



## Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

### JUNE

2 Ozaukee Lodge No. 17, honoring Past Grand Master Russell R. Selbo for 70 years of service to Freemasonry. 3:00-5:00 p.m. Three Pillars Community Room, Dousman. Contact Bro. David Tainter at dtainter@wi.r.com or 262-689-2848.

5 Dodgeville Lodge No. 119, AARP Driver Safety Review, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. Wisconsin Masonic Heritage Center, 200 W. Chapel St., Dodgeville. AARP Members \$12, Non-\$14. Open to Ladies and non-Masons. Call 608-831-3656. Please arrive 15 minutes early for registration. No insurance sales pitch ever.

6 Zor Shrine/Hiram 50 Madison Mallards Game--Open to all Masons, friends, and family. Tickets available through Zor Shrine or Hiram Lodge No. 50 or contact Bro. Craig Froelich at froelich@calbero.com or call 608-258-8814.

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

7 Fennimore Lodge No. 219, Fish Fry from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Fennimore Masonic Center.

10 Magic Variety Show sponsored by Unity Lodge No. 170 and Kenosha Lodge No. 47. Tremper High School, Kenosha. Showtime is 6:30 p.m. See Ad on page 10.

11 Magic Variety Show sponsored by Washburn Lodge No. 145. Westosha Central High School, Salem. Showtime is 6:30 p.m. See Ad on page 10.

12 First of 14 performances throughout Wisconsin of the 2013 Zor Shrine Variety Show. Janesville Craig High School at 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Zor Shrine Mini Cars. See ad on page 7 for date and location of a performance near you.

15 Camp Douglas Lodge 272, Fourth Annual Outdoor Lodge. Target Bluff German Haus, Camp Douglas. Registration, rolls, and coffee at 8:00 a.m. Opening at 9:00 a.m. Lunch following the final conferral. \$10 per person, pay when you register. Contact Bro. Leo Clark, 608-372-5110 or Bro. Rolf Kurandt, 608-427-6542, or email target@mwt.net.

15 Middleton-Ionic Lodge No. 180, Roast Pig and Rib Dinner, 1:00 p.m., \$10 per person. Middleton Masonic Center, 7409 Franklin Ave., Middleton. For more information contact Bro. Jeff Breunig at 608-217-7890.

16 Magic Variety Show sponsored by Tomah Lodge No. 132. Tomah High School Auditorium. Showtime is 3:00 p.m. See Ad on page 10.

19 Baraboo Lodge No. 34 Masonic Awareness Picnic & Potluck at Max Hill Park on Connie Rd. in West Baraboo. Brats, hotdogs & burgers provided. Please bring a dish to pass if you like.

19 Prairie du Chien Lodge No. 8, annual family picnic at 6:30 p.m., Lawler Park on St. Feriole Island (on the river). See story on page 2.

20 Magic Variety Show sponsored by Superior Lodge No. 236. Superior Middle School Auditorium. Showtime is 6:30 p.m. See ad on page 10.

21 McKinley Lodge No. 307, Table Lodge, 5:30 p.m. appetizers, dinner at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$25.00, tickets can be purchased from any McKinley Lodge Officer. McKinley Masonic Center, 4550 N Pilgrim Rd, Brookfield. Contact Bro. Todd Jaremko at 262-796-0782 or worshipful.master@mckinleylodge.org.

21-22 West Bend Lodge No. 138 150th Anniversary. George Washington Inaugural Bible will be on display. Reconsecration ceremony Saturday at 5:00 p.m. followed by a gourmet dinner. Reservations are due by June 17. See story on page 1.

22 Ninth Annual Masonic Scholarship Gold Outing sponsored by Phillips Lodge No. 225. Westwood Golf Course, Phillips. 1:00 p.m. lineup - 1:30 p.m. shotgun start. For more information contact philodge225@gmail.com.

22 Bros. Bob Canfield and Scott Graham will host a Women's Only Firearms Training Class at Hope Gun Club in McFarland, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided for a small fee. Call 608-239-0505 or go to www.horsemenarmory.com for information and reservations. See story on page 5.

24 West Bend Lodge No. 138, St. John the Baptist Tiled Table Lodge, starts at 6:00 pm.

25 Milton Lodge No. 161 Hillbilly Night, 6:00 p.m. Rustic wear and lawn chairs are encouraged. Potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m., lodge meeting at 7:30 p.m., annual awards will be presented.

25 Magic Variety Show sponsored by Forest Lodge No. 130. Wausau Elk's Lodge, Wausau. Showtime is 6:30 p.m. See Ad on page 10.

### JULY

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12 The Broken Column Outdoor Master Mason Degrees, Three Pillars Campus, Dousman. 8:30 a.m. start, 9:00 a.m. open lodge and ladies program. 12:30 p.m. lunch and tours for all. For more information contact Bro. Paul Tourville, paul.tourville@nextlevelpwm.com or 414-659-5205.

15 The 11th Annual Lake Country Masonic Golf Outing to benefit the "Pay it Forward" campaign of Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge. See story on page 11.

18 Past Master & Lodge Picnic, Warren Lodge No. 4. Grant River Recreation Area, Located two miles south of Potosi along the Mississippi River, off Hwy 133. Gathering starts @ 5:30. RSVP to Dave Ritchie at 608-482-3552.

22 Golf Outing - Beja Shrine and Scottish Rite 11th annual John Ottum golf outing. Held at Thornberry Creek at Oneida Golf Course, 4470 N. Pine Tree Road, Oneida (west of Green Bay). Cost is \$100 per person and includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch and dinner. Call Beja Shrine (920) 498-1985.

25-27 Youth Soccer Camp and All Star Games at UW-Whitewater. See story on page 4.

26 Wisconsin Order of the Eastern Star Exemplification, 7:00 p.m. Janesville Masonic Center.

27 Wisconsin Order of the Eastern Star Exemplification, 1:30 p.m. Wautoma Masonic Center.

31 5th Annual Combined Zor Shrine/Madison Scottish Rite Golf-Dinner outing at Kestrel Ridge GC in Columbus. This men-only event is open to all Master Masons and their guests. Shotgun start at 11:30 a.m. and steak dinner at 5:30 p.m. Auction for door prizes benefit Zor Transportation Fund and Madison Childrens Dyslexia Center. Contact Bro. Paul Hallingstad at 608-318-0412 or pdhpar@charter.net for details.

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## West Bend Lodge 150th Anniversary Celebration

By Bro. William Stonecipher

Past Master, West Bend Lodge

The first Wisconsin appearance of the historic George Washington Inaugural Bible, a National Artifact, leads a double-barreled 150th anniversary celebration for West Bend Lodge No. 138, F. & A. M. of Wisconsin.

This gala anniversary event kicks off on Friday, June 21 when three Brethren from St. John's Lodge No. 1, Grand Lodge of New York, escort and install the Inaugural Bible for display in West Bend Lodge.

The Bible will be on display for viewing from 2-6 p.m. on Friday afternoon June 21, and on Saturday, June 22, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Masonic escort will provide historical presentations at several times during the Bible's appearance here.

Coordinated by West Bend Lodge Junior Warden Steve Hilger and Past Master Richard Slade, in cooperation with the Brethren and officers of the lodge, the National Artifact's visit here is being underwritten by the lodge as a "give back" to the community and the Fraternity in Wisconsin in honor of the Lodge's 150 years of service. Viewing the Bible is open to the public and free to all.

West Bend Lodge traces its for-



West Bend Masonic Center, 301 N. University Drive, West Bend.

Photo by Bro. William Stonecipher

mation to a petition filed with the Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Wisconsin on August 21, 1862. It's charter was granted on June 9, 1863. West Bend Lodge is the oldest fraternal or civic organization in the city of West Bend.

The Lodge's 150th anniversary celebration continues at 5 p.m. Saturday when Grand Lodge officers conduct a reconsecration ceremony. Immediately following from 5:30-6:30 p.m. will be a social hour and gourmet dinner prepared by Brother David Tainter in the Lodge's High Twelve room. The social hour and formal dinner are by reservation only.

Dinner reservations are \$30 per

person. Included are appetizers and an array of social hour and dinner beverages. The entree is grilled shrimp and beef tenderloin. Sides of grilled asparagus, grilled new potatoes, and wilted lettuce salad. Hot fudge cake with raspberry sauce rounds out the menu.

Reservations may be made online at [WestBendLodge150thAnniversary@eventbrite.com](http://WestBendLodge150thAnniversary@eventbrite.com) or by calling Bro. Darren Cooksey, at 262-388-1356 or Bro. Richard Slade, at 262-334-9180. Attendance is limited to 120 persons. Reservations must be made by Monday, June 17.

See story on the George Washington Inaugural Bible on page 23.

## Grand Lodge Officers Dedicate Stone to Honor PGM Davey L. White Jr.



Past Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. and wife Tammi stand next to placed the stone in his honor at the entrance to the lodge building in Potosi.

Photo by Rich Rygh

By Rich Rygh

Grand Lodge Officers, Brethren, families and friends gathered at Warren Lodge No. 4, Potosi, on May 2 for the formal dedication of a stone honoring Past Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. The stone was presented to Grand Master White by the Brethren of Warren Lodge at his testimonial dinner in

April of 2012 and is now permanently attached to the building on the left side of the main entrance.

The dedication was held in conjunction with Warren Lodge's annual catfish dinner.

Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie, Master of Warren Lodge welcomed everyone present. He said we all know that Bros. Keith

Turner and Schelley Schoville do a great job on the catfish dinners and there are two Bros. present who have traveled over 1600 miles for four catfish dinners. Bro. Ritchie, with the help of Past Grand Master White presented honorary memberships in Warren Lodge to Bros. David Tainter and his father Bro. Lowell Tainter.

Grand Master Dennis Siewert introduced Past Grand Master of Iowa, Bro. Jack Butler and the Grand Lodge Officers.

The Stewards uncovered the Lodge for the dedication. The

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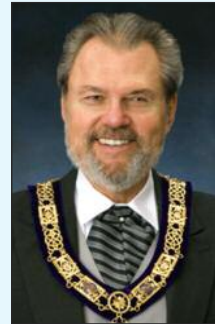
## The Grand Master's Message:

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

"It's your Club House / It's your Man Cave"

Brethren;

As boys we built tree houses, club houses and forts, they were our special places. That special place was just for a select few of a special group of friends. They were also others who wanted to be part of the group but were never invited. As men, if you think we out grew the concept of a club house you're wrong, the name and place has changed but the concept remains. As men we have cottages, boats, deer camps, offices, workshops, out buildings and the list goes on. Those special places or "Man Caves" are as Diverse as those who inhabit them.



Grand Master  
Dennis V. Siewert

As Freemasons we belong to that special group of men who belong to Lodges that meet in Masonic Centers or their Club Houses. How cool is your club house? Your Community sees the outside of the Masonic Center. What does it look like? During my travels during this past year some of our club houses could use some cleaning up. I also realize that for some Lodges their buildings have become burdensome and are consuming them financially. The Lodge Trustees must become proactive needing to evaluate the condition of the building and make recommendations to their Brothers regarding the sustainability of their club house.

Your club house is like a billboard for Freemasonry. It should look well kept, inviting, display contact numbers, offer some mystique, mystery and curiosity. If possible we should have some type of signage telling of some the programing that's taking place.

There have been inquiries from Lodges asking what the Grand Lodge can do to help them with Building Projects.

- 29.12 Committee on Temple Plans and Financing. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Temple Plans and Financing to prepare and maintain a book of plans, specifications and appropriate costs of Masonic Temples, to counsel lodges on costs, plans, requirements for building and financing and to make recommendations for approval or disapproval of such plans to the Grand Master.
- The Grand Lodge is not in the Mortgage Business.
- There are numerous reasons and ways for Lodges to raise funds for their Club Houses.
  - Fund Raisers – Diverse Brothers uniting for a common cause
  - Members lend money to the Lodge – Promissory Notes
  - Regular Financing done with Brothers personally guaranteeing the loan
- Lodges can make a request of the Grand Master seeking permission to solicit funds from other Lodges in the justification of Wisconsin.

Remember what we did to help our New Jersey Brothers devastated by Hurricane Sandy? We stepped up to the plate and donated \$10,000 in direct aid. You contributed over \$12,000 to our Service & Assistance Fund. Now it's time to offer some help to our Local Lodges for some club house updating.

At the Annual Communication, I will be asking the membership to approve the offering of grants to help update our Lodge buildings. These grants would be offered through the Service & Assistance Fund. My suggestion will be to have up to 40 matching fund grants of \$500. (1 grant per lodge – up to a total of 40 grants) A Lodge would send copies of bills and checks for up to \$1,000 and receive a reimbursement from our Service & Assistance Fund for ½ up to \$500. It's time for some Charitable Endeavors to begin at home.

My Brothers this is the last article that I will be writing as Grand Master for the Masonic Journal. I have to admit that it seems like I'm always rushing to complete the Article. These articles have been written to spur some discussion and to make us aware of the "Diversity" among us. More importantly we need to support celebrate, honor, and respect that "Diversity".

Fraternally,  
Dennis Siewert

### On Our Cover

Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie explains the symbolism and meaning of the prayer at the grave in the Master Mason Degree at the District 2 Meeting hosted by Menomonee Lodge No. 164 in Menomonie. See story on page 18.

Photo by Rich Rygh

**169th Annual  
Communication**  
Madison Masonic Center  
June 7 & 8, 2013



## PGM White honored for 60 years

Two members of the River Falls Lodge No. 109 received special recognition at the Lodge's re-obligation night on May 7. Past Grand Master Charles E. White (left) received his 60 year certificate and pin from Master Dave Hoffman. PGM White was raised on May 4, 1952, he served his lodge as Master in 1961 and served the Masons of Wisconsin as Grand Master in 1970-1971. Bro. John Howard was also honored and will receive his certificate and pin at a later meeting. Bro. Howard was raised on May 26, 1953 in Hancock Lodge No. 229, Ellsworth, and served the Lodge as Master in 1964. He affiliated with River Falls Lodge on Nov. 13, 1973.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer

## Prairie du Chien Family Picnic is June 19

Prairie du Chien Lodge No. 8 will hold their annual family picnic at 6:30 p.m., on June 19, in the Gazebo on the south end of Lawler Park on St. Feriole Island.

Bro. Keith Turner, Warren Lodge No. 4, will prepare freshly caught catfish as the main menu item. All other dishes are potluck. Beverages will be furnished. Contact Bro. Monte Steiber at 608-326-4640 for reservations.

## Waverly Lodge Honors Bro. for 50 Years



Bro. Harold Mueller

Bro. Harold Mueller, Past Master of Waverly Lodge No. 51, was recently presented his 50 year pin and certificate by Past Grand Master Roger L. Magoon.

Waverly Brethren gave Bro. Mueller a standing ovation for his dedication to the craft and also for being instrumental in remodeling the lodge building during his year as Master.

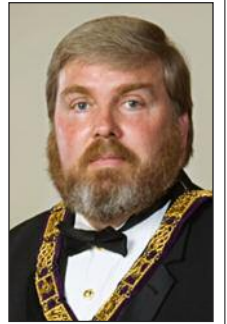
He was raised on March 19, 1963 and served as Master in 1994. "Without Bros. such as he, Waverly and Masonry would be very different for the Bros. who have come since," said Master Kevin Reichenbach.

Submitted by Bro. Kevin Reichenbach

## Thoughts for the Journey

By Reverend David R. Ritchie, Grand Chaplain

Not many years ago one of the greatest responsibilities of a Mason was to see that his Brother Mason was properly buried. A funeral has always been a costly affair. Even a simple service added up: the services of an undertaker, a coffin and a plot in the local cemetery. Before life insurance became common the cost of burial fell upon the family. What if family was not around? Many of our Brothers had traveled to new land with family hundreds, if not thousands of miles away. Travel taking weeks or even a month or more. If you came to Wisconsin to work the mines or timber or for that matter any place along the frontier, and something happened who would see that you received a proper burial and were returned to the Earth with dignity? A letter sent to a loved one informing them of the loss may take a week or more to reach someone on the other side of the state let alone across the country or ocean.



