



Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

JUNE

3-4 Magic Show performed by Bro. William Reed, Spring Valley Theater, S234 McKay Ave., Spring Valley, June 3, 7:30 p.m.; June 4, 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. \$10.00 adults, \$6.50 children under 10 & Seniors. For information call 1-715-778-5507,

4 Tomah Lodge No. 132 150th Anniversary. Rededication by the Grand Lodge Officers with a dinner to follow.

4 Dousman Lodge No. 315, second annual "Masonic Trap Shoot and Family Day" on Saturday, June 4, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Fin 'n' Feather Sportman's Club, N2765 Hardscrabble Road, Palmyra. Contact Butch at 262-894-7137 for more information. See story on page 2.

4 Zor Shrine Ceremonial, Whitewater.

5 District 10 Family Picnic, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. with lunch at 1:00 p.m. The cost is only \$1.00 which includes meat, buns, beverages and condiments – bring a salad or dish to pass. The picnic will be held at the Memorial Park in Glenbeulah. RSVP to District Deputy David Tainter, 262-689-2848 or email dtainter@wi.rr.com. See story on page 2.

10-11 Grand Lodge Annual Communication, Madison Masonic Center, Madison. More info on page 1, for complete info see A/C 2011 at wisfreemasonry.com or the May issue of *The Wisconsin Masonic Journal*.

12 Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128 150th Anniversary, cash bar 1:00 p.m., luncheon at 1:30 p.m. at Mead Hotel, followed by rededication of the Lodge by Grand Lodge Officers. Reservations due May 31. See story on page 18 of the web edition.

15-18 York Rite Grand Sessions of the State of Wisconsin, Hotel Sierra Convention Center, 333 Main St., Green Bay. For more information contact Lauren Handeland at 262-544-5692.

17 McKinley Lodge's Annual Table Lodge, 5:30 p.m. appetizers, 6:00 p.m. dinner. McKinley Masonic Center, 4550 N. Pilgrim Road, Brookfield. Call Bro. Mike Gorgen, 262-820-0812 for tickets.

18 Centennial Ball, Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301 celebrates its 100th anniversary with a dinner & dance at the North Hills Country Club. All friends of Palmer Lodge are invited. Call Bro. Jack Jones at 414-771-5278 for reservations and information.

18-19 Wautoma Masonic Union's 9th annual Father's Day Antique and Collector's Car & Truck show Sunday, Saturday evening cruise with music by BeBop. Bird Creek Park in Wautoma Wis. Contact Ed Anderson at 920-293-4305 or email carshow@centurytel.net.

22 Prairie du Chein Lodge No. 8, annual family picnic at 6:30 p.m., at Lawler Park on St. Feriole Island (on the river front). See story on page 11.

28 Milton Lodge No. 161 Hillbilly Night, 6:00 p.m. picnic, bring your family, a dish to pass and outdoor chairs, 508 Vernal Ave., Milton.

JULY

16 Wilnot Lodge No. 241, fourth annual Motorcycle Tour and Fun Fest, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. See story on page 9.

18 9th Annual Lake Country Masonic Golf Outing to benefit the "Pay it Forward" campaign of Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge No. 42 at Legend at Brandybrook in Wales. Registration/Lunch at 11:00 a.m., shotgun start at Noon. Banquet at 6:00 p.m. Contact Rob Rohloff 414-899-7381, Tom Ewald 262-201-4036, or Michael Radichel 414-861-6003.

28-30 Youth Soccer Academy and All-Star Soccer games, Middleton High School. See story on page 1.

AUGUST

6 The "Rod Paulsen Blood Drive", Saturday, August 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Elkhorn Middle School, 627 East Court St. in Elkhorn. See story on page 2.

7 Three Pillars Friends and Family Day Noon-3:00 p.m.

8 Teddy Bear Classic VII, Muskego Lakes Country Club. Registration: 8:00 a.m., \$110.00 per Golfer, includes: cart, golf, lunch, beverages and banquet. Golf Ball Drop \$10 per ticket, prize \$1,500. Registration deadline is July 25. Contact Tom Kohl, 414-241-7070, email tkohl@boerke.com. Make checks Payable to Children's Dyslexia Center, Milwaukee.

13 Wisconsin Commandery #1, Red Cross and Malta in full form. Registration at 8:00 a.m., starting at 9:00 a.m. McKinley Masonic Center, 4550 N. Pilgrim Rd., Brookfield. Contact Bro. Lyle Farrell at 414-520-8298 or email heidiandlyle@gmail.com.

23 "Zor Shriners Ride 2011" sponsored by the The Zor Midgets Mini-Car Unit. See story on page 3.

25 The 3rd Annual Madison Area Combined Masonic, Scottish Rite, Zor Shrine Summer Steak Fry and Golf Outing at the Dodge Point Country Club, 1771 Cty. Hwy. YD, Mineral Point. Shotgun start for golf at 11:30 a.m., happy hour at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. If you don't play golf, just come for dinner. See story on page 3.

28 Mosinee Lodge No. 318 Car and Truck Show, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., River Park in Mosinee. For more information: Contact Kevin Sorenson 715-581-0553 or sorensonkr@charter.net.

SEPTEMBER

15 Waucoma Lodge No. 90, Cooksville, 2nd Annual Fall Picnic, eat at 6:00 p.m., stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Informal attire is the rule of thumb.

19 Ozaukee Lodge's Bi-Annual Blood Drive, Port Washington Masonic Center, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

21 Ivanhoe Commandery #24, 6:00 p.m. Dinner meeting and lecture by Keith Kolstad on the Holy Land. Buffet dinner \$5.00. Lake Masonic Center, 1235 E. Howard Ave., Milwaukee. For reservations contact Bro. Lyle Farrell at 414-520-8298 or email heidiandlyle@gmail.com

24 Forest Lodge No. 130 will host a Ladies at the Table, Table Lodge in celebration of 150 years. The event is open to all active Masons and their ladies. A formal notice of the event will be posted in a future edition of the Masonic Journal.

OCTOBER

22 "Defense of the Ruffians", 6:00 p.m., Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301.

NOVEMBER

4 Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301 Centennial Table Lodge, 7:00 p.m., Northwest Masonic Center, 4315 N. 92nd St., Wauwatosa.

10 JW Chili Cook-off Competition, 3:00 p.m. Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301, Northwest Masonic Center, 4315 N. 92nd St., Wauwatosa.

DECEMBER

4 Pizza with Santa, 1:00 p.m., Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301, Northwest Masonic Center, 4315 N. 92nd St., Wauwatosa.

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Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301 Celebrates Centennial with Rededication Ceremony



Grand Master Joseph B. Harker rededicates the Lodge in celebration of the 100 Anniversary. In front (from left): Grand Marshal John W. Krinke, District 12 Deputy Robert Strader, Senior Grand Deacon William Beetcher, Senior Grand Warden Dennis V. Siewert, Grand Master Harker and Grand Tiler Frank J. Mayer. Seated: Grand Commander Harold C. Peterson and Master John Wackman.

Photo by Rich Rygh

By Rich Rygh

The Brethren of Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301 celebrated their 100th anniversary on Sunday, May 22, with a rededication ceremony conducted by Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin Joseph B. Harker and the Officers of the Grand Lodge.

Henry L. Palmer Lodge was

chartered on June 15, 1911 and has raised over 3000 Masons in its 100 year history. The Northwest Masonic Center is its third home, with a cornerstone laying ceremony on November 3, 1962 and dedication on June 7, 1963.

The Lodge was named in honor of a man with an extensive

Masonic background, a city attorney for the City of Milwaukee, a state assemblyman, a state senator and a county judge. "Judge Palmer" as he preferred to be called was a man held in high esteem by his fellow men.

Bro. John Wackman, Master, opened the Lodge with the public opening assisted by Senior Warden Christian Kay, P.M.; Junior Warden Steven Holmblad and Chaplain Lee Wackman. On his left was a picture of the Charter Members of Henry L. Palmer Lodge.

The Grand Lodge Officers entered the Lodge and Grand Master Harker was welcomed by the Master and escorted to the East through an arch of steel provided by Wisconsin Commandery No. 1.

Wisconsin Commandery presented the flag in full ceremony followed by "The Pledge of

See **Palmer Lodge** on page 6.

Richard Smitheran Sentenced for Vandalizing Lake Masonic Center

By Rich Rygh

Richard Michael Ray Smitheran, age 23, of Milwaukee, was sentenced to three years in prison and five years extended supervision after pleading guilty in Branch 45, Milwaukee County Circuit Court to vandalizing the Lake Masonic Center, 1235 E. Howard Ave., Milwaukee, in January 2010.

The vandalism was so severe the building had to be closed until

repairs could be made, displacing the nine bodies that met there. The Center was reopened in April 2010.

DNA evidence obtained from the Lake Masonic Center break-in was matched with DNA taken from the scene of the burglary of a vehicle in which Smitheran was apprehended.

Smitheran was in jail at the time he was charged with vandalizing the Center.

167th Annual Communication June 10 and 11 in Madison

The 167th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin will be held at the Madison Masonic Center, 301 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison on Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11, 2011. The headquarters

hotel will be the Concourse Hotel, One West Dayton Street.

Grand Lodge will convene promptly at 8:30 a.m. on Friday morning, June 10 and 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, June 11. Grand Lodge will close by noon on Saturday, June 11.

All lodges are entitled to representation in Grand Lodge by their three ranking officers. If any of these three officers cannot attend, the Lodge has the priority of selecting the proxy (Constitution of the Grand Lodge Section 5.01). When proxies are appointed, the officer giving his proxy should complete the certificate of proxy and the proxy holder should present it at the credentials desk when registering.

Any lodge not represented at Grand Lodge shall be fined the sum of thirty dollars (\$30.00) unless excused by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master. (Section 52.04, Regulations for Lodges).

Parking is not available at the Madison Masonic Center. It is recommended that you use the Dayton Street Parking Ramp behind the Madison Area Technical College and across from the Concourse Hotel, one block south and west of the Madison Masonic Center.

All officers are requested to bring and wear their aprons during the Annual Communication.

If anyone requires special assistance due to physical problems, please contact a member of the Annual Communication Committee and arrangements will be made to assist you. If a special diet is necessary, inform the Grand Lodge office so arrangements can be made in advance.

For more information and a list of the Proposed Resolutions, see the May issue of *The Wisconsin Masonic Journal* or go to www.wisc-freemasonry.org.

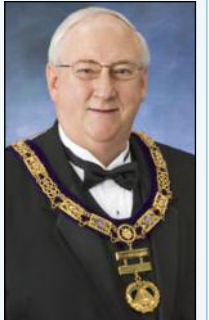
See a schedule of events on page 5 of this issue.

The Grand Master's Message:

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

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin will convene at the Madison Masonic Center on Friday, June 10, 2011. All Wisconsin Lodges are expected to have their representatives (Master, Senior and Junior Wardens or Proxies) present for the entire communication. Any Lodge unable to attend must receive prior written permission from the Grand Master well in advance of the start of the Communication.

