



## Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

### NOVEMBER

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

5 Valley of Green Bay Scottish Rite Reunion, [www.scottishrite-greenbay.com/calendar.htm](http://www.scottishrite-greenbay.com/calendar.htm).

5 Scottish Rite Valley of Eau Claire annual Wardens Workshop at the Eau Claire Masonic Center 9:00 a.m. and ending around 2:00 p.m.

5 George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351, waffle breakfast, Eau Claire Masonic Center starting at 7:30 a.m.

5 McKinley Lodge's Ladies At The Table, 6:00 p.m. McKinley Masonic Center, 4550 N. Pilgrim Road, Brookfield. Cost, \$20.00 - Call Bro. Mike Gorgen 262-820-0812 for tickets.

5 Masonic Brotherhood Council's participation in Milwaukee's 48th Annual Veterans Day Parade and Day of Honor, meet at Mason and Prospect, downtown Milwaukee at 9:00 a.m. Parade beginning at 11:00 a.m.

10-12 Valley of Milwaukee Scottish Rite Reunion, [www.humphrey-masonic-center.org/event-calendar.html](http://www.humphrey-masonic-center.org/event-calendar.html).

11-12 Valley of Madison Scottish Rite Reunion.

12 Ozaukee Lodge Recognition Night, Kevin Hermening, former Iran hostage will speak. Port Washington Masonic Center, 504 W. Grand Ave. Gathering at 5:30 p.m., authentic German Dinner at 6:00 p.m. \$20.00 per person, reservations due Nov. 5. Contact Sid Arthur, 404 Hickory Dr., Fredonia, WI 53201. Email [sid@sidsealants.com](mailto:sid@sidsealants.com).

13 JW Chili Cook-off Competition, 4:00-7:00 p.m. Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301, Northwest Masonic Center, 4315 N. 92nd St., Wauwatosa.

19 Masonic Brotherhood Council Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Branded Steer Restaurant, 10950 W. Good Hope Rd., Oak Creek. Contact Bro. Mark Truesdell at [Mark.Truesdell@gmail.com](mailto:Mark.Truesdell@gmail.com).

26-27-28 "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, presented by West Bend Lodge No. 138, 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Sunday Matinee at 2:00 p.m., 301 N. University Drive, West Bend. Tickets now on sale at [www.westbendchristmascarol.com](http://www.westbendchristmascarol.com).

### DECEMBER

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3 Waukesha Lodge No. 37, Breakfast with Santa, 8:00 a.m. till Noon. \$5/adult, \$3/child. Free photos with Santa. Contact [brianreed129@gmail.com](mailto:brianreed129@gmail.com) for more details.

3 Installation of officers, 2:00 p.m., for Manawa Lodge No. 82, Clintonville Lodge No. 197, Mason-Woods Lodge No. 368 and Shawano Lodge No. 170 at the Manawa Masonic Center.

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

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15 Joint Installation of Officers, Iowa County Lodges: Dodgeville No. 119, Mineral Point No. 1, Linden No. 206 and Barneveld No. 319. Dodgeville Masonic Center, 6:30 p.m.

17 Masonic Brotherhood Council Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Branded Steer Restaurant, 10950 W. Good Hope Rd., Oak Creek. Contact Bro. Mark Truesdell at [Mark.Truesdell@gmail.com](mailto:Mark.Truesdell@gmail.com).

20 Joint Installation of Officers: Smith No. 31, Argyle No. 178, Olive Branch No. 6, Amicitia No. 25 and Evening Star No. 64. Darlington Masonic Center 6:30 p.m.

### JANUARY 2012

13 Grand Master's Florida Tour, Forest Country Club, 6100 Club Blvd. S. W., Fort Myers, Florida. See story on page 7.

14 Grand Master's Florida Tour, Deer Creek RV Golf Resort, 42749 Hwy. 27, Davenport, Florida. See story on page 7.

21-22 Statewide Secretaries Seminar in Madison. This seminar will be a two day event and include legal information, finance, electronic minutes and many other topics. This topics will be presented by professionals in various fields and will provide very valuable information to the secretaries. It will be worth 100 points toward the 2012 Lodge Excellence Award. More information will follow.

21 Ozaukee Lodge's sixth annual "Master's Feast", gather at 5:30 p.m., banquet at 6:00 p.m. \$20.00 for adults, under 12 \$10.00. Port Washington Masonic Center. Send reservations to Master's Feast, c/o Bro. David Tainter, 1027 W. Lincoln Ave., Port Washington, WI 53704, phone 262-689-2848 or email [dtainter@wi.rr.com](mailto:dtainter@wi.rr.com).