Rev. David Ritchie  
Grand Chaplain

The other aspect of early funerals was that clergy were often scarce, a circuit rider may only pass through a town or camp every few weeks. Often only large cities had resident clergy so the question of who would be there to say a few last words and offer a prayer came into play. A few words from a Holy book, a prayer or two, and a kind word or remembrance was all that was said. Again family usually would take care of the honors and rites of burial but often family was again unavailable or unable to do the job.

One of the benefits of joining a fraternal organization, like Freemasonry, was the promise of a decent burial. This is where our tradition of the Masonic Memorial Service comes from. We would be there to say a few words, read from a Holy book, and to remember and mourn our departed Brother.

We could be there when family and others could not. We were there to help his widow or orphan.

We have never been nor ever will be an insurance company. It is actually prohibited by the code 37.1, but we were and are a source of comfort.

Today with communications being almost instant, families that can travel almost anywhere around the world in a days time, life insurances common, and clergy available is our Masonic Memorial service still important? In some ways it is more important. It still gives us a chance to aid the widow and orphan. It gives us a chance to honor the man who became our Brother. The service continues on a tradition that has comforted many men in life and his family in death. Today our memorial service is usually held in conjunction with a religious service. We are often one of a number of groups wishing to honor our Brother; groups like the American Legion, VFW, volunteer fire departments, etc.

There are many different services that are used. There are many different Brothers willing (and honored) to perform the service. The service can be performed at anytime in just about any location.

There is however one problem. Many of us have not told our loved ones that we want a Masonic Memorial Service and that our wishes are to be laid to rest wearing our Lambskin.

At the time of a death everything seems to be so confused and so painful. A call from the Master of your lodge expressing his condolences and asking your family to add one more thing to their seemingly endless list of things that must be done, probably will not be met favorably. The long and the short is that your wife and children will not have time or the desire to search the house for your apron. So please my Brothers tell them.

Tell your wife and children (yes, both) that you want a Masonic Memorial Service and tell them where your apron is. There is a form on the Grand Lodge website [www.wisc-freemasonry.org](http://www.wisc-freemasonry.org). Go to the website click on "publications" and it is toward the bottom of the page under "Blue Lodge Administrative Forms". Print it off fill it out and give a copy to your wife, your children, your lawyer, etc. It informs them of your wishes, your lodge and appendant body information, and where your apron is.

When that sad day comes, as it will for all of us, there will be men ready to say a few words over you, read from the Holy book, and pray. There will be Brothers ready to begin easing the pain felt by your wife and family. There will be Brothers who will shed a tear and remember that "I sat in Lodge with him." Please allow them these honors and talk to your family about your wishes. May that day be far off but prepared for.

Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie can be reached at [hickorysprings@gmail.com](mailto:hickorysprings@gmail.com) or 608-776-2698.

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# Record Crowd at Robert Ross Table Lodge



**Past Grand Master Joseph B. Harker welcomes a record crowd to the annual Robert Ross Table Lodge sponsored by Wisconsin Lodge No. 13.**

Photo by Rich Rygh

### By Rich Rygh

Past Grand Master Joseph B. Harker was the emcee at the annual Robert Ross Table Lodge on May 3. He welcomed a record number of people to the event sponsored by Wisconsin Lodge No. 13.

This evening is set aside to raise money for a college fund for the children of Bro. Robert Ross. He was Master of Wisconsin Lodge No. 13 in 2005, when he passed away suddenly at the age of 35. Bro. Bob was an artist, a comedian, a Brother and a true friend to many. He left behind two children, Ian and McKenna.

The college fund is growing annually thanks to the hard work by the Brethren of Wisconsin Lodge and the Brethren, families and friends supporting this very worthwhile cause.

Past Grand Master Harker said the evening will be somewhat similar to a Masonic Table Lodge, slightly tailored around a "ladies at the table" with seven toasts, calling it a memorial table dinner.

MWBro. Harker gave a brief biography of Bro. Ross. He married his high school sweetheart Lisa. He loved his children dearly and enjoyed the time they spent together. Bro. Ross often spoke of his children's accomplishments. He was an avid Wisconsin deer hunter and a true Packer and Brewer fan. His favorite day was Halloween, he decorated his yard extensively and wore many costumes.

Bro. Josef Pronnet presented several checks from the Masonic Brotherhood Council, Aurora Lodge No. 30, he and his wife and another Brother.

Bro. John Wackman presented a check for \$500 from the Henry L. Palmer Angel Fund.

A check was presented from James M. Hayes Lodge in the amount of \$300.

Past Masters Chuck Boelkow and Tim Zielinski received a round of applause for the wonderful dinner, they had worked straight through from 4:00 p.m. the day before preparing the barbecue.

Boy Scout Troop 260 was thanked for serving the meal and the hat was passed for donations to the troop.

Bro. Jan Talaga arrived at the blue jean and bib dinner wearing a tie, the result: an auction was held for the privilege of cutting it off. Bro. John Wozniak won the privilege with a bid of \$51.

Raffle tickets were sold and drawings were held during the evening for gifts and services donated by Brethren and local businesses.

See photos on page 12

# Chippewa Valley Chapter Order of DeMolay Receives Charter



The Chippewa Valley Chapter Order of DeMolay received its Charter at the Valley of Eau Claire Scottish Rite Reunion banquet on April 20. Wisconsin DeMolay Executive Officer Allan E. Iding, PGM, presented the Charter to Bro. Ross Johnson (right), Chairman of the Advisory Council.

Submitted by Bro. Ross Johnson

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# Ask Hiram ?

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**Question:** I have in my possession two books. One called Low Twelve written by Edward S. Ellis A.M. a Past Master of Trenton New Jersey Lodge No. 5 (F. & A.M.). It was published by Macoy Publishing and Masonic Supply of 45 John Street, New York in 1918.

High Twelve was a second book written by the same man and published in 1920.

These are very interesting stories about the Masons in the Civil War. There is one chapter about Geronimo the Indian chief.

I would like any info about these books and if they are preserved somewhere.

- Bro. Robert

**Answer:** These appear to be some interesting books and contain stories that are representative of Fidelity of Freemasons to each other during times of distress. It fits that the stories would be about Masons during the Civil War when Freemasonry knew no boundaries of North and South, but was a true example of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth when a Brother Mason needed help regardless of the side he was on.

The position of the author is clearly spelled out when he writes, "By their deeds ye shall know them".

Brother Ellis was inspired to write High Twelve from the correspondence he received after Low Twelve was published. These

books are still available for purchase as used books, and the Ohio Grand Lodge Library of Masonic Books has them available. This library is hosted by Bridgeport Lodge No. 181.

Its web site is [mastermason.com/bridgeportlodge181/Masbooks.htm](http://mastermason.com/bridgeportlodge181/Masbooks.htm).

The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin also has four copies of Low Twelve in its library, but does not currently have a copy of High Twelve.

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

## NOTES FROM THE GRAND LECTURER

By Brother Kenneth C. Gorgen

My Brothers,

Last month I wrote to you about the foundations of Masonry relating to one's freewill. Understanding this to be a fact, guides us to ask ourselves about our own responsibility when given a gift of this nature or do we take it for granted and feel that we are entitled to it.

It is lodge night. Not any ordinary lodge night, but a special meeting to confer the Master Mason degree. All participants have arrived along with sideliners and Masonic friends and relatives of the candidate. The candidate has arrived and he is ready for his final and most important Masonic degree. It is the highest degree he will ever receive in Masonry no matter how far he travels through the Masonic opportunities that will be opened to him from other related organizations.



Kenneth C. Gorgen  
Grand Lecturer

At this time, prior to his 3rd degree, he has not a clue about the path he is about to travel. By the end of the evening, he will understand the true meaning of being a Brother. All the tools and lessons that have been given to him up to this point will be cemented together by the final tool passed to him tonight. He will leave the lodge room twice. First with a sense of confusion, and the second time with a new wisdom and sense of wonder. Confusion will relate to the similarity of this degree when compared to his other two degrees. He expected this night to be special and different. After going through the first part of the degree, he asks himself, "Is that all there is?" As he is being escorted from the lodge room, the lack of experiencing something different seemed to be a let down.

On his return to the lodge meeting, he is singled out by the Master of the lodge and instructed to advance East. The sideliners watch with anticipation as the new made Mason demonstrates apprehension and confusion. A new and unexpected journey is about to begin. He will be tried by an ancient ritual to see if he can withstand the test that all Masons have faced since the building of King Solomon's temple. Will he be willing to let go of all that is important to him in order to pass this test.

All of us know he will pass the test, because unknown to this candidate, we were grooming him for this evening when he received his 1st and 2nd degrees. He will be worthy to stand with his newly found brothers. Bound together by a special experience which imbeds the principles of Brother Love, Relief, and Truth. But most of all, he will look around the room, and if the lodge members have done their job, he will see all of his Brothers in a different light. He has seen the light. He is now part of this fraternity of Brothers.

Other lectures and speeches will follow, and he will be given a Masonic charge. Each degree has its own charge, but this one is special. It has a special ending. The Entered Apprentice Charge explains specific duties and behaviors of a Mason and the Fellowcraft Charge admonishes the discharge of explicit duties and encourages the pursuit of education. The Master Mason Charge details behaviors, relationships to others, and duties to the fraternity, but it finishes with a clear statement. The Charge admonishes him to uphold the dignity that goes with being a Freemason. It explains that he must be true and faithful, and remember the lesson he learned tonight. Because of these attributes, the following simple charge is given, "... you will render yourself deserving of the honor which we have conferred and merit the confidence that we have reposed."

Wow! What a powerful communication. In other words, "Earn this!" Our work is done tonight, but your work is just starting. We will not leave you flounder, but you need to understand that you must earn the honor which has now been conferred. You must earn it in your social, business and family life. You must earn this honor by practicing those duties which have been taught and explained in the lodge. Each time I hear this charge given, I ask myself if I have earned the blessings and credits that have been given to me.

In the Masonic order, if you are part of the lodge's officer corps, the expectation of the lodge members is that you will lead and earn the benefits that come with the position you now hold. This simple charge reaches far beyond the confines of the lodge and Masonic order. Think about your business life. A promotion is always welcome, especially the extra benefits that come with it, but you superiors expect you to earn it.

The word "entitlements" is very common in our news media today and the cause for some heated discussions. Completing the 3rd Masonic degree entitles or guarantees you membership into the fraternity and to the honors and accolades of being a Freemason, but to understand and reap the true benefits of being a Freemason, you must earn it. How you decide to earn this honor is up to you, and hopefully that decision will include all aspects of your life.

What the future holds for each and everyone of us is an unknown, but my personal goal is to earn the respect and confidence of the people that lay their trust in me and offer me opportunities for personal development and service. Given an opportunity is just the start. Earning it through one's future actions is the real test.

As always, I encourage you to remain committed to your lodge and to the ritual. Study it with dedication and devotion to become a **ritual leader** and not a **ritual reader** in your Lodge. Meet that goal and you will be a motivating force for new candidates. Mentor them with fierce abandon. Your lodge will be proud of your efforts and then we will all see more Light.

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



## Waterloo Lodge assists with fire and EMT Lifeline update

Waterloo Lodge No. 63 recently presented a check for \$4,000 to the Waterloo Fire and Emergency Medical Services Supporters Inc. to update their Lifeline unit. The organization is one of the few non-profit, non-medical groups that provides Lifeline. The goal is to raise \$14,000 to replace all 22 units. The money came from Waterloo Lodge and a matching grant from the Masonic Medical Foundation of Wisconsin. At the check presentation were, from left: Wes Benisch, assistant chief; Bro. John Haight, Secretary; Deputy Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik, Treasurer; Bro. Rick Stokes, Senior Steward; Bro. Parker Dow, Master; Jason Butzine, president of the Waterloo Fire and EMS Supporters and coordinator of Lifeline; Marlys Schmidt, vice president of the Waterloo Fire Department and EMS Supporters, and Fire Chief Vern Butzine.

Submitted by Bro. John Haight, Sec.

### Masonic Quotes

"We are going to do it this way, because it's never been done this way before." – MWBro. Dennis V. Siewert, Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin.

Email your submissions to [wmjeditor@wisc-freemasonry.org](mailto:wmjeditor@wisc-freemasonry.org).

### Summer Sun . . . Lazy Days . . .

As your Lodge gets ready to take a break for the summer, ponder a few things over the warm summer months.

As you are enjoying a great summer read, take a moment to think about helping your local school in the fall by participation in the Hiram's Helper Program to meet immediate needs, or be a part of spreading life-saving training, by providing CPR Anytime Kits. Perhaps you want to think about participation in the Matching Scholarship Program next year, or would like to plan your Lodge's legacy through a meaningful contribution to our endowed funds program. The annual distribution from this fund can be used as the donor directs.

Do you have a few members that will be attending the Wisconsin Masonic All-Star Soccer Games on July 27th at UW-Whitewater? It is a wonderful way to promote the Fraternity and see some of the state's most talented scholar athletes in action.

Don't forget about the Friends and Family Chicken Barbecue, which will be held on Sunday, August 4, on the beautiful Three Pillars Campus in Dousman.



When you look ahead to your fall calendars, be sure to select a meeting for our Three Pillars Educational Presentation. Simply contact Erika in the Development Office to schedule a speaker. I look forward to hearing from Lodges over the next months, at: [erika@wisc-freemasonry.org](mailto:erika@wisc-freemasonry.org), or at 262-965-2200. All the best to you and yours from the Wisconsin Masonic Charities!

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## Heritage Center Needs Hutches and Bookcases

The Wisconsin Masonic Heritage Center in Dodgeville is looking for tall wooden bookcases such as law office bookcases for displaying historical books at the Center.

They are also in need of hutch type cabinets and display cases.

Brethren will pick up and transport donated items. Contact Bro. Tom Mueller, Master of Dodgeville Lodge No. 119, at 608-935-2751.

## Address Changing?

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

email

Cheryl Martin

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## Masonic All Star Soccer at UW-Whitewater July 25-27

By Bro. David Tainter

The 2013 Masonic Soccer Camp and All Star games will again be held at UW-Whitewater this year, July 25 through July 27.

We will again be inviting 24 middle school kids to join us.

Soccer continues to be the fastest growing sport in America. Support from organizations like ours, gives the youth campers a chance to learn from the All Stars and coaches.

Our All Star camp and games bring together and recognize many of the best student soccer athletes in the state.

Your Soccer Committee members encourage each and every Mason to join us and be part of this years events

The Mason and Family cookout is Friday July 26, at 5:30 p.m. at Starin Park, Whitewater.

The Recognition Banquet is Saturday July 27, at 8:00 a.m., at the James Connor University Center, UW-Whitewater. Reservations are required, the cost is \$15.00 per person.

The All Star Games follow the banquet with the girls' game starting at 11:00 a.m. Admission is \$10 for both games.

More sponsors are needed. Lodges, individuals, and companies can help sponsor the camps and games.

For more information see [www.masonicsoccer.org](http://www.masonicsoccer.org) or contact Bro. David Tainter at [dtainter@wi.rr.com](mailto:dtainter@wi.rr.com).

## Camp Douglas Outdoor Lodge Rescheduled for June 15

Camp Douglas Lodge No. 272 has rescheduled their Fourth Annual Outdoor Lodge for June 15. Come and enjoy a day of fellowship and good food.

The event takes place at Bro. Rolf Kurandt's Target Bluff German Haus Restaurant in Camp Douglas.

The first section of the Master Mason Degree is conferred in the restaurant and the second and third sections take place in a beautiful outside wooded setting along a creek, next to a pond.

Registration, rolls, and coffee will begin at 8:00 a.m. with the lodge opening at 9:00 a.m.

Lunch will follow the final conferral at the restaurant, the cost is \$10 per person. Pay when you register.

