



## Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

### MARCH

4-6 Beja Shrine Circus, Brown County Veterans Memorial Complex 1901 South Oneida St., Green Bay.

11 Robert Ross, P.M. Memorial Table Lodge, Wisconsin Lodge No. 13. Social hour at 6:00 p.m. opening at 6:30 p.m., at the Northwest Masonic Center, 4315 92nd St., Wauwatosa. Reservations due by Feb. 25.

12 Silas Shepherd Lodge No. 1843 Lodge of Research, Spring meeting. Saturday, March 12 at George Washington 1776 Lodge No. 337, 517 E Beaumont Ave., Whitefish Bay. Noon Lunch \$10 followed by meeting at 1 p.m. Please RSVP to Bro. Will Krohn, Master, for the lunch at solomonsdruid2264@yahoo.com or 414-303-8657.

12 Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174, Steamboat Dinner, turkey & roast beef, Open to the public. Serving 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. contact: Bro. Tom Pinney at tompinney@charter.net

12 Tomah Lodge No. 132 Corn Beef and Cabbage Supper, 520 E. Saratoga St., Tomah. Cost: Under 13 \$5.00, 13 and older \$12.00 For more information e-mail lodge132@centurytel.net.

20 Children's Dyslexia Center, Milwaukee, 9-Pin Bowling Tournament & Raffle. American Serb Hall, 5101 W. Oklahoma Ave, Milwaukee. Cost: \$30 Adults and \$25 kids (under 18). Includes 3 games of bowling & buffet dinner (\$15 dinner only). Check in 12:30 p.m., bowling at 1:00 p.m., buffet to follow. Music by DJ Bob Mauer. All Bowlers welcome, teams or individuals. For Information call Tom Kohl 414-241-7070.

24 Waucoma Lodge No. 90 annual "Oyster Stew", 6:00 p.m., Cooksville, Contact Bro. Dwight Redders, Jr., Master, 608-882-5440. See story on page 6.

26 Open House at Marshfield Lodge No. 224, 10:30 p.m., open to the public and all Brethren and their significant others, PGM Craig S. Campbell, speaker. 402 W. 4th St., Marshfield. See Story on page 2.

26 Job's Daughters Ritual and Fine Arts competition at 3 Pillars, Dousman.

29 Eighth annual Combined Table Lodge between the Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Wisconsin and The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Wisconsin, Inc. See story on page 3.

### APRIL

2 Wisconsin/Illinois Royal Arch Mason Joint Chapter Festival, Racine Masonic Center. Conferral of the Chapter Degrees culminating with that of Royal Arch Mason. For reservations contact Comp. Charles "Mick" Olson at mick290@att.net.

2 Freemasons Lodge No 363 Testimonial Celebration and Ladies at the Table honoring Grand Master Joseph B. Harker and his lady Mary. Social hour at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. at the Humphrey Masonic Center. See story on page 11.

8 McKinley Lodge's All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry to benefit the Waukesha County Food Pantry, 5 to 7 p.m., \$11 Adult, \$10 Senior, \$6 Children 5 - 10, 4 and under free. \$1.00 off with non-perishable food donation. Carry-outs available. McKinley Masonic Center, 4550 Pilgrim Rd, Brookfield. Contact Bro. James Lovett, Master, 414-248-3800 for more information.

9 Mineral Point Lodge No. 1, Testimonial Dinner in honor of Grand Master Joseph B. Harker, Belmont Convention Center, Reservation deadline is Friday, March 18. See story on page 1.

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

9 Job's Daughters Grand Bethel Exemplification and Grand Bethel Honored Queen's Reception, Rhinelander Masonic Center.

15-16 Valley of Madison Scottish Rite Spring Reunion.

16 District #4 Spring Meeting at Pine Lodge No. 188, 535 Superior Ave., Oconto. Morning hospitality from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m., meeting from 9:00 till noon, with lunch provided by the brothers of Pine Lodge (donations appreciated). District Deputy Christopher Hirthe, 920-494-2613, e-mail chrish@bsmw.com

22 Milton Lodge No. 161 Annual Good Friday Fish Fry, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Milton Masonic Center, 508 Vernal Ave.

30 2011 Degree Competition at the Madison Masonic Center.

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

### MAY

1 Oregon Lodge No. 151 Pancake Breakfast, 7:00 a.m. till noon. Oregon Masonic Center, 201 Park St., Oregon.

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

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

7 Valley Lodge No. 60, 5th, Annual Blessing of the Bikes, Masonic Center, 603 N. Court St. Sparta. Breakfast 8:30 a.m., Bike Blessing 10:00 a.m., ride starts at 10:30 a.m. Cost \$10.00, open to everyone. For more info contact Bro. Roger Matson Jr., at rmatson521@yahoo.com.

14 District 6 Spring Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Location will be announced. Special breakout sessions by Grand Secretary Michael DeWolf and Junior Grand Deacon Frank Struble. Contact District Deputy Travis Lehrer at 920-751-8491 or e-mail travis@delrar.com.

21 Madison Masonic Learning Center's second annual Walk to Help Children with Dyslexia, Vilas Park Shelter in Madison. It is a 5K walk, registration is at 7:30 walk starts at 8:30. For more information go to www.walkfordyslexiamadison.org. See story on page 2.

21 Rhinelander Lodge No. 242, 2nd annual "Walk for a Cure" to benefit the American Cancer Society. See story on page 4.

21 Outdoor lodge, three Master Mason Degrees, Northern Light Lodge No. 81, Juneau Lodge No. 103 and Camp Douglas Lodge No. 272. Starting at 8:00 a.m., Target Bluff, 208 USH 12, Camp Douglas. Contact District Deputy Mark Jerdee, 608-435-6143, jerdeem@centurytel.net.

22 Job's Daughters Grand Guardian Council Session at Sierra Hotel, Green Bay.

### JUNE

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

12 Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128, 150th Anniversary, re-dedication of the Lodge by Grand Lodge Officers, luncheon follows.

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

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## Many Subjects Discussed at Grand Lodge Staff Meeting



**Grand Master Joseph B. Harker addresses the officers.**

By Rich Rygh

Grand Master Joseph B. Harker held a staff meeting for the Grand Lodge Officers in Weston on January 28-30. It was a very busy weekend with many important items to address.

A Progressive Line Officer meeting was held at 3 p.m. Friday afternoon followed by a very informative history and update on the Three Pillars Senior Living Communities by Bro. Mark Strautman, CEO (see story on page 3), Friday evening. Junior Grand Steward L. Arby Humphrey and Senior Grand Steward Donald Hensiak gave a presentation on the Grand Lodge Boards and Committees and how they function and how they relate



**Senior Grand Warden Dennis V. Siewert reports on the many visitations he has made and installations he participated in.**

to each other. These boards and committees consist of approximately 130 appointees.

Meetings began Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. with all Grand Lodge Officers, including District Deputies giving a report to the Grand Master on their activities since the last staff meeting.

Senior Grand Deacon William Beetcher reported on a new lodge being chartered in District 2. He will be the Master and they have 31 members. The Brethren are in the process of deciding on a name and working on the bylaws.

Our Spectrum Insurance Account Executive, Bro. Jessie Furrer, Forest Lodge No. 130, gave a talk and answered questions on the Grand Lodge Master Insurance Program. He explained

that our liability policy covers the vast majority of lodge functions at other locations such as community celebrations and dinners. Special coverage is necessary to sell beer and liquor. He said if there is any question on coverage for a very unique or unusual event, please call, he is always available to answer any questions. He recommends lodges getting a certificate of insurance from any commercial

(See **G.L. staff meeting** page 9)



**Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White, Jr. discusses his calendar for the upcoming year**

Photos by Rich Rygh

### Grand Master's Testimonial Dinner

The Brethren of Mineral Point Lodge No. 1, the home lodge of Grand Master Joseph B. Harker, are hosting a testimonial dinner in his honor on April 9 at the Belmont Convention Center in Belmont.

Social hour with a cash bar will begin at 6:00 p.m. A 7:00 p.m. buffet dinner will be followed by a program at 8:00. The cost is \$25.00 per

person.

Please send reservations with payment to Cheryl Martin at the Grand Lodge Office, 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 53118. Reservation deadline is Friday, March 18. Please include all names in your reservations.

The Belmont Convention Center is located at 103 Moundview Ave., Belmont, Wis.

### The Grand Master's Message:

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

By now all Lodges have installed their officers for the 2011 Masonic year. It is always encouraging to see our new officers grow their skills to fulfill their new responsibilities. I am sure you have hopes and goals set for what you plan to accomplish this Masonic year. Share those ideas with your fellow officers and members. Engage them—it is a lot more fun if you can work together to plan and complete a project.

Your Grand Lodge officers were at Dells Lodge No. 124, in Wisconsin Dells, early last summer to perform a rededication ceremony. The Brethren had spent some time cleaning up their building for the ceremony. However, there was still work to be done. I visited the Lodge for a meeting last evening and I was amazed at what the Brothers had accomplished. They have completely refurbished their building. New or cleaned carpet, a tile floor for the Altar, new fixtures in their lower level, a new storage area constructed, and the exterior had been painted. I congratulate those Brothers who took upon themselves the challenge to spruce up their building. I am sure they are planning some friends events to show prospective members their delightful facility.

While sprucing up a building shows your attachment to the Lodge, good degree work builds your confidence in yourself. This confidence will aid you in your pilgrimage through Masonry as well as in your professional career.

Your Grand Lodge officers continue to be very busy attending many events at your lodges. You will read elsewhere in the Masonic Journal about the recently completed staff meeting. Every Grand Lodge Officer and District Deputy was present and reported on their activities.

Last month I asked you to challenge yourself to learn a new part or two in our ritual. You must answer for yourself, "How am I doing?". You know it is getting warmer, the snow is almost gone, and soon you will have outside activities to attend to and studying will become more difficult to accomplish. Do not put it off.

As I write this article I am traveling on your behalf along with your Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens and our Grand Secretary to Denver to attend the Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of Masons in North America. There are several educational sessions that we will review and try to identify programs that might be suitable for use in our jurisdiction.

Schools of Instruction (SOI) and District meetings are not just for Lodge officers. All Master Masons are encouraged to attend. In fact, it is the newest Master Masons who will benefit the most from these meetings. Additionally, you will meet Brothers from other lodges and will have the opportunity to form lasting friendships.

