the next couple of weeks.

Your Grand Lodge Officers have all been very busy working in the lodges to install the 2011 officers. Many lodges have officers occupying a office that they have never held before. In other lodges we have members that are serving many terms in same office.

This is the time of year that we all set "New Year's Resolutions" for ourselves. Why not make one or two resolutions to help your lodge? Ask your Master "What can 'I' do to help support you and/or our Lodge this year". I know that he will be happy that you asked. Sometimes just take the initiative and don't wait to be asked, if you see something that needs to be done "just do it". Our volunteer hours are a very precious gift that we can provide our lodge.

As another resolution, consider challenging yourself to learn new parts in the ritual. So many lodges are reporting that they have 1-5 or more candidates working their way through the three degrees. You do not have to be an officer to learn a part.

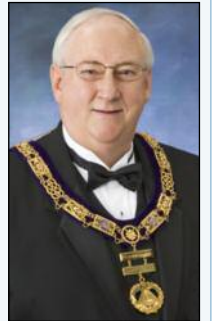
Now that the new officers are installed I will ask those officers once again to accept the project of reviewing your lodge's bylaws. Are they relevant to the way your lodge operates today? If they are out dated or do not reflect the way your lodge operates, start the procedure to rewrite or modify your bylaws. When doing so, consider eliminating the months that your lodge is dark. Lodges loose momentum when they do not meet for two or more months. If you have questions contact your District Deputy for assistance.

All Schools of Instruction (SOI) are scheduled. You should be hearing during one of your upcoming Lodge meetings when yours is scheduled. These schools are not just for the officers but are open to all Master Masons. In fact I encourage all those Master Masons raised in the last 5 years to make it a point to attend one of the upcoming schools. As Master Masons we are charged with, among other things, a responsibility "to learn"; what better opportunity is there to learn than attending a School of Instruction?

I hope that you will have an enjoyable and prosperous 2011.

'on the level'

Joe



**Joseph B. Harker
Grand Master**

On Our Cover

Masters for 2011 receive their oath of office from Grand Master Joseph B. Harker during the joint installation of officers at the Dodgeville Masonic Center on December 16. From left: Donald Noyes, Fennimore No. 219; James Davis, Mineral Point No. 1; Scott Komplin, Barneveld No. 319; and Mark Jenks, Dodgeville No. 119. See story on page 8.

Photo by Rich Rygh

Attention Readers

We are asking for your help. Some of the January issues of the Wisconsin Masonic Journal will contain a survey.

The Board of Directors and the editor ask you to please take a moment to fill out this survey and send it in. By doing so, you will be helping guide the future direction of the Journal and make it a better communication tool for you and the craft.

Your answers will be kept in strictest confidence, but the information we gather will be extremely valuable.

To insure your anonymity, this survey is returned to an independent research firm that will not identify you to us or anyone else - ever.

Watch for the survey in the next two issues of the Journal. If you receive one inserted into your paper, please take a moment to fill it out and send it in.

Thank you and we hope you continue to enjoy reading the Wisconsin Masonic Journal.

Rich Rygh, Editor

Past Grand Master Perry A. Risberg Lays Down His Working Tools

Past Grand Master Perry A. Risberg, 93, of Hayward, Wis., passed to the Lodge Eternal on Tuesday, November 23, 2010, at St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth, Minnesota.

Bro. Perry was born on August 21, 1917, in Whitehall, Wis., to Walter and Dora (Brandon) Risberg. His family moved to Hayward when he was in high school and he graduated from Hayward High School. He then attended and graduated from the University of Wisconsin Madison, with accounting and law degrees. After receiving his law degree, his first job was as an insurance claims adjuster. Later he moved back to Hayward and with his father, started a real estate business. Hayward has been his home ever since.

On March 5, 1949, he married Genevieve Johnson of Hayward. Their extended honeymoon took them to the Western and Southern U.S. and into Mexico. He was a wonderful father to their daughter, Martha, and warmly welcomed his son-in-law into the family when Martha married Jon Heisel. When his grandsons, David and Matt, were born, it was a true highlight in his life.

Bro. Perry had many diverse interests. He was active in the recreational real estate field, developing lakeshore land and building many cabins. He was instrumental in the planting of thousands of pine trees in the Hayward area, knowing future generations would enjoy them. He had an active faith life and was pleased that he had the opportunity to serve as Chairman of the building committee for First Lutheran Church

in Hayward. He also accepted various area and state leadership positions, including serving as a Trustee of Northland College, a Director of Lake Superior District Power Company, and a Director of the Peoples National Bank.

An important part of Bro. Perry's life was his involvement in the Masonic fraternity, he served Freemasonry for over 60 years. He was raised in Keystone Lodge No. 263 on Sept. 24, 1950. He was Master of his Lodge in 1955 and served the Masons of Wisconsin as Grand Master in 1968-69. He also served as Grand Secretary in 1970-71. During his term as Grand Master major revisions of the "Masonic Code of Wisconsin" were completed. Bro. Risberg was an Honorary Past Grand Master of Minnesota. In 1984 he helped found the Chippewa Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine. Bro. Risberg was a member of York Rite, an Honorary 33° member of Scottish Rite and a member of Shrine.

Bro. Perry and his family enjoyed travel, especially in their Airstream trailer, and made many trips in it throughout the U.S. and even to Mexico and Guatemala. They also visited other parts of the world, always playing the role of goodwill ambassadors, inviting people to come and visit in Hayward. They spent many winters in Arizona and although they enjoyed all their travels, Hayward was always home.

Bro. Perry is survived by his daughter, Martha Heisel, and her husband, Jon, of Burnsville, Minn.; grandson David Heisel



PGM Perry A. Risberg

and his wife, Tiffany, and great-grandson Kai of Savage, Minn.; and grandson Matthew "Matt" Heisel, of New York, N.Y. He is also survived by nephews Michael McCoy, Gregory (Diane) Johnson, and Charles Smerick, and other extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Genevieve; his parents; his sister, Marie Risberg McCoy Taylor; and his niece, Debra Johnson Smerick.

Bro. Risberg's funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, December 3, at First Lutheran Church in Hayward. Interment was in the Greenwood Cemetery in Hayward. Memorials can be made to either First Lutheran Church or the church or charity of your choice. Anderson-Nathan-Koepel Funeral Home assisted the family.

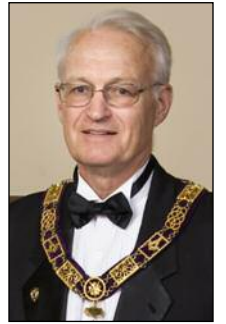
Perspectives on Faith

By Reverend Don Iliff, Grand Chaplain

THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE

Turning the calendar to a new year is like sitting before an unopened package and wondering what it has in store for me/us.

Discarding the 2010 calendar might have some sense of relief of leaving behind some of that year's pain and struggle. Each year has its share of problems and a new year seems to suggest a new start. The past year has had its share of positive moments as well and they are the stuff which makes memories.



**Rev. Don Iliff
Grand Chaplain**

As I change the calendar to the New Year, I know that this will be a good year, filled with positive events, sustained by faith in God, and supported by family and friends. For me, there is always hope. I know that just around the corner or over the next hill will be the stuff of which memories are made. And even if things go upside down on me, I know that the end result will come out better than I might have imagined. I am aware that I may be whistling in the dark, but I don't think so.

The Holy Writings confirm in my thinking that when we put our faith in the Supreme Architect our trust is well founded. When we place the guidance of our lives in Him, whatever valleys we are in or mountain tops we are on, it will be okay. It means that nothing will be able to defeat us, nor get us down when our faith is in this Divine presence. And here is where my hope begins to grow.

The Psalmist writes: "We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his Holy Name. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in You," Psalm 33:20-22.

We talk about separating the sacred from the secular. For the Mason, as we put our trust in God, there is no separating or setting aside the sacred from the everyday. We believe that God guides us through each day. Each day the hand of the Divine is upon our lives. We may not always identify how and where this presence is active, but I know it is so. This awareness gives me hope.

Hope believes in the best in others, believes that events will have a positive resolve, that cures will happen, and, that with God, our lives will be secured in Him.

In this New Year, we will be blessed by good people, strengthened by positive events, and we will be given courage to face whatever comes our way. There is always hope in every event of life. I wish you hope for the New Year.

Peace,
Don Iliff
Grand Chaplain

Grand Chaplain Don Iliff welcomes reader comments and suggestions. He may be reached by e-mail at doniliff@centurytel.net.

9th Annual Robert Burns Table Lodge January 20

Lake Lodge No. 189 is proud to announce its 9th Annual Robert Burns Table Lodge on Thursday, January 20 at the Lake Masonic Center, 1235 E. Howard Avenue in Milwaukee.