For more information contact Bro. Leo Clark, 608-372-5110 or Bro. Rolf Kurandt, 608-427-6542, or email [target@mwt.net](mailto:target@mwt.net).

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## Job's Daughters Bethels Request Masons' Attendance at Installations

By Kelly Engbring

Grand Bethel Honored Queen  
As the end of May and June are quickly approaching so are the installations of Bethels all around the state.

Every six months each Bethel holds their own installation and a new corps of officers is installed. The girls and councils of each Bethel put a lot of work into planning these events. Each Bethel would greatly appreciate having Masons from the area lodges attend them.

All Job's Daughters are related to a Master Mason and they love having the support from the men of the lodges. I encourage all Masons to contact the Bethel that meets in the same building as you or find a Bethel in your area and attend their installation especially if you have never attended one before. It is important that the Bethels and Masonic Lodges get to know each other, as you are our heritage and if we work together great things could happen.

So please attend a Bethel's installation. An installation with many Masons in attendance would be an ever lasting memory for the Job's Daughters of Bethels.



Kelly Engbring

Attend and Support Your Lodge!

## McFarland Firearms Training Class for Women Only

Bros. Bob Canfield and Scott Graham will host a Women's Only Firearms Training Class at the Hope Gun Club, 3435 Siggelkow Rd. in McFarland on June 22. Rain date will be June 23.

The class will provide firearms as well as ammunition. It will cover safety, operation of several different types of handguns and shotguns, as well as some time for open shooting at the range.

Cost is only \$50.00 and class size will be limited to the first 30 who call and make reservations. It runs from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Lunch will be provided for a small fee. Call 608-239-0505 or go to [www.horsemenarmory.com](http://www.horsemenarmory.com) for information and reservations.

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Registration: 8:00 a.m.  
Shotgun Start: 9:00 a.m.  
Cost: \$75.00/golfer

(cost includes 18-holes w/cart, lunch and donation)

Come join the Waukesha Freemasons for 18 holes of golf and lunch. Proceeds will benefit the Waukesha Lodge High School Scholarship Fund. This fund provides scholarships each year to a deserving student from each of our four Waukesha High Schools.

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Questions and Information:

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# News Events from the Lodges



## Hiram Lodge honors 50 year members

Hiram Lodge No. 50 hosted a well-attended dinner on May 6 to honor two Brothers who have reached their 50-year milestone in Masonry. Bro. Charles G. Hanson was raised on March 27, 1963 and Bro. William Atlee Wilson was raised on March 30, 1963. Deputy Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik made the formal presentations. Pictured from left: Deputy Grand Master Slavik, Bro. Charles Hanson, Bro. John Najat, Master; Bro. W. Atlee Wilson and District 7 Deputy Dean Johnson. Brother Hanson traveled from his home in Indianapolis, Indiana for the presentation. A third honoree Bro. Robert G. Hills, Jr. also raised on March 27, 1963 was unable to be present.

Submitted by Bro. Lyle Christian, Secretary



## Bro. Schneider celebrates 60 years

Bro. Robert Schneider (center) was recently honored for 60 years of service to the craft from Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174, Sturgeon Bay. He is congratulated by Bro. Ross Chapman (left), Master of the Lodge and Area Administrator Jay Herbst. Bro. Schneider was raised on March 31, 1953 in Kewaunee Lodge No. 296 and served the lodge as Master in 1972. Kewaunee Lodge merged with Henry S. Baird Lodge on June 12, 1979.

Submitted by Bro. Ed Klein, Past Master



## Bro. Bud Kuhrasch Honored for 60 Years of Service

Past Master Steve Conway, on behalf of Crandon Lodge No. 287, presented Bro. Robert (Bud) Kuhrasch with his certificate and pin for 60 years of service to the craft on May 14.

Bro. Conway conferred the Master Mason Degree on Bro. Kuhrasch on March 11, 1952.

Bro. Kuhrasch is a retired conservation warden and seven of his colleagues from around the state were at the presentation and were anxious to participate. Their enthusiasm did cause a minor problem and many laughs. Bro. Kuhrasch expressed his pride in our organization and how proud he was to be a part of it.

Submitted by Bro. John McCulloch



## Geneva Lodge honors widows

Geneva Lodge No. 44 invites widow's to their 4th Saturday breakfast. Bro. Frank Chesen, Junior Warden, contacts and invites the ladies and offers rides if needed. Gladys Bishop was recently honored, pictured with Senior Warden Frank Chesen (left) and Keith Redell, Master of Geneva Lodge. Her husband Bro. Martin Bishop passed away in March of 2012.

Submitted by Bro. Bob Grohall, Senior Deacon

## Bro. Howard recognized for 60 years

Bro. John Howard, Past Master of Hancock Lodge No. 229 and member of River Falls Lodge No. 109 was honored on May 21, for 60 years of service to Freemasonry. He was raised on May 26, 1953 in Hancock Lodge. Bro. Howard received a special certificate and 60 year pin from River Falls Lodge Senior Warden Michael Wilson, standing in for Master Dave Hoffman.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer

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## River Falls hosts re-obligation night

River Falls Lodge No. 109 held a re-obligation night on May 7 at their newly remodeled Masonic Center in River Falls. District 5 Deputy James Kent, joined Master Dave Hoffman in conducting the ceremony. Bro. Kent recalled the time in his life when a Brother helped him become a Master Mason. Speaking from the heart, he told how he was aided through a tough time in his life by a Brother who was right by his side. Senior Warden Michael Wilson knelt at the altar as the Brothers in attendance each placed their left hand on each others shoulders and their right hand over their heart, repeated the obligation given by Brother Kent. From left: Bro. Dave Hoffman, Master, thanked District 5 Deputy James Kent and Bro. Fred Benson, Lodge Counselor, for their work in helping promote Freemasonry in River Falls.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer

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## 4th Annual Sportsmen's Shoot

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# G. L. Staff

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the Gold Collar Master Mason Degree for Bro. Blake Siewert. After the Degree the Brethren attended the Last Full Measure Degree presented by the Valley of Green Bay Scottish Rite.

Deputy Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik called the staff meeting to order following the church service on Sunday morning.

District 12 Deputy Patrick D. Cholka gave a report on the District Deputies Meeting.

The Grand Master announced that Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf was able to get the Director and Officer Liability Insurance for the lodges included in our insurance package this year. Previously the lodges had to pay another \$150 for this coverage.

The Deputy Grand Master gave a report on the Executive Committee meeting and discussion on background checks, the upcoming resolutions and social media.

The District Deputies gave their reports of happenings since the last staff meeting. The Deputies report that degree work is improving, there are two mergers in the works and many struggling lodges are getting stronger. Lodge visitation are growing making the Districts stronger. There are still a few conflicts within the lodges that need to be resolved and some lodges are still facing financial challenges.

Grand Lecturer Kenneth C. Gorgen said our list of proficiency men and ritualists is dwindling. He said he knows qualified men are out there and we need to find out who they are. Junior Grand Deacon L. Arby Humphrey suggested we recognize lodges following the learning plan in the Multi-Letter Cipher.

Deputy Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik announced the appointments for the upcoming year. The progressive line officers will advance with WBro. Kenneth C. Gorgen being appointed as Junior Grand Steward, Past Grand Master Keith D. Chamberlain will continue as Grand Orator, WBro. Raymond E. Mielke will be the Grand Tiler and WBro. John W. Krinke will be the Grand Marshall. Past Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. is the new Grand Lecturer and Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie will continue his duties. The current District Deputies will continue with the exception of these new deputies in the following districts: District 1, George Eisenmann III; District 3, John C. Tilley; District 6, A. Christopher Gans; District 7, Craig J. Froelich; District 9, Paul T. Tourville; District 10, David E. Tainter, and District 11 Michael A. Gorgen.

Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert thanked everyone for serving the craft this past year and charged everyone in the room to empower people. He said we need to empower this next generation to insure our future and we also need to plan our exit strategy. He thanked everyone for their love, passion and Diversity.

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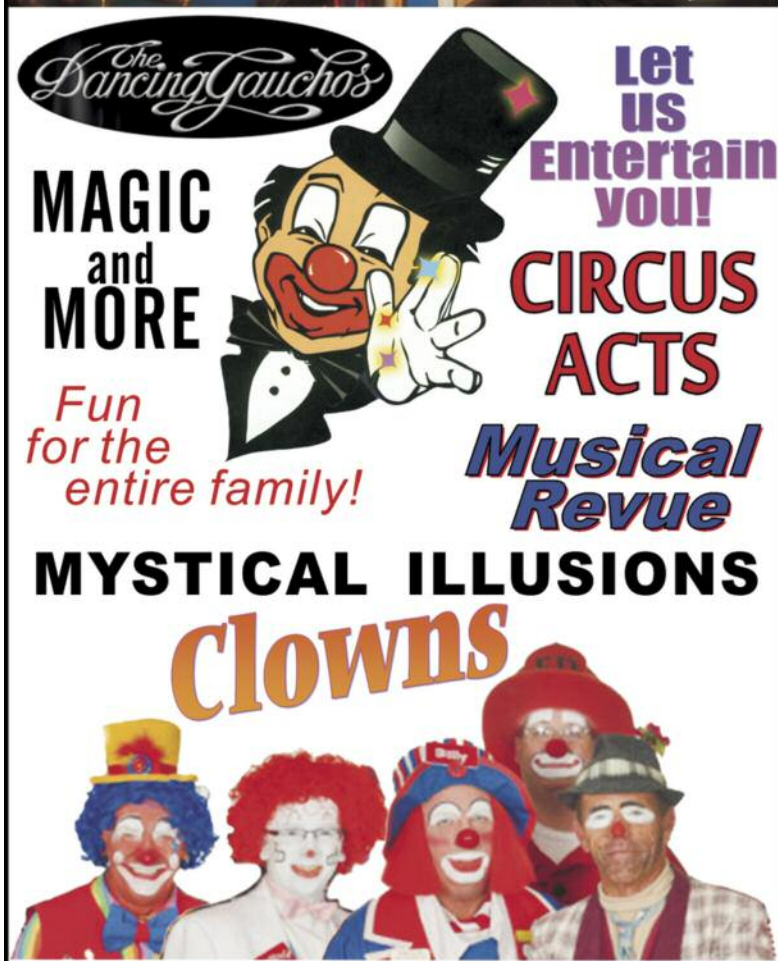
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## DeMolay State Master Councilor receives his Master Mason Degree

Burlington Lodge No. 28 raised Wisconsin DeMolay Master Councilor Stephen Mattox on May 4. A breakfast preceded the degree and a steak dinner and Testimonial Program followed. There were many Brethren present who watched Bro. Mattox grow and supported him in his DeMolay journey. Bro Mattox is pictured in the center of the front row in the white apron.

Submitted by Bro. Shawn Noble



## Schedule

**Zor Shrine Mini Cars**  
Janesville - Craig High School  
**WEDNESDAY JUNE 12th - 6:30PM**

**Beloit Shrine Club**  
Beloit - Turner High School  
**THURSDAY JUNE 13th - 6:30PM**

**Green County Shrine Club**  
Monroe - High School PAC  
**FRIDAY JUNE 14th - 6:30PM**

**S.W. Wis. Shrine Club**  
Platteville - High School Auditorium  
**SATURDAY JUNE 15th - 3:00PM**

**Vacationland Shrine Club**  
Baraboo - Baraboo Banquet Hall  
**MONDAY JUNE 17th - 6:30PM**

**Badger Shrine Club**  
Beaver Dam - H. S. Auditorium  
**TUESDAY JUNE 18th - 6:30PM**

**Musky Shrine Club**  
Spooner - High School Auditorium  
**WEDNESDAY JUNE 19th - 7:00PM**

**Mascoutin Shrine Club**  
Wautoma - Parkside School Gym  
**SATURDAY JUNE 22nd - 3:00PM**

**Timber Shrine Club**  
Medford - Senior H.S. Gym  
**SUNDAY JUNE 23rd - 3:00PM**

**Flambeau Clowns**  
Park Falls - Chequamegon H.S. Aud.  
**MONDAY JUNE 24th - 6:30PM**

**Heart of Wi. Shrine Club**  
Marshfield - H. S. Auditorium  
**WEDNESDAY JUNE 26th - 6:30PM**

**Heart of Wi. Shrine Club**  
Wisconsin Rapids - Performing Arts Center  
**THURSDAY JUNE 27th - 6:30PM**

**Heart of Wi. Shrine Club**  
Stevens Point - Ben Franklin JR H.S. Aud.  
**FRIDAY JUNE 28th - 6:30PM**

**Vernon County Shrine Club**  
Viroqua - Viroqua Community Arena  
**SATURDAY JUNE 29th - 3:00PM**

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# New Lodge Officers for 2013



## Maniwoc Lodge No. 65

Maniwoc Lodge No 65 Officers for 2013. Front row (from left): Installing Chaplain David Tainter; Bill Poulos, Tiler; Erik Pangburn, Chaplain; Nic Borneman, Master; Jim Hooper, Junior Warden; Cory Witting, Junior Deacon; and Dean Bruske, Trustee. Second row: District Lecturer J. Patrick Storrs, Installing Master; Dean Graunke, Senior Deacon; Mike Zimmer, Senior Steward; Gary Gold, Senior Warden; Glen Schnicke, Treasurer; and Dale Schnicke, Secretary.

Submitted by Bro. Dale Schnicke, Secretary



## Eagle River Lodge No. 248

Eagle River Lodge No. 248 Officers for 2013. Front row: Installing Marshal George Welnetz, P.M.; Aaron Lifschutz, Junior Warden; Installing Master Michael Dakof; Jimmy Dakof, Master; Scott Kellogg, Senior Warden; and Gordy Kollauf, Junior Deacon. Second row: Thomas Foerester, Trustee; Don Eaglesham P.M., Andy Patterson, Senior Deacon; and Burt Wedow P.M. Third Row: Walter Camp, Trustee, Karl McDonald P.M., Jim Carey III, Secretary; Bill Jacobs, Tiler and Roger Tesch Chaplain.

Submitted by Bro. Aaron Lifschutz, Junior Warden

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## Bro. Milt Helmer is Honored as District 2 "Mason of the Year"



Bro. Milt Helmer (right) receives the District "Mason of the Year" award from District 2 Deputy Gary L. Stang.

Photo by Rich Rygh

Bro. Milt Helmer was named District 2 "Mason of the Year" at the spring District Meeting in Menomonee on May 18.

Bro. Helmer, a Past Master and currently the lodge Counselor, spends every Thursday as well as other times during the week working with Hancock Lodge officers and mentoring candidates.

He is the photographer for Hancock Lodge and publishes the Hancock Herald monthly. He has Masonic related photos and articles in the Shopper and Pierce County Herald almost every week. He is a great promoter of Freemasonry in District 2.

Bro. Helmer also takes photos for the lodges in Prescott, River Falls and Baldwin on a regular basis. He submits photos and articles to the Wisconsin Masonic Journal on a monthly basis.

Whenever a lodge officer is absent, Bro. Helmer is always there to fill in. Several Hancock Lodge officers have shared that they

would not be active in the lodge if it wasn't for him.

Bro. Helmer is always available to assist with district meetings and forwards articles and photos to the Wisconsin Masonic Journal.


## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I wish to thank Gary Stang, District Deputy for District 2, for naming me the District 2 Mason of the year on May 18 in Menomonee. Also a big thanks to Grand Senior Warden William "Bill" Beetcher for the presentation. It came as a complete surprise. Also a huge thank you to the brothers of Hancock Lodge 229 for all of your kinds words and support.


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 Brother Milt Helmer



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By Erika Miller  
Development Officer

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## Hancock Lodge Hosts Awards Banquet, Bro. John Reinkey is "Mason of the Year"

By Bro. Milt Helmer

Hancock Lodge No. 229 held their annual awards banquet on Friday, May 17 at the Ellsworth Masonic Center in Ellsworth.

The gala event comes every year to recognize the efforts of many who serve both the Hancock Lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #116.