My Brothers and friends we all owe a great deal to our former and current service men and women. The Honor Flights to our country's Capitol to see the War Memorials in Washington, DC, are a great way to show these veterans the respect they so richly deserve. I know many of these veterans are members of our fraternity. I want to congratulate all of our members who have taken, or will be taking this trip. Two of our members, Brothers Charles S. Crouse and Owen W. Williams, have recently returned from DC. Please thank and congratulate all of our Brothers who have made this trip.



Joseph B. Harker
Grand Master

I congratulate all lodges who participated in the Fellowcraft Degree competition in Madison on Saturday, April 29.

It has been a very busy month for your Grand Lodge Officers. My Lady and I traveled to Indiana's Annual Communication and your Junior Grand Warden Daniel Slavik and his Lady traveled to Michigan to attend their Annual Communication. We are proud to represent all of the Brothers of Wisconsin at these sister jurisdictions.

It has also been a very busy month for Lodges. Within the pages of your Masonic Journal, you will find many stories and photos of what has been happening this past month. Please go to the online version to view additional pages including many more pictures.

As this is my last Grand Master's Message to you, I want to thank each and every Brother for their tremendous support and encouragement provided to my Lady and I during the year.

This year was approached as "OUR" year. It is not what I alone may do that moves our fraternity forward but rather what we all do as a team. Masonry's core values will never change but we must accept change in the way we do business. Please do not say "that's the way we always do it". Do not be afraid to change it up and do some additional events that may be of more interest to your newer members. Be sure to request dispensation, if required, well in advance of an event. Remember that a dispensation is only valid for the event for which it was requested and that all dispensations end at the conclusion of the Annual Communication.

Last June when you elected me as your Grand Master, I was both humbled and honored, I remain that way today. I have learned a lot. I must first thank my Lady and family for their understanding and support these last few years as I (we) missed or rescheduled family events. Your Grand Lodge Office staff (Alicia, Cheryl, Jan, John, and Mike), your Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Staff (Bill and Erika) and also your Wisconsin Masonic Journal staff (Diane and Richard) have been an exceptional help not only to me but to all Wisconsin Masonic family members; thank you. Additionally, I wish to thank all members of Grand Lodge (Elected Officers, Appointed Officers, Area Administrators, District Lecturers, District Chaplains, Masters, Senior Wardens, Junior Wardens, and Permanent members) and the Lodges for your continued support. I offer congratulations, encouragement and prayers to all who will take an office in the upcoming Grand Lodge year and to those Brethren serving as officers in their individual lodges.

I am very proud of all lodges that took my advice to review your lodge's bylaws. I believe that we have a record for bylaw changes in

See **Grand Master's Message** on page 2.

On Our Cover

Grand Chaplain Donald Iliff does an exceptional presentation of an apron address to Bros. Gabriel Gore (left) and Steve Leavitt at an indoor/outdoor lodge hosted by Bro. Rolf Kurandt at his Target Bluff German Haus in Camp Douglas on May 21. The host lodges were: Northern Light Lodge No. 81, Juneau Lodge No. 103 and Camp Douglas Lodge No. 272. See story on page 6.

Photo by Rich Rygh

Masonic Soccer Camps and All-Star Games July 28-30

All Mason's, families and friends are invited to join the All-Stars and Youth Campers for the 2011 Friday Night Cookout at 5:30 p.m., on July 29, during the 20th Anniversary Masonic Soccer Camps. The Cookout will be held at Fireman's Park in Middleton near the High School and is hosted by Middleton Lodge No. 180. The cost is just \$5.00 per person. All Former Committee and Foundation members are encouraged to attend. Reservations are required.

Saturday, July 30, everyone is invited to recognize the All-Stars and Youth Campers at the Recognition Breakfast to be held at Middleton High School at 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$15.00 per person and reservations are required.

Following the breakfast, support the teams by attending the 20th Anniversary Games at the Middleton High School soccer field. The cost is just \$10.00 per person and includes admission to both games: the girls' game at 11:00 a.m. and the boys' game at 1:00 p.m.

Raffle tickets and souvenirs will be available. A raffle drawing will be held between the games. Concessions will be served by Middleton-Ionic lodge No. 180.

For reservations for the cookout and breakfast contact Bro. David Tainter at dtainter@wi.rr.com or 262-689-2848.

Memorial Service Celebrates Life of PGM Robert E. Billings



Past Grand Master Craig S. Campbell, Right Eminent Grand Commander Harold Peterson and Master of Clintonville Lodge No. 197 Edward (Rusty) Mitchell at the church after the service for Past Grand Master Robert E. Billings.

Photo by Bro. George Tincher

By Bro. George Tincher

A memorial service celebrating the life of Past Grand Master Robert E. Billings was held Saturday morning, April 23, at 10:30 a.m. at the Christ Congregational United Church of Christ, Clintonville, Wis. Attending were 25 Master Masons including Scottish Rite Masons and the York Rite Grand Commandery.

Bro. Billings was initiated an Entered Apprentice on March 20, 1940; passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on April 22, 1940; and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on May 24, 1940, in Clintonville Lodge No. 197. He served his Lodge as Master in 1952 and served the State of Wisconsin as Grand Master in 1975.

Bro. Billings is a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Wisconsin and a 33° Scottish Rite Mason.

He has been Director of the Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc.

and was a member of the Shrine and the Eastern Star.

In 2010 he was honored by his Lodge for 70 years of service.

Bro. Billings was active in the Christ Congregational-UCC Church of Clintonville; he was very active with the Clintonville Public Library. He was a Past President of the Clintonville Area Historical Society and authored a book, "As We Once Were: A Pictorial History of Clintonville Wisconsin." His distinguished service was honored by The State Historical Society of Wisconsin where he received the Local History Award of Merit. Bro. Billings was Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Clintonville Hospital and a corridor of the Angelus Retirement Community is named in his honor "Billings Hall."

The Rose and Salts Ceremony was performed by the Scottish Rite Valley of Green Bay.

An Impressive Masonic service was performed by Past Grand Master Craig S. Campbell.

Grand Master's

Message from Page 1.

a single year. Some of your bylaws were totally rewritten, replacing bylaws that were more than 40 or 50 years old. My brothers our society has changed greatly since many of the bylaws were adopted. It is time you appoint a committee to totally review your bylaws to make sure they are relevant in today's society. While you are doing this, give serious consideration to holding at least one stated communication each and every month of the year.

I have visited several Lodges that have taken great pride in their building and have completed significant upgrades to their appearance. I just visited Clear Lake and Henry L. Palmer Lodges where the members have greatly improved the interiors of their facilities. I also hear reports from officers of other repairs around the state.

You called upon me as Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers this past year to come to your lodge to assist in the presentation of Anniversary Service Awards, to perform the installation of officers ceremonies, rededicate your lodge, or help with other events. It is a joy for us to attend and participate in these activities.

Our Wisconsin Masonic Home's new Hickory Suites Rehabilitation and Wellness Connection addition was completed with the cornerstone dedication performed by the Grand Lodge officers August 1, 2010. The Rehab Center opened to inpatients December 1, 2010 and the Wellness Connection followed in January 2011.

We enjoyed activities with our Prince Hall Brothers who are lead by MWGM Earl Thomas III. He and I have met on several occasions this past year to discuss things of mutual importance to our respective fraternities.

As I conclude this message, I would ask you to be true to your family, be true to your religion, be true to your Lodge, be true to your Brothers and most of all be true to yourself. Never ever forget the obligations you took at the Altar of Freemasonry and the Charges that were given to you at the conclusion of each of your degrees. If you do this you can not help but be a better person and thus much happier with yourself.

How do we MEET, act, and part my Brothers?

"On the Level"
Joe

Perspectives on Faith

By Reverend Don Iliff, Grand Chaplain

Let Us Remember

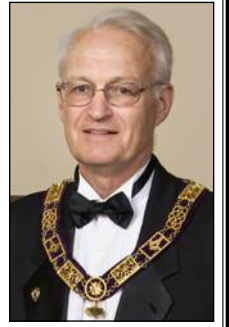
Grand Master Joe Harker frequently asks groups of Masons, "How do we meet?, and our answer, "on the level", applies not only to our times when we are together, but also at the end of our life. Death will claim us all. It is the sobering reality of our lives.

This time of year the Grand Chaplain needs to write the necrology report for Annual Communications. As I do so, it causes me to pause, for the words represent countless relationships of brothers we have enjoyed over the years. Some were close friends, some lead us in the craft, and some mentored us and others in our memory work. As the necrology report is read, we quietly stand in reverence as we recall those special brothers in our lives that have died in the past year.

When death comes to a Brother, we make every effort possible to attend the Masonic Memorial service and funeral. We cancel scheduled events to pay our last respects. When I do this, I often ask myself why I don't make the same priority while they are living. I guess it is the reality of our busy lives. In the lodge meeting agenda, there is time given for "sickness and distress". As we learn of a Brother who is having health issues, it gives us an opportunity to make room for them in our visitations. For me, I need to put a priority on keeping in touch with those who have been an important part of my past.

Brotherly love is the cornerstone of Masonry. We make every attempt to be there for one another. While we are able, we reach out to one another in friendship. Our thoughtful gestures of word and action bring comfort and hope to others. A short visit or a phone call connects with another, and sometimes, catches them at a time when this support is greatly appreciated.

Masonry brings together a great cross section of men. Meeting on the level, reminds us that what really matters are the friendships that develop, the ideas that are shared, and the common tasks which are accomplished. The necrology report draws our attention to those who have died, and reminds us of the specific brothers we have known. Let us always remember their contribution to the craft and their honored place among us.



Rev. Don Iliff
Grand Chaplain

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Grand Chaplain

Grand Chaplain Don Iliff welcomes reader comments and suggestions. He may be reached by email at doniliff@gmail.com.

Dousman Lodge No. 315 Trap Shoot and Family Day June 4

Dousman Lodge No. 315 will host their second annual "Masonic Trap Shoot and Family Day" on Saturday, June 4. The event will include: merchandise shoots; 25 and 50 bird Lewis shoots; raffles throughout the day; and fishing and a bounce house for the kids.

The fun will start at 9:00 a.m. and run through 6:00 p.m. at the Fin 'n' Feather Sportman's Club, N2765 Hardscrabble Road, Palmyra.

Proceeds will help benefit the KM scholarship fund, Pennys and Nichols, Lad Lake, Dousman Police Department, Three Pillars Senior Living Communities and many others.

Contact Butch at 262-894-7137 for more information.

Blood Drive to Honor PGM Rodney Paulsen

The "Rod Paulsen Blood Drive" will be held Saturday, August 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Elkhorn Middle School, 627 East Court St. in Elkhorn.

Contact Jenny at The Rauland Agency 262-275-2185, or make an appointment online at www.bcw.edu/donateforRodPaulsen. Appointments encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. Please bring a photo ID.

District 10 Family Picnic Welcomes All Masons, Families and Friends

Bring a friend and enjoy the District 10 Family Picnic on Sunday, June 5, 12:30 p.m to 3:30 p.m. with lunch at 1:00 p.m.