'on the level'

Joe

PS: Our Annual Communication will be here before you know it. Remember that Annual Communication will be one week later this year. The dates of our Annual Communication are Friday and Saturday, June 10 & 11. Mark your calendars now.

### On Our Cover

Grand Master Joseph B. Harker installed the officers of Eau Claire Lodge No. 112, Sanctuary Lodge No. 347 and George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351 at a joint installation of officers at the Eau Claire Masonic Center on December 15. In the photo District 8 Chaplain David R. Ritchie, Grand Master Joseph B. Harker and Senior Grand Deacon William Beetcher stand before the officers of the three lodges. Submitted by Bro. Gary Stang, photo by James Larson

## A History of Prince Hall Masonry in the United States

By Bro. Don Hensiak

Senior Grand Steward

The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin has enjoyed a growing relationship with the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. The two Grand Lodges remain separate and distinct, but have enjoyed mutual recognition since 1990. This allows the two jurisdictions to enjoy camaraderie and visitations. The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin currently recognizes 31 Prince Hall Grand Lodges throughout America.

Many Masons have labored under the mistaken idea that Prince Hall is a "black" lodge and that other jurisdictions are "white" lodges. This has never been the basis for either jurisdiction's memberships, but even in Masonry racial prejudices have died slowly. Historically, many military lodges have been chartered under the Prince Hall banner.

Tracing its roots to the "Mother Lodge" in England, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge began its Masonic journey with the Warrant of Constitution issued to African Lodge No. 459 on September 29, 1784. The warrant was signed and sealed under the authority of His Royal Highness Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland and Grand Master. The actual charter is still in existence in a safe deposit box in Boston. It is the only original charter issued from the Grand Lodge of England that exists in the United States.

Prince Hall was a leather-worker, soldier, civic leader, caterer, educator, property owner and abolitionist. He fought for the education of black children and the protection of free blacks from being kidnapped and sold into slavery. A black man, he was born in 1735. He was reportedly born in Africa or Barbados and

brought to North America as a slave. The details of his birth and early years are sketchy at best. Documents show that slave owner William Hall freed a man named Prince Hall on April 9, 1765, but there were evidently several men named Prince Hall living in Boston at the time. It appears that many stories of Prince Hall's early years were embellished. In particular, there was an effort by some authors to create a "freeborn" birth for him to "legitimize" his Masonic standing. Some Grand Lodges relied on the "freeborn" terminology in our ritual as an excuse to deny the legitimacy of black Masons. Masonic scholars today tend to agree that the exercise of "free will" is what is of primary importance to a man who petitions a Masonic lodge.

Prince Hall had been raised to the degree of Master Mason in Military Lodge No. 441 which

was a racially integrated lodge attached to the British Army at Boston. Hall and fourteen other men were initiated, passed and raised on March 6, 1775 at Castle William, Boston Harbor (later called Fort Independence). A year later, in 1776 the black Masons were granted limited dispensation to operate as African Lodge No. 1 with Prince Hall serving as Worshipful Master. This limited dispensation allowed them to meet, observe St. John's Day and to bury their dead, but not to confer degrees.

After the British left Boston Harbor in 1776, Prince Hall and many of his brethren joined the Continental Army and fought on the side of the revolutionaries. There is evidence that Hall may have fought at Bunker Hill. African Lodge survived the war and listed 33 men on its rolls after the war. Freemasonry in America however, was in turmoil

after the war. The Grand Lodges of England, Scotland or Ireland had chartered most of the lodges



Prince Hall

in America. The new states decided to form their own Grand (See **Prince Hall** on Page 9)



### Bro. Robert Reese honored for 60 years

On December 9, four Masons from Melody No. 2, Platteville, visited Bro. Robert Christian Reese at Gray's Nursing Home in Platteville, to present him with a 60-year Pin. This was done as a courtesy to the Grand Lodge of Michigan and his home lodge, Composite Lodge No. 499 located in Roseville, Michigan, near Detroit. Bro. Reese lives in Platteville to be near his daughter and her family. Brethren, from left are: Leland Weber, James Harvey, Robert Reese, Harlan Stephens, and Gary Olson.

Submitted by Bro. Gary Olson, Secretary/Treasurer



### Lafin St. James Lodge installs officers

Grand Master Joseph B. Harker installed the officers at Lafin St. James Lodge No. 247, on January 8, at an open installation at the Masonic Center in Mukwonago. Bro. Roy A. Hubler, East Troy, was installed as Master; Richard J. Scanlan, Senior Warden; and Patrick G. Richards, Junior Warden. Other officers were also installed. District Deputy John P. Marra was installing Marshal. Masons from East Troy and Mukwonago attended. Labelle Chapter #40, Order of the Eastern Star, and Bethel #63, Job's Daughters, share the facilities at the Mukwonago Masonic Center. Grand Master Joseph B. Harker (left) is pictured with Bro. Roy Hubler, Master.

Submitted by Bro. Jim Truesdell, News Hawk

### PGM Campbell to Speak at Marshfield Lodge Open House

Marshfield Lodge No. 224 will host an Open House on March 26 at 10:30 a.m., lunch will follow. The event is open to the public and Brethren and their ladies are encouraged to attend.

Past Grand Master Craig S. Campbell will speak on "Freemasonry, the Principles that Founded a Country and Influenced the World".

Past Grand Master Campbell gives a very impressive presentation that truly spells out what Freemasons have done and how they have helped shape the history of our Country. It generates a sense of pride in all Masons and is very informative to any prospective candidates on what Freemasonry is and what we do.

The Marshfield Masonic Center is located at 402 W. 4th St., Marshfield.

For more information contact Bro. Dean Swett at 715-743-4586 or e-mail dean@paramourgroupp.com.

### Madison Learning Center Walk for Dyslexia May 21

Madison Masonic Learning Center's second annual Walk to Help Children with Dyslexia will take place May 21, starting at the Vilas Park Shelter in Madison. It is a 5K walk. Registration is at 7:30 a.m., walk starts at 8:30.

You can be a sponsor, a donor, a participant or recruit your friends to form a team to walk.

If you wish to volunteer to help the day of the walk contact Rachael See at 608-217-2660.

For more information go to [www.walkfordyslexiamadison.org](http://www.walkfordyslexiamadison.org).

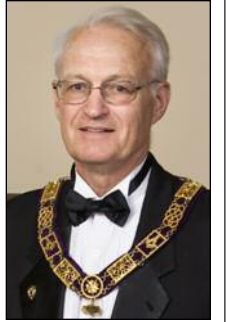
## Perspectives on Faith

By Reverend Don Iliff, Grand Chaplain

### Masonry - A Spiritual Fraternity

Recently I was asked if I thought Masonry was a spiritual fraternity. That got me thinking, and paying closer attention to the ritual we use in opening/closing lodge meetings, as well as the work we do in our degrees. I knew that Masonry is not spiritual in the same sense of our places of worship as we do not offer salvation, nor have a theological interpretation of the Holy Writings. After I ruled-out several of the things that are not part of Freemasonry, I began to pay closer attention to our ritual.

To answer the question, "Is Masonry a spiritual fraternity?", I began to trace the process that a candidate travels as he seeks admission. There are a series of events which point to the answer.



Rev. Don Iliff  
Grand Chaplain

- When the petition is filled out, the first question is, "Do you believe in a Supreme Being?"
- At the start of the EA degree, the candidate is asked, "In whom do you put your trust?"
- He is led to the center of the lodge to attend prayer.
- Scripture is recited as he ambulates around the lodge.
- Even the working tools of the EA degree allude to spiritual applications in his life.
- References are made to faith, hope, and charity, which are spiritual qualities in a well-spent life of a Mason.
- The tenets of Masonry are also spiritually based, and will guide the Brother in his various walks through life.
- The EA concludes with the charge reminding the new EA regarding his "duties to God, neighbor and self".

When the new EA is brought to light, he sees the book of Holy Writings on the altar, his trestle board, the plan for his life. These references to the place of Deity in his life will guide him spiritually throughout his life. When Masonry makes a good man better, it is from the inside out. We believe we apply the tenets of Masonry to our hearts and minds. The deeds of our lives grow from the inspiration of the Holy Writings and the spiritual values taught in Masonry. Masonry is indeed a spiritual fraternity.

"May the blessings of heaven rest upon us and all regular Masons. May brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue unite and cement us. Amen."

Grand Chaplain Don Iliff welcomes reader comments and suggestions. He may be reached by e-mail at [doniliff@gmail.com](mailto:doniliff@gmail.com).

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Wisconsin / Illinois  
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Joint Chapter  
Festival

Saturday, April 2, 2011  
Racine Masonic Temple  
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**Chapter Degrees**  
culminating with that of  
**Royal Arch Mason**

For information regarding a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in your area, please contact the Grand Secretary, Comp. Gary Parker, at 1-800-242-2307.

For Festival reservations, contact Comp. Charles "Mick" Olson, [mick290@att.net](mailto:mick290@att.net).



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- New Master Masons
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## Bro. Mark Strautman Gives History and Update On Three Pillars Senior Living Communities

By Rich Rygh

Bro. Mark Strautman, CEO of Three Pillars Senior Living Communities gave a history and update on Three Pillars at a recent Grand Lodge staff meeting in Weston.

Bro. Strautman explained how the Three Pillars Senior Living Communities serve individuals and couples from the most independent to the most dependent.

In 1905 Bro. Willard Van Brunt, donated over 300 acres of farm property and buildings, along with a \$200,000 endowment to the Wisconsin Consistory for provision of a Masonic Home for Masons, widows and orphans. This property was transferred to the Wisconsin Grand Lodge in 1916.

At this time, there was no Social Security or Medicare. Counties provided "poor houses and farms" for the those in financial distress that had no family or friends to help out.

In 1923 The Wisconsin Masonic Home (Van Brunt Hall) opened, it was a very ambitious project with a commitment of \$960,000 which was a lot of money at that time.

Van Brunt Hall served many residents very well up until 2006 when Compass Point, a 75 unit catered living center, was opened to replace the outdated facility which had been operating under many waivers from the state.

In 1924 the infirmary, a 28 bed hospital provided by the Order of Eastern Star, was opened adjacent to the Wisconsin Masonic home and operated for patient care until 1982. It now serves as the Grand Masonic Center.