In addition to the "Mason of the Year" award and the Stars Shining Star presentation, the Brothers and Sisters in attendance heard an inspiring talk from Bro. Rick Swan, curator of the new Hancock Lodge Masonic Library. In his remarks, Bro. Swan noted several great works of literature were once banned. In contrast the Masonic fraternity is dedicated to enlightenment. The library has books of all kinds: history, politics, novels, fiction and much more. He went on to say, Freemasons have always encouraged free thought and expression.

He concluded his presentation by holding up the only book one would need in their library. The one book people can go to for any topic they need in life. He held up a copy of the Holy Bible.

Junior Warden Frank During, organizer of the banquet and program, introduced members who had achieved benchmarks in their Masonic and Star membership.

Worthy Matron Mary Bristol and Past Worthy Grand Patron Jerry Bristol presented a special floral award to Sister Bea Steltzner for 68 years of membership in Star. Bro. Bristol commented the Star does not have a pin for such achievement, so flowers would be most appropriate. It was learned after the banquet that Bea joined Star in Baldwin 5 years earlier, making her Star tenure actually 73 years. Remarkable by any measure.

Sister Joyce Swan presented the Star's coveted Shining Star award to Chapter Secretary Mavis Melstrom of Prescott.



Bro. John Reinkey (right) receives the coveted "Mason of the Year" award from Junior Warden Frank During.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the "Mason of the Year" award by Senior Warden Dan Sherry. The award was given to 52 year member Bro. John Reinkey of Rock Elm. Bro. Reinkey comes from a long and

distinguished Masonic heritage. His great grandfather helped establish the Spring Valley Lodge. He transferred to Ellsworth when Spring Valley merged with Baldwin Lodge and he has been an active member ever since.

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# District Deputy Leads Memorial Day March to Capitol



Brethren march up Wisconsin Ave. from the Madison Masonic Center to the state Capitol.

Photos by Rich Rygh

By Rich Rygh

On the morning of May 27, District 7 Deputy Dean Johnson led a contingent of 20 Brothers, clothed as Masons, accompanied by a Knights Templar escort provided by Robert McCoy Commandery, from the Madison Masonic Center to the state Capitol rotunda.

The march was a public display of our gentle craft in remembrance, honor, and support of our fallen countrymen who gave their last full measure for our freedom.

District Deputy Johnson informed Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert of the march and he said, "It is time we stopped hiding our light."

The celebration, held in the Capitol rotunda is hosted by the Madison Veterans Council.

This year marked the 10th anniversary of the Iraq War and the first time in 10 years that no Wisconsin service member was killed in the previous year.

More than 31,000 Wisconsin Soldiers, Airmen and Marines have served on active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. Ninety-one lost their lives in Iraq, and 35 died in Afghanistan.



Brethren arrive at the Capitol Rotunda.

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## Valley of Milwaukee Celebrates the 200th Anniversary of Scottish Rite and the 100th Anniversary of Humphrey Scottish Rite Masonic Center

By Tommy Baas

Thrice Potent Master Elect

A new Scottish Rite year is just upon us, and it's going to be a particularly significant one. Besides it being the 200th Anniversary of the Scottish Rite itself, it also happens to be the 100th anniversary of the Humphrey Scottish Rite Masonic Center where the Valley of Milwaukee meets.

My fellow incoming executive officers and I are planning quite a year for it, kicking off on Tuesday, June 4 at 6:00 p.m. with the Officer Installation ceremony in the auditorium of the Humphrey Center, 790 N. Van Buren St., downtown Milwaukee, followed by dinner right down the street at Victor's Cocktail Lounge and Restaurant, 1230 N. Van Buren.

Congratulations are in order for all incoming officers and those moving up the ranks. Donning the yellow hats of the executive committee will be: Sovereign Prince John H. Bugajski of the Council of the Princes of Jerusalem, Most Wise Master Shane R. Beecraft of the Chapter of Rose Croix, Commander-in-Chief Robert Busalacchi of the

Consistory, and Thrice Potent Master Yours Truly of the Lodge of Perfection. Also, congratulations to new Valley Secretary Gavin DeGrave.

One of our first and most exciting events will be a field trip to the Bristol Renaissance Faire in Kenosha, 12550 120th Ave., on Sunday, July 14 from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Advance tickets are \$24 for adults and \$10 for children (ages 5-12), which includes "Queen Currency" for food and beverage. Extra activities include: RenQuest on site walk around adventure, for Ages 10+, \$10; KidQuest on site walk around adventure, for Ages 4-10, \$5; and Pub Crawl, Age 21+, \$25. This is bound to be a very fun and interesting adventure. Come on down and check it out, with or without period costume!

Reservations for both the Officer Installation and the RenFaire event can be made through Valley of Milwaukee's office at 414-727-3151.

Stay tuned for details on what's bound to be one of the biggest Scottish Rite Fall Reunions in years, as we welcome to our 100



Humphrey Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 790 N. Van Buren, Milwaukee.

year old building all Valleys from across the State of Wisconsin, while simultaneously hosting this year's Council of Deliberation.

If you're not yet a Scottish Rite Mason and have always thought about taking that next step toward Further Light, talk with one of your lodge Brothers about joining the Class of 2013. With all we've got planned in celebrating these two significant anniversaries, this might be the year to fill out that application!

Also of note in the Valley of Milwaukee was the 11th Annual Recognition/Graduation event for our Children's Dyslexia Center, held May 9. This is always one of the most moving events to attend at the Humphrey, and this year was no exception. Not to toot my own horn, but being an instructor at the learning center, this was a particularly special ceremony for me. Two young students who have come a long way under my tutelage graduated with this year's class. It never fails to awe me just how much these otherwise struggling children can accomplish through our unsurpassable program, thanks to our charitable efforts and great gift of literacy we share with them. Congratulations to all the CDC graduates of 2013, and thank you to all the Brethren, instructors, and family who helped open that book for them!

## Lake Country Golf Outing at Legend at Bristlecone July 15

The 11th 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 15.

The event will be held at the Legend at Bristlecone, Hwy 16 & Jungbluth Road, Hartland.

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; practice range & locker facilities available and putting green; lunch and on-course beverages; putting contest; hole-in-one prize, a new car or \$20,000; hole prizes; raffles and

silent auction. Each team will receive a complimentary photograph.

Registration and lunch are at 10:30 a.m. Tee time for the shotgun start is 12 noon.

Dinner and awards are at 6:00 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$45 per person, \$80 per couple.

Sponsorship opportunities are available: for more information, contact Contact Bruce or Michelle Boland, 262-434-4990 (silent raffle); Tom Ewald, 262-201-4036 or Jack Holz, 414-322-1995 (golf registration), or Tim Behling, 414-254-3060 (sponsorships).

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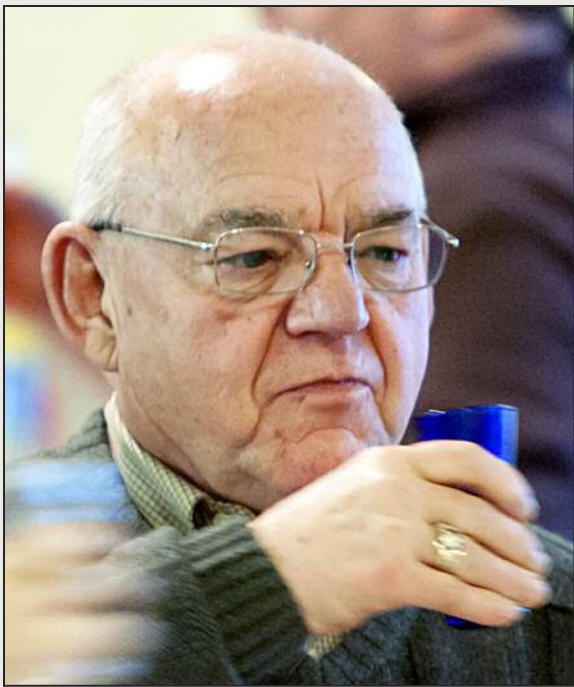


Bro. John Wozniak donated \$51 to the cause for the privilege of cutting off Bro. Jan F. Talaga's tie. Ties were not permitted at the event. Bro. Talaga's father, Bro. Jan Talaga looks on.



Past Grand Master Joseph B. Harker, emcee for the Memorial Table Lodge, explains the toasting procedure.

See story on page 3



Bro. John Wackman toasts to family and friends.



The three colored roses and lone candle on the altar.



Bro. Jason Braatz picks a prize winning raffle ticket.



Bro. Josef Pronnet, Past Master of Aurora Lodge No. 30, presented several checks to Wisconsin Lodge for the college fund.



A toast to our Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert, proposed by Past Grand Master Joseph B. Harker.

Photos by Rich Rygh

# Grand Master Honored at Testimonial Dinner

By Rich Rygh

Brethren, families and friends filled the Grand Ballroom at the Comfort Suites/Rock Garden in Green Bay on April 27 to honor Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert. The testimonial dinner was held in conjunction with the Valley of Green Bay Scottish Rite 144th semi-annual reunion.

The evening was planned and emceed by District 4 Deputy Christian M. Hirthe.

Following the dinner, Bro. Emmanuel Hooper, Valley of Green Bay Scottish Rite, introduced the Valley Officers and the "Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Class". The class received their hats and a Bi-Centennial metal.

Bro. Dennis J. Gaines, class representative, a new Master Mason of about three months, said who ever thought an old cowboy from Texas would be before such a distinguished group of people. He said we are all here for a reason, mostly for Brotherly Love. He urged every man to take a long step forward and learn to say I love you to your fellow man. He said, "It is hard for us guys to say I love you to a man, but we have got to learn to do that, because we do love each other."

Bro. Gaines thanked the Brothers for all the great degree work and in parting said, "I love all of you."

District Deputy Hirthe Christian congratulated the Scottish Rite Class.

Bro. Hirthe asked the kids under 18 to stand up and be recognized, he said we need to support these kids, they are our future.

Bro. Hirthe asked anyone wishing to share a story involving Grand Master Siewert to come forward.

He began with his first time meeting our Grand Master, about 15 years ago. Bro. Hirthe said, "As an Entered Apprentice, I had just gotten my apron and was brought up to the front and there stood Dennis Siewert, bigger Dennis Siewert than he is today, he put on a scowl, changed his voice and demanded of me an item and a right of destitution, he got right in my face with his hand out . . . after it was all said and done this great big teddy bear of a man came up and congratulate me, thanked me and really set the stage for my journey through Masonry."

There were many stories shared, his travel in very bad weather to attend the funeral of a 103 year old Brother he had met months before when he honored him for his service to Masonry; offering his old pants, now that he was smaller to a Brother who seemed to have gotten bigger; the time he participated in a skit for Beja Shrine with two other Shriners in skirts and coconut bras.

Past Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. thanked Most Worshipful Grand Master Siewert for his unbelievable dedication. He said curiosity creates interest and our Grand Master will bring up something he knows is going to be controversial to provoke thinking. He thanked Grand Master Siewert for all he has done for this gently craft. He said, "I love you Brother, and I can never repay for everything you have done for me and this fraternity. May God bless you!"

Many other Brothers had many good things to say and reflected on his dedication to the fraternity and his love for his fellow man.

Barb Ritchie, wife of our Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie presented the ladies gift to Grand Master Siewert. She said this has been in the planning stage for some time. She said First Lady Nancy was discussing how the Grand Lodge Ladies can be supportive of their men, helping with the schedules, being patient with

the long hours and travel and making sure they were prepared wherever they go. There was one particular story she said that caught everybody's attention. At a particular Annual Communication our Grand Master attempted to pack by himself. There was one thing forgotten, underwear. First Lady Nancy had to make an emergency underwear run on State St. in Madison.

Barb presented the Grand Master with this little red square referred to as monkey pants. When soaked in a bowl of water they opened up into a pair of bright red printed boxers. This was just the beginning however. She brought out a blue bag and handed it to the Grand Master. As he held the bag, District Deputy Hirthe took one end of a clothesline just inside and Deputy Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik took the other. As our worthy Bros. walked backward, pulling on the clothesline, it stretched out some twenty plus feet revealing a collection of the most varied, colorful and bright selection of underwear ever assembled.

Judging from the reaction of the kids present, the unveiling of the underwear was without a doubt worth their time sitting quietly through all the boring adult conversation. One of them suggested the Grand Master could even wear some of them on his head.

The Grand Master expressed his appreciation for everyone being with him this evening. He said we as Masons have so much passion and need to learn to respect each other and continue to share that passion.

Grand Master Siewert reflected on what a great day this has been for him having his son Blake receive his Master Mason Degree. He introduced his wife of 45 years, Nancy; his son Barry and wife Megan; his favorite granddaughter Morgan and her brother Porter; and his son Blake and wife Kim and three grandsons unable to be present, Hans, Erick and James, along with other relatives.

The Grand Master said at home he must have 50 different hats, which he said to him symbolize Diversity. The Diversity brings out the Diversity in passions among us. We need to convey that passion to the people out there who are not now among us. He thanked every one for this great honor and said, "Life is good, enjoy it, everyday is a gift from God."

Senior Grand Warden Franklin J. Struble informed Grand Master Siewert a platinum level tile was purchased in his honor and will be placed on the recognition wall of the Wisconsin Paralyzed Veterans of America at the Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee. This is a gift to him from the Grand Lodge Officers. The Senior Grand Warden said the officers were very proud to have served him during his year.

Bro. Hirthe asked the Grand Master to have a seat and try on several hats symbolizing Diversity which were on display during the evening. His Grand Master's hat was again presented to him by his grandchildren Morgan and Porter.

Bro. Hirthe presented Grand Master Siewert a CD of photos from his year as Grand Master and a book, The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins, by Doctor Seuss on behalf of Theodore Roosevelt Lodge.

Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert was introduced for his closing thoughts. He expressed his appreciation to Bro. Rich Rygh for all his work with the Wisconsin Masonic Journal, Bro. George Tincher for all his great photography for Beja Temple and everyone for their support and said, "Love you all."

See photos on page 16.



Daughter-in-law Kim Siewert and First Lady Nancy Siewert enjoy the roast of Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert during the Testimonial Dinner in Green Bay.

Photo by Rich Rygh

## Broken Column Outdoor Master Mason Mason Degrees at Three Pillars July 20

By Josh Van Den Berg

Director of Marketing and Public Relations - Three Pillars

Bro. Paul Tourville, Master of Freemasons Lodge No. 363, recently sat down to explain the upcoming Broken Column Ceremony which will take place at Three Pillars Senior Living Communities on July 20. According to Bro. Tourville the goals of this outdoor Master Mason Degree, a brainchild of Bro. Al Huber, is to celebrate Masonry and to, "Show off the things you're proud of and

as Masons we should be proud of Three Pillars."

Bro. Tourville, born and raised on a dairy farm, loves that this will take place outdoors and wants this to be a celebration of the preciousness of life. "It's so precious (life) so I think you need to do whatever you can to make the lives of others better. We have to constantly ask ourselves, 'How can we make an impact? What opportunities do we have to help those around us?' My father started an outdoor ceremony at

Camp Douglas and it was a huge success—it's important to me to not only honor that tradition and his memory, but also give back—and this is a way to do just that."

There is also a ladies program scheduled to run concurrently with the opportunity for ladies and gentlemen to regroup after the ceremony for lunch.

For more information contact Bro. Paul Tourville at paul.tourville@nextlevelpwm.com or 414-659-5205.

See information below.

**The Broken Column  
Outdoor Master Mason  
Degrees**  
Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
8:30 AM Start  
9:00 AM Open Lodge  
and Ladies' Program  
12:30 PM Lunch and  
Tours for all!

**Three Pillars' Campus  
Dousman, WI**

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# 2013 Degree Competition

By Rich Rygh

The West Bend lodgeroom was filled to capacity on May 11 as six lodges convened to compete in the Annual Degree Competition. Teams participating were Washington Lodge No. 21, Oconomowoc/Hartland Lodge No. 42, Dodge County Lodge No. 72, McKinley Lodge No. 307, Dousman Lodge No. 315 and Freemasons Lodge No. 363.