The picnic is open to all Masons, personal friends of Masons and their families.

The cost is only \$1.00 which includes meat, buns, beverages and condiments - bring a salad or dish to pass.

The picnic will be held at the Memorial Park on the corner of N. Swift St. and Akin St., in Glenbeulah. The park has a playground, sand volleyball and softball field (bring your bat and glove). Picnic tables are available, you might want to bring a lawn chair.

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Waukesha Lodge Wins Degree Competition



Waukesha Lodge No. 37 won the 2011 Degree Competition at the Madison Masonic Center on April 30. A total of 10 lodges competed in the event. Front row (from left): Kim Michalowski, Senior Steward; Mike Vassar, Senior Warden; Grand Master Joseph B. Harker; Grand Lecturer Kenneth C. Gorgen; Eric Friedrichsohn, Master; Kevin Lowman, Junior Warden; and Jared Mallas, Junior Steward. Back row: Mike O'Connor, Counselor; Wayne Standarski, Senior Deacon; Brian Reed, Chaplain; Dan Miller, Junior Deacon; and Eric Western, Secretary/Treasurer. See the Grand Lecturer's message at right for the story and more photos of the competition on page 14.

Photo by Rich Rygh

Cheese Hat Presented to New Jersey Grand Master



Retiring Grand Master Joseph H. Rival Jr., Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of New Jersey, was presented with an official Wisconsin cheese hat by Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, at their Annual Communication in Atlantic City, New Jersey on April 26. Grand Master Rival is a huge fan of the Green Bay Packers and will be visiting the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame while visiting Wisconsin to attend our Annual Communication in June. He was presented a cheese tie as Deputy Grand Master. Grand Secretary DeWolf is an honorary Past Grand Master of New Jersey. Pictured (from left): Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White Jr., Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf and Grand Master Joseph H. Rival Jr.

Annual Madison Area Combined Golf Event and Steak Fry Aug. 25

The 3rd Annual Madison Area Combined Masonic, Scottish Rite, Zor Shrine Summer Steak Fry and Golf Outing will be held on Thursday, August 25, at the Dodge Point Country Club located between Dodgeville and Mineral Point off Hwy 151 at 1771 County Road YD.

The event is open to Master Masons, Scottish Rite Masons, Shriners, and their non-Masonic guests and is for men only.

Golf will begin at 11:30 a.m. (shotgun start) and the cost for 18 holes will be \$25.00 including cart.

Golf prizes will be awarded based on the Modified Peoria handicap system and low gross score.

Dinner will begin with a social hour (cash bar) beginning at 5:00

p.m. and the dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. The cost for dinner will be \$15.00 which includes steak, potato, salad, vegetable, and dessert, tax, and gratuity.

Advanced reservations and payment are required by August 11.

If you don't play golf, you may come for dinner only.

There will be a Chinese Raffle beginning at 4:00 p.m. for prizes contributed by businesses and individuals. The prizes will consist of golf and non-golf items. All \$20.00 per person door prize proceeds will be donated to our Masonic charities. Additional door prize tickets will be available.

If you have any questions, please contact Paul Hallingstad at pdhpar@charter.net or call 608-318-0412.

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So, if you have a question, ASK HIRAM!

Hiram will begin answering questions in the next issue!

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NOTES FROM THE GRAND LECTURER

By Brother Kenneth C. Gorgen

My Brothers,

The 2011 Degree Competition was held in Madison at the Madison Masonic Center (MMC). It took place on April 30 and I now have the opportunity to share the results of the day, but first, let's cover the details.

A total of ten lodges competed with the opening rounds being held in each of the three lodge rooms available the MMC. The lodges drew lots to decide which room they would be competing and which lodges they would be competing against. We had twelve judges spread across the three rooms with four to each room. The judges consisted of twelve very proficient Brothers who spent considerable time in the days before the competition studying the details of parts they were assigned to judge. The judges also drew lots so that they would be randomly selected to a lodge room for judging.



Kenneth C. Gorgen
Grand Lecturer

After registering for the competition, everyone assembled in the auditorium for a welcome and opening remarks from our Grand Master. The rules for the competition were explained, lots were drawn, and competitors went off to exercise and display their superior proficiency skills in the Fellowcraft degree. To be able to compete in the afternoon finals, a lodge needed to overpower the other lodges in their room. The three lodges that floated to the top and went on to the finals were Washington No. 21 Past Master's Team from Green Bay, Waukesha No. 37 from Waukesha, and West Bend No. 138 from West Bend. Washington Lodge had entered two teams. One team was made up of the Lodge Officers, and the other team assembled by the Past Masters. I am sure this created excitement and fun for Washington Lodge.

After lunch, we assembled in Lodge Room #2 for the finals. Each one of the three final lodges would place. The question was, "Which place?" Again lots were drawn to see who would go first. This time all twelve judges were used to keep a sharp eye on all the competitors. The order of competing was important in different ways. West Bend went first. They had the advantage of the judges being sleepy after lunch and possibly missing a crucial or key slip up. However, they had the disadvantage of not being able to watch the other lodges to pick up some crucial tips. Washington went second, and Waukesha went third. The disadvantage of going last is that the judges are now settling in and might have a more scrutinizing eye.

In about two hours, the work was complete and the scores were being tallied. Only 6 points or a little more than one half of one percent of the total points possible separated the champion from the third place lodge. These lodges were good. In fact all of the lodges were outstanding. No more than 17 points or 1.8% of the possible points separated all of the teams.

The winning lodge and 2011 reigning champion is Waukesha No. 37, second place was taken by West Bend No. 138, and the Washington Past Masters locked in third place. All awards will be presented at the 2011 Grand Lodge Annual Communication. The festivities concluded with some final remarks by our Grand Master and hardy congratulations reminding each of the participants that they were all winners.

Many thanks to all who made this a successful and enjoyable day, but I would also like to thank Bros. Ted Erickson and Jerry Roscoe who made sure the lodge rooms were ready for us, and cleaned up when we were through.

As always, I wish you much success in your degree work, and I hope to see you at the next competition. Your lodge will be proud of your efforts to represent them and then we will all see more Light.

See photos from the competition on page 14 and a photo of the winning lodge at left.

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

Zor Midgets Host Motorcycle And Classic Car Ride July 23

By Bro. Todd Wohlert

Get your motors runnin' Saturday, July 23 for the Zor Shriners Ride 2011!

The Zor Midgets mini-car Unit has put together a ride for motorcycles and classic cars.

This scenic trip will take you from the La Crosse area to the Zor Shriners Center in Madison where the event wraps up with a party that only Zor could throw!

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The ride twists and turns through scenic parts of Wisconsin with stops at Kwik Trips in Hillsboro, Reedsburg, Dodgeville and Verona for refreshment and refueling.

The ride features a poker run, raffle, door prizes, and a steak fry plus lots of fun on the road. This event had been put together by long time riders with organized ride experience and is open to the general public as well as all of Shrinedom. Invite a potential

Noble to join you for this unique ride.

The event will happen rain or shine - all vehicles welcome.

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MEMORIES

As I look back on my years at Three Pillars, I have so many memories. In my nineteen years we have had some endings and many new beginnings. I have had six different offices and seven different "bosses".

I started when Village on the Square had been opened for only a few months. We will be celebrating 20 years this Fall. We had so many on the preference list in 1996, we added an additional wing.

In my years here, I have attended four Cornerstone Laying ceremonies: Riverside Lodge, Mason Woods, Compass Point and Hickory Suites/Wellness Connection.

I helped with a heavy heart when we moved the residents from Van Brunt Hall and Bark River Apartments to their new home at Compass Point. This was the best thing for our residents, but it was hard to close the doors of Van Brunt for the last time. I am sure the walls of that building hold lots of stories. Our grounds have come to life with the additions of the fountains in the ponds, the Living Memorial Park, Freedom Park and the beautiful upkeep of the grounds.

I watched as the water tower, one of the landmarks of the Wisconsin Masonic Home, was torn down. I am asked even today, what happened to it. It has been gone for several years.

I am so grateful to the Lodges and chapters who have had me come and give presentations regarding the building and services we have at Three Pillars. I do not think they realized what a "gem" we have here. I have attended each Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge every year since I started representing Three Pillars. Even though I am not a member; I am one of their biggest supporters. What satisfaction I have had in helping prospective residents move from their home to an apartment here at Three Pillars. Then to have them tell me, how much they like it here and that they should have done it sooner. Many of them are like family to me.

But most of all, I will remember the friendships I have made while working here at Three Pillars. I sincerely believe that we do take pride in serving our seniors. I know that our paths may cross again in the future; I am not leaving the state, just retiring from Three Pillars.

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Three Pillars Friends and Family Day

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MASONWOODS

Mason Woods residents Howard Poland and Jack Stears, both members of the Mason Woods Lodge #368, were very fortunate to be on the Veteran Honor Flight to Washington D.C. recently. Their first stop on the tour was the massive and impressive World War II Memorial. The Veterans all gathered for a group picture. Seeing those 93 brave souls saluting as the picture is taken is a very moving scene. People would come up and thank us for our service.

The tour continued visiting the Vietnam and Korean War Memorials, Lincoln Memorial, Marine Monument, Air Force Memorial and the Arlington National Cemetery where over 300,000 graves of our nation's brave heroes lie.

The best part of the day, however, occurred at the very end. On the arrival home, an estimated 2 to 3 thousand people were on hand cheering, clapping and holding signs welcoming these heroes home. These 80 and 90 year old individuals who were physically only shells of what they once were but still have the hearts and pride of young lions, finally received the recognition they so rightly deserve.

All men and women who serve our country are our heroes. God Bless Them All!



WE'RE PROUD

CONGRATULATIONS to Hazel Leque on her appointment of Grand Representative to Maine through the Order of Eastern Star. Hazel and her husband Ken are residents at Three Pillars' Village on the Square. Several OES residents from the Village went to Grand Chapter in Madison to the luncheon honoring Grand Representatives.



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Friday, June 10

6:30-9:30 a.m. Breakfast – Madison Masonic Center Ballroom Lower Level
8:30 a.m. Grand Lodge Session Opening – Madison Masonic Center Auditorium
Noon-1:00 p.m. Representatives Luncheon – Madison Masonic Center Ballroom
1:00-3:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions
5:30 p.m. Installation of Grand Lodge Officers – Madison Masonic Center Auditorium
7:30 p.m. Representative Reception (Cash Bar) – Madison Masonic Center Ballroom
8:00 p.m. Representatives Banquet – Madison Masonic Center Ballroom
Dress – Business Suit
9:00 p.m.-Mdn. Distinguished Guest Hospitality – Concourse Hotel, Chancellor's Suite #638

Saturday, June 11

6:30-9:30 a.m. Breakfast – Madison Masonic Center Ballroom
8:00 a.m. Grand Lodge Session Resumes – Madison Masonic Auditorium

LADIES

Friday, June 10

6:30-9:30 a.m. Breakfast – Madison Masonic Center Ballroom
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Ladies Program – Tour and Lunch at the Overture Center by reservation only. A short walk from lobby of Concourse Hotel.
5:30 p.m. Installation of Grand Lodge Officers – Madison Masonic Center Auditorium
7:30 p.m. Representatives Reception (Cash Bar) – Madison Masonic Center Ballroom
8:00 p.m. Representatives Banquet – Madison Masonic Center Ballroom
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Two Brethren Raised at Indoor/Outdoor Lodge at Target Bluff, Camp Douglas



Bros. Steve Leavitt (left) and Gabriel Gore receive the Historical Lecture from Bro. Brian Duoss, Past Master of Milton Lodge No. 161.