The original mansion was demolished in 1959 to make way for a duplex for the farm help. A new heating plant and laundry facility were also built. A dormitory was completed in 1963 for staff living quarters.



Bro. Mark Strautman

The Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc. was incorporated in 1972 as a separate entity from the Wisconsin Grand Lodge.

The Wisconsin Masonic Home became licensed by the State of Wisconsin in 1977 and became eligible for Medicaid and other government reimbursement.

In 1978 the dormitory was remodeled into resident apartments and renamed Bark River Apartments. The Masonic Health Care Center, an 84 bed skilled nursing facility opened in 1982. At this time the infirmary was converted to offices and county daycare space.

Village on the Square, containing 69 independent living apartments was opened in 1991. This facility would expand to 118 units in 1998. The term "Three Pillars" was coined to describe the three levels of retirement living on the campus.

In 1995 Riverside Lodge, a 20 bed assisted living facility was opened adjacent to the Masonic Health Care Center. Administrative offices were located on the second floor.

Mason Woods, with 32 independent living apartments was opened in 1996 on property in Cecil, Wis. It was expanded in

1999 to 36 units and a Community Center was added.

Compass Point was opened in 2006 and Hickory Suites Rehabilitation, a 14 unit short-term rehab facility opened in 2010 as part of the Masonic Health Care Center, providing inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services.

At the beginning of 2011 the Wellness Connection, a unique community wellness facility for those aged 55 and over, was opened to extend campus senior services to the surrounding communities. Riverside Lodge was converted to a memory care living facility for those suffering from Alzheimer's related dementia.

The Wellness Center promotes a healthy lifestyle in a club like environment for those aged 55 and over, unlike most facilities designed to appeal to members 40 and under. The Center started as an additional component to rehab. The need was realized to create something different and everyone was interested. Local community members became involved, bringing people onto the campus that normally wouldn't be there. The new Wellness Center had a projected goal of 80 members by April, as of January 31 the membership was 130.

Bro. Strautman said, "We have a very strong balance sheet because of the generosity of Masons and their families." He urged everyone to do their part to keep Three Pillars moving forward. Bro. Strautman stressed that maintaining a voice to the legislature is very important as not many organizations promote senior citizens.

The strength of the Masonic Home is based on generosity and contributions. Help communicate the need to those who can contribute and maintain a culture of giving throughout the state.

## 8th Annual Combined Table Lodge March 29 at Tripoli Shrine Temple

The eighth annual Combined Table Lodge between the Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Wisconsin and The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Wisconsin, Inc., will be held on Tuesday, March 29.

This year's event returns to Milwaukee's Tripoli Shrine Temple where members of the two grand jurisdictions will join in Masonic fellowship and celebrate Wisconsin Freemasonry together.

The Tripoli Shrine Center is located at 3000 W. Wisconsin Avenue in downtown Milwaukee.

Fellowship will begin at 6 p.m. with the opening at 6:45 p.m.

The evening will consist of the "The Ceremony of Seven Toasts" (wine and non-alcoholic wine will be offered) along with the dinner served in buffet fashion. Please bring your own toastings and aprons.

This event will be conducted in the Entered Apprentice Degree and is therefore open to all Masons. Appropriate dress for the evening is a sport coat, shirt and tie or business suit. Grand Lodge officers will be in tuxedos.

The cost is \$25 per person and

reservations must be received no later than Monday, March 14 at the Grand Lodge office in Dousman. Make checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

Please use the clip & mail registration coupon below. If a lodge wishes to submit a combined reservation and payment for multiple attendees, please list each individual's name attending.

### NOTES FROM THE GRAND LECTURER

By Brother Kenneth C. Gorgen

My Brothers,

A few months ago we covered the circumambulation lecture in the Entered Apprentice degree. I am going to follow up with a brief talk about the lecture used in the Fellowcraft degree. The lecture is from the book of Amos in the Bible. It is in the 7th chapter, verses 7 and 8. The lecture is as follows:

*Thus he showed me; and behold, the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumb line with a plumb line in His hand.*

*And the Lord said unto me, "Amos, what seest thou?" and I said, "A plumb line."*

*Then said the Lord, "Behold, I will set a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will not again pass by them any more."*

These verses tell the story about a dream that the prophet Amos had while trying to save his people Israel from the wrath of God. Israel had drifted away and God was about to punish them. Amos was able to beg forgiveness for them from God twice, but in this dream he knew that he would not be able to intercede. He knew that when God stood upon that wall with a plumb line that the people of Israel were about to be measured for sincerity in practicing their religion and in being true to the Lord.

A plumb line is a measuring tool. It measures if something is built perpendicular to the ground. The plumb line is a string with a weight tied on one end and usually a loop tied on the other end. If you hold the loop end and let the weight hang free, the line will hang vertical and can be used to check if something constructed is true and vertical. In our Bible verse, that construction was a wall. It stands to reason, if the wall was shown to be crooked or not vertical when measured by the plumb line, it would be torn down and rebuilt.

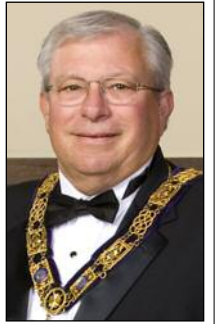
When the Lord said to Amos, that he was going to put the plumb line in the middle of his people Israel, He was saying that they were about to be measured. The Lord was going to measure them spiritually to see if they stood upright in the practice of their faith rather than go through the motions without meaning and sincerity. God finishes by telling Amos that when He sets the plumb line in Israel's midst they better measure up, otherwise he will not pass by them anymore. In other words, no more forgiveness or breaks.

Why did our forefathers select this Bible verse to be the circumambulation lecture for the Fellowcraft degree? I believe it has to do with what is happening in the Masonic livespan of our candidate. He has finished laboring as an Entered Apprentice and after, theoretically, years of learning is about to move into Masonic manhood. When he petitioned the Lodge, he had no knowledge of the lessons he was about to learn. He was as a rough stone. After initiation, he labored with a mentor to learn about the lessons that were taught during the degree. He began to see the Light and demonstrated his new knowledge to the Lodge members so that he could move to the next step. He was no longer a rough stone without shape.

Our newly made Entered Apprentice was now on his way to become a Fellowcraft and begin to prepare for his journey to become a Master Mason. However, before he is allowed to start that journey to becoming a Master, he must make his way to the middle chamber, which offers new knowledge and enlightenment. Is our Entered Apprentice sincere about his teachings and new-found knowledge? Is he qualified to make the journey? He needs to be measured, and only he and his Creator know if he stands upright by the plumb, or if his speculative wall needs to be brought down for more building? Does he sincerely walk upright by the plumb?

The next time you hear that circumambulation lecture, think about the plumb line and how we use it in our Craft to measure ourselves. That is what our forefathers were trying to remind us of when the Fellowcraft is advancing through the degrees. Is he ready and is he sincere?

My best wishes to all of you for successful ritual work. Good luck in your studies of the work, strive to learn more, and then my brothers you will all see more Light.



Kenneth C. Gorgen  
Grand Lecturer

Feedback and questions are always welcome. Contact Grand Lecturer Ken Gorgen at [jkorgoren@att.net](mailto:jkorgoren@att.net) or 262-691-0859

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# Annual Grand Master's Tour to Florida and Arizona



Grand Master Joseph B. Harker addresses a full house at Sun City West, Arizona, during his visit on January 24. The Grand Master and Bro. William Barnes, Director of Development, visited Brothers in Florida and Arizona during the Grand Master's Tour, January 18-24. At left, Bro. Fred Kraatz listens to the Grand Master's message. Bro. Fred, a member of Elmbrook Lodge No. 354, Brookfield, is a 72 year member of the Fraternity, he was raised February 2, 1939 in Madison Lodge No. 5 and is a charter member of Elmbrook Lodge. He is a retired Chemical Engineer for Johnson Wax, living in Sun City, Arizona.

Photos by Bro. William Barnes

## Wis. Masonic Foundation 2011 Scholarship Matching Grants

The Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation are proud to announce the 33rd annual Matching Grants Scholarship Program for 2011. Informational Packets have been forwarded to Lodge Secretaries, explaining that we will once again be offering a \$500 match per lodge.

The Matching Grants Scholarship program is a great way for lodges to reach out to their communities, promote the good works of Masonry and to help youth meet the rising costs of a secondary education. If your lodge has never participated before, please consider doing so.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Development Office at any time with questions, at 262-965-2200, or erika@wisc-freemasonry.org.

The Masonic Foundation also has opportunities available within our endowed funds program for Lodges that would like to establish additional annual scholarship programs. Our Director of Development, Bro. William Barnes, would be happy to meet with you about these opportunities and/or make a presentation at one of your meetings. He can be reached at 262-527-4294, or plannedgiving@gmail.com.

## Bro. Donald Timm Supports Wisconsin Masonic Charities

By Bro. William Barnes

In 1997, Bro. Donald Timm, Ph.D retired from work, but not from Masonic Charity. When he completed his application for the Wisconsin Retirement System he named the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation as a beneficiary.

Bro. Donald died in July of 2010, but he is still giving. The remainder of his guaranteed retirement payments, nearly \$8,000, will be given to the

Masonic Foundation. This money will be invested and the income used to save lives with our AEDS, provide scholarships, CPR training, and other health and safety grants.

Please consider creating your Masonic Legacy by naming the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, or Wisconsin Masonic Home, as the beneficiary of your retirement plan, IRA, life insurance, revocable trust, or in your Will.

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By Bro. William Barnes

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## Rhineland Lodge "Walk for a Cure"

Rhineland Lodge No. 242 will be sponsoring the 2nd annual "Walk for a Cure" to benefit the American Cancer Society.

This year the walk will be held on Saturday, May 21.

The walk will start at the Rhineland Masonic Center, and end at the Wausau Masonic Center, for a total of about 60 miles; all within a 24 hour period.

"Walk for a Cure", is open to anyone who wishes to take part, either as a participant or sponsor.

Information regarding the walk can be found on the Rhineland Lodge No. 242 website [www.RhinelandLodge242.org](http://www.RhinelandLodge242.org) under Special Events, or by contacting Dave Imlah, 715-892-2392, [dimplah@charter.net](mailto:dimplah@charter.net) or Mike England 715-966-6894, [RhinelandWalkforaCure@gmail.com](mailto:RhinelandWalkforaCure@gmail.com).