Grand Lecturer Kenneth C. Gorgen welcomed the Brethren competing in the first section of the Entered Apprentice Degree. He explained the rules for the day and thanked District Lecturer J. Patrick Storrs and West Bend Lodge No. 138 for hosting the event.

Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert thanked the Grand Lecturer for putting this competition together. He expressed the importance of our ritual and the fact that it always seems to be a work in progress as can be seen in the resolutions being presented at the upcoming Annual Communication. He said as he visits lodges he sees a lot of special things they do, but he said today we go by the book. He suggested to the District Lecturers and to those present that we don't always give enough information to our candidates regarding dress. We need

to give our candidates this information so they don't show up for a degree in blue jeans and feel out of place.

The Grand Master said he had four places he needed to be that day so he would need to leave early, he thanked everyone for giving up their Saturday to be there and for all they do for the fraternity.

The Grand Lecturer introduced and thanked the District Lecturers for the work they do and for serving as judges: Harold Christensen, District 2; Moses Adams, District 4; Brian Duoss, District 9; John W. Wilke, PGM, District 5; Roger L. Magoon, PGM, District 6; Richard Moen, District 7; J. Patrick Storrs, District 10; and Tony Budaj, District 3. Each judge was responsible for a specific station.

Grand Lecturer Kenneth C. Gorgen announced the winners at the end of the day. There were a possible 900 points. Scores were close with the first and sixth place teams being separated by only 65.55 points.

Washington Lodge No. 21, scored 845.41 points for third place, Dousman Lodge No. 315 scored 845.82 for second place and McKinley Lodge No. 307



Grand Lecturer Kenneth C. Gorgen explains the rules for the competition.

took first place with 862.58 points.

The awards will be presented at the Annual Communication in June.

The Grand Lecturer thanked everyone for attending, including Junior Grand Steward Robert C. Strader. He also District 9 Deputy Terry R. Brown for com-

ing to support the competition and the teams from his district.

The Grand Lecturer commented, "Congratulations to all the teams that competed. This is the best ritual work that I have ever seen in Wisconsin. All of them are winners in my book."



Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert states that our ritual always seems to be a work in progress.



McKinley Lodge No. 307 earned first place with a score of 862.58 points out of a possible 900. Junior Warden Chris Goodwin conferred the degree as outlined in the Suggested Work Assignments section of the Wisconsin Multi-Letter Cipher. Other officers moved up. Front row (from left): Andrew Meyers, Dan Richardson, Chris Goodwin, Bob Kappel and Grand Lecturer Kenneth C. Gorgen. Second row: Brian Carter, Todd Jaremko, Jim Stone and Ryan Maynard. Bro. Scott Carter is not pictured.

Photos by Rich Rygh



Judges evaluate a team (from left) District Lecturers J. Patrick Storrs, Tony Budaj, Brian Duoss, Richard Moen, Moses Adams; Grand Lecturer Kenneth C. Gorgen; and District Lecturers and Past Grand Masters John W. Wilke and Roger L. Magoon.



District Lecturer Harold Christensen offers his critique during evaluation of a team. Bro. Christensen traveled down from New Richmond to help judge the competition with his traveling companion Bro. H. Scott Paulson who served as a candidate.

# Helping Lodges Understand and Qualify for the LEA Discussed at Grand Lodge Staff Meeting



**Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert states how pleased he was with the success of the “pass-the-hat” donations from the lodges and individuals for the New Jersey hurricane victims.**

**By Rich Rygh**

Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert and the Grand Lodge Officers met in Green Bay at the Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Center on April 26-28 for the spring staff meeting.

The Strategic Planning Committee and the District Deputies met throughout the day on Friday. Deputy Grand Master Daniel L.

Slavik opened the staff meeting Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m.

Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert thanked District 4 Deputy Christian Hirthe for putting the weekend together.

Deputy Grand Master Slavik reported there are 10 lodges that have not submitted their certificates of election. This must be completed before the Annual

Communication for the correct officer names to be on file to vote.

The Deputy Grand Master stated that Palmyra Lodge No. 68 is merging with St John’s Lodge No. 57 in Whitewater and Pewaukee Lodge No. 246 will be merging with Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge No. 42.

There was discussion on how the Grand Lodge can help lodges with financial problems maintain their buildings. Suggestions were: providing information on how other lodges have been successful, encouraging lodges to help each other possibly through an “adopt a lodge” program and possibly creating a matching funds program through Grand Lodge. It is also necessary to encourage the lodges to look years ahead and plan for upcoming needs such as a new roof or furnace.

Grand Master Siewert reported how pleased he was with the “pass-the-hat” campaign which yielded over \$12K for Service and Assistance to replenish funds sent to New Jersey hurricane victims and maybe we could use the “pass-the-hat” concept to help our own lodges.

The Lodge Excellence Award was discussed. Bro. David Tainter along with the District Deputies have done a tremendous amount of work on this. Junior Grand Deacon L. Arby Humphrey said the Planning Committee is finishing a white paper explaining in detail the line items of the Award and the reason for them. This will be available to the lodges to help the Brethren properly understand the requirements and what is needed to qualify. The LEA is an important tool for Senior Wardens to plan their year and should be



**Deputy Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik opens the staff meeting and goes over the very full agenda for the day.**

filled out by the Masters during the year.

Grand Orator Keith D. Chamberlain, PGM, suggested bringing back a poster size version of the LEA form like we had in the days of the Grand Master’s Achievement Award. This can be posted on the wall in the lodge building to be filled out during the year. Every Brother can see what still needs to be done to qualify for the award.

Deputy Grand Master Slavik reported 61 Lodges have qualified for the LEA at this point. The two big disqualifiers as in the past, were not submitting a budget and not conferring the degrees. If there are extenuating circum-

stances regarding fulfilling a requirement the Lodge needs to notify their District Deputy.

This year the individual lodges will be called down on the floor during the Annual Communication to receive the LEA instead of the District Deputies receiving the Award for the lodges.

Grand Lecturer Kenneth C. Gorgen gave an update on the Degree Competition on May 11. The competition is the first section of the Entered Apprentice Degree and there are seven teams signed up.

The meeting was adjourned for

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## Bro. Blake Siewert Receives Gold Collar Degree

**By Rich Rygh**

Bro. Blake Siewert, son of Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert, received his Master Mason Degree on April 27 in Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 322 at the Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Center in Green Bay. It was a Gold Collar Degree conducted by Grand Lodge Officers of the State of Wisconsin.

The first section was conferred in the late morning and the degree finished after lunch. The degree took place during the Valley of Green Bay Scottish Rite 144th Reunion, named the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Class. The Scottish Rite Brethren joined the Lodge in the afternoon for the second and third

sections, filling the lodgeroom.

The Degree was conferred by Past Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. Past Grand Master White also played King Solomon, however Bro. Blake Siewert was actually raised by his father, Grand Master Siewert.

The Grand Master conducted both of his sons, Past Master Barry Siewert and Bro. Blake around the Lodge as he presented the Historical Lecture.

Bro. Blake Siewert gave his remarks and thanked the Brethren for the degree.

The Grand Master thanked everyone for the great turnout for this very heartwarming occasion.



**Photos by Rich Rygh**

**A very proud father listens as Bro. Blake Siewert makes his remarks after his degree.**



**Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert conducts both of his sons, Past Master Barry Siewert and Bro. Blake around the Lodge as he gives the Historical Account of the Master Mason Degree.**



**Good degree work requires practice. Grand Lecturer Kenneth C. Gorgen conducts a practice for the Grand Lodge Officers the night before the Gold Collar Degree.**

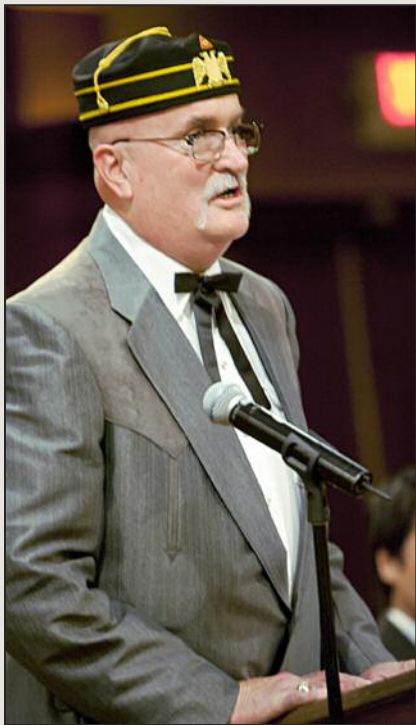
# Grand Master's Testimonial Dinner



District 4 Deputy Christian M. Hirthe planned and emceed the dinner honoring Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert.



Barb Ritchie runs down the inventory of underwear presented to the Grand Master by the ladies. The Grand Master will never again forget to pack his underwear when traveling and will certainly have many pairs to choose from.



Valley of Green Bay Scottish Rite Class Representative Dennis Gaines said he joined the fraternity for the Brotherly Love.



Illustrious Bro. Thomas Turner, 33<sup>rd</sup> pays tribute to Grand Master Siewert.



Merrick Hirthe and Morgan Siewert are not sure what to make of the clothesline of underwear presented to the Grand Master.

See story on page 13.



Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert said at home he must have 50 different hats, which to him symbolize Diversity.

Photos  
by  
Rich  
Rygh



Porter Siewert listens intently to what his grandfather, Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert has to say.

# Dedication

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**Past Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. extends his appreciation to his wife Tammi for all her support.**

Grand Master and his officers paid a tribute of respect and esteem to a honored member of Warren Lodge No. 4, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. The Grand Master read from the ceremony "... with great pleasure and pride the Brethren of Warren Lodge No. 4 have caused for a permanent stone to be created in honor of Past Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. as a symbol in this Lodge of his dedication to his Bros. of Warren Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin and Freemasonry ..."

Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, read Past Grand Master White's lengthy Masonic record. He received his Master Mason Degree Oct. 23, 1982. He has served his Lodge as Master seven times and on June 10, 2011 he was elected to serve as Grand Master of the Masons of Wisconsin. He is a member of many appendant bodies and Masonic related organizations. He is a member of the Valley of Madison Scottish Rite and was coroneted a 33° Mason in Chicago in Aug. 2011 and is a member of Zor Shrine. He continues to serve the Bros. of his home lodge and the Masons of Wisconsin in many capacities. The Grand Secretary said, "We do know him as our good Friend and Brother."

Grand Master Siewert said, "Indeed Bro. Davey White Jr. has to date led a meritorious Masonic life, let us hope that this stone will be an inspiration for himself and others in the future, with that the Grand Lodge will dedicate this stone."

The Grand Master reflected on how great it is that Past Grand Master White has been able to share his Masonic career with his father Bro. Davey White Sr. He said many of us do not have that opportunity.

The stone was dedicated with the corn of plenty, the wine of joy and gladness and the oil as an emblem of peace.

Past Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. thanked everyone for the great honor bestowed upon him and introduced his father Bro. Davey L. White Sr., family and friends. He reflected on his Masonic journey, how his father got him started and those Brothers who have mentored him along the way and those who have supported him in his Masonic career. Past Grand Master White said, "I might have a plaque out there on the wall of stone, but it is not about me, it has never been about me, and I don't want it to be about me. I want it to be about Warren



**Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert begins the dedication in Warren Lodge No. 4. From left seated on floor: Grand Marshal John C. Tilley; Grand Orator Keith D. Chamberlain, PGM; Past Grand Master John W. Wilke; Past Grand Master Roger L. Magoon; Deputy Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik; Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM; District 7 Deputy Dean A. Johnson; Francis Reding, Chaplain; Roger Sedgwick, Secretary. In the East: Past Grand Master Davey L. White Jr., Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert, and Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie, Master of Warren Lodge.**

Photos by Rich Rygh



**Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie, Master, thanks the Grand Lodge Officers for performing the dedication and Brethren, families and friends for attending.**

Lodge No. 4 ... it is the people who make up this Lodge who are special."

Past Grand Master White introduced his wife Tammi and extended his appreciation for always being there for him.

Grand Orator Keith D. Chamberlain presented the following oration:

On behalf of Most Worshipful Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert, the Grand Lodge officers of the State of Wisconsin and the members and friends of Warren Lodge No. 4, I welcome you to this evening's ceremony.

While we are assembled here to recognize one among us with a distinct honor, we are also gathered for the purpose of honoring all those individuals, past and present, who have kept the fires of Freemasonry alive in the southwest corner of our great state. From humble beginnings, great and important contributions are oftentimes made.

Those humble beginnings occurred in April of 1844 in Snake Hollow, (now present day Potosi) when assisted by Melody Lodge No. 2, Warren Lodge held its first meeting. Named in honor of General and Doctor Joseph Warren, it became the first new lodge chartered in Wisconsin.

Following an agreement with the I.O.O.F. in 1845 for half interest in their hall, and final purchase of the other half in 1879 for \$58.66, the lodge continued its Masonic Labors at that location until moving to its present site in 1916.

To chart the rich and varied Masonic history held by this lodge, one has only to research the records of the Grand Lodge to un-

derstand the impact made by those men who put their stamp on Freemasonry as well as the history of extreme southwest Wisconsin. The Grand Lodge proceedings of 1846 lists the names of 37 Master Masons, including lodge officers and 1 Fellowcraft on the roster of Warren Lodge No. 4. A number of those names are recognizable to many even today: Bicknell, Barnett, Price, Chapman, Lewis and others.

In many cases, descendants of those men continue to make up a portion of the membership of this and surrounding lodges.

In his report to the Grand Lodge in 1848, Grand Lecturer D. W. Lawton observes the following regarding Warren Lodge: "This lodge I have found in a prosperous condition, doing much work; their minutes well kept, and the officers discharge their duties with skill and ability, while peace and harmony prevail within their walls."

A pleasant state of affairs that continues to this day.

As we proceed in our labors on this auspicious occasion, those of you who have not observed this ceremony will witness the use of various items that hold important meaning to Freemasons everywhere.

Your kind attention will allow each of you to achieve a clearer understanding as to their use and purpose, as well as their Masonic significance to the men gathered here today.

Brothers, friends and most importantly the members of Warren Lodge No. 4, during the course of this ceremony we will honor one among you who for a time was elevated to the highest office within our fraternity.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Davey L. White epitomizes all that our gentle craft stands for, having earned the respect and admiration of all within our ranks along his way.

While his name may be immortalized on the stone you see affixed to the outer wall of this building, it is important to note that his Masonic journey as well as the journeys of the men gathered here are a gift from those gone before, the founders of this lodge, men of wisdom, vision and purpose.

The Stewards covered the Lodge following the dedication.

Grand Chaplain Ritchie thanked Bro. Jim Jewel for installing the stone, offered a prayer and everyone retired for a catfish dinner.

The Brethren and ladies returned to the lodgeroom after the dinner.

Grand Chaplain Ritchie, asked to have Bro. Roger Sedgwick escorted to the altar. Bro. Sedgwick has been the Secretary of the Lodge for over 20 years and checks on the lodge building every day to see that everything is in order. Grand Chaplain Ritchie and Grand Master Siewert presented a Masonic Service Award to Bro. Sedgwick for his many years of service. The Senior Deacon escorted Carol Sedgwick to the altar and she was presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers for all she does for the lodge and supporting her husband Roger and also for her great potato salad. Bro. Sedgwick proudly introduced his sons Jim, Ron and Dan, all Masons, who he thought came that evening only to support Past Grand Master White.

Grand Chaplain David Ritchie presented an honorary membership to the Grand Master Siewert and a check in the amount of \$100 for his charity of choice.

Past Grand Master John W. Wilke closed the evening with an educational talk on pillars, the five orders of architecture found all around us.



**Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert dedicates the stone honoring Past Grand Master Davey L. White Jr.**



**Bro. Roger Sedgwick introduces his sons after he and his wife Carol were honored for their years of service to Warren Lodge.**

## Masonic Quotes

"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal."