The menu will consist of a fine Roast "Beast" Dinner prepared by Chef Robert Rubner of McBob's Pub in Milwaukee.

The Scottish delicacy Haggis will be prepared by Pipe Major Donald 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. Please bring along your Toasting Cannons!

The program will begin promptly at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each.

All Masons are invited to attend, deadline for tickets is January 15.

For reservations please send a check to Don Hensiak, S74 W20710 Field Drive, Muskego, WI 53150. Phone 262-682-4390.

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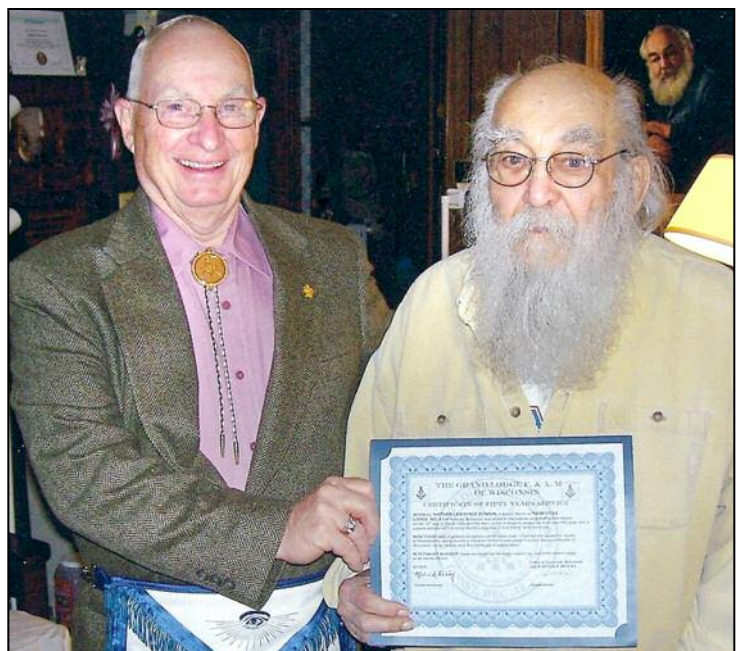
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Tri County Daylite Lodge No. 218 Honors 50 and 60 Year Members



Bros. Austin Wyman and Fred Eggert were recently honored by Tri County Daylite Lodge No. 218, Crivitz for 60 years of service. Bro. Wyman was raised on February 24, 1948. Bro. Eggert, age 101, was raised on February 4, 1949 in Waupaca Lodge No. 123. Bro Eggert also received a special "Centenarian Award" from Grand Master Joseph B. Harker. Pictured (from left): Area Administrator Jay Herbst, Austin Wyman, Fred Eggert and Charles Fick, Master.



Bro. Nathan Bonnin receives his 50 year certificate from Bro. Charles Fick, Master of Tri County Daylite Lodge. Bro Bonnin was raised on March 16, 1953 in Twin Cities Lodge No. 61, Neenah.



Bro. Charles "Elmer" Gould is presented with his 60 year certificate by Bro. Charles Fick, Master of Tri County Lodge. Bro. Gould was raised on October 16, 1950 in Jeremiah M. Rusk Lodge No. 259, South Milwaukee. He resides in Wausau and was visited by Bros. Doug Morrison, Senior Warden, Charles Fick, Master and Fred Eggert.

Submitted by Bro. Charles Fick, Master

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Ozaukee Lodge's "Master's Feast" is January 22

Ozaukee Lodge's fifth annual "Master's Feast", hosted by District Deputy David Tainter, will be held on January 22 at the Port Washington Masonic Center, 504 W. Grand Ave., Port Washington.

Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship among Brothers and friends along with a meal fit for a King and musical entertainment by "Some Highlanders" from Mequon. 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 \$15.00 per person. Due to the space restrictions there is no reduced price for kids.

Send reservations by January 16 to Bro. David Tainter, 1027 W. Lincoln Ave., Port Washington, WI 53074 or e-mail dtainter@wi.r.com. Reservations are limited to the first 100 people.

This event is not a fundraiser, or for any set purpose other than to promote friendship among brothers and friends. Ladies and other guest are welcome.

"Caring to Grow" Campaign Needs Financial Support

By Bro. William Barnes

The "Caring to Grow" Capital Campaign is still in full swing.

The new Rehab and Wellness Center is now open and we need your help to meet our fundraising goals.

Please use the pledge card received in your appeal letter or the "Caring to Grow" coupon on page four to make your gift to this state-of-the-art facility.

We are so grateful to everyone who has already given and helped us along the way.

For a tour of the facility contact Wellness Connection Coordinator Kerry Holtz at 262-965-7017 or e-mail kholtz@threepilars.org.

Please contact William Barnes, Director of Development at 262-965-2200, or e-mail plannedgiving@gmail.com to discuss giving opportunities for individuals and Lodges.

Officer's Aprons Wanted

Four Lakes Daylight Lodge No. 362 is looking for officer's aprons. Any lodge having an extra set may contact Bro. Samuel Ferguson at (608) 831-3656 or fergy362@yahoo.net.

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NOTES FROM THE GRAND LECTURER

By Brother Kenneth C. Gorgen

My Brothers,

I am going to tell you a story about a former beauty queen. She was Miss Wichita. Years had passed since she held this coveted crown and had long retired from the notoriety that came with the title.

In a conversation with her neighbor, she announced to him that he was living next to a former, real live beauty queen, and that after she was crowned Miss Wichita, she declared, "I will devote my entire reign as Miss Wichita to bringing an end to world hunger, and to the creation of a peaceful earth for every man, woman and child." Her neighbor asked, "How long were you Miss Wichita?" She responded, "One year, and by the time I got through opening new supermarkets, I only had a few weeks left to work on hunger and world peace." If you are a movie buff, you might recognize this quote. It comes from the movie Erin Brockovich.



Kenneth C. Gorgen
Grand Lecturer

I hope this little story brought a smile to your face. I think all of us can relate to the beauty queen in our story. We all have plans and goals for ourselves, but as time passes and interruptions appear, these plans seemed to fall by wayside. I can assure you that I speak from experience.

Evidence of procrastination or just being too busy with other tasks can also interrupt some of the important work that should be happening in our lodges. During the months of December and January the reins of leadership are being passed. A new Master is taking over or maybe the same Master is continuing with a new term. In any case, the lodge is starting with new programming and hopefully some new ideas to bring excitement to the lodge.

Installation night or afternoon takes on an atmosphere of gaiety and promise. Plans are spelled out in the program for the evening, and the hopes of an exciting year are at hand. I have been fortunate to be able to take part in a few of the installations, and enjoy seeing the new officers take over the leadership of the lodge. However, I also see very little variation in programming from lodge to lodge; stated meetings on the second and fourth or first and third are assumed. An active lodge will be sure to include several events which might consist of a Friend's Night, Table Lodge, Ladies at the Table, pancake breakfast, spaghetti supper, etc.

The new Masonic year begins, and as it progresses, time flies as stated meetings pass, events take place, new members are brought in, and possibly a few, maybe even several, degrees have taken place, but has the lodge improved in its ritual and floor work? Remember our beauty queen. Let's paraphrase her confession, "By the time our lodge got through with stated meetings and events, there wasn't any time left to practice and work on the ritual." If you want something to happen, it must be in the plan. As your Grand Lecturer, I notice that something is usually missing in lodge programming. There appears to be no time for the ritual.

As I have stated in the past, the ritual is what makes us a unique organization, and yet, it is not planned for in our lodge programming. It is assumed, if not forgotten, until we are confronted with a degree. It would be great to see practice degree nights scheduled. Maybe plan to have a skilled brother demonstrate good rod work for lodge education. Include your date for the School of Instruction in the lodge calendar. What about planning to learn a new part? It would be prudent and a great asset for a lodge to have several brothers, new officers, or repeat officers skilled in the ritual. This would put an end to those fire drill scrambles to fill out a degree team for a degree night. The lodges that have many candidates going through could schedule degree nights in the installation program and work with the candidates to be ready to meet that schedule.

To sum it up, the ritual needs to be part of lodge programming. We do not assume that the events will just happen, so let's not assume that proficiency in the ritual work will magically come together. Include ritual and degree work in your lodge planning. In fact, I would encourage it to be one of the top priorities on your list of things to get done during the year. Plan for it and make it happen.

My best wishes to all the new Masters and their corps of officers for 2011, much success in learning and exercising your ritual prowess. And don't forget to register for the 2011 Degree Competition to show off the fruits of your hard work. Then we will all see more Light.

Feedback and questions are always welcome. Contact Grand Lecturer Ken Gorgen at jkgorgen@att.net or 262-691-0859

Grand Master Joseph B. Harker To Visit Florida and Arizona

Grand Master Joseph B. Harker will be visiting Florida and Arizona along with Director of Development William Barnes in January.