## Bethel #32 Installs Officers for 2011

By Mary Callaway

Bethel #32, Green Bay, was honored to have all the Masters of the Masonic Lodges that meet at the Green Bay Masonic Center attend their Installation on January 16. They are Bro. Gerald Brener, N.E.W. Daylight Lodge No. 360 and Roosevelt Lodge No. 323, Bro. Blaine Krautkammer, DePeres No. 85, and Bro. Mark Ellis, Washington Lodge No. 21. Junior Grand Warden Daniel Slavik also attended the installation.

Four capable Past Honored Queens, Amanda Sabah, Erin Sommerfeldt, Lula Keating and Olesya Keating will share the duties and responsibilities of leading the Bethel this term. A full term of fun activities along with fundraisers is planned.

New members are needed and wanted. For more information concerning Bethel 32 contact Bethel Guardian Ruth Vollrath at [ruth\\_edk@yahoo.com](mailto:ruth_edk@yahoo.com).

## Wis. Masonic Charities

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# Lodges Install Officers for 2011



## Jefferson Lodge No. 9

The officers of Jefferson County Lodge No. 9 were installed at an open installation on January 3 at the Jefferson Masonic Center. Front row (from left): Daryl Haumschild, Junior Steward and Trustee; Noah Schultz, Senior Warden; Grand Master Joseph B. Harker, Installing Master; Alan Brawders, Master; Charles Bergen, Junior Warden; Scott Verville, Chaplain and Trustee; and Randy Behlke, Installing Marshal and Counselor. Second row: Michael Mutter, Junior Deacon; Roger Humphrey, Treasurer; David Dorn, Tiler; and District Deputy Ralph Behlke, Installing Chaplain. Not pictured: Gary Palmer, Secretary; Curtis Bell, Senior Deacon and Trustee; and Zachary Roberson, Senior Steward and Trustee.

Submitted by Bro. Alan Brawders, Master



## Kegonsa Lodge No. 73

Kegonsa Lodge No. 73, Stoughton, officers for 2011. Front row (from left): Jim Miller, Junior Deacon; Doug Gronli, Senior Deacon; Joe Mitchell, Senior Warden; Robert Markham, Master; Mike Heitke, Junior Warden; and Don Diers, Chaplain. Back row: LeRoy Huber, Installing Marshal and Counselor; Mike Nelson, Junior Warden for opening; W. David Olson, Secretary/Treasurer; Mark Nelson, Senior Warden for opening; and Richard Moen, Installing Master. Bro Dwight Redders was Installing Marshal for LeRoy Huber's installation as Counselor.

Submitted by Area Administrator Robert Barnett, Jr.



## Elmbrook Lodge No. 354

Elmbrook Lodge 354 held their installation of officers on January 11. It was an open installation with Grand Master Joseph B. Harker as Installing Master; Grand Marshal John Krinke, Installing Marshal; and Grand Tiler Frank Mayer, Installing Chaplain. Pictured (from left): Grand Marshal John Krinke; Nick Heinze, Steward; Jason Heinze, Senior Deacon; James Stoebe, Master; Jim Bacon, Tiler and Trustee; Ron May, Junior Deacon; Rick Miller; and Grand Master Joseph B. Harker. Second row: Grand Tiler Frank Mayer; Mike Tiernan, Senior Warden; David West, Secretary/Treasurer; Steve Schultz, Chaplain; Pat Jackson, Past Master; and Pat Militzer.

Submitted by Bro. Jim Stoebe, Master



## Clear Lake Lodge No. 230

On December 29, Northwest Chapter #98, Order of the Eastern Star provided a delicious dinner for the members of the Clear Lake Lodge No. 230 and their guests preceding their installation of officers. Front row (from left): Tom White, Installing Marshal; Matt Cuper, Senior Warden; Steve Ruble, Master; Senior Grand Deacon Bill Beetcher, Installing Master; and Harold Christensen, Installing Chaplain. Second row: Ronald Leibl, Treasurer; Greg Heinbuch, Steward; Jim Witthoft, Tiler; Dean Tronrud, Trustee; and Jamie Wood, Steward. Back row: Vern Engebretson, Secretary; Steve Engebretson, Senior Deacon; and Chris Jackson, Junior Deacon. Not pictured are Ralph LaDuke, Junior Warden; and Trustees Wallace Lindholm and Merle Wood.

Submitted by Bro. Vern F. Engebretson, Secretary



## Quincy Lodge No. 71

Quincy Lodge No. 71, Friendship, installed their officers in late December. Front row (from left): Todd Wiese, Junior Steward; Gary Thompson, Junior Warden; District Deputy Travis Lehrer, Installing Officer; Robert Theim, Master; Ken Koehn, Senior Warden; and Richard Dunn, Counselor. Second row: Virgil Hawkins, Senior Deacon; Jim Storman, Chaplain; Marshal Coon, Junior Deacon; Ed Thomsen, Installing Chaplain; Ken Romell, Installing Marshall; and Jim Wolf, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer.

Submitted by Bro. Robert Theim, Master



## Waupun Lodge No. 48

Waupun Lodge No. 48 installed their officers on January 9. Front row (from left): Grand Tiler Frank Mayer; William Schrank, Master; Grand Master Joseph B. Harker; and Brian Mann, Senior Steward. Second row: Dick Peters; Bruce Patrick, Organist; Dylan Weber, Senior Deacon; Robert Taylor, Senior Warden; Jesse Dolgner, Junior Warden; John Lungren, Secretary; and Darrell Schultz, Counselor. Back row: Jay Graff, Junior Deacon; Logan Schrank; Donald Dvorak, Treasurer; and David Travis, Chaplain.

Submitted by Bro. William Schrank, Master

## LODGE EXCHANGE

Crandon Lodge No. 287 has copies of "Tidings and the Free Mason" dating back to the 1930s. Free to anyone that would have an interest in them. Contact Bro. John Gregg at 715-850-0744.

Looking for Masonic related items or have any items for which you are looking for a home. List them in the Lodge Exchange. For sale items not accepted. E-mail to [wmjeditor@wisc-freemasonry.org](mailto:wmjeditor@wisc-freemasonry.org).

# News Events from the Lodges



## Hartford Lodge hosts U.S. Flag History Program

Hartford Lodge No. 120 hosted the Kettle Moraine Detachment Marine Corps League at an open meeting on February 14, including wives, children and grandchildren. The Marine Veterans presented their U.S. Flag History Program featuring a display and brief history of ten American flags from the Continental flag to our present Stars and Stripes. Marine Veterans Carl Heiman (left) and George Wujcik display the 48 star flag. This flag was the official flag for 47 years, longer than any other flag, through two World Wars. Eight Presidents served under this flag. See page 12 of the web edition at [wisc-freemasonry.org](http://wisc-freemasonry.org) for a story and more photos.

Photo by Rich Rygh



## Bro. Don Dvorak is "Mason of the Year"

Bro. Donald Dvorak (left) was recently presented the "Mason of the Year" award for 2010 at Waupun Lodge No. 48 by Bro. Richard Peters, Master. Bro. Don is an outstanding Mason and just completed 25 years as the Lodge Treasurer. The Brethren of Waupun Lodge would like to congratulate Bro. Don on winning the award and thank him for his many years of service.

Submitted by Bro. Richard Peters, Past Master

## Waucoma Lodge Annual "Oyster Stew" March 14

Waucoma Lodge No. 90, Cooksville will host their annual "Oyster Stew" on March 24 starting at 6:00 p.m.

This has been an annual event for over 40 years. Chili is also served.

Waucoma Lodge still meets above a grocery store it pur-

chased in 1864. The Lodge had been leasing the building since 1859 and the deed dates back to 1847. It is one of the oldest lodge buildings in Wisconsin and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Cooksville Store is located in Cooksville with an address of

11313 N. State Rd. 138, Evansville.

Come and visit this historic building and enjoy an evening of fellowship and delicious oyster stew.

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## 2010-2011 Circle of Friendship Grand Family

### WGM/WGP and Chapter Calendar

Please verify locations, dates and times before attending a meeting or event.

#### March 2011

- 1 -Electa, Milwaukee - Compass Night
- 2 -Starlight, Sun Prairie - Honor Secretary and Treasurer  
Bristol - Birthday Night with Union Grove and Burlington Guests
- 3 -Union Grove - Birthday Night with Bristol and Burlington Guests  
-Sheboygan, Plymouth - Honor Masons  
-Alpha, Argyle - Youth Entertainment
- 5 -Michigan/Wisconsin Exchange - Fenton Harbor, Michigan
- 7 -Sparta - Mardi Gras Party
- 8 -Phoenix, Beloit - Compass Night  
-Miriam, Platteville - Sou'Westers Club  
-Ozaukee, Port Washington - Honor Secretary and Treasurer, Acadia and Golden Rule Guests, Cedar Grove Chapter Night
- 10 -Lila B. Graser, Sussex - Compass Night
- 11 -Oconomowoc-Hartland, Oconomowoc - Triwaukee Area Club
- 12 -Kenosha - Southeast Area Club  
-Kinickinnic, River Falls - Northwest Area Club  
-Grand Officer Party, Mauston - Sharon Bollig, Grand Electa
- 13 -Grand Officer Party, Port Washington - Susan Ferris, Grand Chaplain and Jonda Johnson, Grand Ruth
- 14 -Columbia, Evansville - Compass Night  
-Lemonweir, Mauston - Honor Secretary and Treasurer
- 15 -Palmyra - Grand Representative Party, John Taylor, Tennessee
- 16 -Starlight, Sun Prairie - Compass Night
- 17 -Union Grove - Compass Night
- 18 -Vega, Milwaukee - Honor Secretary and Treasurer
- 19 -Queen Esther, Lodi - Grand Representative Party, Joyce Hillestad, Iowa and Sherri Brethorst, Texas  
-Star of Bethlehem, Portage - Madison Area Club
- 20 -Wisconsin Rapids - Announcement of 2011-2012 Appointed Officers
- 22 -Rainbow, Wisconsin Rapids - Honor Joye Kuhlka, Grand Organist
- 23 -Janesville - Compass Night
- 24 -Viroqua - Western Stars Area Club  
-La Belle, Mukwonago - Compass Night
- 28 -Acadia, Brookfield - Compass Night  
-West Allis, West Allis - Initiation

### Circle of Friendship Butterfly Motorcycle Brigade

Poker Run, April 11 - 15, 2011  
(Approximately 800 miles)

Proceeds to Benefit WGM-WGP  
Project Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

#### Ride Itinerary

**Monday, April 11** - Leave Mauston - Ride to Onalaska. Lunch Stop - Viroqua Chapter, Viroqua.

**Tuesday, April 12** - Ride to Clear Lake - Lunch Stop - Kinnickinnic Chapter, River Falls.

**Wednesday, April 13** - Ride to Marshfield. Lunch Stop - Chippewa Chapter, Chippewa Falls. Tour Leinenkugel Brewery.

**Thursday, April 14** - Ride to Sussex Chapter, Wisconsin Dells. Lunch Stop - Fidelity Chapter, Appleton.

**Friday, April 15** - Ride to Vega Chapter, Milwaukee. Lunch Stop - Union Grove.

Make your own hotel reservations (Information available from chapter secretaries)

#### Reservations Due by March 15

Send reservation information (form available from chapter secretaries) and \$10 Registration fee to:

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Oregon, WI 53575

\$10 Registration includes one poker hand of seven cards. Complete details, addresses and route will be sent to registrants. Ride Captain - Dave Fiscus. Non-members welcome to ride, however, they can only attend the Wed. night festivities at Marshfield.