— Bro. Albert Pike

# Retaining and Expanding Membership is Topic at District Meeting in Menomonie



**Grand Orator Keith D. Chamberlain, PGM, says, "We must understand diversity to eliminate adversity."**

Photos by Rich Rygh

## By Rich Rygh

District 2 Deputy Gary L. Stang opened the district meeting at the Menomonie Masonic Center in Menomonie on Saturday morning May 18.

Bro. Rich Rygh gave the Brethren information on the Wisconsin Masonic Journal and the importance of sending information to the Journal on your lodge events. When your lodge has an event send in the information immediately regardless of the time of the month. He also thanked Bro. Milt Helmer for all the photos and information he sends from the area. The editor stressed the importance of sending photos in a jpeg format in as large a file size as is available and also please send complete information and identify the people in the photo.

Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie gave a talk on the symbolism of the prayer at the grave in the Master Mason Degree. At the time of the building of the temple the Jewish laws were very strict, which included any evil you brought with you, you were responsible for. The three craftsmen from Tyre committed a serious crime. Hiram King of Tyre knew he too could be held liable for what has happened, he was the one who brought in these craftsmen and he recommended this widow's son. He felt a great responsibility. The Grand Chaplain said when you are looking at Masonic symbols remember it is not just what, but it is who. He said, "When it comes to Masonic symbols you are the greatest Masonic symbol of all, because it is by your actions that we are judged, much like Hiram King of Tyre was judged by the actions of other men."

District Deputy Stang said Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert was unable to be present but sent his warmest greetings. His cancer has returned and he is recovering from some medical tests he had undergone. The Brethren signed a card to be sent to him extending their Brotherly Love.

Grand Orator Keith D. Chamberlain, PGM, gave a talk on Diversity and Freemasonry in Wisconsin, and said making diversity work within the lodges is not easy, it has never been easy. He said lodge members are a lot like motorcycle riders, we have the big brawny loud guys that make a lot of noise; we have the rowdy guys that like to come in, rip the place up and leave; we have the non-conformists; we have the clowns; and we have the cornerstones of

the lodge that are a little more serious and built the lodge. He said at the end of the day we need to blend all these different aspects of diversity together and send everyone home happy. It isn't always easy.

Past Grand Master Chamberlain showed a chart on just how diverse Wisconsin Freemasonry is. As of Oct. 11, 2012 we had 488 members between the ages of 18 to 30, 3,752 from 31 to 60, 7,140 from 61 to 90 and 432 that are 91 and over. For a total membership of 11,812. We have had over 2400 suspensions since 2005.

Past Grand Master Chamberlain stated the challenge is blending these various age categories. You must understand diversity to eliminate adversity.

He said we can recognize individual diversity by doing the following: allowing all opinions to be aired (within reason); observing protocol within the lodge; respecting each member's opinion; listen to all input offered (within reason); integrating committees with new members as well as "seasoned vets"; soliciting differing viewpoints; work toward common goals; and involving all who wish to be involved.

Past Grand Master Chamberlain said do not let the only time your lodge makes contact with a Brother be when you are asking for dues. Make meetings interesting so Brothers want to come. He said, "We never know what results will come from our interaction but if you do nothing there will be no action." Lodges will benefit in many ways by following these points and will experience a return to harmony with a greater understanding of who we are and what we are all about.

Past Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. addressed membership. He said membership is something we must take very seriously, at one time we had over 43,000 members, today we are under 12,000.

He asked what it does it mean to be a member of the Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin? He said to him it meant being a part of the world's largest and oldest fraternal organization, a group of like minded men who embrace the tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. We go out and seek people who would be good members. We do not take bad men and make them good. We take good men and make them better. We want like minded men who will make a difference. We have the

opportunity to meet good men through Freemasonry that we would have never otherwise met.

Past Grand Master White said our primary goal as a Freemason is to make Masons and 86% of the people who join our fraternity are looking for male bonding and camaraderie. No personal contact from the members of the lodge is the reason 85% of the people get suspended or do not finish their degrees. We are not practicing the principle tenets of Masonry.

He said, "... we spend all of our time trying to raise money to keep our lodge afloat and we loose sight of the biggest charity we have, that is the love of one another."

He also said being proficient in the ritual is not necessary to be a good Mason. Every Mason serves his part in this great fraternity, Masonry is in your heart and is how you live and conduct your life. Every member does not necessarily have what it takes to be Master of his lodge but he has the qualities to be a good Mason.

Past Grand Master White said our goal is to have 25,000 Masons in the State of Wisconsin by 2025. Our Grand Lodge Officers are working toward this goal. We need to talk to our sons, daughters and friends. We need to do a better job in approaching prospective members and giving them what they want.

He gave the statistics on the members we have lost, he said this is something we need to take seriously. We need to practice what we have to offer, and we will gain and retain members. We wear many different hats as a Mason and we must take advantage of our Diversity.

Past Grand Master Keith D. Chamberlain presented information on how the Wisconsin Board of Masonic Service and Assistance works. He stressed the initial request must be made to the individual's home lodge through the Master of the lodge. If the request is deemed worthy it is strongly suggested that the lodge provides some form of assistance prior to consideration by Service and Assistance. Privacy is considered to be of the utmost importance.

The Board of Service and Assistance provides assistance in cases deemed worth while within a very short period of time.

Senior Grand Warden William Beetcher said as Masons there is only one thing we should be proficient at and that is Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. He said membership should be at the top of our list. He stated, "The first thing, in my opinion, that should

be on every Masters list he takes over in December or January should be: what are we doing for our Brothers, what are we doing to grow our lodge and what are we doing to educate our Brothers."

The Senior Grand Warden congratulated District Deputy Gary Stang on a fine district meeting.

He stressed our decline in membership must end and membership is going to be a big topic in the future. Grand Lodge Programs alone will not build membership. It is up to the individual Mason. The membership problem is severe but not insurmountable.

District 2 Deputy Gary L. Stang thanked the Grand Lodge Officers for attending and the opportunity to serve the Masons of Wisconsin along with them. He invited the women in for the introduction for the District 2 "Mason of the Year" Award. He asked Bro. Milt Helmer to come forward to photograph the winner of the award as it is presented.

Bro. Helmer caught completely off guard ended up instead receiving the award. Bro. Helmer thanked everyone for the honor and said he accepted the award on behalf of the Hancock Lodge because without their support this would not be possible.

A great lunch and good fellowship followed the meeting.



**District Deputy Gary L. Stang welcomes the Brethren to the District 2 Meeting.**



**Senior Grand Warden William Beetcher stresses the need for our lodges' main focus to be on membership.**



**Brethren listen to Grand Orator Keith D. Chamberlain, PGM, explains the workings of the Wisconsin Board of Masonic Service and Assistance.**



## Bro. Rasmussen makes Honor Flight

Bro. Vernon Rasmussen and his daughter, Nancy Cummings, traveled on an Honor Flight to Washington DC on April 27. Bro. Rasmussen served in the Navy during World War II from October 1941 through May 1947. He was raised in Independence Lodge No. 80, West Allis, and is a Past Master of James A. Garfield Lodge No. 309, Milwaukee. Bro. Rasmussen is a member of Eagle River Lodge No. 248 where he served a Secretary for over 20 years. He is a 48 year member of the fraternity and now resides in Sun City, Arizona. Daughter Nancy Cummings is a former Honored Queen of Bethel #5 Milwaukee.

## Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

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### AUGUST

2 Wisconsin Order of the Eastern Star Exemplification, 7:00 p.m. Lake Masonic Center.

3 Wisconsin Order of the Eastern Star, Worthy Grand Matron / Worthy Grand Patron Reception, 11:30 a.m. social, 12:30 p.m. luncheon. \$28 per person. RSVP to Bruce Haubrich 262-694-7817 or email haubrichb@aol.com. Country Springs Conference Center, 2810 Golf Road, Pewaukee.

7 Dodgeville Lodge No. 119, AARP Driver Safety Review, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. Wisconsin Masonic Heritage Center, 200 W. Chapel St., Dodgeville. AARP Members \$12, Non-\$14. Open to Ladies and non-Masons. Call 608-831-3656. Please arrive 15 minutes early for registration. No insurance sales pitch ever.

13 H.S. Baird Lodge No. 174 Annual Steak Fry/Fish Boil, Tuesday, August 13, John Miles Park Pavilion, Sturgeon Bay. 5:00 p.m. social hour 6:00 p.m. dinner; open to the public; for reservations call, Tom Pinney @920-493-3727.

16-18 Job's Daughters Jamboree at the Green Lake Conference Center. Contact Mom Dorothy Cigale at djcigale@gmail.com for details.

22 "A Century of Heroes", fundraiser for Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, 5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. 790 N. Van Buren, Milwaukee. For tickets contact Bro. George Jozwiak at gjozwiak@wi.rr.com or call 262-378-0535. Purchase tickets online at <http://fundraising.sempertifund.org/events/detail?eid=23823>.

24 Fourth Annual Sportsmen's Shoot, Camp Douglas Lodge 272. Registration, rolls, and coffee at 8:00 a.m., at Tomah-Warrens Sportsmen's Alliance, 26143 Broadway Ave., Warrens. A 25-target Five-Stand and 25-target Skeet Shoot in the morning at TWSA, followed by a 50-target Sporting Clays in the afternoon, at Woods and Meadow Hunting Preserve, N4335 Potter Rd., Warrens. \$20 for skeet and \$20 for sporting clays; pay when you register. Lunch provided at Woods and Meadow. Contact Bro. Chuck Huffman, at 608-378-3325 or 608-315-0056, or trkhuff@aol.com, or Bro. Rolf Kurandt, Sec.-Treas., at 608-427-6542 or target@mwt.net.

### SEPTEMBER

7 Wisconsin Order of the Eastern Star Exemplification, 1:30 p.m. Ellsworth Masonic Center.

21 Columbus Lodge No. 75 Fall Masonic Pistol Shoot. Columbus Sportsman Club, W10924 Breyer Road Columbus. Contact Bro. Steven Maurer at 620-248-9685 or go to [www.csa12.com](http://www.csa12.com).

30 12th Annual Hunters Night, 5:30 pm, Target Bluff German Haus, Camp Douglas. Tickets \$60 per person. To reserve tickets, contact Camp Douglas Lodge No. 272, c/o Bro. Rolf Kurandt, Treasurer, 208 State Road 12/16, Camp Douglas, WI 54618 or call 608-427-6542, email target@mwt.net. Deadline for reservations is Sep.16.

### OCTOBER

2 Dodgeville Lodge No. 119, AARP Driver Safety Review, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. Wisconsin Masonic Heritage Center, 200 W. Chapel St., Dodgeville. AARP Members \$12, Non-\$14. Open to Ladies and non-Masons. Call 608-831-3656. Please arrive 15 minutes early for registration. No insurance sales pitch ever.

19 Freemasons Lodge No. 363, Past Masters Table Lodge, "Badgering the Past Masters" 4:30-7:00 p.m., 790 N. Van Buren Street, Milwaukee. For more information contact Senior Warden Dave Alderfer at 920-535-0515 or dave.alderfer@us.army.mil.

29 District 12 Meeting, hosted by George Washington Lodge 1776 No.337. Contact District 12 Deputy Pat Cholka, pat.cholka@gmail.com.

### NOVEMBER

10 Henry L. Palmer's Junior Warden's Chili Invitational - Chili Cook-off, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Set up 4:00 p.m. Tickets in advance \$7, day of event \$10. Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301, 4315 N. 92nd St., Wauwatosa. For info call 414-463-0390 or email [info@henrylpalmer.org](mailto:info@henrylpalmer.org).

## Making Diversity Work for Us, Membership and Info for Officers Discussed at District 9 Meeting

By Rich Rygh

District 9 Deputy Terry R. Brown welcomed the Brethren of District 9 to their spring district meeting at the Oregon Masonic Center on April 30. He introduced Past Grand Masters Keith D. Chamberlain and Davey L. White Jr. and Deputy Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik.

Grand Orator Keith D. Chamberlain, PGM, gave a presentation on Diversity and Freemasonry. He gave statistics by age groups showing how diverse our fraternity is and gave some pointers on how to handle this diversity and make it work to our advantage. He stressed our declining membership numbers must be turned around. He said, "We never know what results will come from our interaction but if you do nothing there will be no action."

Past Grand Master Chamberlain challenged the Masters to make their meetings interesting so members wish to attend. Don't let the



District Deputy Terry R. Brown stresses the importance of communication between the Master, officers and members.

Photos by Rich Rygh

of the plan is the hard part. Knowing and using your resources is very important. All officers are responsible for leadership at different levels. The officers must work as a leadership team. We must harness our Diversity.

When new members come in, WBro. Brown said, give them a job, they will take ownership. Our older members should share the way things used to be done but be open to the new ideas and changes suggested by the younger members.

District Deputy Brown said we have a District Team that is here for you and is a valuable resource for planning and structuring your events, also the Green Book and the LEA are excellent tools for planning your year.

He encouraged getting new members that are interested in learning the ritual started as soon as possible.

The District Deputy went over the Masonic Code pertaining to lodge officers and their responsibilities. He covered the powers the Master has and does not have. He said a Master must work with the officers of the lodge and remember he is serving the members of the lodge and trust must be earned. He encouraged every officer to take the Masonic Code Correspondence Course. He also went over the contents of the Green Book.

WBro. Brown explained the duties of the officers and regarding the Junior Wardens report on youth groups, said it does not only include DeMolay, Job's Daughters

and Rainbow. It includes anything involving youth, Boy Scouts, scholarships etc.

He stressed the importance of planning programs to keep the meetings interesting which brings the members to lodge. The fellowship before and after the meeting is also important to attendance. A membership committee to work on increasing our membership can be very beneficial.

District Deputy Brown introduced the new traveling trophy which was the idea of Bro. Jim "Bone" Goldsmith, Master of Oregon Lodge. The trophy will be presented to the lodge which has the most officers at the district meeting. Their name will be engraved on the trophy and they will keep it until the next district meeting. The trophy was presented to Bro. Robert Barnett, Master of Waucoma Lodge.

Deputy Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik brought the greetings of the Grand Master. He thanked District 9 Deputy Terry R. Brown for his services as District Deputy and announced WBro. Brown will be serving on the Wisconsin Masonic Home Board. He has a unique skill set that will help bring the management of the Masonic Home up to the next level. Bro. Paul Tourville will be the new District Deputy. The Brethren gave District Deputy Brown a round of applause for the exceptional job he has done for the Brethren of District 9.

The Deputy Grand Master reviewed the resolutions coming up at the Annual Communication.



Deputy Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik reviews the Resolutions proposed for the Annual Communication.

only time your lodge makes contact with a Brother be when you are asking for dues.

He said, "Keep an open mind . . . but not so open your brains fall out."

Past Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. addressed membership. He said friends you make through Freemasonry are friends you keep forever. He said as you travel around the state you will find that just about every community was built around the Masonic Lodge.

Past Grand Master White said we must remember our tenets: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Our primary goal is to make Masons. He said we need to pick up the pace. He said our goal as a jurisdiction is to have 25,000 Masons in the State of Wisconsin by 2025.

Past Grand Master White gave statistics on our losses due to death, non-payment of dues and resignations. These losses are outpacing our gains. He said we are suspending too many Brothers, especially over 81 years of age. We need to see why these members are not paying their dues and step up and pay them if necessary. He said we need to show an interest and pay attention to our members. We need to follow up with personal contact with every Brother who is behind in their dues. Every member has a function, we are not all interested in being an officer.

Past Grand Master White said we wear many hats and we must practice our Masonic principles with every hat we wear.

District Deputy Brown said we are seeing many younger members coming in to our Lodges and becoming officers with great ideas but are struggling. He gave many pointers on how to go about leading a Lodge. He said planning is the first step, communication of that plan to the members is important. He explained execution



Bro. Robert Barnett, Master of Waucoma Lodge No. 90 receives the traveling trophy from District Deputy Terry R. Brown for the largest attendance at the district meeting.