The 2011 tour will begin on Tuesday, January 18, at Forest Country Club, 6100 Club Blvd. S. W., Fort Myers, Florida. The coordinator for this event is Bro. Billy Brown, 271-2 Lenell Rd., Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931, 239-463-3361.

Friday, January 21, will be at Deer Creek RV Golf Resort, 42749 Hwy. 27, Davenport, Florida. Past Grand Master Carl Wussow will be the coordinator, he can be reached at 111 Laurel Oak Pass, Davenport, FL

33837, 863-420-1839.

The tour will be in Arizona on Monday, January 24 at Briarwood Country Club 20800 N. 135th Ave., Sun City West, Arizona. The coordinator is Bro. Paul "Yash" Handa, 18031 N. Conquistador Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375, 623-608-9067.

All luncheons begin with an 11:00 a.m. gathering and cash bar, followed by a noon luncheon and presentation from Grand Master Joseph B. Harker and Director of Development William Barnes. All luncheons will have a \$15 non-refundable reservation fee.

Attend and Support Your Lodge

Grand Lodge Correspondence Course Presented at Union Grove Lodge

By Bro. Clint Cagle

Area Administrator Jim Wetzel and Bro. Clint Cagle, Union Grove Lodge, conducted a group study course of the Grand Lodge's Masonic Code Correspondence Course on Saturday, November 6, at Union Grove Lodge No. 288.

The group was open to all Masons and invitations were extended to all S.E. Wisconsin Lodges in the area. Union Grove Lodge provided coffee, doughnuts and refreshments and Bro. Skip Kovach, Secretary, saw to it that everyone had an answer sheet and addressed envelope to send their test in at the end of the course. He also provided several copies of the Code for the Brethren use during the course.

Bro. Jim Wetzel opened the day with an outline of the Code and explained its importance to all Masons, but more especially to lodge officers. Bro. Clint Cagle

reiterated how important it is for every lodge officer to be familiar with the Code and the requirements it places on the lodge and its officers. It provides the guidance necessary to properly conduct the business of the lodge.

Bro. Jim and Bro. Clint started the study group off with the layout of the Code Book, where to find it online and how to locate updates on the Grand Lodge website.

Brethren were able to discuss the questions with the entire group. They would then find the answers in the proper section of the Code.

The day was left open so that the Brethren could stay and work as long as they needed, with the last student heading home about 2 p.m.

There were many lodges in attendance and by now a new crop of MCCC pins have been sent out by the Grand Lodge.

Tool Grant Program Rewards 27 Outstanding Apprentices



Brethren from Lake lodge No. 189 present grants to 27 skilled trades apprentices. From left: Joe Scites; Grant Recipient Laura Schneider; Ken Kraemer; Paul Newell, Master; and Art Mc Glothlin in background.

Photo by Bro. William Barnes, Director of Development

By William Barnes
Director of Development

On a cold evening of December 6, 27 skilled trades apprentices and supporting families assembled at Lake Masonic Center in Milwaukee to receive their tool grants.

The purpose of the Tool Grant Program, a fund of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, is to recognize and reward outstanding apprentices. It is the result of a donation from Excelsior Lodge No. 175 which merged with Lake Lodge No. 189 in 2009. Over two hundred grants have been given since 1999.

Brother Art Mc Glothlin presided and explained how the

roots of Freemasonry come from the great stone mason guilds of the past.

These apprentices are learning the skilled trades as bricklayers, boilermakers, tile setters, cement masons, electricians, elevator constructors, glaziers, roofers, drywall finishers, iron workers, carpenters, floor coverers, mill-

wrights, heat and frost insulators, operating engineers, plumbers, sheet metal workers, sprinkler fitters, refrigerator fitters, and steamfitters. This year recipients included three young ladies.

Strong ties were evident that evening, as three young men signed petitions to join the Fraternity!

LEA Applications Due February 15

Lodge Excellence Award Applications need to be received by your District Deputy by February 15.

The qualifying dates are January 1 thru December 31.

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A Message from Mary Millard -
Director of Fraternal Relations

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MAKING CHANGES

Happy New Year! Another year is ahead of us. We all wonder what we should expect this year. Or better yet, what should we plan for this year? Every year has changes. People tell us change is good. Isn't this the reason we make New Years resolutions? We try to convince ourselves that we will change. Whether it is cutting a few calories here and there or planning the exercise program that will be suitable for us and our time constraints.

Speaking of exercise, our Wellness Connection is now open. Stop by and experience the advantages of being a member. A variety of classes will be offered and there will surely be one that will fit your needs and schedule. Note the invitation to the Open House on this page.

I try every year to change something in my life, may it be making a new friend, trying out something new or changing the arrangement of my living room. Sometimes changes can be scary as we do not know what we will experience. Will I like it?

Residents at Three Pillars have made a big change from living in their own home and moving in to residences at Three Pillars campuses. If you are ready to make that change; please call our campus and we can help you with making some choices.

I have started my list of changes that I would like to make regarding my life. Then It will be interesting when I look at the list next December to see if it did "make a difference" in my life. I have already done my first change. Did you notice? (the picture at the top of this column)

THREE PILLARS WELLNESS CONNECTION RIBBON CUTTING

Ribbon Cutting took place for the Three Pillars Wellness Connection on Friday, December 17th. Chambers from Oconomowoc and Dousman participated in this ceremony. An Open House was held after the ribbon cutting for all fraternal members. The Wellness Connection will officially open in January, but is currently doing orientation on the exercise equipment.



Left to right; Greg Ornberg, Kerry Holtz, Mary Sylvan, Sara Sarna, Grand Master Joe Harker, Mark Strautman, Ed Sarna, Gwendelyn Hood, Mary Millard

MASONWOODS

Mason Woods has been a bustling place. The holiday season was kicked off with a wonderful breakfast put on by our duplex residents, followed by the decorating of the large Christmas tree that adorns the Jackson Room. A few days later, the residents enjoyed an Hors d' oeuvres party with entertainment provided by Fred Beyer, a local Mason, who played the piano and sang. Everyone enjoyed his performance. He used the digital piano which was donated by Mr. Floyd Meyer, a Mason from Green Bay. It seems our residents love to have dinners as we had a spaghetti dinner sponsored by the Mason Woods Lodge; and then our annual resident Christmas dinner with more food and fellowship. Our schedules remain busy, but we pause to wish you all a safe and healthy New Year from all of us at Mason Woods!



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News Events from the Lodges

Oconomowoc/Hartland Lodge No. 42 Supports Scouting and Other Charities



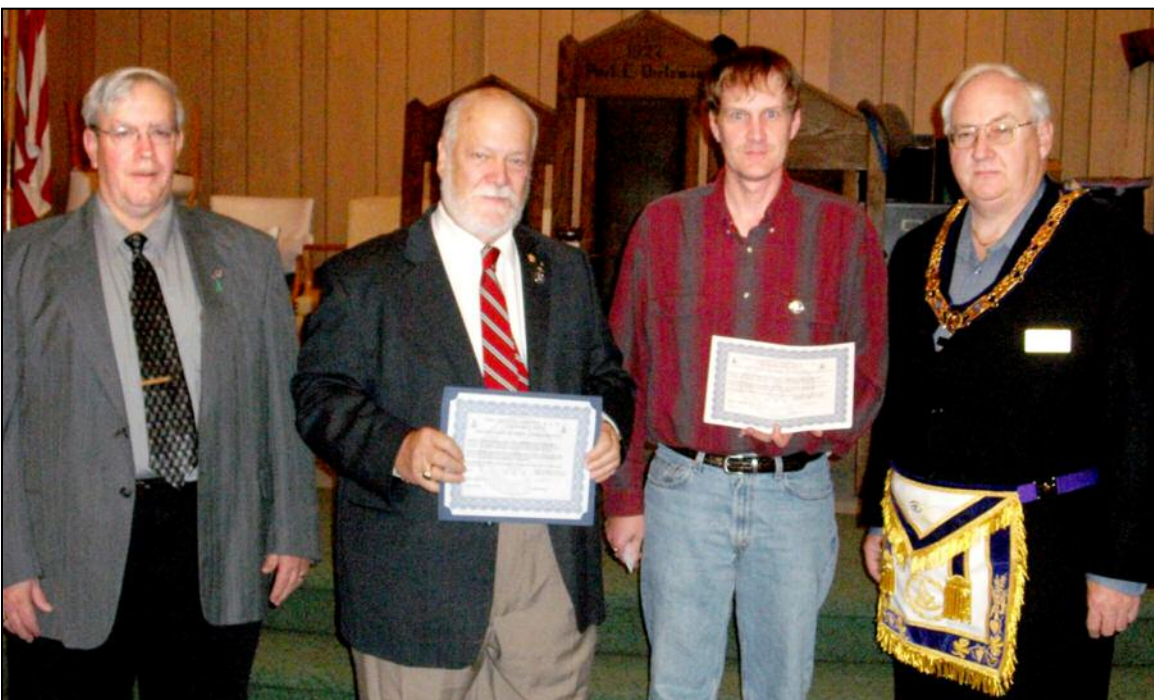
Representatives from The Oconomowoc/Hartland Lodge No. 42 presented a donation and U.S. Flag that had been flown over the Capitol Building in Washington D.C. to the local Potawatomi Boy Scouts Council. Master of the Lodge Jack Holtz said, "Scouting represents many of the core values taught throughout Freemasonry and it is a pleasure to support their organization through our Pay it Forward Campaign." Funds were raised from the annual Lake Country Masonic Golf Outing held every year at the Legends of Brandybrook. Several additional checks will be sent out to other charities including The Rawhide Boys Ranch and the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation. Past Master Gary Pilgrim presented the check to Patrick Scherer, Chief Executive Officer for the Potawatomi Area Council. Pictured (from left): Rob Rohloff; Gary Pilgrim, Past Master; Patrick Scherer, CEO Potawatomi Area Council; Chuck Gastrow, and James Lukas. Submitted by Bro. Dan Bast, Senior Deacon