## Order of Eastern Star

### Message from the WGM & WGP

The "Circle of Friendship" year is still going strong in 2011. We hope everyone has a healthy and happy year. We have been busy conducting the business of the Order of Eastern Star throughout Wisconsin. We had official visits in the fall at all of our 67 chapters to make sure the ritualistic work of our order is being performed consistently.

In October, we enjoyed the Unity dinner and visiting with members of other Masonic organizations.

Our special charitable project for this year is the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. We participated in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's fall "Light the Night" walks in September. Walks were held at Milwaukee and Madison lakefronts and at Green Bay's Lambeau Field. With our other Fund Raisers and donations from the members we



#### Rosie Fiscus

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have already collected over \$11,000 for the Society. Please consider joining us on our motorcycle ride in April.

Our year concludes at our Grand Session at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison beginning May 16, 2011. Our May 17 Tuesday night session is an open session where we hear comments from other Masonic bodies. Anyone is invited to attend this session.

Our webpage, [www.wisconsinoes.org](http://www.wisconsinoes.org) will have all of the information listed when it becomes available.

May our paths continue to cross as we work for the betterment of our organizations by increasing membership and performing the missions of our groups.

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# Lodges Install Officers for 2011



## Buffalo River Lodge No. 252

Buffalo River Lodge No. 252, Mondovi, installed their officers on January 10. Pictured (from left): District Deputy H. Scott Paulson, Installing Master; Kevin LeQue, Senior Deacon; Jim Kent, Trustee; John Accola, Senior Warden; Eric Johnson, Chaplain; James Trowbridge, Master; Brian Trowbridge, Junior Deacon; Jon Helwig, Junior Warden; Larry Drangstveit, Secretary/Treasurer; and Area Administrator Gary Stang, Installing Marshal. Bro. James Trowbridge, Master and his son Brian are 4th and 5th generation Masons of Buffalo River Lodge.

Submitted by Bro. Gary Stang



## Neosho-Mayville-Horicon Lodge No. 108

The officers of Neosho-Mayville-Horicon Lodge No. 108 were installed on December 7. Pictured (from left): Wayne Uttke, Senior Deacon; Jeff Millikin, Senior Warden; Jack Bridich, Master; Mark Cameron, Junior Warden; and Dave Johnston, Junior Deacon.

Submitted by Bro. John Christenson, News Hawk



## Oconomowoc/Hartland Lodge No 42

Oconomowoc/Hartland Lodge No 42 officers for 2011 were installed by Past Grand Master Craig S. Campbell. Front row (from left): Todd Stach, Tiler; Jack Holtz, Master; Past Grand Master Craig S. Campbell; and Frank McKenna, Senior Warden; Second row: Henry Pynakker, Counselor; Rob Rohloff, Chaplain; Jim Johnson, Senior Deacon; Chuck Gastrow, Junior Deacon; and James Wolfe, Treasurer. Back Row: Noah Schultz, Organist; Dan Bast, Junior Warden; Dave Grevenkamp, Trustee; Gary Pilgrim, Secretary; and Anthony Pico, Steward.

Submitted by Bro Daniel Bast, Junior Warden



## Mystic Tie Lodge No. 280

The officers of Mystic Tie Lodge No. 280 were installed on January 4, at an open installation at the Masonic Center in Ladysmith. Front row (from left): Bob Grunseth, Installing Marshall; Glen Felske, Senior Deacon; DeWayne Steckel, Senior Warden; Mark Steckel, Master; Jim Jennerman, Junior Warden; James Hraben, Junior Deacon; and Al Jennerman, Installing Master and Senior Steward. Back Row: Jimmyboy Edming, Junior Steward; Leon Warren, Chaplain; Bill Howard, Secretary/Treasurer; Ken Brown, Senior Steward pro tem; and Ed Anderson, Tiler.

Submitted by Bro. Albert Jennerman



## Onalaska Lodge No. 214

Onalaska Lodge No. 214 officers for 2011. Front row (from left): Roy Marcus, Senior Deacon; Rich Matl, Junior Deacon; Christopher Petersen, Master; Randy Eigenberger, Senior Steward; and Harold Jones, Secretary/Treasurer. Second row: Martin Callaway, Installing Marshall; Ron Voigt, Junior Steward; Leroy Hougom, Tiler; and Jerry Cundiff, Senior Warden. Third row: Lowell Larson, Installing Master; Wes Hurlburt, Chaplain; Merlin Huber, Trustee; and Rich Hougom, Counselor. Not pictured: Rich Gray, Junior Warden.

Submitted by Bro. Christopher Petersen, Master



## Sheboygan Lodge No. 11

The officers of Sheboygan Lodge No. 11 were installed on December 18 by Grand Master Joseph B. Harker, assisted by Senior Grand Warden Dennis V. Siewert, District Deputy David Tainter and District Lecturer J. Patrick Storrs. Front row (from left): District Deputy David Tainter; Grand Master Joseph B. Harker; Carl Peterson, Master; and Senior Grand Warden Dennis Siewert. Second row: Derrick Rupp, Counselor; Harold Peterson, Senior Warden; Christopher Menart, Junior Deacon; and Timothy Barthels, Tiler. Back row: Wesley Wassell, Organist; Robert Buchholz, Senior Steward; and Steven Belongie, Junior Warden.

Submitted by Bro. Carl Peterson, Master

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## CUPID PICKS SPECIAL COUPLE

Cupid made a visit to Bob and Doris Waite of Village on the Square and gave them a complimentary night at the Pedal's Inn Bread and Breakfast on Valentine's Day to celebrate their 59 years of marriage.



## MASONWOODS

As the days get longer and the sun seems warmer, we are seeing small glimpses of Spring. We cannot wait to see the first robin, and then we will know that Spring is just around the corner. We have a number of bird watchers living here at Mason Woods that gives us the report on birds. We have the perfect surroundings for birds, especially for bluebirds. A number of years ago, residents decided they would put up bluebird houses and it wasn't long until they started to take up residency and have shown up every year. We also have placed bird feeders around the grounds and residents, (such as Bob Keip pictured) are kept busy keeping them filled. We enjoy watching the birds dive in and out for the seeds. It has been a long Winter; we cannot wait until Spring!



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Lodges and African Lodge attempted to gain recognition from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and others, but was rejected. The Premier Grand Lodge of England eventually granted them a charter in 1784 as African Lodge No. 459. It is uncertain whether the Grand Master of England (who was also the brother of King George) granted the charter out of brotherly love, or as an opportunity to "embarrass" the white Americans by chartering a black lodge on American soil.

Due to the lack of good communication in those days, and Grand Lodges that were not strong, it was not unusual for individual lodges to charter other lodges. Under the authority of its English charter, African Lodge chartered lodges of black Masons in Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. Records of the Grand Lodge of England show that African Lodge made payments to the English Grand Lodge's Charity Fund for a number of years. In 1792 when England re-numbered its lodges, African Lodge was advanced to No. 370 indicating that the Grand Lodge still recognized them at that time. It appears that the lodge may have never been aware of this change due to the lack of communication. In 1813 the "Antient" and "Modern" Lodges of England united into what is now the current Grand Lodge of England, and African Lodge as well as all other lodges in America, were erased from the English Registry.

African Lodge considered itself part of the Grand Lodge of England until 1827 when due to continued silence from England, they took the action of declaring themselves to be independent of any other Masonic authority. Along with the two lodges that African Lodge had chartered, they eventually changed the name of the Grand Lodge to honor Prince Hall, their founder, who had died in 1807.

Prince Hall Lodges have existed in Wisconsin since 1878 when Brown Lodge No. 25, which would later become Widow's Son Lodge No. 1, was organized in Milwaukee. Originally operating under the Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masons from Illinois, the Prince Hall Masons of Wisconsin received its own Grand Lodge Charter on June 25, 1925.

Sources:

- Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Masonic Handbook
- Freemasons for Dummies – Christopher Hodapp
- Idiot's Guide to Freemasonry – S. Brent Morris

## G. L. staff meeting from page 1

users of our buildings and keeping it on file.

Bro. Furrer explained the availability of the Directors and Officers Liability Insurance for lodges looking for this coverage for \$150 per year. D&O insurance provides financial protection for the officers and trustees of your lodge in the event they are sued in conjunction with the performance of their duties as they relate to the lodge.

Bro. Furrer can be reached at [jesse.furrer@spectruminsgroup.com](mailto:jesse.furrer@spectruminsgroup.com), office number is 715-355-4900 ext. 5061, or cell phone at 715-573-8667.

Past Grand Master Craig S. Campbell announced he will be speaking at an open house in Marshfield in late March or early April.

The Grand Master reported on his recent tour to Florida and Arizona. He said he enjoyed seeing a lot of old friends again and meeting many Brethren and wives for the first time. The Grand Master said these Brothers and their Ladies have and continue to contribute a great amount of time, talent and contributions of money to Wisconsin Masonic Lodges and Charities each year.