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## Henry S. Baird Lodge receives new aprons

Brethren of Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174 proudly wear their new officer aprons. The aprons were purchased for the lodge in memory of Bro. George L. Leu by his wife Cheryl Leu. Bro. Leu served as Master of the Lodge in 1989. From left: Past Master Bill Schaefer, Senior Steward; Ed Klein, Junior Warden; Gregory Dobbins, Junior Deacon; Rich Rogers, Senior Deacon; Ross Chapman, Master; Alvin Briggs, Tiler; Gerald Koudelka, Junior Steward; Past Master John Sullivan, Senior Warden; and Past Master Mark Fischer, Counselor.

Submitted by Past Master Ed Klein, Junior Warden



## Milton Lodge extends appreciation

The Brethren of Milton Lodge No. 161 recently presented certificates of appreciation to area businesses in appreciation for their help in making the Good Friday Fish Fry a success. Fry-Master and Senior Deacon Duane Huber (left) and Master Jim Gajdosik present a certificate of appreciation to Mrs. Abib Jonuzi of the Milton Family Restaurant. A certificate was also presented to the Milton Kwik Trip.

Submitted by Bro. Patrick Garvin, Junior Warden



## District 9 Gavel keeps moving

Oconomowoc/Hartland No. 42 recently delivered the District 9 Traveling Gavel to Jefferson County Lodge No. 9. Pictured are Charles Gastrow of No. 42 presenting the gavel to Charles Bergren of No. 9. Jefferson Lodge delivered the gavel to Milton Lodge No. 161 and Milton delivered it to Morning Star No. 10. As of May 2 the gavel had moved seven times in three weeks.

Submitted by Bro. Noah Schultz, Past Master

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Contact

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email:

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Grand Lodge

F. & A. M. of Wisconsin  
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Dousman, WI 53118

## Masonic Quotes

"It is not true that people stop pursuing dreams because they grow old, they grow old because they stop pursuing dreams."

— Gabriel García Márque

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# New Master Masons



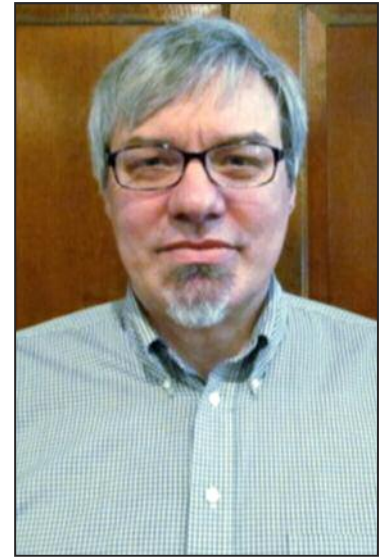
## Jefferson County Lodge raises two new MMs

Jefferson County Lodge No. 9, Jefferson, recently raised Bros. Tim Smillie and David Medici to the Master Mason Degree. Front row (from left): Scott Millikin, District 9 Deputy Terry Brown, Tim Smillie, Charles Bergren, David Medici, Henry Pynakkar and Charles Gastrow. Back row: Ralph Behlke, Mike Sullivan, Richard Moen, Zachary Roberson, Mike Mutter and Frank McKenna.

Submitted by Bro. Noah Schultz, Past Master



Patrick Kennedy



Randall Kamrath

## New MMs in Columbus Lodge No. 75

Bros. Patrick Kennedy and Randall Kamrath were raised in April in Columbus Lodge No. 75.

Submitted by Bro. Steven Maurer, Past Master



## Bro. Mike Metcalf is new MM

Hancock Lodge No. 229, Ellsworth, welcomed a new member into their gentle craft on May 14. Bro. Mike Metcalf, Ellsworth, was raised to the sublimed degree of the Master Mason by members of the degree team assisted by Brothers from River Falls Lodge No. 109. Bros. pictured from left: Jim Hines, Bro. Metcalf's brother in law; Mike Metcalf; Frank During, who officiated in the East; and Steve Broton, Master of Hancock Lodge.

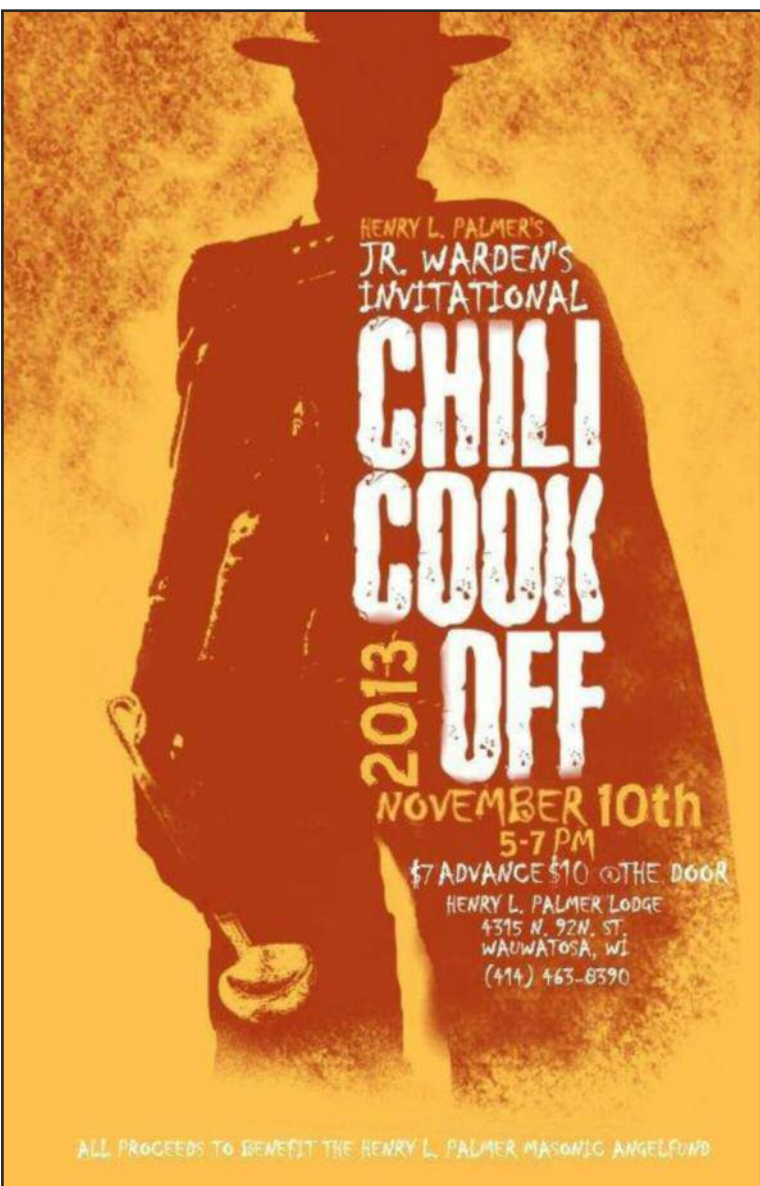
Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer



## Island City Lodge raises two MMs

Bros. Bill Shober and Chuck Bohmert were raised on April 27 in Island City Lodge No. 330, Minocqua. Front row (from left): Bros. Richard Gee, Bill Shober, Master Dave Imlah, Chuck Bohmert, Dick Hansen and Charlie Hobbs. Back row: Bros. John Erdmann, Jon Mundy, Darrell Tarnow and Chuck Hansen.

Submitted by Bro. Dave Imlah, Master



## Bro. Ryan Lovelace is new MM at Janesville Western Star

Janesville Western Star Lodge No. 55 raised Bro. Ryan Lovelace on April 27. That evening a celebration took place at the Prime Quarter and also included celebrating the raising of Bro. Matt Baumgartner earlier in the year. In front (from left): Jeff Lichtfuss, Senior Deacon; Ryan Lovelace; Tom Walton, Master; Lloyd Laskowski, Counselor; LeRoy Huber; Past Grand Master Jack Allord; Mike Perry; Larry Preston, Secretary/Treasurer; and Glen Fairchild. Second row: Jerry Thompson, Junior Steward; Norm Burns; John Meek, Junior Deacon; Chad Snyder, Senior Warden; and Matt Baumgartner, Senior Steward. Back row: Rob Hanson, Junior Warden; Mark Nelson; and Mike Nelson.

Submitted by Bro. Tom Walton, Master

## 169th Annual Communication

Madison Masonic Center, June 7 & 8, 2013



## Masonry gets publicity on website

Bro. Rick Coles is professor and Chair of Exercise Science, and Offensive Coordinator of Football, at Ripon College, as well as Past Master of Prairie View Lodge No. 95. The attached picture of Bro. Coles hugging a senior (Aimee Prudhomme) after Ripon College's graduation on May 12 was taken by Ric Damm of the College Relations Office at Ripon College. It was subsequently placed as one of four rotating pictures on the main page of the Ripon College website, [www.ripon.edu](http://www.ripon.edu). The significant thing is his Masonic ring is clearly visible in the picture. Freemasonry got some unintended, but positive, publicity.

## Masonic Quotes

"Wise men speak because they have something to say; fools because they have to say something."  
— Plato

## Stated Communications Listings

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### Traveling Gavel

<b>District 1</b> Superior Lodge No. 236	<b>District 7</b> Hiram Lodge No. 50
<b>District 2</b> North Star Lodge No. 187	<b>District 8</b> Amicitia Lodge No. 25
<b>District 3</b> Forest Lodge No. 130	<b>District 9</b> Morning Star Lodge No. 10
<b>District 4</b> Oconto Falls Lodge No. 293	<b>District 10</b> Dodge County Lodge No. 72
<b>District 5</b> La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190	<b>District 11</b> Waukesha Lodge No. 37
<b>District 6</b> Wis. Rapids Lodge No. 128	<b>District 12</b> James M. Hays Lodge No. 331

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.

## New Master Masons



## Hancock Lodge raises new MM

Bro. Kraig Krueger is the newest Brother to be raised to the sublimed degree of Master at Hancock Lodge No. 229. He was raised on April 23. The degree team who participated in his degree are front row (from left): District 2 Deputy Gary Stang; Steve Broton, Master, Hancock Lodge; Kraig Krueger; Bill Krueger, Kraig's father and Frank During, who served in the East during the first and second sections. Back row: Jerry Bristol, second craftsman; Jim Harmer, Kraig's uncle from Menomonie; Jim Jollie of Eau Claire, 3rd Section Lecture; Dan Sherry, Senior Warden, Dennis Donath, King Hiram; Neil Hansen, Eau Claire, Historical Lecture and Charlie Webster, first craftsman.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer



## Crandon Lodge raises two new Master Masons

Crandon Lodge No. 287, welcomes their newest members, Bros. Gary Anderson and Brian Welch. Bro. Anderson, was initiated April 23 and Bro. Brian Welch was initiated May 9. He is the son of Bro. Bob Welch. Bros. in front row (from left): Gary Anderson, Bill Kelly, Brian Welch, Bob Welch and Jan William. Back row: Luke Flannery, Todd Vesser, Louie Spaude, Bob May, Jerry Warpehoski and Ray Hamilton.

Submitted by Bro. John McCulloch

Email your lodge news  
and photos to  
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## Ellsworth Star members attend Northwestern Steak Fry

Northwestern Lodge No. 105, Prescott, welcomed visitors from Ellsworth at their Scholarship Steak Fry on May 10. Pictured from left: are Ellsworth Chapter #116 OES members Kris Webster, Past Worthy Grand Patron Jerry Bristol and Worthy Matron Mary Bristol.

Photo by Bro. Dennis Donath

## Ninth Annual Masonic Scholarship Golf Outing

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# History of the George Washington Inaugural Bible

## From St. John's Lodge website

As one of the oldest Lodges in the United States of America, it is only fitting that the St. John's Altar Bible is an irreplaceable part of the fabric of American history.

On March 8, 1770, St. John's Lodge suffered a catastrophic fire at its old Lodge room at Scotch Street. In addition to losing its earliest records and Lodge furnishings, the original Lodge Bible was destroyed in the conflagration.

On November 28, 1770, the Master of the St. John's, Jonathan Hampton, presented a replacement Bible to the Lodge. At the time, printed Bibles were an expensive rarity and the Lodge was fortunate indeed to benefit from Bro. Hampton's generosity. Scarcely could the Brethren of the time have predicted that within a few short years the Colonies were to sever their ties with their mother country and the Bible was to become the very cornerstone of a new nation founded upon the Masonic principles of liberty and equality.

The Bible was printed by Mark Baskett, printer by Royal Appoint-

ment to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, London 1767. The deep gold lettering, distinctly clear on both covers, displays this inscription:

*"God shall establish; St. John's Lodge constituted 5757; Burnt down 8th March, 5770; Rebuilt and opened November 28th, 5770. Officers then presiding: Jonathan Hampton, Master: William Butler, Senior Warden: Isaac Heron, Junior Warden."*

The Bible is the King James Version, complete with the Apocrypha and elaborately supplemented with the historical, astronomical and legal data of that period. It contains numerous artistic steel engravings portraying Biblical narratives from designs and paintings by old masters and engraved by the celebrated English artist, John Stuart.

After the conclusion of the War of Independence, New York City became the first Constitutional capital of the United States, and it was there on April 30th, 1789 that Brother George Washington was to be sworn in as the first

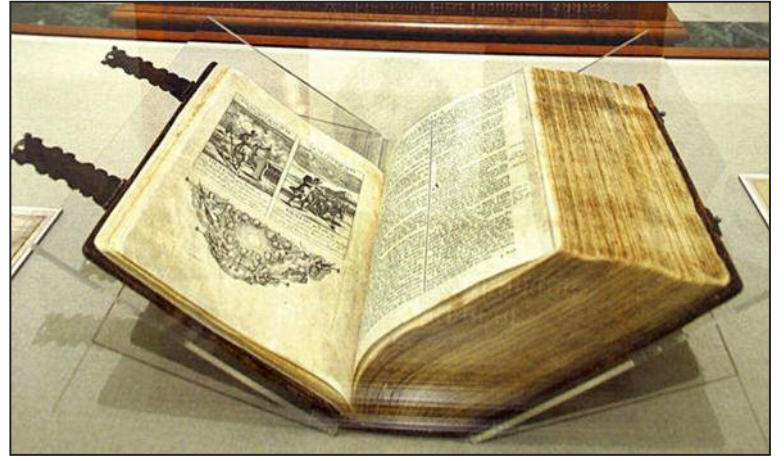
President of the United States.

On a platform erected for the purpose, in front of the then City Hall, were gathered the Congress of the United States, with George Washington and Chancellor Livingston, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. In front of them was an immense concourse of citizens. It was indeed a great holiday occasion; the Revolutionary War was over and peace reigned throughout the country.

Everything was ready for the administration of the oath of office to the President of the new government, when it was discovered that a Holy Bible had not been provided on which the President-elect could swear allegiance to the Constitution. Jacob Morton, who was Marshal of the parade, and at that time Master of St. John's Lodge, was standing close by. Seeing the dilemma they were in, he remarked that he could get the altar Bible of St. John's Lodge, which met at the Old Coffee House on the corner of Water and Wall Streets. Chancellor Livingston begged him to do so. The Bible was brought, and the ceremony proceeded. The stately Washington took his oath with his right hand resting on the Bible which had been opened to Genesis XLIX and L. His head bowed in a reverential manner, he added in a clear and distinct voice, "I swear, so help me God!" then bowing over this magnificent Bible, he reverently kissed it, whereupon Chancellor Livingston exclaimed in a ringing voice, "Long live George Washington, President of the United States!"

To preserve the memory of this auspicious event, a page was inserted in the Bible with the following inscription:

*On this sacred volume, on the 30th day of April, A. L.*



George Washington Inaugural Bible on display at Federal Hall, Wall Street, New York.