Clintonville Lodge assists food center

Clintonville Lodge No. 197 recently donated \$1,000.00 towards the purchase of a freezer for Shawano Area Food Center, a local 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. The Shawano Area Food Center has partnered with Feeding America to develop a distribution center in Shawano where local food pantries have access to not only dry foods and an emergency food reserve but also frozen goods. There are currently over 1,500 families per month being served by the local food pantries. The Shawano Area Food Center hopes to better help those local pantries meet the needs of the families they serve. Past Master Dan Jesse, Treasurer, presents the check to John Hill (right) for the Shawano Area Food Center.

Photo by Bro. George Tincher, Secretary



Grand Master presents service awards at Mineral Point Lodge

Grand Master Joseph B. Harker attended his home Lodge, Mineral Point No. 1, recently to present service awards. Bro. Ross Pollock was honored for 50 years of service. Bro. Pollock was raised in Hancock Lodge No. 4, Castine, Maine on November 17, 1960. He is currently the Lodge Counselor and has served as Secretary. Bro. Pollock has served the Grand Lodge as Area Administrator and District Lecturer. Bro. Jerome Duncan was recognized for 60 years of service. Bro. Duncan, a resident of Florida was unable to be present. He was raised a Master Mason in Mineral Point Lodge on May 5, 1950. Bro. Kevin Paynter was also recognized for 25 years of service. Pictured (from left): James Davis, Master; Ross Pollock; Mark Paynter, receiving the certificate for his Brother, Kevin Paynter; and Grand Master Joseph B. Harker.

Submitted by Bro Bill Buckingham, Secretary

Degree Competition Entry Deadline is Feb. 28

Degree Competition will be held Saturday, April 30 at the Madison Masonic Center starting at 9:00 a.m.

Lodges will be competing in the first section of the Fellowcraft Degree. Opening and closing are not part of the competition. Any member of a lodge may par-

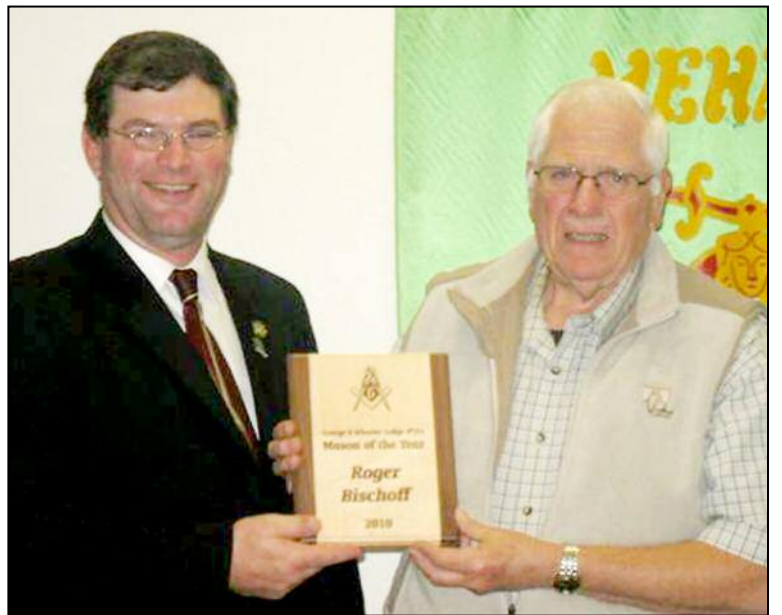
ticipate and do any part. Current Grand Lodge Officers and District Lecturers are excluded.

All lodge secretaries have received entry forms. Lodges will be judged by District Lecturers and Grand Lecturer Kenneth Gorgen.

Deadline for entries is February 28.

It is very important to get your entries in as soon as possible to provide time for local elimination rounds, before the final competition, if necessary.

For more information contact Grand Lecturer Kenneth Gorgen at jkgorgen@att.net or phone 262-691-0859.



Bro. Bischoff is "Mason of the Year"

Bro. Roger Bischoff was honored as "Mason of the Year" by George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351, Eau Claire. Bro. Bischoff is the Secretary/Treasurer of the Lodge and his work always goes above and beyond the call of duty. He is the mainstay of keeping the Lodge on track. Bro. Bischoff received the award from Bro. Jim Kent, Master (left).

Submitted by Bro. Gary Stang, Past Master



Bro. Opelt receives "Masonic Service Award"

Bro. Jerry Opelt recently received the "Masonic Service Award" from Merrilan Lodge No. 279. The Lodge honored him for his many years of dedication. Bro. Jerry is a 48 year member having served his Lodge and Freemasonry in many capacities. He is a Past Master and also a Past Area Administrator. Presenting the award to Bro. Jerry (center) is Past Master Ray Ransom (left) and Bro. Don Havlicek.

Submitted by Bro. Don Havlicek, News Hawk



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Lodges Install Officers for 2011



Four Lakes Daylight Lodge No. 362

The 2011 Officers of Four Lakes Daylight Lodge No. 362, Madison, were installed on December 6. The public installation took place in the newly redecorated Lodge Room No. 1 of the Madison Masonic Center. The officers were installed by Past Master Harold Carpenter, Installing Master; Past Master James Horsfall, Installing Marshal; and Past Master D. James Childs, Installing Chaplain. Pictured front row (from left): William Burkhardt, Past Master; Joseph Fisher, Junior Deacon; Philip Salkin, Counselor; Samuel Ferguson, Treasurer; Joseph Silverberg, Chaplain; Elmo Peterson, Tiler; and Randy Christianson. Second row: James Lackore, Trustee; Lyle Baez, Senior Warden; James Horsfall; Richard Roe, Master; Harold Carpenter; Roger Reukauf, Junior Warden; and Alfred Hunsicker, Senior Deacon. The installation was followed by a luncheon and special presentation given by Brother Philip Salkin, who spoke on the Masonic career of Benjamin Franklin.

Submitted by Bro. Jim Lackore, Secretary



Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301

Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301, Wauwatosa, officers for 2011. First row (from left): Past Master Patrick Cholka, Installing Master; Rodney Van Tassel, Senior Deacon; Grand Master Joseph B. Harker; John Wackman, Master; District Deputy Bob Strader, Installing Marshal; and Tom Fischer, Junior Steward. Second row: Past Master Jack L. Jones, Secretary/Treasurer; Lee Wackman, Chaplain; Past Master Khristian E. Kay, Senior Warden; and Arthur Karos, Senior Steward. Third row: Walter Wooley, Tiler; Steven Holmblad, Junior Warden; and Richard Fischer, Junior Deacon.

Submitted by Bro. Khristian E. Kay, Senior Warden



Rhinelander Lodge No. 242

Rhinelander Lodge No. 242, Rhinelander, installed their officers for 2011 on December 4. Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, P.G.M. installed the officers assisted by Past Master Don Riemenschneider as Marshal. Bro. Riemenschneider was also the outgoing Master of Rhinelander Lodge. Front row (from left): Jim Suffield, Junior Warden; Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, P.G.M.; David Imlah, Jr., Master; Bob Smith, Senior Warden; and Bud Werner Chaplin. Second row: Bill Julian, Treasurer; Gabriel Klotz, Junior Deacon; Mike England, Senior Deacon; Bob Bateman, Secretary; Ed Cholewinski, Counselor; and George Sanders, Tiler.