Photo by Rich Rygh

By Rich Rygh

Bro. Rolf Kurandt hosted an indoor/outdoor lodge at his Target Bluff German Haus Restaurant in Camp Douglas on May 21. The host lodges were:

Northern Light Lodge No. 81, Juneau Lodge No. 103 and Camp Douglas Lodge No. 272.

Bro. Wade Parker, Past Master of Camp Douglas and Juneau Lodges, opened Lodge in the

German Haus and conferred the Master Mason Degrees on Bros. Steve Leavitt of Valley Lodge No. 60 and Gabriel Gore of Tomah Lodge No. 132.

The second and third sections took place outside in a secluded wooded area between a creek and a pond.

Bro. Chas Calhoun, Past Master of Tomah Lodge, was King Solomon for the second section, Bro. Brian Duoss, Past Master of Milton Lodge, gave the Historical Lecture and Bro. John Brewer, Past Master of Frontier-Badger Lodge, gave the picture lecture.

Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White Jr., gave the Charge, Grand Chaplain Donald Iliff gave the apron address and District Chaplain David Ritchie presented the Bibles. A bible was also presented to Bro. Rolf Kurandt in appreciation for hosting the Lodges.

Grand Master Joseph B. Harker addressed the Brethren. He urged the lodges to appoint a committee to review their bylaws and bring them up to date and when doing so to change them to allow at least one stated communication per month in the months the lodge normally went dark. He said he has seen bylaws come across his desk this year that hadn't been updated for 40 or 50 years. The Grand Master said, "We need to be willing to change with the times and move forward with technology."

Grand Master Harker reminded the Brethren to be true to one another, to remember their obligations and the charges they received and to be true to themselves. He again asked the Brothers, How do we meet?; their answer – on the level!

The Lodge was closed in due form and the Brethren retired to the German Haus for a delicious lunch.

See page 15 for more photos.

Palmer Lodge from page 1.

Allegiance".

The Grand Master ordered the Lodge uncovered and he and his Officers performed the rededication ceremony in due form.

Master John Wackman introduced the heads of the various bodies that meet in the Northwest Masonic Center for comment.

Past Master James M. Jochims, Master of the Lodge in 1962 when the Center was being built, was introduced and gave a short history on the building of the facility at a time when the Lodge had over 2000 members.

Milwaukee City Alderman Robert Donovan gave a short talk on the contributions the Lodge has made to the City of Milwaukee and presented the Master with a proclamation commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Lodge.

The Master recognized all Masters and Past Masters present.

The Lodge was closed and everyone retired to the dining room for refreshments and a Power Point Presentation by Bro. Wilhelm Doos on Bro. Henry L. Palmer and the history of the Lodge.

Henry L Palmer Lodge will continue its Centennial Celebration with a Centennial Ball, on June 18, with a dinner & dance at the North Hills Country Club. All friends of the Lodge are invited. Call Bro. Jack Jones at 414-771-5278 for reservations and information.

See more photos of the rededication on page 16 of the web edition at www.wisc-freemasonry.org.

Masonic Charities Thank Our Veterans of WWII

By Bro. William Barnes

Director of Development

With over 900 of our WWII Veterans dying each and every day, it is important to recognize these fine men and women.

The Stars and Stripes Honor Fight takes these veterans to Washington, DC to see their memorials and recognize them

for their service to their country.

Recently, three of our Masonic Brothers have taken the flight: Bros. Owen Williams, Bill Owens and Robert Acton.

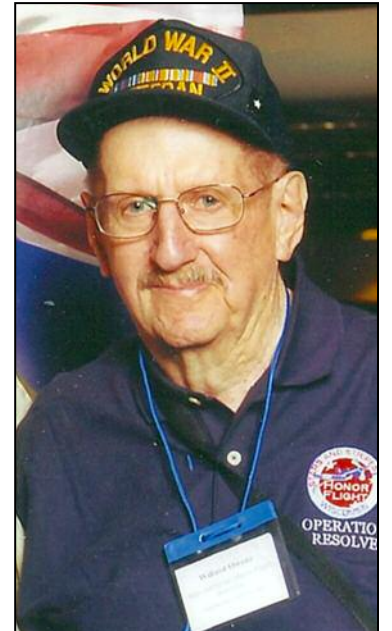
These Masons and many others have enjoyed this one day trip.

We thank them, and honor them, for preserving the freedoms we enjoy today.



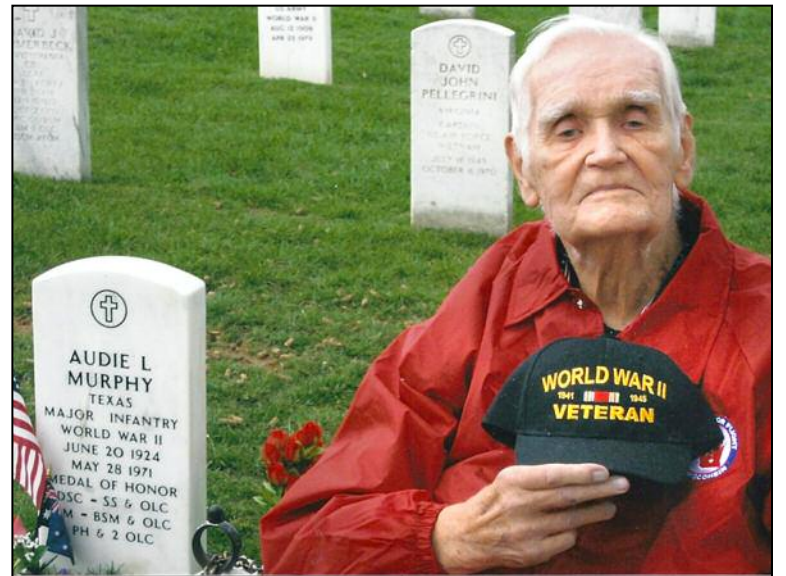
Bro. Owen Williams

Bro. Owen Williams, of Mukwonago, age 89, a Mason for 60 years, enlisted in the Navy. He volunteered for Submarine duty and served aboard the USS Barb. During his two years in the Pacific the Barb sank 29 ships and damaged 9. The US built 253 submarines and had 16,000 crewmen. We lost 52 submarines and over 3,000 sailors.



Bro. Bill Owens

Bro. Bill Owens, of Fort Atkinson, age 84, a Mason for 54 years, joined the Army at 17. He fought in the Philippines. Bro. Bill retired after serving 23 years in Military Intelligence.



Bro. Robert Acton

Bro. Robert Acton, of Loganville, age 89, a Mason for 37 years, is a retired Colonel of the USAF. Already in the service on Pearl Harbor Day, he rushed to hitchhike back to Base. Ten cars offered him a ride. On his trip through the Panama Canal they wore winter uniforms to fool the Germans of their destination. Trained as an EOD, explosive ordinance disposal expert, Bro. Acton went to the Philippines where he removed live bombs hung up in returning airplanes.

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Warren Lodge Hosts Annual Fish Fry and Evening of Fellowship



Grand Master Joseph B. Harker enjoys the meal with Bros. Lowell Mack and Leonard Atkinson.

Photo by Rich Rygh

By Rich Rygh

Warren Lodge No. 4 hosted their annual fish fry for Masons and an evening of fellowship on May 5 in Potosi. The catfish freshly caught on the Mississippi River by Bro. Schelley Schoville was prepared and served by the Brethren of Warren Lodge under the direction of the fish fry expert and Master of the Lodge Bro. Keith Turner.

The Brethren enjoyed the fabulous meal after which they retired to the Lodge room for an evening of fellowship.

Past Grand Master John W. Wilke, an honorary member of the Lodge assumed the Master's chair in the East and opened the Lodge. Grand Master Joseph B. Harker was received and invited to sit in the East.

PGM Wilke introduced Past Grand Master Beecher Daniels and told about the time Bro. Daniels as Grand Master showed up unannounced at Union Lodge No. 32, Evansville, when he was Master in 1995. Bro. Wilke did not have a clue on how to receive a Grand Master. He said Bro. Daniels was very gracious.

Grand Master Harker addressed the Brethren stressing the importance of membership retention. He said we raised more members this year than passed away, but our total numbers still declined because of suspensions for non-payment of dues and resignations. It is of the utmost importance to contact members personally that are in arrears or asking to resign to find out the reason and stress to them how much time they have invested in the Fraternity and how much the Lodges have invested in them. The Grand Master also encouraged the Brethren to do a good job of interviewing prospective members and make sure they understand what Masonry is.

Grand Master Harker also urged the Brethren to consider changing the bylaws of their lodge, as many lodges are now doing, to meet at least once each month in the months they are now going dark. He thanked each Bro. for all they do for Masonry and for being there for him and reminded them again, on how we meet, "On the Level".

Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White Jr., Past Master of Warren Lodge, thanked the Grand Master for all of his help in preparing him for his year as Grand Master and commented on what a remarkable leader he has been and how much he has done to pave the way for future Grand Masters.

The Deputy Grand Master introduced PGM Beecher Daniels as the Grand Master who appointed him as District Deputy in 1995 under the recommendation of PGM Keith Chamberlain the District Deputy at the time. Bro. White stated he was certainly what you would call a rough as-har in the beginning.

He has since served as District

Deputy, Grand Lecturer, and on many committees and boards. He has traveled through the progressive line and will be our next Grand Master. He has served the Masons of Wisconsin under 16

Grand Masters.

Deputy Grand Master White and Bro. Keith Turner, Master, presented PGM Daniels with an honorary membership in Warren Lodge No. 4.

Master Keith Turner presented Grand Master Harker with a check from Warren Lodge to give to a charity of his choice. The Grand Master stated he would be presenting it to the Three Pillars "Caring to Grow" campaign.

Area Administrator Marc Steiber was congratulated on his appointment as District Deputy for District 8 and District Deputy Scott Pedley was congratulated on being appointed Junior Grand Steward.

Before the closing, PGM Beecher Daniels reminded the Brethren of Masonic Service Association's need for volunteers and financial support.

See more photos on page 10.



Bro. Fred Benson visits his lodge

Bro. Fred Benson, well known Mason and proficiency man from River Falls, paid a visit to his lodge, River Falls No. 109, on Tuesday, May 3, in-between cancer treatments at the University of Minnesota Fairview Medical Clinic. Bro. Benson has just completed his 4th round of chemo to treat Burkitt's Lymphoma. He has a listing on the Caring Bridge for those who wish to follow his progress and extend their support. The web address is www.caringbridge.org/visit/fredbenenson. Pictured (from left): John Howard, River Falls; District Deputy H. Scott Paulson, and Butch Schmit, Hudson; Fred Benson, Ozcan Kilic and Past Grand Master Charles E. White, River Falls.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer

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Try the "Monkey" fly for Sons and grandsons to the Blue Lodge



Esther is using the "Queen of the Waters" fly for Wives, Aunts and Nieces.