*5789, in the City of New York, was administered to George Washington, the first president of the United States of America, the oath to support the Constitution of the United States. This important ceremony was performed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, the Honorable Robert R. Livingston, Chancellor of the State.*

*Fame stretched her wings and with her trumpet blew.*

*Great Washington is near. What praise is due?*

*What title shall he have? She paused, and said*

*'Not one - his name alone strikes every title dead.'*

The Bible has since been used at four other inaugurations: President Harding in 1921; President Eisenhower in 1953; President Jimmy Carter in 1977; and President George Bush, Sr., in 1989. It was also to have been used for the inauguration of George W.

Bush in 2001, but rain prevented its use.

It has also been present at numerous public and Masonic occasions, including Washington's funeral procession in New York, December 31, 1799; the introduction of Croton water into New York City, October 14, 1840; the dedication of the Masonic Temple in Boston, June 24, 1867, and of that in Philadelphia on May 24, 1869; the dedication of the Washington monument in Washington, February 21, 1885 and its rededication in 1998; and the laying of the cornerstone of the Masonic Home at Utica on May 21, 1891.

The Bible was also used at the opening of the present Masonic Hall in New York on September 18, 1909, when St. John's Lodge held the first meeting, and conferred the first Master Mason Degree, in the newly completed Temple.

The Bible is still in active use by St. John's Lodge. When not being used by the lodge or on tour, it is on display at Federal Hall, Wall Street, New York.



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**Send checks:** payable to Nathan Hale Lodge  
George Jozwiak, 1261 River Park Circle West, Mukwonago, WI 53149  
**Event Benefitting:** Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund

- Teams will consist of 4 to 5 people.
- We have 14 lanes reserved this gives us 28 teams.
- We can get up to 28 lanes or 56 teams if needed (can we sell out)
- Please RSVP to Gjozwiak@wi.rr.com
- Raffle and Prizes
- Please do not hesitate! The earlier you RSVP helps ensure that we have enough lanes for everyone

All we need in the RSVP is your Lodge name and number of people attending. This is to reserve you a spot.

If you cannot make the event and would like to donate to the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund please go to:

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## Job's Daughters Grand Session



**The 85th Annual Session of the Grand Guardian Council of Wisconsin Job's Daughters International Officers: Front row (from left): Stan Perry, Bethel #76, Burlington, VAGG; Steve Breunig, Bethel #78, Baraboo, AGG; Beth Freuck, Bethel #2, Milwaukee, GG; and Heather Collier, Bethel #79, Bristol, VGG. Back row: Jay Andres, Bethel #3; Larry Herzog, Bethel #44; Shawn Athy, Bethel #6; Brad Bingheim, Bethel #6; Karen Athy, Bethel #6; Karen Rudolph, Bethel #60; Phyllis Robison, Bethel #7 Richard Gray, Bethel #27; Wendy Muelling, Bethel #19; Joyce Johnson, Bethel #35; Valorie Westberg, Bethel #44; Chris Brawner, Bethel #76; Heather Rymark, Bethel #19; Sarah Stevens-Freuck, Bethel #2; Kathy Savignac, Bethel #2; and Melissa Schulz, Bethel #60.**

Photo by Bro. Russ Provencher

### By Dorothy Cigale

The 85th Annual Session of the Grand Guardian Council of Wisconsin Job's Daughters International was held on May 10 and 11 at the Wintergreen Resort and Conference Center in Lake Delton, Wisconsin.

Mom Cindy Provencher, Grand Guardian and Dad Reggie Haskins presided during the Formal Opening on Friday evening and the business meeting on Saturday.

Reports, legislation, leadership for the Job's Daughters, silent auction for baskets to support HIKE, banquets, elections and fellowship made for a very busy weekend.

Mom Provencher and Dad Haskins were praised and thanked for all of their hard work during their 2012-13 year.

Elections results were: Mom Beth Freuck, Grand Guardian; Dad Steve Breunig, Associate Grand Guardian; Mom Heather Collier, Vice Grand Guardian; Dad Stan Perry, Vice Associate Grand Guardian; Mom Wendy Muelling, Grand Guide; Dad Shawn Athy, Grand Inner Guard; Mom Joyce Johnson, Grand Marshal and Dad Jay Andres, Grand Outer Guard.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert, Deputy Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik and Senior Grand Deacon Donald W.

Hensiak represented the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin at Saturday night's Installation of Officers. Representatives of DeMolay International, Rainbow for Girls, Order of the Eastern Star, Order of the Amaranth and Tripoli Temple also were in attendance.

The theme of Mom Freuck and Dad Breunig to guide the Job's Daughters this year is "Make A Splash" with Watchwords "Individually Unique-Together Complete".

A church service was held on Sunday morning and everyone left with a renewed spirit to "Let Our Light Shine" while "Making A Splash".

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### Ashland

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**Bayfield-Washburn Lodge No. 215**  
29 N. 2nd Street • 715-747-6965 (Sec)  
Meet Monthly, 1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Beaver Dam

**Dodge County Lodge No. 72**  
1212 DeClark St • 920-885-2628  
Meet 3rd Monday, Dinner at 6 p.m.  
Meeting at 7 p.m. Dark June-Aug.

### Beloit

**Morning Star Lodge No. 10**  
229 W. Grand Ave. • 608-362-0422  
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Berlin

**Berlin Lodge No. 38**  
124 E. Huron St. • 920-361-9774  
Meets 7 p.m. 2nd & 4th Weds. Jan.-Oct., and  
at 7 p.m. 2nd Wednesday, Nov. & Dec.  
Dark July & August

### Black Earth

**Crescent Valley Lodge No. 97**  
1020 Mills St. • 608-795-4484 (Sec)  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Black River Falls

**Black River Lodge No. 74**  
314 Main Street • 715-896-0329  
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Bloomer

**Bloomer Lodge No. 281**  
2122 16th Ave. • 715-568-5152  
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark January & February

### Bristol

**Washburn Lodge No. 145**  
8102 - 199th Ave. • 262-631-9616  
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
2nd Thurs. only Jan. & Feb.

### Brodhead

**Bicknell Lodge No. 94**  
302 1st Center Ave. • 608-897-8069  
Meets 2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Brookfield

**Elmbrook Lodge No. 354**  
4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-549-0923  
Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Brookfield

**McKinley Lodge No. 307**  
4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-781-9907  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Brookfield

**Myron Reed No. 297**  
4550 N Pilgrim Rd. • 262-780-0176  
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July and August

### Burlington

**Burlington Lodge No. 28**  
325 N. Kane St.  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Cambridge

**Social Lodge No. 245**  
105 S. Spring St. • 608-423-7081  
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.  
www.social245.org • Meets All Year

### Camp Douglas

**Camp Douglas Lodge No. 272**  
211 Main St. • 608-427-6542 (Sec)  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Cecil

**Mason-Woods Lodge No. 368**  
N6446 Emery Anson Rd • 715-745-  
2943 (Sec) • 1st & 3rd Tues., 10 a.m.  
Dark January & February

### Cedarburg

**Victory Lodge No. 320**  
504 W. Grand Ave., Port Washington  
262-375-2931 (Sec) • 2nd Mon. 6:30  
p.m. • Dark July & August

### Chetek

**Chetek Lodge No. 277**  
216 Monson St. • 715-924-4245 (Sec)  
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark June, July & August

### Chippewa Falls

**Chippewa Falls Lodge No. 176**  
650 Bridgewater Ave. • 715-723-6341  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Clear Lake

**Clear Lake Lodge No. 230**  
411 Third Ave. • 715-263-3101  
4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Clintonville

**Clintonville Lodge No. 197**  
N4435 Hwy D • 715-754-5250  
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark January, February & March

### Columbus

**Columbus Lodge No. 75**  
318 N. Ludington St. • 920-623-3524  
(Sec) • Meet 2nd Monday, 7 p.m.  
Dark June-August

### Crandon

**Crandon Lodge No. 287**  
118 S. Lake Ave. • 715-616-2394 (Sec)  
Meets 7 p.m. 2nd & 4th Weds. Jan.-Dec.  
at 7 p.m. 2nd Wednesday, Nov. & Dec.  
Dark July & August

### Crivitz

**Tri-County Daylite Lodge No. 218**  
918 Louisa St. • Sec. 715-927-8585  
Meet 2nd Wednesday 10:00 a.m.  
Meets All Year

### Darlington

**Evening Star Lodge No. 64**  
433 Wells St. • 608-776-4213 (Sec)  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Delavan

**Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12**  
1007 S. 2nd St., 7 p.m. • 262-728-1630  
Meet 2nd & 4th Mon. Jan.-June & Sept.-  
Nov., 4th Mon. July-Aug. 1st Mon. Dec.

### Dodgeville

**Dodgeville Lodge No. 119**  
200 W. Chapel St. • 608-574-8505  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Dousman

**Dousman Lodge No. 315**  
214 N. Main St. • 414-429-5981  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
3rd Tuesday only July & August

### Dousman

**Glen L. Humphrey Lodge No. 364**  
375 State Rd. 67 • 262-965-7390  
Meet 2nd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.  
Dark in June

### Durand

**Durand-Pepin Lodge No. 149**  
203 W. Main St. • 715-672-8278 (Sec)  
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Eagle River

**Eagle River Lodge No. 248**  
610 E. Division • 715-891-0458  
Meet 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Eau Claire

**Eau Claire Lodge No. 112**  
616 Graham Ave. • 715-530-4469 (Sec.)  
715-579-4439 (Master)  
2nd & 4th Tues., 7:30 p.m., All Year

### Eau Claire

**George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351**  
616 Graham Ave. • 715-832-8738  
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Eau Claire

**Sanctuary Lodge No. 347**  
616 Graham Ave. • 715-318-1214  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, dinner 6 p.m.,  
meeting at 7 p.m. Dark July & August

### Edgerton

**Fulton Lodge No. 69**  
312 W. Fulton St. • 608-884-4250  
Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Ellsworth

**Hancock Lodge No. 229**  
400 High Point Dr. • 715-273-4339  
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark in July

### Evansville

**Union Lodge No. 32**  
104 W. Main St. • 608-882-6087 (Sec)  
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Fennimore

**Fennimore Lodge No. 216**  
2025 12th St. • 608-822-4129  
Meet 2nd & 4th Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
Dark January & February

### Florence

**Hiram D. Fisher Lodge No. 222**  
433 Central Ave. • 715-696-6308  
Meet 2nd Wed. 6:30 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### 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 • 715-472-4174 (Sec).  
Meet 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.

### 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**  
525 N. Taylor St. • 920-371-8441  
Meet 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m.  
Dark July & August

### Green Bay

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

### Green Bay

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

### Greenfield

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

### Hartford

**Hartford Lodge No. 120**  
147 N. Rural St. • 414-397-8232  
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Hayward

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

### Hustisford

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

### Iron River

**Ancient Landmark No. 210**  
7575 West Mill St. • 715-685-4426  
1st Wed., 7 p.m., Dark Jan. & Feb.  
bmarriott7@gmail.com

### Janesville

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

### Jefferson

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

### Kenosha

**Kenosha Lodge No. 47**  
4320 Washington Rd. • 262-287-9878  
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Kenosha

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

### Kenosha

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

### La Crosse

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

### La Crosse

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

### Ladysmith

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

### Lake Geneva

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

### Linden

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

### Lodi

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

### Lone Rock

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

### Madison

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

### Madison

**Commonwealth Lodge No. 325**  
301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-271-5574  
1st Wed. Ashlar Night & Stated 3rd Wed.,  
7:00 p.m., Meets All Year

### Madison

**Doric Lodge No. 356**  
85 S. Stoughton Rd. • 608-839-4861  
(Sec) • Meet 1st & 3rd Tues., 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Madison

**Four Lakes Daylite Lodge No. 362**  
301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-831-8947  
Meets 1st Mon. - 2nd Mon. if 1st is holi-  
day wknd., 10 a.m. Meets All Year

### Madison

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

### Madison

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

### Manawa

**Manawa Lodge No. 82**  
520 N. Bridge St. • 920-596-2476  
Meet 2nd & 4th Mon., Dinner 6 p.m.,  
meeting 7 p.m., Dark July & August

### Manitowoc

# Oyster Stew and Chili Dinner at Waucoma



Bro. Dick Richardson, Oregon Lodge, receives a bowl of oyster stew from Bro. Duane Huber.



Brethren and ladies enjoy the good food and fellowship at the annual dinner.

Photos by Rich Rygh

## By Rich Rygh

There was a full house at the Waucoma Lodge Oyster Stew and Chili Dinner on April 25. This annual event has been a tradition for over 50 years and is said to have begun when Brethren from Brooklyn Lodge No. 251, along with the Grand Lecturer, Bro. Ernest Hiegel, decided to visit Waucoma Lodge and the Brethren had oyster stew for lunch. They had an enjoyable

evening and it became an annual event. Many lodges began attending and it continues to this day.

Brooklyn Lodge later affiliated with Waucoma on Jan. 15, 1963.

Waucoma Lodge No. 90, chartered in 1858, still meets in the building it began leasing in Cookville in 1858 and purchased in 1864. It is one of the oldest lodge buildings in Wisconsin. Indoor plumbing was added to the building in 2010.

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### Oconto Falls

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

### Omro

**Omro Lodge No. 168**  
160 E. Main Street • 920-685-2798  
Meet 2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Onalaska

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

### Oregon

**Oregon Lodge No. 151**  
201 Park St. • 608-444-0074 (Sec)  
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Oshkosh

**Oshkosh Lodge No. 27**  
204 Washington Ave. • 920-385-1034  
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

### 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 • 608-732-8625  
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  
Dark January & February

### Port Washington

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

### Potosi

**Warren Lodge No. 4**  
112 S. Main St. • 608-763-2221 (Sec)  
Meets 1st Thursday, 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. • Meets All Year

### Prairie du Sac

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

### Prescott

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

### Racine

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

### Reedsburg

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

### Rhineland

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

### Rice Lake

**Blue Hills Lodge No. 234**  
225 W. South St. • 715-434-7199  
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:00 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Richland Center

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

### Ripon

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

### River Falls

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

### Shawano

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

### Sheboygan

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

### Shell Lake

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

### Shullsburg

**Amicitia Lodge No. 25**  
127 1/2 W. Water St. • 608-963-5961 (Sec)  
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### South Milwaukee

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

### Sparta

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

### Star Prairie

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

### Stevens Point

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

### Stoughton

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

### Sturgeon Bay

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

### Sun Prairie

**Sun Prairie Lodge No. 143**  
3117 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. • 715-392-0268  
Meet 1st & 3rd Fridays, 7:00 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Superior

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

### Sussex

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

### Tomah

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

### Union Grove

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

### Viroqua

**La Belle Lodge No. 84**  
118 1/2 S. Main • 608-637-7581 • Meet 1st &  
3rd Wed., 7:30 p.m.; Meet 1st Wed. July, Au-  
gust & 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 • 715-258-6198  
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark June, July & August

### Waupun

**Waupun Lodge No. 48**  
16 S. Madison St. • 920-324-3141  
Meet 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. • 920-647-1614 (Sec.)  
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:00 p.m.  
Dark January & February

### Wauwatosa

**Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301**  
4315 N. 92nd St. • 414-463-8390  
Fridays, 7:00 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Wauwatosa

**Wisconsin Lodge No. 13**  
4315 N. 92nd St. • 414-463-8390 (Sec)  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark June & July

### West Allis

**Day-Lite Lodge No. 358**  
7515 W. National Ave. • 414-421-9624  
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 9:30 a.m.  
Dark July & August

### West Allis

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

### West Allis

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

### West Bend

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

### West Salem

**Salem Lodge No. 125**  
101 W. Hamilton St. • 608-786-0930 (Sec)  
Meets 4th Wednesday, 7:00 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

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

### Wilmot

**Wilmot Lodge No. 241**  
30702 113th St. • 262-812-6570  
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
2nd Tuesday only July & August

### Winneconne

**Winneconne Lodge No. 186**  
2 N. 1st Street • 920-582-7815 (Sec)  
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