Grand Treasurer John Benedict was pleased to announce that the Trustees reported a good return on investments for the 2010 calendar year. He stated there were 89 new PMPs purchased at the end of 2010. The plan paid out \$24,000 to the Grand Lodge in per capita and approximately \$72,000 in dues to 172 lodges.

Junior Grand Warden Daniel Slavik gave a very interesting presentation using Google Earth, showing a map of where all the current lodges in Wisconsin are located and also the location of discontinued lodges. We currently have 182 degree conferring lodges and 2 non degree conferring lodges in the state. Grand Lodge has issued about 370 charters.

Grand Secretary Michael DeWolf reported the Grand Lodge website is averaging about 3 referrals per day. These leads are sent to the District Deputies to be referred to the lodge closest to the individuals location or the lodge he feels would be the best fit. The Grand Secretary tracks these individuals until they become members or they decide not to seek membership. He said these leads are becoming the life blood of the fraternity.

The Grand Secretary reported the new multiple letter ciphers are being printed and will be ready by Annual Communication if not before. They will be available in two sizes, a larger version with larger print will be available. These ciphers will include the posting after each degree and will also include a Bible presentation. The Planning Committee is in the process of revising and updating the "Green Book" and the new version will be available online soon.

The Grand Secretary will be holding MORI training classes beginning in March. Advanced MORI training will also be presented.

Grand Master Harker stated he has really enjoyed taking part in many lodge installations throughout the state. He is encouraging lodges to take a look at their bylaws to make sure they are up to date and to consider changing the bylaws to provide at least one stated communication per month during the months they were previously dark. He receives many requests for special dispensations to read and ballot on petitions, or conduct other important business, during the months the lodges are dark. Many Brethren also feel lodges loose momentum during these

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months.

The Grand Master also stressed the importance of making personal contact with Brethren behind in their dues to help reduce suspensions. It requires more than just a letter to get results.

In the afternoon the officers divided into various break-out sessions for the Executive Committee, Planning Committee and District Deputies. In the late afternoon the officers met back as a group to report on the sessions.

Sunday morning began with a church service at 8:00 conducted by Grand Chaplain Donald Iliff for officers and their wives, followed by a short wrap-up meeting.

**See more photos on page 13 of the web edition.**

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(Sec) • Meet 1st & 3rd Wed., 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Antigo

**Antigo Lodge No. 231**  
645 7th Ave.  
Meet 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Appleton

**Waverly Lodge No. 51**  
315 S. Bluemound Dr. • 920-738-9220  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July thru September

### Ashland

**Ancient Landmark No. 210**  
220 Sixth Ave. West • 715-682-2909 (Sec) • Meet 1st Wed., 7 p.m.  
ancientlandmarklodge210@gmail.com

### Baldwin

**Collins-Spring Valley Lodge 192**  
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Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark June, July & August

### Baraboo

**Baraboo Lodge No. 34**  
108 Second Ave. • 608-356-6739  
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Barnes

**Barnes Lodge No. 365**  
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### Bayfield

**Bayfield-Washburn Lodge No. 215**  
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### Beaver Dam

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Best Western Campus Inn, 815 Park  
Ave. • 920-210-1412 • Meet 3rd  
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### Beloit

**Morning Star Lodge No. 10**  
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### Berlin

**Berlin Lodge No. 38**  
124 E. Huron St. • 920-361-9774 (Sec)  
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at 7 p.m. 2nd Thursday only, Nov. & Dec.  
Dark July & August

### Black Earth

**Crescent Valley Lodge No. 97**  
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Dark July & August

### Black River Falls

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Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

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**Bloomer Lodge No. 281**  
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Dark January & February

### Bristol

**Washburn Lodge No. 145**  
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Dark July & August

### Cambridge

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Dark July, August

### Camp Douglas

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Dark January & February

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### Chippewa Falls

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### Fond du Lac

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

### Frederic

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

### Friendship

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

### Galesville

**Decora Lodge No. 177**  
16794 S. Main St. • 608-582-4130 (Sec)  
Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m.  
Dark July & August, 1st Mon. Sept.

### Glendale

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

### Grafton

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

### Green Bay

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

### Green Bay

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

### Green Bay

**Theodore Roosevelt Lodge 322**  
525 N. Taylor St. • 608-770-2928  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.  
Dark July & Aug., roosevelt322.com

### Green Bay

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

### Greenfield

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

### Hartford

**Hartford Lodge No. 120**  
147 N. Rural St. • 262-670-4982  
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Hayward

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

### Hudson

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

### Janesville

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

### Jefferson

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

### Kenosha

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

### Kenosha

**Sunrise Lodge No. 359**  
807 61st St. • 262-694-7817  
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 9:30 a.m.  
Dark July & August

### Kenosha

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

### La Crosse

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

### La Crosse

**La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190**  
118 8th Street So. • 608-385-1923  
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Ladysmith

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

### Lake Geneva

**Geneva Lodge No. 44**  
335 S. Lakeshore Dr. • 262-248-9900  
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Linden

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

### Lodi

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

### Lone Rock

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

### Madison

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

### Madison

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

### Madison

**Four Lakes Daylite Lodge No. 362**  
301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-233-3902  
Meets 1st Mon. - 2nd Mon. if 1st follows  
holiday wknd., 10 a.m. Meets All Year

### Madison

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

### Madison

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

### Manitowoc

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

### Marinette

**Marinette Lodge No. 182**  
1610 Main St. • 715-735-9397  
Meet 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Marshfield

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

### Medford

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

### Men

## Freemasons Lodge to Honor Grand Master and His Lady Mary April 2

Freemasons Lodge No. 363 cordially extends an invitation to all Brothers, Masonic guests, and their Ladies to a Testimonial Dinner and Ladies at the Table honoring Grand Master Joseph B. Harker and his lady Mary on Saturday, April 2, at the Humphrey Masonic Center in Milwaukee. Come and enjoy an evening of extraordinarily fine food and good cheer.

A 5:30 p.m. social hour will be followed by a 7:00 p.m. dinner. There will be programs throughout the evening. The cost is \$40.00 per person.

Please send your Reservations by March 15 to Freemasons Lodge No. 363, 790 N. Van Buren Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

For additional information e-mail Freemasons Lodge at [freemasonsldodge@gmail.com](mailto:freemasonsldodge@gmail.com).

Additionally, Freemasons Lodge will be conferring several Master Mason Degrees beginning at 8:30 a.m. the morning of April 2.

All Master Masons are encouraged to attend and participate in both the degree conferral and this special event.



### Bro. John Dorsey receives gavel

Bro. John Dorsey (right), newly installed Master of Cassia Lodge No. 167, Plymouth, holds up a hand made gavel he received from Bro. Fred Schram. The faces of the gavel are inlaid with the Square and Compasses.

Submitted by Bro. Robert Chagnon



### Past Honored Queen presents Bible

Bro. Chris Petersen, Master of Onalaska Lodge No. 214, poses with Past Honored Queen Shana DeBoer from Bethel #27, La Crosse, following the Onalaska Lodge installation. It was fitting that Shana presented the Bible at Brother Chris' installation, as he is The Associate Guardian of Bethel #27.

Submitted by Bro. Martin Callaway, Past Master

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### Onalaska

**Onalaska Lodge No. 214**  
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Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
2nd Thursday only, July & August

### Oregon

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

### Oshkosh

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

### Owen

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

### Palmyra

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

### Pewaukee

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

### Phillips

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

### Platteville

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

### Plymouth

**Cassia Lodge No. 167**  
441 Smith St. • 920-892-6336  
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Portage

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

### Port Washington

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

### Potosi

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

### Poynette

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

### Prairie du Chien

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

### Prairie du Sac

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

### Prescott

**Northwestern Lodge No. 105**  
132 N. Court St. • 715-262-5478 (Sec)  
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Racine

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

### Reedsburg

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

### Rhineland

**Rhineland Lodge No. 242**  
23 E. Davenport St. • 715-277-2692 (Sec)  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark January & February

### Rice Lake

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

### Richland Center

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

### Ripon

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

### River Falls

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

### Shawano

**Shawano Lodge No. 170**  
201-1/2 S. Main St. • 715-526-3920  
Meets 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark January & February

### Sheboygan

**Sheboygan Lodge No. 11**  
411 St. Clair Ave. • 920-457-3111  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Shell Lake

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

### Shullsburg

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

### South Milwaukee

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

### Sparta

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

### Star Prairie

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

### Stevens Point

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

### Stoughton

**Kegonsa Lodge No. 73**  
125 S. 5th St. • 608-873-9204  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Sturgeon Bay

**Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174**  
31 S. 3rd Ave. • 920-493-3727  
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Sun Prairie

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

### Superior

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

### Superior

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

### Sussex

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

### Tomah

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

### Union Grove

**Union Grove Lodge No. 288**  
1021 - 11th Ave. • 262-878-9938  
Meet 2nd Saturday, 8:30 a.m.  
Meets All Year

### Viroqua

**La Belle Lodge No. 84**  
118-1/2 S. Main • 608-637-7581 • Meet 1st  
& 3rd Wed., 7:30 p.m.; Meet 1st Wed. July,  
August & Dec. • Dark January & February

### Waterloo

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

### Waukesha

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

### Waupaca

**Waupaca Lodge No. 123**  
105-1/2 N. Main Street • 715-258-2208  
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark June, July & August

### Waupun

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

### Wausau

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

### Wautoma

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

### Wauwatosa

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

### Wauwatosa

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

### West Allis

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

### West Allis

**Wauwatosa Lodge No. 267**  
7515 W. National Ave. • 262-250-1588  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### West Allis

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

### West Bend

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

### West Salem

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

### Whitefish Bay

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

### Whitefish Bay

**Geo. Washington 1776 Lodge No. 337**  
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Dark July & August

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

### Wilmot

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Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Winneconne

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

### Wisconsin Dells

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

### Wisconsin Rapids

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

### Silas H. Shephard

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

### Armistead-Bingham

**Lodge No. 1862**  
Call Secretary at 815-623-8460 for next meeting  
date & location [g2minime@aol.com](mailto:g2minime@aol.com)  
Meets 5th Saturdays, 1 p.m.

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[diane@wisc-freemasonry.org](mailto:diane@wisc-freemasonry.org)  
262-965-3979

# Marine Detachment Presents History of American Flags



Senior Warden James Oestreich displays the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses at the opening of the Lodge



Veteran George Wujcik demonstrated the proper folding of the American Flag. A meaning to each fold has been written by an unknown author. See page 14.