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News Events from the Lodges



Wausau Masonic Center, the home of Forest Lodge No. 130.

Forest Lodge No. 130 to Celebrate 150th Anniversary, September 24

By Bro. Jesse Furrer

The Brothers of Forest Lodge No. 130 are proud to recognize and celebrate the 150th anniversary of their lodge. Throughout the last century and a half, Forest Lodge has taught its members "to practice charity and benevolence; to protect chastity; to respect the ties of blood and friendship; to adopt the principles and revere the ordinances of religion; to assist the feeble; guide the blind; raise up the downtrodden; shelter the orphan; guard the altar; support the government; inculcate morality; promote learning; love man; fear God, implore his Mercy; and hope for happiness." (original author unknown). These words of wisdom guided the thoughts and actions of the Brothers who labored in our temples before us and they continue to steer our thoughts and actions today.

Not unlike many lodges throughout the state of Wisconsin, Forest Lodge has a robust history of community leaders it claims as Brothers, both current and deceased. Nestled in the heart of central Wisconsin and downtown Wausau, Forest Lodge undoubtedly received its name from the towering Pinery that brought thousands of immigrants to the banks of the Wisconsin River to settle in this fledgling lumber commun-

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ity. Growing up in this community in the early 1970s, I often wondered where names of streets and schools originated from. Names such as McIndoe, Everest, and Schofield. These names belonged of course to prominent community leaders and they were also Brother Masons. Looking carefully at the records from one's own lodge an important story will begin to unfold of the Brothers who passed through its doors over the years and the positive affects they have had on the community.

Forest Lodge, Wausau's oldest fraternal society, was granted its original charter on June 11, 1861 with eight charter members. The lodge has survived six location changes over the years, including a devastating fire on the morning of January 16, 1892, that destroyed most all of the original records including the original charter. A story of the destructive fire was listed in the local paper and stated that "no fire, however destructive, could wipe out the working forces of the Craft which are almost as old as the hills and more lasting because they are enshrined within the hearts and souls of men." One wonders how many newspapers today would be bold enough to make such a statement rather than simply interviewing a Brother and showing a picture of a burning building for the shock value to its general audience.

Forest Lodge continued to grow

and prosper throughout the twentieth century. At the time of the dedication of its new and present lodge building in 1973, Forest lodge was home to more than 700 members. Our building combined much of the original architecture from previous lodge structures, carefully extracted and moved to the new location to be woven into the final product. We remember, however, that the building and its adornments are simply material possessions and the important history of Forest Lodge, and any lodge for that matter, is found in the labors of all Brethren who have taken our sacred oath and worked to build better friendships, families and communities around them. It is these individuals whom we wish to celebrate as we recognize 150 years of Masonic history in the Wausau Community.

On the evening of Saturday, September 24, Forest Lodge No. 130 will host a Ladies at the Table, Table Lodge in celebration of 150 years of serving Wausau and Central Wisconsin and being our community's oldest fraternal organization. The event is open to all active Masons and their ladies who provide their invaluable and endless support.

A formal notice of the event will be posted in a future edition of *The Wisconsin Masonic Journal*. We welcome all who can attend and thank you for helping our brothers celebrate our lodge history.

Bro. Cochrane Receives Scouting's Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award

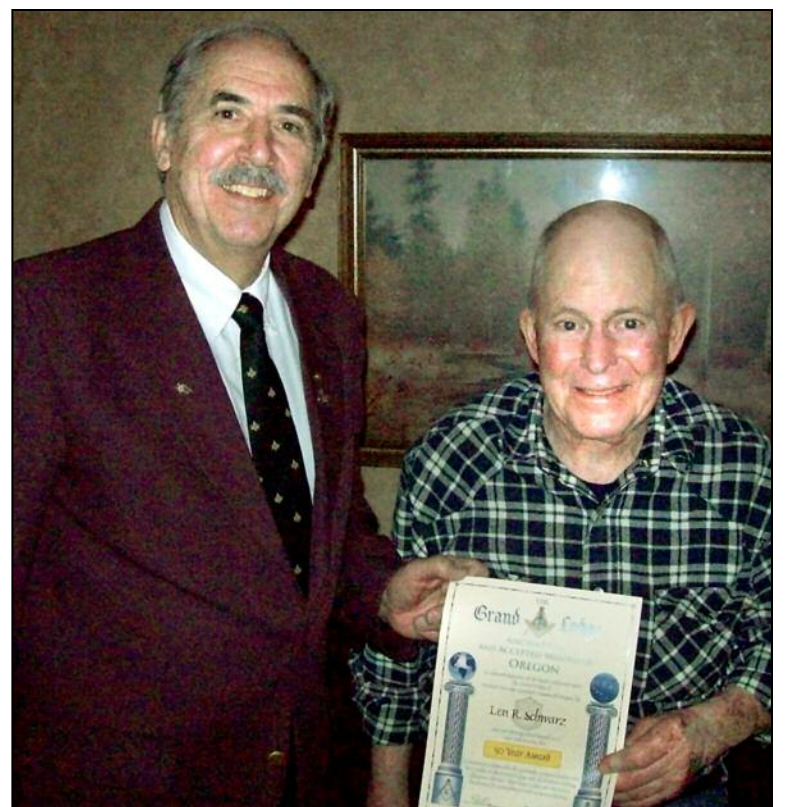


Grand Master Joseph B. Harker presented Bro. Christopher Cochrane the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award on April 26.

This award is given by the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation. The award recognizes Masons who have shared their Masonic principles with young people by active participation in the Boy Scout Program.

Bro. Cochrane achieved his Eagle Scout Award when he was a young man, and has since gone on to become a leader in the Scouting program. When a local Boy Scout Troop #601 lost its sponsor, Bro. Cochrane approached Oshkosh Lodge No. 27, and through his efforts, obtained the sponsorship of the Lodge. The Troop meets in the Oshkosh Masonic Center, and Bro. Cochrane, is the Scoutmaster. He has embarked on a whole new program of learning and advancement for the boys.

Submitted by Bro. Donald Wood, Secretary



Bro. Schwarz receives 50 year honors

On April 21, four Brothers from Neosho-Mayville-Horicon Lodge No. 108 called on Bro. Leonard (Len) Schwarz to present a 50 year certificate, pin and card on behalf of Neppner Lodge No. 69 A. F. & A. M., of the Grand Lodge Oregon.

The four Bros. visiting were are: Master Jack Bridich, Senior Warden Jeff Millikin, Secretary Randy Thorman and Bro. Gibb Hein.

Bro. Schwarz was born in Heppner, Oregon on March 5, 1940 and received his Master Mason Degree on June 17, 1961 in Heppner Lodge. He was the youngest Master to serve his Lodge.

He and his lovely wife Ann have been married 51 years. They moved to Mayville, Wis. after retirement to be near their son.

Bro. Schwarz and his son are third and fourth generation meat cutters. The family loves to hunt and fish; trophies and pictures show their accomplishments as gamesmen.

The visiting Brethren invited Bro. Schwarz to attend their Lodge, and his wife smiled and said she may just call them sometime to get him out of her hair. Bro. Jack Bridich, Master, presents the certificate to Bro. Leonard Schwarz.

Submitted by Bro. Randy Thorman, Secretary

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William Krause, Sr. with children

Bro. Tony Busalacchi Turns to His Second Love, Creating Art



Bro. Tony Busalacchi models his "work in progress", a "Pearly Jacket".

Photo by Rich Rygh

Bro. Tony Busalacchi, a Past Master of George Washington 1776 No. 337, is a member of the York Rite, Scottish Rite and Tripoli Shrine. Bro. Tony is a member of the Masonic Service Association and as such volunteers at the Clement Zablocki V.A. Hospital every week.

Twenty-one years ago, on his retirement from teaching high school and college history full-time, he turned to his second love, creating art. He went on to have a number of shows in galleries throughout the State. His primary gallery is the Paint Box Gallery in North Ephraim.

As a student of history he is constantly reading, and discovered that in 1875 London Henry Croft, a street sweeper, began picking up white buttons and sewing them onto his clothes. This was the beginning of "The Pearlies" a society of men and women street performers who raise money for charity while wearing clothing they have bedecked with buttons. Among the symbols they use are the anchor for hope, the cross for faith and the horseshoe for luck. Often their outfits are completely covered. There are 28 "Pearly" families in England, each with their King and Queen.

Bro. Tony makes a wide variety

of art pieces and frequently incorporates found objects. Through the years he has accumulated boxes and boxes of odds and ends, bits and pieces, among which was a vast collection of buttons. One day while surveying his inventory, he decided to do something with the buttons. He decided to make a "Pearly" jacket incorporating Masonic symbols.

On many cold and snowy evenings he could be found before a warm TV set sewing buttons on a blue jacket. As of this printing he estimates that he has attached in excess of 5,000 buttons to the jacket. There isn't a day when he doesn't find a few minutes to sew on a few more buttons.

Thanks to friends, the buttons continue to come in, and he continues to add them. He feels he could probably use at least another 2-3 thousand buttons if he makes a vest and a hat. Among the symbols on the jacket are the square and compasses, plumb, sword, trowel, anchor, sun and moon, 1777, 32nd degree, the "G", EA, FC, MM, PM, the pillars, the three lesser lights and, down the full length of one sleeve, "G. Washington." To create Jacob's ladder required 51 buttons, and the sun took 70.

Many of the pieces that he creates require a multitude of pieces and much patience. Two years ago he created a "Christian flak jacket" like the Crusaders wore. It has a large red cross on the front and back and is covered with thousands of religious medals, each individually sewn on, almost like fish scales. This piece was sold to a major collector through a gallery.

He is currently down to about 100 to 200 buttons and could use at least another 1000 to complete the project.

If you are interested in contributing white buttons to Bro. Tony's project, please send them to: Anthony Busalacchi, 1840 N. Prospect Ave., #410, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

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Reedsburg Brothers honored with Masonic Service Award

The Masonic Service Award was presented to five Brothers of Reedsburg Lodge No. 79 in recognition of their extensive, lengthy, and consistent service to their lodge and the fraternity. "These are the men that are at the meetings, help with the fund raising events, and do anything that is asked of them year in and year out," explained Joe Williamson as he presented the awards. He went on to say, "These men have kept our lodge alive and growing."

Past Master's Rodney Seamans, Ronald Rasmussen, Bill Gant, Greg Georgeson and Kenneth Walter II, received their medals at the 2011 Installation of Officers where they received a hearty applause from friends, family and Brothers.

This year's Master, Douglas Bentley paid homage to his tenured Brothers by saying, "Each of these men are the 'Real Deal', the embodiment of a Mason. I am terribly lucky to have had these men as role models and mentors. Brothers, that were willing to spend the time and effort to teach me the things I needed to learn."