Submitted by Bro. Dave Imlah, Master



Franklin Lodge No. 16 and Richland Lodge No. 66

Franklin Lodge No. 16, Highland and Richland Lodge No. 66, Richland Center held a joint installation of 2011 officers on December 8. Past Grand Master Keith Chamberlain was the installing officer assisted by Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White. First row (from left): Scott Rossing, Tony Broadbent, Fuzz Spangler, Matt Drennan, Cecil Groves. Second row: Larry Hallett, Brent Clausius, Past Grand Master Keith Chamberlain, Sean Schram, Dave Druckery, George Bernhagen, and Jim Jewell. Third row: Larry Ferguson, Master, Richland Lodge No. 66; Richard Rasmussen; and Charlie McMullen, Master, Franklin Lodge No. 16.

Submitted by Bro. Brent Clausius, PM, Newshawk



Prairie View Lodge No. 95

Bro. Rick Coles, Master, and the 2011 Lodge Officers of Prairie View Masonic Lodge No. 95, Ripon were installed at Prairie View Lodge on December 14. Pictured front row (from left): Ken Cartier, Tiler; Steve Gerretson, Chaplain; and Kevan Nault, Secretary. Second row: John Ernst, Senior Deacon; Lamont Colucci, Master of Madison Lodge No. 5 and Installing Master; Rick Coles, Master; Past Master Jay Clarke, Installing Marshal; and Wes O'Laire, Senior Steward. Third row: Bill Boutwell, Junior Deacon; Past Master Larry Malchow, Treasurer; Tim Aither, Senior Warden; Bruce Stephenson, Junior Warden; and Past Master Loren Shaw, Junior Steward (as proxy for Past Master Paul Walheim).

Submitted by Bro. Rick Coles, Master



Eagle River Lodge No. 248

Eagle River Lodge No. 248 recently installed their 2011 Officers. First row (from left): Past Master George Welnetz, Counselor; Past Master Jimmy Dakof, Junior Warden; Brian Krause, Master; Thomas Foerester, Senior Warden; and Ted Walker, Senior Deacon. Second row: Aaron Lifschutz, Junior Deacon; Scott Kellogg, Tyler; Past Master Richard Mitchell, Senior Steward; Past Master Jim Carey III, Treasurer; and Past Master Scott Bishop, Secretary.

Submitted by Bro. Scott Bishop, Secretary

Dodgeville Lodge Hosts Joint Installation for Five Lodges

Dodgeville Lodge No. 119 hosted a joint installation of officers at the Dodgeville Masonic Center on December 16.

The officers of Mineral Point Lodge No. 1, Dodgeville Lodge No. 119, Linden Lodge No. 206, Fennimore Lodge No. 219 and Barneveld Lodge No. 319 were installed by Grand Master Joseph B. Harker assisted by Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White, Jr., Installing Marshal and Bro. David Ritchie, Installing Chaplain.

Bro. Don Komplin congratulated the officers on behalf of the Madison Scottish Rite and presented the Masters with a trowel for "spreading the bonds of eternal friendship".

Bro. Emmett Reilly, Master of Warren Lodge No. 4, Potosi, presented the traveling gavel to Dodgeville Lodge.

Bro. David Ritchie presented a check to Jacky Jacobson, Safety Committee

Chairman of the Hodan Center in Mineral Point for \$3,400 on behalf of the Masons of District 8 (see story on page 11).

Grand Master Joseph B. Harker presented Bro. Ross Pollock a 50 year pin and jewel on behalf of his home Lodge, Hancock Lodge No. 4 A.F. & A.M., Castine, Maine and the Grand Lodge of Maine.

In closing Grand Master Joseph B. Harker urged the lodges, especially those that have months of darkness to review their bylaws and determine if they are adequate for their needs today, and if not take the time to bring them up to date.

A dinner followed the installation in the dining room.

See more photos on Page 12



Mineral Point Lodge No. 1

The officers of Mineral Point Lodge No. 1 were installed at a joint installation on December 16, at the Dodgeville Masonic Center. Front row (from left): Raymond Paynter, Junior Steward; Scott Rossing, Junior Deacon; Grand Master Joseph B. Harker, Installing Master; James Davis, Master; Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White, Jr., Installing Marshal; and Mark Paynter Senior Steward. Second row: District Deputy Scott Pedley; Andrew Davis, Senior Deacon; Craig Conklin, Junior Warden; Jerry Potter; Royce Jones, Senior Warden; Larry Mitchell; and William Buckingham, Secretary/Treasurer. Back row: David Ritchie, Installing Chaplain; and Ross Pollock, Counselor.

Photo by Rich Rygh



Dodgeville Lodge No. 119

The officers of Dodgeville Lodge No. 119 were installed at a joint installation on December 16, at the Dodgeville Masonic Center. Front row (from left): Grand Master Joseph B. Harker, Installing Master; Mark Jenks, Master; Thomas Mueller, Senior Warden; and Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White, Jr., Installing Marshal. Second row: Maurice Althaus; Orville Olson, Treasurer; Keith Leitzinger, Secretary; James Schoville, Junior Steward; Brian Pishion, Senior Deacon; and Mel Masters, Junior Warden.

Photo by Rich Rygh



Oregon Lodge No. 151

Officers of Oregon Lodge No. 151 were installed on December 16, by Junior Grand Warden Daniel Slavik, Installing Master and Grand Treasurer John Benedict, Installing Marshal. Front row (from left): Scott Magnusson, Junior Deacon; Brad Staley, Senior Deacon; James Goldsmith, Senior Warden; Dennis Erfurth, Master; Chad Winklepleck, Junior Warden, Gayel Larsen, Trustee; and Ed Showers, Tiler. Second row: Todd Kile, Senior Steward; Al Bettenhausen, Junior Steward; Don Haugen, Treasurer; Dave Huston, Chaplain; Arlen Christensen, Trustee; and Dick Richardson, Counselor.

Submitted by Past Master Ken Haugen, News Hawk



Linden Lodge No. 206

The officers of Linden Lodge No. 206 were installed at a joint installation on December 16, at the Dodgeville Masonic Center. Front row (from left): District Deputy Scott Pedley; Grand Master Joseph B. Harker, Installing Master; Scott Rossing, Junior Warden; and Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White, Jr., Installing Marshal. Second row: Matt Drennan, Junior Deacon; Donald Barritt, Senior Steward; Bill Keeney, Treasurer; and Bruce Bradley, Counselor.

Photo by Rich Rygh



Wilmot Lodge No. 241

The Officers of Wilmot Lodge No. 241 for 2011 were installed on November 30. Front row (from left): Bill Hahnfeldt, Secretary; Bill Labovitz, Senior Deacon; Stan Gorsuch, Junior Warden; Mike Wood, Master; Brian Wood, Chaplain; and Brian Vogt, Senior Warden. Second row: Bob Clampit, Treasurer; Kevin Mech, Tiler; Clint Thompson, Junior Steward; Mike Rosario, Junior Deacon; and Joe Garbacky, Counselor.

Submitted by Bro. Mike Wood, Master



Barneveld Lodge No. 319

The officers of Barneveld Lodge No. 319 were installed at a joint installation on December 16, at the Dodgeville Masonic Center. Front row (from left): District Deputy Scott Pedley; Grand Master Joseph B. Harker, Installing Master; Scott Komplin, Master; Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White, Jr., Installing Marshal; and David Ritchie, Installing Chaplain. Second row: Vernon Massey, Tiler; Robin Gilbertson, Junior Warden; Dan Bowe, Senior Deacon; Dave Grinder, Junior Deacon; and Don Komplin, Junior Steward.

Photo by Rich Rygh



Tomah Lodge No. 132

Tomah Lodge No. 132 officers for 2011, front row (from left): Raymond Boettcher, Chaplain; Jessie Long, Master; Donald Roscovious, Senior Warden; James DeVoe, Junior Warden; and Mark Charbonneau, Junior Deacon. Second row: Charles Calhoun, Trustee; Johnston Bell, Secretary/Treasurer; Tom Johnson, Senior Steward; Harry Smith; James Arena, Junior Steward; Ken Kuhn, Tiler; and Robert Keene, Trustee. Not pictured, Thomas Teeple, Senior Deacon.