Veterans Fritz Montag (left) and George Wujcik display a tattered old flag as Veteran George Kacz recited the lyrics to "That Ragged Old Flag" by Johnny Cash.

Hartford Lodge No. 120 hosted the Kettle Moraine Detachment Marine Corps League at an open meeting on February 14.

The Marine Veterans presented their U.S. Flag History Program featuring a display and brief history of ten American flags from the Continental flag to our present Stars and Stripes. The veterans demonstrated flag etiquette and proper folding of a ceremonial flag. The program ended with the playing of "Taps". Everyone present received a Marine Corps Rose.

In honor of Valentines Day, Bro. John Orth, Master of Hartford Lodge, handed each Brother a red rose to present to their wife.

Masons, wives, children and grandchildren enjoyed the very informative program followed by cake, ice cream and fellowship in the dining room.

Anyone wishing to schedule a program featuring the Detachment should contact George Wujcik at 262-338-8426 or e-mail [kmchaplain@yahoo.com](mailto:kmchaplain@yahoo.com). The program is presented without charge.



Veterans Fritz Montag (left) and George Wujcik display the Serapis flag. John Paul Jones raised this flag on the British frigate Serapis, which he had captured during the most famous Revolutionary naval battle on September 23, 1779, when his own ship, the badly damaged *Bonhomme Richard*, sank.

Photos by Rich Rygh



Veterans Fritz Montag (left) and George Wujcik display the Continental Flag. It was carried at the Battle of Bunker Hill.



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## Grand Lodge Officers Conduct Business at Weston Staff Meeting



District Deputies discuss plans for the upcoming months during their breakout session. Clockwise from lower left: John Tiley, District 3; Mark Jerdee, District 5; Scott Pedley, District 8; David Bomkamp, District 7; Travis Lehrer, District 6; Ralph Behlke, District 9; David Tainter, District 10; H Scott Paulson, District 2; Christopher Hirthe, District 4; and Travis Hand, District 1.

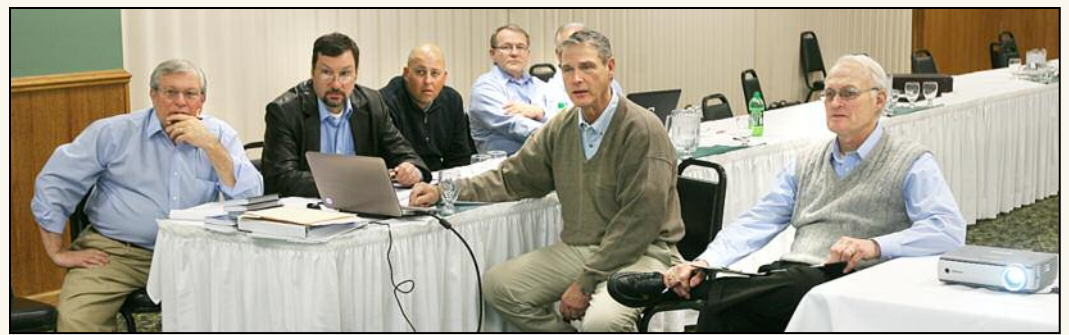


Grand Master Joseph B. Harker closes the meeting on Sunday morning.



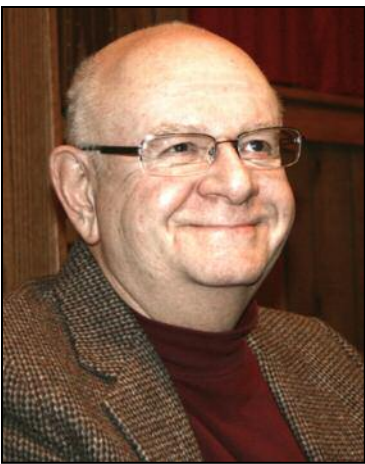
Grand Secretary Michael DeWolf explains the tracking of member leads received from the website.

Photos by  
Rich Rygh



The Planning Committee works on revising and updating the "Green Book". From left: Grand Lecturer Ken Gorgen, Senior Grand Steward Don Hensiak, Grand Marshal John Krinke, Junior Grand Steward L. Arby Humphrey, Grand Tiler Frank Mayer (hidden), Junior Grand Deacon Frank Struble and Grand Chaplain Don Iliff.

## Community Pastor Returns to His Roots



Bro. Donald Stannard

By Bro. Milt Helmer

This much traveled and much heralded community pastor is now back home.

Bro. Donald "Don" Stannard spent his entire professional career as a Methodist pastor and as such, he moved around a quite a bit.

His early years began in River Falls. His father was a pastor and he soon entered into the family business.

He received his Masters of Divinity in 1961 and went back in 1976 to get his doctorate, which included 5 areas of ministry. He still remembers the doctorate as one of the highlights of his life.

Bro. Stannard's life journey began in River Falls, and continued for the next 39 years all over the state. He served congregations of all sizes, some, like in Green Bay had budgets near a million dollars, but he never left

Wisconsin.

Although he has traveled all over, he considers Manitowoc his hometown. His longest tenure was in River Falls, near the end of his career. He served the United Methodist Church in River Falls from 1982 to 1998. In River Falls, he, along with Del Purmann and Paul Leitch, started the Kiwanis club. He was also active as a coach in the church softball program.

He retired while in River Falls, moved to Sturgeon Bay, and built a home with Ann, his wife of 50 years. He and Ann opened up what they thought was going to be a hobby orchard. That hobby soon turned into a business.

Don also served 9 years in the Bay area as the aging rep for Door County. He served on the board of directors for the Aging Department. That department serves 17 counties and two Indian reservations. He helped administer their programs.

Today, Don is back in River Falls. His family all went to school there and attended college in the metro area. His family is made up of a daughter who lives in Rochester, Minnesota, a son who is a medical doctor in Hudson and another son who is a commercial photographer in Minneapolis. The Stannards live in Wintergreen, a 92 unit senior retirement apartment complex.

### The Masons

When Don was a little boy, he used to go to with his father to the Masonic Lodge. While his father was in lodge, he would play pool as he waited. Don said, "Back then, the Masonic Lodge

was the only game in town."

Don went on to join the DeMolay and was active in Watertown, Wisconsin.

At one of his churches a parishioner happened to comment that if he did everything the church taught and everything the Masons taught him, he would be alright.

That comment moved him to petition the lodge. He received his Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees in Mayville, Wisconsin and was raised a Master Mason in Sturgeon Bay in 1965. After retirement he became Master of Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 211 in Sturgeon Bay. He served in that capacity for two years. During those years, his lodge placed second in the state in the Grand Masters Achievement Award and he was named the District 4 "Mason of the Year".

Bro. Stannard, who is a mild mannered, thoughtful man, said back in the early days there was very little for young people to do. There was football and basketball, but not much else. Today, he says there are more things going on and more competition for everyone's time. This faster pace of life creates many challenges, but Bro. Stannard said, "Masonry is not as important as it used to be, and it is more important than ever."

He laments, "We are always stressing divisions in our society, with continuing emphasis on race, creed and political points of view. "All things that are focused on what divides us. "He says, "We are all the same in

God's eyes, however we choose to worship him."

Bro. Don added, "What would it be like if we were all alike?" He cited an example if everyone was just like Bing Crosby, then Bing Crosby would have been a nobody.

It is obvious that Bro. Don

Stannard really cares about other people. He enjoyed the daily challenges in his life's work, saying it had an endless variety of experiences.

Bro. Don feels maintaining a high level of integrity is the key to life. This writer feels Don has found that key.



Bro. Johnson receives MECC certificate

Superior Lodge No. 236 presents its first Masonic Education Correspondence Course (MECC) graduation certificate. Bro. Chris Schnepfer, Master, (right) presents Bro. Les Johnson the certificate for successfully completing the course.

Submitted by Bro. Curtis Skowlund, Secretary/Treasurer

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# The Foundation of Universal Freemasonry, Inc. A Confederation of Independent Masonic Lodges

By Grand Secretary  
Michael A. DeWolf, PGM

On Sunday February 6, 2011 an organization known as the Foundation of Universal Freemasonry, Inc. started the circulation of a Statement of

Principles. They claim to be a Wis. 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the cause of universal Freemasonry and service to the community.

The person named in the document as the contact and Scribe is a Stephen Quest. Most contact is

being done by e-mail. The body of the letter is as follows: "Please find the attached proposal for your consideration and comment. "Email back with your input or feel free to call me to discuss. "Also, please forward this along to your Masonic contacts. "Thank you!"

Please note my Brothers that this is a clandestine organization and any interaction with them is strictly prohibited. Do not answer or forward the e-mail.

If someone who is unknown to you approaches your lodge and asks to gain admittance; make sure they have a valid dues card from a recognized jurisdiction (a list is available on the website).

If you have any questions please call me at 262-965-2200 Ext. 807.



## Flag history presentation at Hartford Lodge

Marine Corp Veteran Carl Heiman plays taps at the close of the history of the ten American flags presentation by the Kettle Moraine Detachment, Marine Corp League at Hartford Lodge No. 120.



## Bro. Patrick receives Past Master's apron

On Feb 15, District 11 Deputy John Marra presented Bro. Ural Patrick with his Past Master's certificate, pin and apron at Elmbrook Lodge No. 354, Brookfield. From left: District Deputy John Marra; James Sroebe, Master; and Past Master Ural Patrick.

Submitted by District Deputy John Marra

## 2011 Grand Lodge Annual Communication



June 10 and 11  
Madison Masonic Center

## The Thirteen Folds Of The American Flag

It takes thirteen triangular folds to properly fold the American Flag. An unknown author has written an unofficial meaning to each of these folds.

The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States Of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The tenth fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust". After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.



## A Masonic Family Special Event!!!

### Testimonial Celebration and Ladies at The Table Honoring Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons Joseph B. Harker and his lady Mary

Freemasons Lodge #363 cordially extends an invitation to all Brothers, Masonic guests, and their Ladies for an evening of extraordinarily fine food and good cheer.....

Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011

5:30 P.M. Social Hour followed by 7:00 P.M. Dinner

### Programs throughout

Humphrey Masonic Center  
790 North VanBuren Street, Milwaukee, WI

Please make your Reservations early (NLT 15 March) by completing this form and sending it, along with your Check in the amount of \$40.00 per person, to:

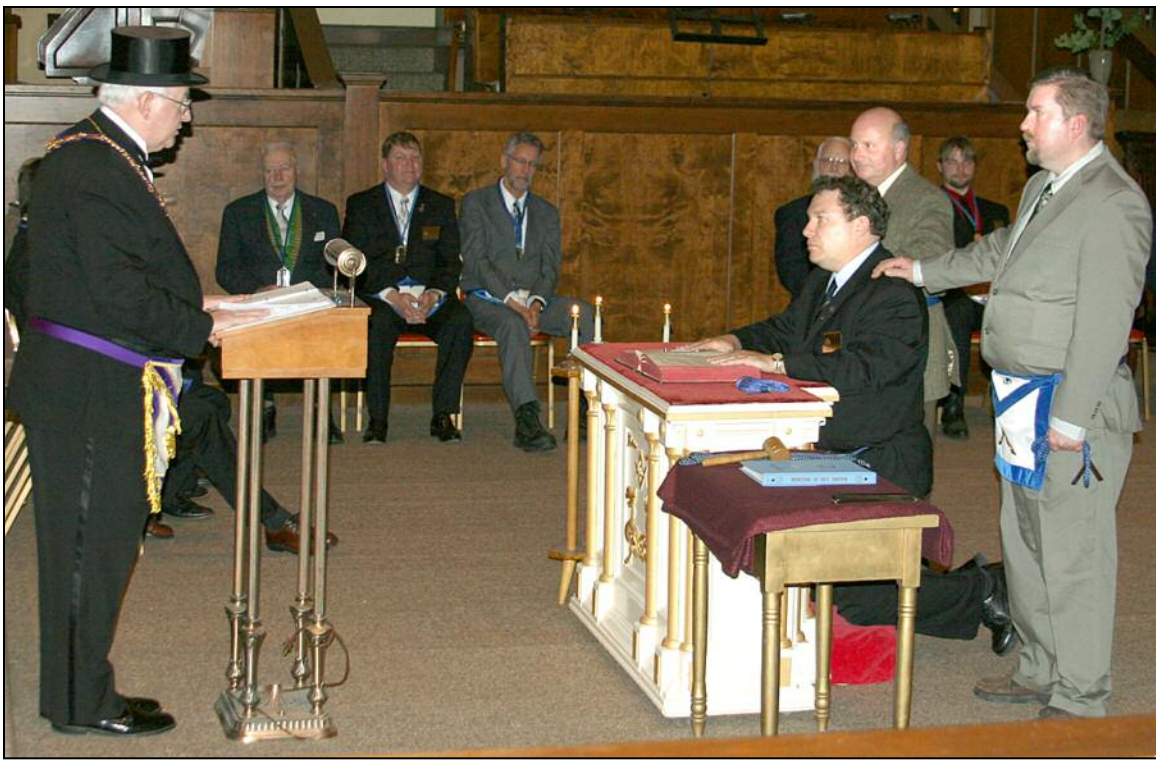
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790 N. Van Buren Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Primary Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you require additional information,  
please email Freemasons Lodge at [freemasonslodge@gmail.com](mailto:freemasonslodge@gmail.com)

Additionally, Freemasons Lodge #363 will be conferring several Master Mason Degrees beginning at 8:30 a.m. the morning of April 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Master Masons are encouraged to attend and participate in both the degree conferral and this special event!



## Masters of Eau Claire Lodges are installed

Grand Master Joseph B. Harker (left) installs the Masters of Eau Claire Lodge No. 112, Sanctuary Lodge No. 347 and George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351 at a joint installation of officers at the Eau Claire Masonic Center on December 15. Kneeling at the altar is Tom Christano, Eau Claire Lodge; Paul Lenz (at his right), Sanctuary Lodge; and Mark Hink, George B. Wheeler Lodge.

Submitted by Bro. Gary Stang, photo by James Larson

## DeMolays and Sweethearts Work to Support American Cancer Society and Hope Lodge



State Sweetheart Alicia Wahlen and Chapter Sweethearts stand behind items collected at Sweetheart Weekend, February 11 thru 13, to benefit the American Cancer Society and Hope Lodge. Pictured from left: Jessica Flack, West Bend Chapter Sweetheart; Katie Sommerfeldt, Green Bay Chapter Sweetheart; Amber Walentowski, Sir Galahad Chapter Sweetheart; Cathi Kaczor, Doric Chapter Sweetheart; Alicia Wahlen, State Sweetheart; Bridget Geibel, Racine Chapter Sweetheart; Martha Green, Kenosha Chapter Sweetheart; and Sabrina D'Agostino, Brookfield Chapter Sweetheart.

### By Alicia Wahlen

Wisconsin DeMolay has been working hard to make a difference this year!

Throughout 2010, the members have worked diligently to collect for their philanthropic organization, The American Cancer Society and Hope Lodge. Each Hope Lodge offers cancer

patients and their families a free, temporary place to stay while they are undergoing cancer treatment.

In the past two years, we have collected nearly \$2,100. In the last year, Wisconsin DeMolay collected items for Hope Lodge as part of the State Sweetheart's project. The challenge was given to the DeMolay to collect as many items as possible. With the help of the Chapter Sweethearts and the State Sweetheart, this project was a huge success. All of the members made a huge effort, in donating their time, money and requested items.

The items were collected at Sweetheart Weekend, the weekend of February 11-13. We are proud to say that we will be taking 680 items to the Hope Lodge in Marshfield, Wis.

These young men and women have shown that, with a little bit of hard work, they can make a huge difference. They are taking the virtues that each of them has learned in Wisconsin DeMolay and sharing them with the community.

A special thank you to all of the lodge members and affiliated Masonic bodies that donated to their DeMolay Chapters!

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## New Master Mason



### Bro. Schwanbeck is new Master Mason

Bro. Dan Schwanbeck (center), the newest Master Mason in Onalaska Lodge No. 214 is pictured with Bro. Christopher Petersen, Master (left), and Junior Warden Richard Gray.

Submitted by Christopher Petersen, Master



### Grand Master receives t-shirt

Bro Mark Strautman, CEO of Three Pillars, presents Grand Master Joseph B. Harker with a Wellness Connection t-shirt and water bottle. Bro. Mark said if for any reason the t-shirt doesn't fit to stop by the Wellness Connection.

Photo by Rich Rygh

## Annual Robert Ross Table Lodge March 11 will Feature Barbecue

The annual Robert Ross, P.M. Memorial Table Lodge, sponsored by Wisconsin Lodge No. 13, will be held at the Northwest Masonic Center March 11.

This year the event will be a barbecue, leave your tie at home and bring your bib.

Bro. Robert Ross was Master of Wisconsin Lodge No. 13 when he passed away suddenly at the age of 35. He left behind two wonderful children whom he loved dearly. Bro. Bob was an artist, a comedian, a Brother and true friend to many.

Wisconsin Lodge hosts this yearly event in an effort to put money into a college fund for his children.

While the event has been successful over the past couple

years, it is hoped this will grow into an event that can provide financial support to make a substantial difference in the lives of his children.

Social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the opening at 6:30 p.m., at the Northwest Masonic Center, 4315 92nd St., Wauwatosa. The cost is \$20.00. Cannons will be for sale at the door. Wine and non-alcoholic beverages will be served.

The lounge will be open after dinner for a card game.

Reservations must be received by Feb. 25. Contact Bro. Eric Inman, einman2@gmail.com, 414-430-3070 or Joe Vergass, wisc.13@gmail.com. Checks should be made to Wisconsin Lodge No. 13 F. & A. M.

### Traveling Gavel

<b>District 1</b> Acacia-Itasca Lodge No. 329	<b>District 7</b> Lodi Valley Lodge No. 99
<b>District 2</b> Blue Hills Lodge No. 234	<b>District 8</b> Richland Lodge No. 66
<b>District 3</b> Rhineland Lodge No. 242	<b>District 9</b> Dousman Lodge No. 315
<b>District 4</b> Oconto Falls Lodge 293	<b>District 10</b> Neosho-Mayville-Horicon No.108
<b>District 5</b> Merrillan Lodge No. 279	<b>District 11</b> Wilmot Lodge No. 241
<b>District 6</b> Waupaca Lodge No. 123	<b>District 12</b> Day Lite Lodge No. 358

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

# Zor Shrine Circus



Grand Master Joseph B. Harker welcomes young and old to the 2011 Zor Shrine Circus.



Lighted souvenirs add a magical atmosphere to the darkness during the circus.



Members of the Color Guard, Nobles John MacKenzie (left) and Charles Porter, Jr.

Photos by  
Rich Rygh



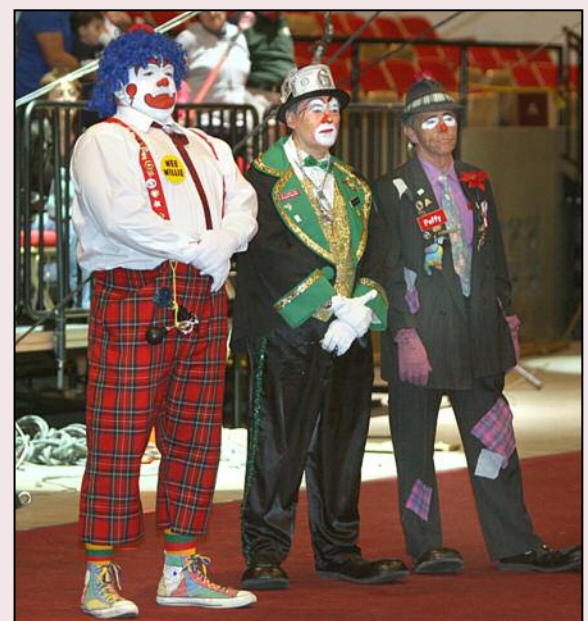
In the center ring, Circus Chairman John Thorstad, Potentate Steve Peterson and Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin Joseph B. Harker prepare to open the 2011 Zor Shrine Circus at the Veteran's Memorial Coliseum in Madison on Friday, February 18.



Opening Extravaganza featuring acrobatics, handstands, juggling, magic, skating and hoops.



Members of the Zor Divan line up wearing their aprons at the opening of the circus.



The Zor Clowns are one of the highlights of the circus. From left Wee Willie, Money Bags and Puffy. The Zor Clown Unit dates back to 1938.