Pictured front row (from left): Rodney Seamans, Ronald Rasmussen, Bill Gant. Back row: Greg Georgeson and Kenneth Walter II.

Submitted by Bro. Douglas Bentley

Wilmot Lodge to Host 4th Annual Motorcycle Tour and Family Fun Fest

By Bro. Mike Wood

Wilmot Lodge No. 241 will host their fourth annual motorcycle tour of the beautiful southeastern Wisconsin countryside on July 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Join in the day of fun, Brotherhood and sharing.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

There is an entry fee of \$20.00 per biker, \$10.00 for passenger/pedestrian and \$5.00 for children 6-12; children under 5 are free. The fee includes live entertainment featuring a rock band and a bagpipe player, and a barbecued lunch featuring our

"World-Famous Pork Chop Sandwiches", chips, and soda/water.

There will be games for the kids; our 50/50 and prize raffles; and Washburn Lodge will have their awesome trailer on site to sell their "World-Renowned Homemade Funnel Cakes".

The charities for this year's event include: The Illinois Fire Safety Alliance Burn Camp, YMCA Camp Duncan/YMCA Camp Independence for Spina Bifida, The American Diabetes Association and The Sharing Center of Paddock Lake, Wis.

This is a family event, and the kids will have plenty to do, so please ride in, roll in, walk in, or stroll in for a great day of fun, fellowship, and contributing to these tremendous causes.

This is a Masonic event, motorcycle ride, and family event, therefore alcohol use of any sort is strictly prohibited.

The Wilmot Masonic Center is located at 30702 Fox River Rd., Wilmot, Wis.

Please contact Bro. Mike Wood at 224-627-6731 or email mike1tree@yahoo.com, with any questions.



Wilmot Lodge's pork chop dinner is huge success

Wilmot Lodge's Pork Chop Dinner was a beehive of activity, as they were joined by the Milwaukee Grand Chapter Widow's Sons for another sell-out of 500 pork chops in three hours! Pictured are the Brethren of Wilmot Lodge No. 241 and The Widow's Sons with their ladies.

Submitted by Bro. Mike Wood, Master

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Fish Fry and Evening of Fellowship at Warren Lodge



Past Grand Master Beecher Daniels receives an honorary membership in Warren Lodge No. 4 from Master Keith Turner as he is congratulated by the Deputy Grand Master.



Grand Master Joseph B. Harker reminds the Brethren to remember their obligations taken at the altar and charges they received at the end of every degree.

See story on page 7.

Photos by Rich Rygh



Grand Master Harker receives a check from Bro. Keith Turner, Master of Warren Lodge to give to the charity of his choice.



Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White Jr., congratulates Area Administrator Marc Steiber on his appointment as District Deputy for District 8 and District Deputy Scott Pedley on being appointed Junior Grand Steward for 2011-2012.



Past Grand Master Beecher Daniels gets a good laugh as Past Grand Master John Wilke explains his first attempt to receive a Grand Master when he was Master of Union Lodge No. 32, Evansville.



Past Grand Master John W. Wilke, an honorary member, opens the Lodge.



The sidelines were full and chairs were added.

News Events from the Lodges



Bro. Zwirchitz honored for 50 years

Bro. Levern Zwirchitz, a Past Master of Oshkosh Lodge No. 27, was presented his 50 year certificate and pin by Grand Master Joseph B. Harker at the Oshkosh Masonic Center on April 26. The Lodge was opened in the public form, and many guests and family members attended.

Bro. Zwirchitz began his Masonic travels as an Entered Apprentice on September 6, 1960; he was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on November 15, 1960, and was raised a Master Mason on January 17, 1961. He served his Lodge as Master in 1970.

In addition, Bro. Zwirchitz has served as an officer in many other Masonic Organizations. His dedication to the Craft is truly an inspiration to all of us.

Submitted by Bro. Donald Wood



Freewheeling, sponsored by Clintonville Lodge, donates bicycles

Brethren of Clintonville Lodge No. 197 recently presented bicycles to Rev. Richard Vanman, Pastor of Family of Christ Church. The church will donate the bikes to needy children through its active youth program. Church members will assist Pastor Vanman with this new ministry program. For more information interested persons should call Pastor Vanman at 715-570-3025. Clintonville Lodge is a sponsor of Freewheeling, a local non-profit effort that provides bikes at Christmas to boys and girls in disadvantaged homes. This is the third year Freewheeling will continue its bikes for kids program. Pictured (from left): Vernon Beall, Junior Deacon; Edward (Rusty) Mitchell, Master; Rev. Richard Vanman; and Danford Jesse, Treasurer.

Submitted by Bro. George Tincher



Bro. Wilton Anderson new Master Mason

On March 19, Janesville-Western Star Lodge No. 55 initiated 3 Entered Apprentices, one of whom went on to prove up and be passed to the Fellowcraft Degree and then to the Master Mason Degree. Pictured left to right are: Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White Jr.; Grand Master Joseph B. Harker; newly raised Master Mason, Wilton Anderson; Don Jones, Master, Past Grand Master Dr. John W. Wilke; and Past Grand Master Dr. Jack C. Allord. Bro. Anderson will be moving to Denver, Colorado where he will continue in Masonry there. The four Grand Lodge officers pictured closed the lodge in due form after a long but very enjoyable day.

Submitted by Past Grand Master Dr. Jack C. Allord



Oshkosh Lodge "Brats for Books"

Oshkosh Lodge No. 27 has sponsored a "Brats for Books" campaign for several years.

A weekend is booked at the local Festival Foods every year to raise money for this worthwhile effort. The event has proven to be both a source of fellowship for the Brethren and their families as well as a way to promote the Lodge to the public.

The proceeds from these Brat Fries are given to the Oshkosh School District for the purchase of books for the school systems libraries. A check for \$1928.43 was presented to the Oshkosh School District on March 23, by Master James Felda (left) and Bro. Ron Montgomery.

Submitted by Bro. Donald Wood

Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge Hosts Lake Country Masonic Golf Outing

The 9th Annual Lake Country Masonic Golf Outing to benefit the "Pay it Forward" campaign of Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge No. 42 will be held on Monday, July 18.

The event is held at the exclusive championship golf course, The Legend at Brandybrook, in Wales.

This year's entry fee is \$165 per person or \$600 per foursome. This includes 18 holes of golf (cart included), on a private championship course; range & locker facilities available before your round; lunch before the round and on-course beverages; raffles, silent and live auction. The field is limited to 144 players.

There are hole prizes for

Prairie du Chein Lodge Annual Family Picnic

Prairie du Chein Lodge No. 8 will hold their annual family picnic at 6:30 p.m., on June 22, at Lawler Park on St. Feriole Island (on the river front).

Bro. Keith Turner of Potosi will fry freshly caught catfish as the main menu item. All other dishes are potluck. Beverages will be furnished.

A short program will follow honoring 50 and 60 year members.

Contact Bro. Monte Steiber at 608-326-4640 for reservations.

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longest drive, longest putt, closest to the pin and more. There is a putting contest for a chance to win \$5,000 in cash and a hole-in-one prize of a new Ford Mustang GT Convertible. Each team will receive a complimentary photograph.

Registration and lunch are at 11:00 a.m. Tee time for the shotgun start is 12 noon.

The evening will feature a beer/wine limited open bar and a banquet featuring a four course meal at 6:00 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$50 per person, \$90 per couple.


Sponsorship opportunities are available: for more information, contact Contact Rob Rohloff 414-899-7381, Tom Ewald 262-201-4036, or Michael Radichel 414-861-6003.

There is still space available for interested parties to golf. Singles,

two-somes, or three-somes will be matched up.

Visit www.lakecountrymasonic-golfouting.com for sponsorship details and registration form. You may register and pay fees online.

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ancientlandmarklodge210@gmail.com

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Dark January & February

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Chetek Lodge No. 277
216 Morrison St. • 715-924-4245 (Sec)
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Chippewa Falls Lodge No. 176
650 Bridgewater Ave. • 715-723-6341
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411 Third Ave. • 715-263-3033
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Delavan

Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12
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Dark July & August

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Fond du Lac

Fond du Lac Lodge No. 26
500 W. Arndt St. • 920-922-6012
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July and August

Frederic

Landmark Lodge No. 244
109 United Way • 612-998-7901 (Sec.)
Meets 2nd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Friendship

Quincy Lodge No. 71
210 Main St. • 608-853-1768 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Galesville

Decora Lodge No. 177
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
85 S. Stoughton Rd. • 608-770-2928 (Sec) • 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. • 262-670-4982
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 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. • 608-592-7111 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark 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
Meets 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. • 715-735-9397
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 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

PGM Allan Iding Named Executive Officer for DeMolay in Wisconsin

By Nancy Storrs

DeMolay International has named Past Grand Master Allan E. Iding as Executive Officer for DeMolay in Wisconsin. His appointment was made by Wesley Thornton, Grand Master of DeMolay International. Bro. Iding was Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin in 1981-82, and is President of the Wisconsin DeMolay Foundation. DeMolay is an international organization of young men (12 to 21 years) sponsored by the Masonic fraternity teaching leadership skills such as public speaking, event management, fund raising, and community service.

Alumni of DeMolay include: Walt Disney, former Wisconsin Governor Lee S. Dreyfus, astronaut Neil Armstrong, former president Bill Clinton, Pulitzer Prize Author John Steinbeck, NFL Commentator Terry Bradshaw, actor John Wayne, cartoonist Mel Blanc, newsmen Walter Cronkite and Dan Rather.

As Executive Officer of DeMolay in Wisconsin, he is focusing on providing leadership for Wisconsin DeMolay in four areas: growing membership by establishing new chapters and growing the existing chapters; growing the advisory boards by restructuring training; increasing activities within the chapters; and growing the leadership training within the chapters. Bro. Iding will oversee a cabinet of five key officers for Wisconsin DeMolay, including: J. Patrick Storrs of West Bend, Kevin Breitzmann of Brookfield, Gavin DeGrave of Racine, Phillip Itzenhuizer of Racine, and Nancy Storrs of West Bend.

Milwaukee inner-city schools

and other organizations are the primary focus of The Todd Wehr Foundation, which makes grants in excess of \$500,000 a year for charitable and educational purposes. Bro. Iding is President of the foundation. As a member of the Board of Directors of The Todd Wehr Foundation, he also serves as its Chairman. He is also a Trustee of the Wehr Science Center Trust, the Wehr Professorship in Chemistry Trust and the Wehr Professorship in Physics Trust, all of which benefit Marquette University.

PGM Iding is a graduate of Marquette University College of Business Administration and Marquette's Law School. He served as a law clerk on the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals and he practiced law with Whyte Hirshboeck Dudek, S.C., in the trusts and estates field.

Bro. Iding has been active in civic matters. He served as a commissioner on the Wauwatosa Police and Fire Commission, having been appointed by the City's Mayor. He also served on the board of the Wisconsin Health and Education Facilities Authority, having been appointed by the Governor of Wisconsin.