Submitted by Bro. Kenneth Kuhn, Past Master



Bro. Baker is "Mason of the Year"

Bro. Oscan Kilic named Fletcher Baker as "Mason of the Year" during his term as Master of the River Falls Lodge No. 109. Unfortunately Bro. Baker passed away before the presentation was made. On Tuesday, December 21 Bro. Kilic and Lodge Secretary Dave Akenson presented his widow, Elaine Baker, with Bro. Fletcher's plaque noting the highest award presented by the lodge. The lodge also honored 50 year members, Bros. Dale Viney, Ron Stewart and Paul Leitch. Bro. Jerry Knott was honored for 25 years. Elaine Baker receives the "Mason of the Year" award from Past Master Oscan Kilic (left) and Past Master Dave Akenson, Secretary.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer



Dousman Lodge honors Brothers

On Tuesday evening, December 7, Dousman Lodge No. 315 and Terry Brown, Master (center) recognized the service of two of their members. Bro. Jim Johnson (left) was awarded the Lodge's 2010 "Mason of the Year Award" for his dedicated service as Junior Deacon and for chairing the very successful Dousman Derby Days event. Bro. Chuck Bayer (right) was recognized with the "Masonic Lodge Service Award" for running the Lodge's annual golf outing for the past several years.

Submitted by Bro. Terry Brown, Master

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Bro. Stefan from page one

principle, they elect their officers, this teaches the people they can elect, they can choose, they have a choice, this is not what the government wants the people to know."

The lodge building was confiscated by the Communists, and in time they offered to return it, however the costs of repair would have been so expensive the lodges could not afford it.

The Grand Lodge has rented an apartment in a big apartment complex. There are bells to ring at the entrance of the building as we have. The lodge bell is identified by just a symbol, it is covered by a piece of plastic as are the names of the other residents. The plastic cover over the lodge emblem is regularly broken with a hammer to show the Masons that they are targeted.

The Hungarian Symbolic Grand Lodge has helped to reestablish Freemasonry in the Ukraine, Serbia and Croatia. The Hungarian Masons began reorganizing even before the Communists ceded power in 1989.

The lodges open with the usual ritual but there is always a trestleboard or presentation of something someone has read or written dealing with Masonic principles or something to do with education or teaching of those things which are not taught in school.

The lodges work in the Entered Apprentice Degree. Bro. Stefan had to wait for over three years to be initiated and like all Masons in Hungary, had to wait another year to receive his Fellowcraft Degree and yet another year to



When you speak in lodge you speak "in sign" as Bro. Stefan demonstrates.

receive his Master Mason Degree. Each degree is followed by a celebration that is called a "White Table" similar to our table lodges.

The lodges have very few Entered Apprentices that do not finish their degrees to become a Master Mason. The Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts attend lodge regularly and are eager to learn more and advance to the next degree.

During open lodge Entered Apprentices must always sit in the North, Fellowcrafts in the South and Master Masons may sit on either side.

The Hungarian Lodges do not have Deacons. In the East they have the Master and Secretary as we have but at the right of the Master is the Speaker. It is the Speaker's duty to supervise and see that the Lodge follows the code. They have a Major Warden in the North and a Minor Warden sitting in the South. The candles are placed one each on the east, north and south sides of the altar. When entering you greet first the Major Warden, then the Minor Warden, and, after the ritual steps pertaining to the degree the lodge will be opened in, you greet the Master.

The lodge has one steward that takes care of the table. Usually the lodges have more of a meal than just a lunch.

When you speak in lodge you speak "in sign". Holding the right hand horizontally under the chin. If you are doing a lengthy presentation, or for some reason you need both hands, you ask permission from the Master to make the presentation "not in sign". During a presentation discussion each Mason may speak only once and often for a limited amount of time.

In Hungary some lodges meet weekly, some twice a month and some monthly. In Germany they meet once per week with one meeting a month being a "ritual meeting" or regular meeting and the others are more of a social gathering which includes Masonic related presentations and friends are often invited.

When you become a Mason in Hungary you receive a pair of gloves and one extra glove. The extra glove is given to your wife, if something happens to you and your widow needs help she brings the glove back to the lodge for assistance. During the years when Masonry was forbidden in Hungary the Brothers from Austria and Germany found ways to send money to help the widows.

Scottish Rite and York Rite exist but there are no other Masonic appendant bodies in Hungary. There are special meetings of the lodges that include the wives and children.

There is no posting and ritual work is presented with the book open.

The lodge dues would be equal to \$200 per year in U.S. dollars. Members that are active but unable to pay dues are carried by the lodge. Members that are not

active and do not pay are suspended. Donations do not exist. People that come from a Communist background do not pay anything extra, they only pay what is required. It is their way of life.

In 1989 when Freemasonry was allowed the lodges had no aprons. The Masons that had aprons, kept them as they were presented to them and these aprons belong to the individual. The Masons of Sweden, Germany and England donated money to help the lodges purchase aprons.

Aprons are presented to the individual and are worn throughout their life. The aprons have nothing to do with a degree or office held. Entered Apprentices however, do wear white aprons. Jewels designate membership in a lodge and the office held. Sometimes if a new Mason's father is deceased he may be presented with his father's apron. Gloves are always worn in lodge, the only time they are removed is to handle money. In some lodges in Germany everyone wears a top hat, not just the Master.

The knocks at the door and raps with the gavel are different depending on which degree the lodge is working in.

In Austria and Hungary the lodges have a carpet called a Tapis with Masonic symbols on it. The carpet is put down with the three candles in the corners. The Brethren are not allowed to step on the carpet and can only move around the carpet in a clockwise motion. The Grand Master is allowed to walk on the carpet when he comes to visit a lodge. When the Master enters he comes in under an arch of steel formed by the Brethren with swords the lodge has for such purposes. The Bible is placed in the East in front of the Master. The Master opens and closes the Bible. The candles are lit by the two Wardens and the Master. The tiler has a sword, but there are no rods.

The Brethren have passports, which contain their degree dates and the name of their lodge. This passport is used to gain admission when visiting another lodge.

The Masons of Hungary are very proud of their Masonic heritage and work very hard to keep Freemasonry alive for future generations.

Photos submitted by Bro. Stefan Streitferdt

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News Events from the Lodges

South Shore Lodge No. 3 Pledges \$60,000 to "Caring to Grow"



Brethren from South Shore Lodge No. 3, South Milwaukee, front row (from left): John Spangler, Ed Deeds, Mike Neldner, Rich Allen, Jim Goodman and Allen Edlebeck. Second row: Dennis Johnson, Byron Borck, Robert Rohleder, Larry Neldner, Dan Moshinski and Pat Cholka.

By Bro. William Barnes

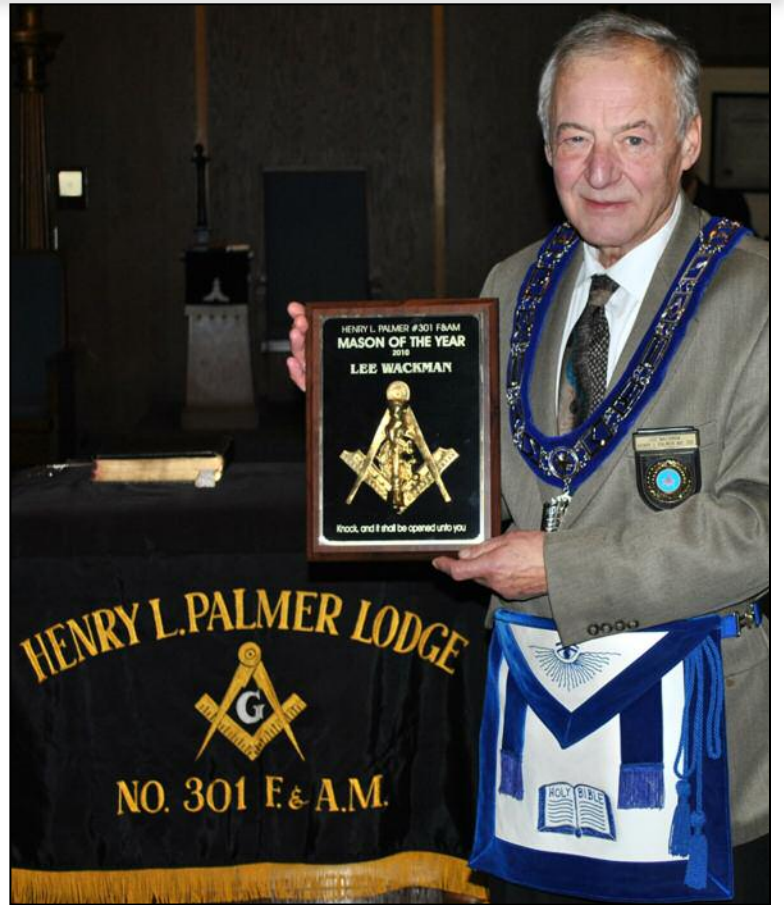
Generosity has many faces, including those of our Brothers at South Shore Lodge. Recognizing the need to build a new Rehabilitation and Wellness Center at the Masonic Home, Three Pillars, the members of South Shore Lodge No. 3, South

Milwaukee, stepped up to help in a big way. They made a pledge of \$60,000, payable at \$12,000 per year for 5 years. South Shore Lodge will be awarded a naming opportunity for part of the new building.