Bro. Allan E. Iding
Past Grand Master



Masters wager on Super Bowl

The Masters of Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 322, Green Bay, Wis., and Dallas Lodge No. 231, Pittsburgh, Pa., had a "gentlemanly" wager on the outcome of Super Bowl XLV.

The Green Bay Packers were victorious and the Brethren of Roosevelt Lodge graciously accepted a wonderful engraved gavel, which Bro. Gerald Brebner will long cherish. A Pittsburgh Steelers "Terrible Towel" and Dallas Lodge No. 231 lapel pins were included in the recent delivery to Theodore Roosevelt Lodge.

Congratulations to both teams and both Lodges and it is hoped that each football team will compete again in Super Bowl XLVI - GO PACK GO!

YouTube videos of the gavel hand off and receiving of the gavel can be seen at the Theodore Roosevelt Lodge website: <http://www.roosevelt322.com/>.

Front row (from left): Raymond E. Pirus, Junior Warden; Chris J. Young, Senior Warden; Gerald S. Brebner, Master; Paul M. Smith, Junior Steward; and James F. Van De Hey Jr., Tiler pro tem. Middle Row: Caleb J. Hoffarth, Senior Steward; Paul R. Gagan, Counselor; Michael Belongia, Past Master; and Michael J. Belanger, Junior Deacon. Back Row: Darren Jenerson; Michael A. Meyer, Treasurer; and Larry J. Raether, Past Master.

Submitted by Bro. Gerald Brebner, Master

Stated Communications (continued from page 12)

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, 7:00 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
1012 Main St. • 262-633-6658
Meets 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Reedsburg

Reedsburg Lodge No. 79
213 E. Main St. • 608-524-3281
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

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 Tuesdays, 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 June, 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. • 218-391-9877 (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 1st & 3rd 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. • 224-627-6731 (Master)
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
date & location g2minime@aol.com
Meets 5th Saturdays, 1 p.m.

To list your lodge contact

Diane Igl,
diane@wisc-freemasonry.org
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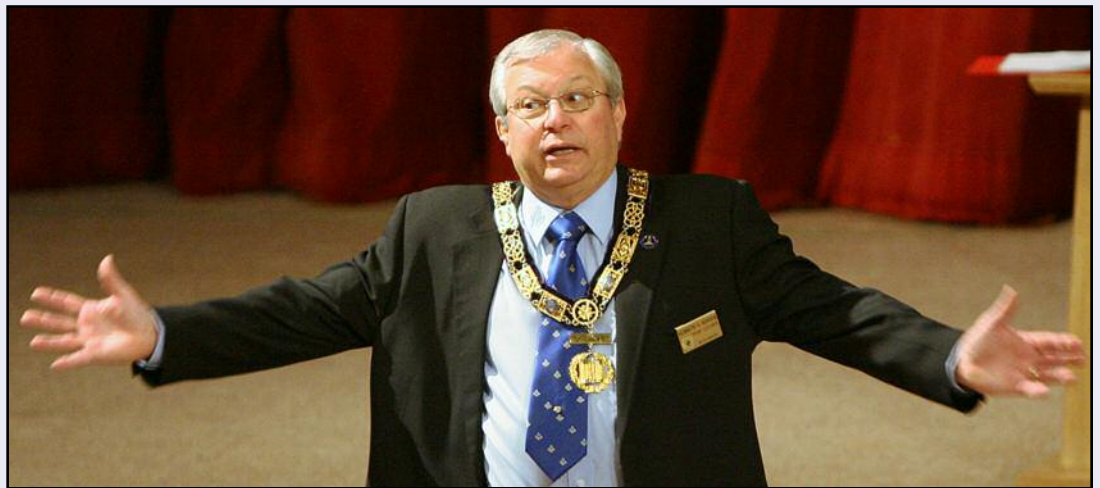
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Ten Lodges Compete in 2011 Degree Competition



District 9 Lecturer Henry Pynakker (right) assists the Grand Lecturer in determining the final results of the competition.



Grand Lecturer Kenneth Gorgen explains the rules for the 2011 degree competition.

See the Grand Lecturer's Message on page three for the story.



At left, Grand Master Joseph B. Harker prepares to receive a candidate. Madison Lodge No. 5 was prepared but due to unforeseen circumstances their Senior Deacon was unable to attend. The Grand Master stepped in to fill the vacancy so they could compete in the competition.



Awards to be presented to the top three lodges at the Annual Communication in Madison in June.



Masters of the competing lodges drew lots to find out which lodge room they will compete in and which lodges they will be competing against.

Photos by Rich Rygh



Officers of Waukesha Lodge No. 37 celebrate their win.



District Deputy H. Scott Paulson explains some of the finer points of Wisconsin Masonry to his guest, District Representative Mike Hill of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota A.F. & A.M.

Outdoor Master Mason Degrees at Camp Douglas



Bros. Gabriel Gore and Steve Leavitt receive their Master Mason Degrees

See story on page 6.

Photos by Rich Rygh

Grand Master Joseph B. Harker addresses the Brethren.



Bro. Charles Calhoun played King Solomon.



District Chaplain David Ritchie presents the Bibles.



At left, the Grand Master Harker presents Bro. Steve Leavitt his Grand Master's Pin, as Bro. Creg Scafe looks on.



Bro. Rolf Kurandt, host for the event, says a few words.



Ruffian Mark Jerdee is unable to come up with the pass.



The Deputy Grand Master congratulates Bro. Gabriel Gore.

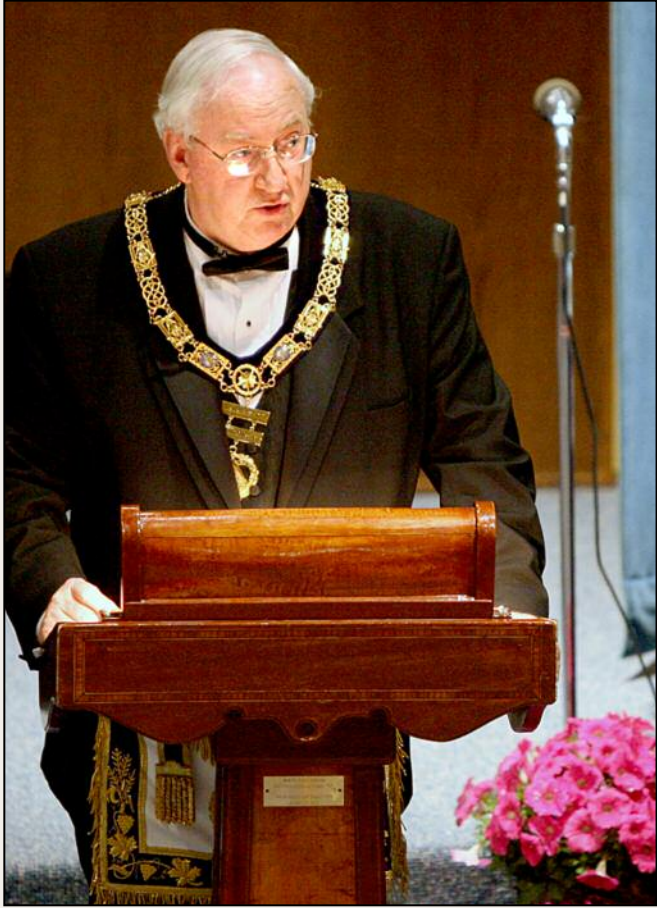


Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White Jr., gives the Charge.



Bro. John Brewer gives the picture lecture.

Henry L. Palmer Lodge Celebrates 100 Years



Grand Master Joseph B. Harker rededicates Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301 in celebration of its 100th Anniversary.



Bro. John Wackman, Master of Henry L. Palmer Lodge welcomes the Grand Master into the Lodge.



Wisconsin Commandery No. 1 presents the colors.



Senior Grand Deacon William Beetcher pours the wine as an emblem of joy and gladness.

Milwaukee Alderman Robert Donovan presents a Proclamation to Master John Wackman.



See story on page 1.

Photos by Rich Rygh



Job's Daughters Bethel #2 prepares to present the Living Cross.



Senior Grand Warden Dennis V. Siewert declares the Lodge Hall ready for rededication.

**Prairie View Lodge No. 95
Hosts Bro. Stefan Streitferdt**



Bro. Stefan Streitferdt, a Past Master of Franz Liszt Lodge in Budapest, Hungary, and current member of Kegonsa Masonic Lodge No. 73 in Stoughton, recently gave a presentation to the members of Prairie View Lodge No. 95 in Ripon. The program included a power point presentation and insightful information concerning the growth and development of Freemasonry in Hungary and Eastern Europe, and the effects of communism and other oppressive governments on Freemasonry in those countries. Also included was information on the role of individual Freemasons in those situations. It was an incredible evening. Picture (from left): Rick Coles, Master of Prairie View Lodge and Bro. Stefan Streitferdt.

Submitted by Bro. Rick Coles, Master

New Master Masons



Waverly Lodge raises Bro. Chad Klitzke

Bro. Chad Klitzke was raised in Waverly Lodge No 51, Appleton, on April 21. Pictured in front row (from left): Matt Jackering; Jonathan Foster; Chad Klitzke; Jonathan Bascue, Master; Kevin Reichenbach, Junior Warden; and Pete Hermes. Back row: Rich Moore; Craig Cloutier; Dick Orr; Derrik Basler; Jim Lintner; Jerome Enama; Jason Helling; Dave Barton, Senior Warden; and Kevin Lorenz.

Submitted by: Matt Jackering, Senior Deacon

E-mail your submissions to
wmjeditor@wisc-freemasonry.org.



Bro. Tracy Carlson new MM at River Falls

Bro. Tracy Carlson was raised a Master Mason on April 19, at River Falls Lodge No. 109. Master Jim Graham conferred the degree and Bro. Rod Rommel was in the East for the second section. Brother Russ Berg did the Historical Lecture, Bro. Bob Fischer gave the Charge and Bro. Jim Wolfe presented the Bible. The Lodge was pleased to have guest lecturer Dr. James Mac Farlane from Baldwin who gave the third section lecture. Tracy Carlson, left is shown being congratulated by Master Jim Graham after he was raised a Master Mason.

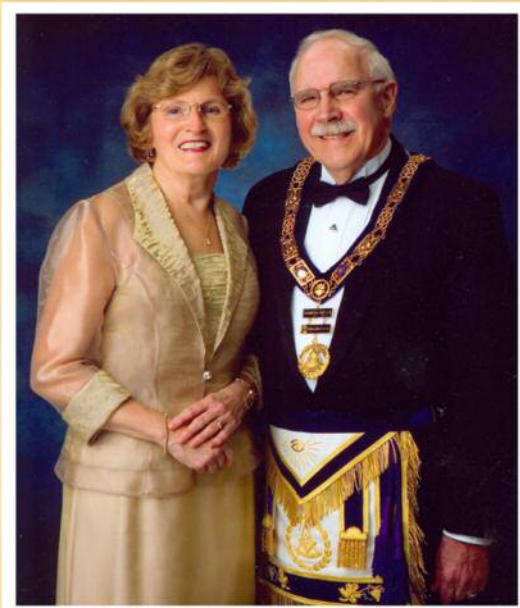
Submitted by Bro. Milt Helmer

Attend and Support Your Lodge!

Traveling Gavel

District 1 Acacia-Itasca Lodge No. 329	District 7 Lodi Valley Lodge No. 99
District 2 Collins-Spring Valley No. 192	District 8 Baraboo Lodge No. 34
District 3 Forest Lodge No. 130	District 9 Oconomowoc/Hartland No. 42
District 4 Marinette Lodge No. 182	District 10 Prairie View Lodge No. 95
District 5 Merrillan Lodge No. 279	District 11 Unity Lodge No. 367
District 6 Montello Lodge No. 141	District 12 Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301

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.



**HONORING PAST
GRAND MASTER
ROD PAULSEN**

As educators and parents, community events and activities have always been a priority for both Rod and Virginia. Now it is their turn to champion a cause near and dear to their hearts, donating blood. Rod's commitment to this project is evident. He has been a blood donor for more than 50 years and actively supports its life-giving benefits through the blood drives sponsored by Masonic Lodges in Wisconsin.

Recently Rod was a beneficiary of his hard work – he received two blood transfusions while in the hospital. Anonymous donors helped save his life and he and Virginia are very grateful. Help Rod as he gives back and champions for his Brothers, for his family, for his community ...Be a Hero, Save a Life...Donate Blood!

**Blood Drive
ROD PAULSEN BLOOD DRIVE**

A free Walworth County Fair Ticket will be given to all attempting donors!

Saturday, August 6, 2011

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Elkhorn Middle School (Cafeteria) - 627 East Court Street, Elkhorn

Contact Jenny at The Rauland Agency 262-275-2185, or make an appointment online at www.bcw.edu/donateforRodPaulsen. Appointments encouraged.

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Clintonville Lodge provides circus tickets

Clintonville Lodge No. 197 provided tickets for 25 boys and girls to enjoy the thrills of Beja Shrine Circus. The circus performed in Neenah, Friday, May 20; Shawano, Tuesday, May 24; and Waupaca, Monday, May 30. Bro. Danford Jesse, Treasurer the Lodge, presented the circus tickets to Rev. Richard Vanman, Pastor of Family of Christ Church. Rev. Vanman distributed the donated tickets to local boys and girls. Pictured (from left) Junior Deacon Vernon Beall, Treasurer Danford Jesse and Rev. Richard Vanman.

Submitted by Bro. George Tincher



Gathering of Masters at pancake brunch

Several Masters were guests at the annual Spring Pancake Brunch held on May 1, at the Moose Lodge in River Falls. Pictured (from left): Steve Schwartz and Jim Wolfe, Past Masters, River Falls; Bill Reed, Master of Hancock Lodge in Ellsworth; Mike Elliott, Past Master, River Falls; and Dave Finley, Master of Northwestern Lodge in Prescott. The event, sponsored by River Falls Lodge No. 109, is conducted by the Moose with help from the Brothers of the Lodge. The lodge's share of proceeds goes to fund scholarships.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer

District 9 Traveling Gavel on the Move



Past Master Jason Mackey, Master pro tem, St. John's Lodge, Whitewater, presents the Traveling Gavel to Senior Warden Jim Johnson of Dousman Lodge.



Dousman Brethren (from left): Glenn Shong, Past Master; Terry Brown, Secretary/ Past Master; John Qauden, Past Master; and Roy Radtke present the gavel to Bro. Jack Holtz (center), Master of Oconomowoc/Hartland Lodge.

Submitted by Bro. Terry Brown

The Brethren of Dousman Lodge No. 315 visited St. John's Lodge No. 57 in Whitewater, on May 16, to be witness to a very nicely done Entered Apprentice Degree.

It was also an opportunity to capture the District #9 Traveling Gavel. The gavel was delivered to St. John's Lodge by Milton Lodge No. 161 at their last meeting.

Letting no moss grow under their feet, the Brethren of Dousman Lodge delivered the gavel to Oconomowoc/Hartland Lodge No. 42 the following Wednesday evening, May 18.

Masonic Trap Shoot & Family Day

at: Fin'n'Feather Sportsman's Club
N2765 Hardscrabble Rd
Palmyra, WI 53156

**Saturday
June 4th, 2011
9 AM till 6 PM**

- * Merchandise Shoots
- * 25 & 50 Bird Lewis Shoots
- * Raffles All Day
- * Kids Fishing
- * Bounce House

Food and Fun for all ages!

Proceeds help benefit K&M scholarship fund, Pennys and Nichols, Lad Lake, Dousman Police Department, Wisconsin Masonic Home, and many others!

For More Info: Contact Butch at 262-894-7137
Facilities donated by Fin 'N' Feather Sportsmans Club Inc.

Reservation Deadline May 31 for Wis. Rapids 150th Anniversary

By Craig W. Carpenter
Master

Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128 will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary on Sunday, June 12. Ironically, this is exactly 150 years to the day that the charter was granted and signed.

Due to scheduling conflicts the times have been changed since the last *Wisconsin Masonic Journal* article appeared.

The day will begin at the Mead Hotel, 451 East Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, with a cash bar at 1:00 p.m. and a 1:30 p.m. luncheon.

There will be a Rededication Ceremony at the Wisconsin Rapids Masonic Center at 3:00 p.m. by our new Grand Master Davey L. White Jr., and the Grand Lodge Officers.

As this is the weekend of the Annual Communication in Madison, there is a block of rooms reserved for any guests that would like to drive to Wisconsin Rapids following the

close of Grand Lodge on Saturday. These rooms are available at a reduced rate and reservations may be made by calling the Mead Hotel at 715-423-1500 and mentioning the "Masonic Lodge Anniversary" when making your reservations.

There are several fine restau-

rants and supper clubs in the Wisconsin Rapids area for your dining enjoyment Saturday evening and for Sunday morning breakfast.

Buffet reservations are required by May 31. Payment must accompany the reservation form below.

Wisconsin Rapids Lodge 150th Anniversary Sunday, June 12

Cash Bar & Luncheon Buffet – Mead Hotel, 1:00 p.m.

Name _____ No. Attending _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cost \$25.00 per person, reservation deadline May 31.

Make checks payable to: Wisconsin Rapids Lodge 150th
(Check must accompany reservation.)

Mail to: W. R. Lodge 150th, P.O. Box 723
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495-0723



Northwestern Lodge pancake breakfast

The Brethren of Northwestern Lodge No. 105, Prescott held a successful pancake breakfast at the United Church of Christ in Prescott on Sunday, May 22. Volunteers who helped make it all happen are pictured (from left): Don Eggers, Dan Finley, Dave Finley, Gary Melstrom, Dennis Donath, Larry Fischer, Milt Helmer, Mike Elliott, Jaime Petersen, Steve Schwartz and Jim Shortreed. The proceeds from this and other fund raising events goes to support the Lodge's scholarship fund.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer

New Master Mason



Bro. James Ryan is new Master Mason

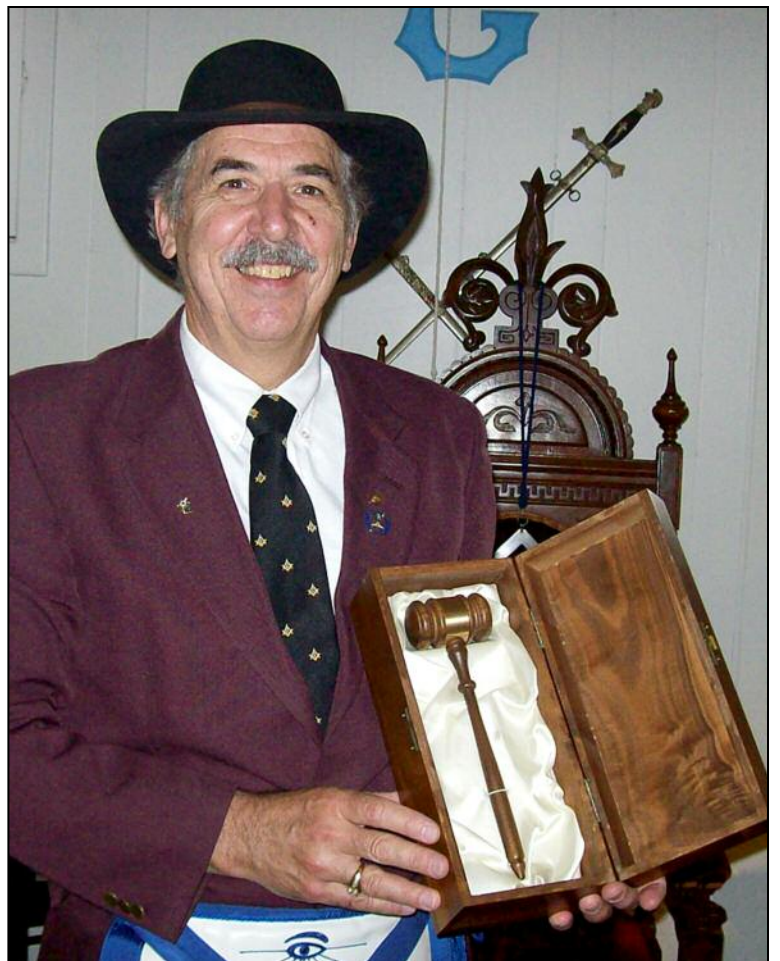
Bro. James Ryan was raised in Milton Lodge No. 161 on April 26. Brethren from many area lodges assisted in the degree. Pictured (from left): Jim Gajdosik; Bill Kayser; Kevin Swales; John Bauer; Leroy Huber; James Ryan; Brian Duoss; Eli Glissendorf, Master; Bill Broeg; Duane Huber; and Al Huber.

Submitted by Bro. Patrick Garvin

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District 10 Gavel at Prairie View Lodge

Bros. Wayne Uttke, Jeff Millikin, Gibb Hein, Dave Johnston and Ernie Borchardt Sr., from Neosho-Mayville-Horicon Lodge No. 108 went to Omro Lodge No. 168 for the school of instruction on May 9. Not only did they get some valuable training, but Omro had the District 10 Traveling Gavel. Neosho Lodge having the most Masons in attendance captured it. This makes the second time this year the lodge has received it. They in turn delivered it to Prairie View Lodge No. 95, Ripon, on May 24. Bro. Jack Bridich, Master of Neosho Lodge displays the gavel.

Submitted by Bro. Randy Thorman, Secretary

Promote Your Lodge Events

Send information on your upcoming lodge events to *The Wisconsin Masonic Journal* to be included in the calendar. Send items by the 15th of the month previous to the event. Email wmjeditor@wisc-freemasonry.org or mail to The Wisconsin

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DISTRICT #10
Family Picnic



Sunday June 5th
12:30 - 3:30
Lunch - 1:00

Memorial Park
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Corner of N. Swift St. and Akin St.
Parking off of N. Swift Street

\$1.00 per Person
Includes:
Meat and Buns
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