Twenty-seven Masonic lodges have contributed over \$110,000

to our Capital Campaign. Many are still discussing making a donation. Donations can be made in one payment or spread out over several years.

Our brothers have again demonstrated why Masons are the most charitable group on Earth.



Bro. Lee Wackman "Mason of the Year"

Bro. Lee Wackman, Chaplain, was recently honored as "Mason of the Year" at Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301, Wauwatosa. This award is presented annually to a Brother Mason who epitomizes the highest standard of friendship, fellowship, service to the Craft and brotherly love. The Brother receiving this award has demonstrated a willingness to serve, not only his individual Lodge, but Masonry in general through his conduct and actions. His dedication and service to our Lodge, and the fraternity in general, should stand as an example of conduct to be emulated by his Lodge Brothers, and, as well, to the general Masonic community. This Brother stands out among his peers at almost every level in life, and thus is truly deserving of these accolades which we have chosen to bestow upon him. As a Lodge of Freemasonry, through this award, we honor our Brother, not only as a valued member of our Lodge but also as an intricate and integral part of its continued success. It goes without saying that the "Mason of the Year" award is one of the highest honors any Mason, in our Lodge, can ever receive.

Submitted by Khristian E. Kay, Master 2010

District 8 Masons Assist Hodan Center



Jacky Jacobson, Safety Committee Chairman of the Hodan Center receives a \$3400 check from the Masons of District 8. Pictured (from left): Grand Master Joseph B. Harker; James Davis, Master, Mineral Point Lodge No. 1; Scott Komplin, Master, Barneveld Lodge No. 319; Don Noyes, Master, Fenimore Lodge No. 219; David Ritchie; Mark Jenks, Master, Dodgeville Lodge No. 119; and Jacky Jacobson.

Photo by Rich Rygh

The Brethren, Moundview Shrine Club and the Lodges of District 8 have raised \$3,400 to purchase a "sit to stand" lift for the Hodan Center, Inc. in Mineral Point. The District raised \$1,700 and the Wisconsin Masonic Medical Foundation donated \$1,700 in a matching grant.

The "sit-to-stand" lifts are used to transfer people from wheelchairs to work stations, therapy mats, toilets, etc. These lifts insure dignity as well as safety to the person being transferred. The lift also helps protect the aid doing the transfer from lower back and shoulder injuries.

The Hodan Center is a non-profit sheltered workshop for adults with physical and cognitive disabilities. The center provides work opportunities, job training, therapy services, educational opportunities, and much more to these adults. It serves 119 people in Southwest Wisconsin covering the majority of District 8.

This was a team effort lead by Bro. David Ritchie and the Chaplains of District 8.



Bro. Ellwood Thomas is "Mason of the Year"

Bro. Harlan Dodge, Master, Blue Hills Lodge No. 234, Rice Lake, presented the "Mason of the Year" award to Bro. Ellwood Thomas at the Lodge Christmas Party on December 13. Bro. Ellwood, a 65 year Mason, has been Chaplain for 20 years. He has been very active in degree work during his years as a Mason. He was raised July 23, 1945.

Submitted by Bro. Harlan Dodge, Master



Bro. Ted Walker honored

Bro. Ted Walker recently received the Masonic Lodge Service Award from newly installed Worshipful Master, Brian Krause, of Eagle River Lodge No. 248. Bro. Ted is responsible for the beautiful new windows in Eagle River Masonic Center. He enabled the lodge to get the windows at his cost and professionally installed them, with the help of his Brothers. He also donated generously to the Window Replacement Fund. In 2008 the Lodge was able to purchase the outside doors at his cost and he installed them. The exterior of the building is in great shape due to his craftsmanship and generosity. In 2009, Past Master Dick Hansen presented Ted with the "Mason of the Year" award for his outstanding contributions to Island City Lodge No. 330. In the words of Past Master Dick Hansen, "Bro. Ted was, and remains, the epitome of what Masonry is all about. "Thank you Ted, for your outstanding work and commitment to Masonry. "The brothers of Eagle River Lodge No. 248 and Island City Lodge No. 330 express their gratitude."

Submitted by Bro. Scott Bishop, Secretary

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Grand Master Joseph B. Harker installs the officers of the five lodges.



Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White, Jr. opens the Bible during the public opening of the Lodge.

See Story
on page 8.



Bro. Emmett Reilly, Master of Warren Lodge No. 4, Potosi, presents the traveling gavel to Dodgeville Lodge. From left: Bro. Keith Leitzinger, Dodgeville, Secretary; Steve Michek, Linden; Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White, Jr., Warren, District 8 Chaplain David Ritchie, Warren; Emmett Reilly; Orville Olson, Dodgeville, Treasurer; and Jerry Potter, Warren.



Bro. William Buckingham, Secretary/Treasurer of Mineral Point Lodge receives congratulations from Installing Marshal Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White, Jr., after receiving his jewel. Bro. Bill Keeney, Treasurer of Linden Lodge looks on.

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Officers waiting to be installed sit in the North from East to West as Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White, Jr. presents the Masters for installation.



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16794 S. Main St. • 608-582-4130 (Sec)
Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m.
Dark July & August, 1st Mon. Sept.

Glendale

Milwaukee-Harmony No. 261
Sheraton Inn-Milw North • 414-961-1133
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Grafton

Victory Lodge No. 320
504 W. Grand Ave., Port Washington
414-659-5205, Meet 2nd & 4th Mon.,
6:30 p.m. Dark June-August

Green Bay

Des Peres Lodge No. 85
525 N. Taylor • 920-865-7637
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.
Dark July & August

Green Bay

N.E.W. Daylite Lodge No. 360
535 N. Taylor St. • 920-499-7265
Meet 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m.
Dark July & August

Green Bay

Theodore Roosevelt Lodge 322
525 N. Taylor St. • 920-490-9777
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Dark July & Aug., 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. • 262-673-4045
Meet 2nd Monday, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

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.
Dark July & August

Jefferson

Jefferson County Lodge No. 9
617 Masonic Blvd. • 920-674-6715
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

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
807 61st St. • 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 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. • 608-385-1923
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. Lakeshore Dr. • 262-248-9900
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 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. • 608-592-4820 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Lone Rock

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

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. • 608-233-3902
Meets 1st Mon. - 2nd Mon. if 1st follows
holiday wknd., 10 a.m. Meets All Year

Madison

Hiram Lodge No. 50
310 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-244-9468
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark 1st Mondays, June thru September

Madison

Madison Lodge No. 5
301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-0793
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Meet 1st Thursday 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. • 715-735-3515
Meet 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Marshfield

Marshfield Lodge No. 224
402 W. 4th St. • 715-384-8646
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, 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

New Master Masons



New Master Mason Bro. Wes O'Laire

Bro. Wes O'Laire, Oakfield, was raised a Master Mason at Prairie View Lodge No. 95, Ripon, on October 26. Bro. Larry Malchow, Master, congratulates Bro. Wes (right).
Submitted by Bro. Rick Coles, Master



Bro. Ryan Barbian new MM in Ozaukee Lodge

Bro. Ryan Barbian received his Master Mason Degree in Ozaukee Lodge No. 17 on November 15. Pictured (from left): Chuck Corgait; Craig Heatwole, Secretary; Jerry Rasmussen, Master; Ryan Barbian; Sid Arthur, Senior Warden; Chris Knehans; Past Master Neil Johnson; and Chuck Kiessling.
Submitted by Bro. Erwin Wuehr, Past Master



New Master Masons in Ozaukee Lodge

Ozaukee Lodge's two newest Master Masons are Bros. Cory Schubert and Douglas Koepke. Pictured front row (from left): Cory Schubert; Jerry Rasmussen, Master; and Douglas Koepke. Second row: Craig Heatwole, Secretary; Past Master Neil Johnson; and Jon Ziegler.
Submitted by Bro Erwin Wuehr, Past Master



Bro. Jake Seever new MM in Forest Lodge

Forest Lodge No. 130, Wausau, raised their sixth Master Mason of 2010, Bro. Jake Seever on December 1. Pictured in front row (from left): Dan Maguire; Joe Barlow, Master; Jake Seever; and James Epp. Back row: Peter Rotter, John Galindo, Erick Pujohla, Jim Carlson, Kurt Lis, Stephen Britton and Roger Hancock.
Submitted by Bro. Joe Barlow, Master

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Onalaska

Onalaska Lodge No. 214
330 Main Street • 608-783-5606 (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
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, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Portage

Fort Winnebago Lodge No. 33
111 W. Conant Street • 608-742-6468
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 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.
Dark July & August

Potosi

Warren Lodge No. 4
112 S. Main St. • 608-763-2221 (Sec)
Meets 1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
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. • Dark July & Aug.

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. • 715-262-5478 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Racine

Racine-Belle City Lodge No. 18
1210 Main St. • 262-633-6658
Meets 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Reedsburg

Reedsburg Lodge No. 79
213 E. Main St. • 608-524-3281
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark January & February

Rhineland

Rhineland Lodge No. 242
23 E. Davenport St. • 715-277-2692 (Sec)
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 January & February

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
201-1/2 S. Main 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, 5:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

Shell Lake

Shell Lake / Spooner Lodge No. 221
28 Dobby Drive • 715-468-7004 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
July & August 3rd Tuesday only

Shullsburg

Amicitia Lodge No. 25
127-1/2 Water St. • 608-965-3414 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 8 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 Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Star Prairie

North Star Lodge No. 187
Bridge St. • 715-248-3279
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July August

Stevens Point

Evergreen Lodge No. 93
2854 Church Street • 715-345-1846
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark January & February

Stoughton

Kegonsa Lodge No. 73
125 S. 5th St. • 608-873-9204
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 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, 7:30 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. • 715-392-1398 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Sussex

Lincoln Lodge No. 183
N64 W23624 Main St. • 262-339-8985 (Sec)
craigscampbell@wi.rr.com
2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m. Dark July & August

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. • 262-878-9938
Meet 2nd Saturday, 8:30 a.m.
Meets All Year

Viroqua

La Belle Lodge No. 84
118-1/2 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
105-1/2 N. Main Street • 715-258-2208
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. - 4th Monday of Dec.

Wauwatosa

Henry I. Palmer Lodge No. 301
4315 N. 92nd St. • 414-463-8390
Meet 2nd & 4th Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Wauwatosa

Wisconsin Lodge No. 13
4315 N. 92nd St. • 414-463-8390
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.
Dark July & August

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 Tuesdays, 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. • 414-964-4080
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 113th St. • 262-889-8181 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark 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
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Meets 5th Saturdays, 1 p.m.

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George Washington Masonic Memorial

Renovations to the third floor of the George Washington Masonic Memorial are under way for the new Family of Freemasonry exhibit, with phase one scheduled to open in May 2011. The exhibit will showcase several Masonic appendant and affiliated

organizations and highlight their history, charities and social activities.

The George Washington Masonic Memorial was built in the 1920s by the more than two million American Freemasons who wished to: "express in dura-

bility and beauty the undying esteem of the Freemasons of the United States for him in whose memory it shall stand throughout the coming years."

It is more than a memorial and museum. It is a tourist attraction and destination; research center and library; community center; performing arts center and concert hall; banquet and celebration site; and meeting site for local and countless visiting Masonic lodges and organizations. This magnificent structure is privately funded through the grateful contributions of Freemasons and others, yet remains open to the public, free of charge, seven days a week.

Winter Hours, October 1 through March 31 are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Saturday and 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sundays. Group guided tours are available. See www.gwmemorial.org.



George Washington Masonic Memorial

Calumet Lodge Clean-up Day



Calumet Lodge No. 172 held a clean-up day in October. Top photo Bros. Bob Becker, Jim Brocker, Gene Wilhelm, and Jim Brocker's son Dakota Brocker tend to some landscaping. Bottom photo Gene Wilhelm paints the pillars.

Photos By Bro. Scott Driskill, Master



District Deputy presents LEA Award to River Falls Lodge

District 2 Deputy H. Scott Paulson, of Hudson, presents River Falls Lodge No. 109 Past Master Oscan Kilic with the Lodge Excellence Award during their election of officers December 7 as current Worshipful Master Steve Schwartz looks on with pride.

Submitted by Bro Milt Helmer

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District 5 Merrillan Lodge No. 279	District 11 Pewaukee No. 246
District 6 Waupaca Lodge No. 123	District 12 Day Lite Lodge No. 358

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.



Waukesha Lodge Christmas Parade Float

Waukesha Lodge No. 37 participated in the 48th Annual Waukesha Christmas Parade on November 21. Brethren participating were: Kevin Lowman Dale Hartung, Kim Michalowski, Tim Duffy, Dan Miller, Mike O'Connor, Randy Radish, Bob McQuillan and Eugene Johnson.

Submitted by Bro. Dale Hartung, Past Master

Masons and Families Tour New Three Pillars Facilities



Nicole Billings, Three Pillars Marketing Coordinator demonstrates new fitness equipment as Kerry Holtz (right), Three Pillars Wellness Connection Coordinator looks on. Learning about the new equipment are (from left): Helen Brown, Rob Morris Chapter #10 O.E.S., Palmyra; Jean Meracle; Jeane Jones, Rob Morris Chapter #10; and Charlie Brown, Palmyra Lodge No. 68.



Sky panels over the mat tables in the therapy gym provide a bright pleasant environment.



Wisconsin Masonic Home Board Member Kris Engbring (center) conducts a tour of a resident suite. The rooms feature their own private bathroom, resident controlled thermostat, WiFi, refrigerator and locked drawers for personal items. TV/DVD/Cable is provided and loaner laptop computers are available.



Wisconsin Masonic Home Board Member Gary Krause conducts a tour of the therapy gym. From left: Bro. Gary Krause; Bro. D. James Childs, Hiram Lodge No. 50; Heidi Farrel; Grand Master Joseph B. Harker; Dona Childs; and Lyle Farrel, Waukesha Lodge No. 37.

See story on page one.
Photos by Rich Rygh



Kerry Holtz (right) instructs Laura Slavik on the use of the HUR fitness equipment. Watching in back (from left): Jennie Slavik, Mary Harker and Junior Grand Warden Daniel Slavik.



The therapy gym has all new state-of-the-art equipment. The award winning therapy department provides physical, occupational and speech therapy.

River Falls Lodge Installs Officers at Gala Gathering

By Bro. Milt Helmer
The installation of officers of the River Falls Masonic Lodge No.

109 was a grand affair. Held on Tuesday, December 21, at the ornate Masonic

Temple on Maple Street in River Falls, the event was well attended by friends and relatives of the officers installed to lead the Lodge for the coming Masonic year.

The Brothers of the lodge were honored by having the Past Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, Bro. Charles White, to serve as opening Master. Once the Lodge was opened in public form, PGM White presented the gavel to Past Master Rod Rommel, Installing Master. Past Master Dave Vold was Installing Marshal.

During the ceremony, District Lecturer Harold Christensen, served as Installing Chaplain, Bro. Bob Fischer was Senior Warden and Bro. Jim Wolfe was Junior Warden.

The entire affair went on with all the dignity befitting the occasion.

Before the evening began outgoing Master Steve Schwartz thanked the brothers for their support and hard work during his year in office.

Once installed, Worshipful Master Jim Graham addressed the audience and thanked them for the honor to serve as Master of the River Falls Lodge. He was presented with his Master's hat, which Graham noted was a bowler. He said the selection was not done casually, saying the bowler was invented in early England for hunters who were always getting their hats knocked off while hunting. The hunters asked a hat maker to come up with a hat that would not easily be dislodged while in the country side and would also provide some protection.

The bowler, said Graham, was what the hat maker came up



Bro. John Howard, the Tiler of the River Falls Lodge, is shown with a rather unique gift from his friend Priscilla Shoeneck. She presented him with a handmade fishing tip up that is attached to a glass. Whenever he needs a refill all he has to do is push a switch and a little red flag pops up, just like the big winter fishing gear. Bro. Howard is an avid fishing enthusiast.

with. Head wear in early England was a sign of ones station in life, but the bowler soon became preferred attire for the common man. With this in mind, Bro. Graham selected the bowler for his year in the East. Bro. Graham said the bowler represents the equality of the brotherhood saying we are all on one level in Freemasonry.

After a fine dinner, the members participated in a traditional gift exchange.

The 2011 River Falls Lodge No. 109 officer photo will be published in the February issue.

Bro. Jim Graham (right) with his bowler hat presented to him at his installation.



Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus were the life of the Christmas Party at the River Falls Lodge. Bro. Mike Wilson and his wife serve as Santa and Mrs. Claus at holiday events throughout River Falls. Their appearance made the annual event even more memorable.

Lodge 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.

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Dodgeville Lodge hosts Dodgeville Lioness/Iowa County Empty Stocking Project

On December 11, the Lioness Club used the Dodgeville Masonic Center to host their annual toy giveaway to needy families. There were 101 families with 229 children receiving toys. The Lioness Club been doing this for the past 15 years. Twelve Lioness members were involved and 60 hours were donated. This is a non-denominational project, but Christian oriented. All of the donated toys are given out and any funds donated are used to purchase toys for the following year.

Submitted by Bro. Keith Leitzinger, Secretary

Masonic Charities

Bro. William H. Barnes, Director of Development

Wis. Masonic Charities, e-mail: erika@wisc-freemasonry.org

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