### FEBRUARY 2012

11 Grand Master's Arizona Tour, Briarwood Country Club 20800 N. 135th Ave., Sun City West, Arizona. See story on page 7.

### MARCH 2012

31 2012 Degree Competition at the Madison Masonic Center starting at 9:00 a.m. Lodges will be competing in the second section of the Master Mason Degree. Deadline for entries is February 29. For more information contact Grand Lecturer Kenneth Gorgen [atjkorgren@att.net](mailto:atjkorgren@att.net) or phone 262-691-0859. See story on page 3.

### JUNE 2012

1-2 168th Annual Communication, Madison Masonic Center.



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## Wisconsin Masons Sign “Statement of Support” for Our Guard and Reserve



Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. reads the ESGR Statement of Support as Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, looks on. The Grand Master signed the statement at the recent Grand Lodge staff meeting in Wisconsin Rapids.

Photo by Rich Rygh

### By Rich Rygh

Deputy Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert recently attended the Defense Department’s “Bosslift” on behalf of his own business and the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. He traveled aboard a KC-135 tanker jet from Milwaukee to Norfolk, Virginia (see pages 10 and 11 of the October *Wisconsin Masonic Journal*). This operation demonstrates the critical role of the National Guard and Reserve in our nation’s defense.

“Bosslift” transports employers to military training sites where they observe National Guard and Reserve members on duty. This provides the employer a better understanding of what these men and women do when they are away from their civilian jobs and on duty with their military units. Employers are encouraged to offer recommendations and ideas for improving the employer/employee relationship with respect to absences for military service.

Deputy Grand Master Siewert gave some eye-opening statistics at a recent Grand Lodge staff meeting in Wisconsin Rapids. Never before in the history of our military have we deployed as many Guard and Reservists. Some have been overseas three or four times and employers are

concerned about hiring these people because they are gone so often and for such long periods. In Dec. 2009 the rate of unemployment for those leaving the military was 9%, today it is 22%. For people leaving the military in the youngest age group, 18-24, the unemployment rate is twice that of those who have not served.

It has long been the policy of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin to fully support those who serve our nation in our armed services and to honor those veterans who have served. A letter and Statement of Support will be provided for each constituent Lodge in Wisconsin. They will be delivered to the lodges by the Area Administrators or District Deputies or handed out at your district meeting. It is asked that the Master of the Lodge sign the statement and frame it in the supplied frame and display it in a prominent place in the Lodge Building. By signing the statement the Lodge is telling our Nation’s leaders that we will recognize and support our country’s service members and their families in peacetime and in war.

When this undertaking is finished, Wisconsin will be the first Grand Lodge in the United States to have completed this duty.

Many Brothers are employers and it is hoped that they will consider hiring those who serve and those who have served.

The Statement of Support is supplied by the Department of Defense’s ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve) Agency. For more information about the ESGR and its support of the members of our Guard and Reserve go to [www.esgr.org](http://www.esgr.org) or call 1-800-336-4590.

## Chaplains Corps and Code are Topics at Grand Lodge Officer Staff Meeting

### By Rich Rygh

Officers of the Grand Lodge met in Wisconsin Rapids on Sept. 30-Oct. 2, with committees

meeting Friday afternoon and Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. welcoming everyone Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. to begin a

day of discussions and breakout sessions.

The District Deputies gave reports on activities in their districts and events they have attended since the last staff meeting. The Deputies reported a lot of degree work going on in the lodges and most districts had many successful summer social events. The lodges using the Ashlar Award program report it is working very well. A new DeMolay Chapter has been consecrated in Eau Claire with 15 members.

All other Grand Lodge Officers gave reports on their activities and projects they have been working on.

Grand Orator Keith D. Chamberlain, PGM, reported on his activities in the reactivated office of Orator. He presented an oration at the reactivation of the Charter of Olive Branch Lodge

See **Meeting** on page 10



Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie explains that he is finding a renewed interest in Freemasonry on behalf of the public.

Photo by Rich Rygh

### On Our Cover

The entrance to the recently renovated Grand Masonic Center in Dousman on a beautiful October day. Interior work will begin in November. See story on page 2.

Photo by Rich Rygh

## The Grand Master’s Message:

By Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin  
Brother Davey L. White Jr.

Brethren,

As we look at the beautiful scenes the supreme architect of the universe has provided for us in the month of October, we must feel an overwhelming sense of joy and gratitude for the opportunity to enjoy his creations. The colors of the trees and watching the animals scurry around preparing for the upcoming winter is my favorite time of year.

This is also the busy part of our constituent lodges’ years as the current Masters are busy trying to finish implementing their programs, while at the same time preparing the lodges for the upcoming elections and the installation of a new Master for the upcoming Masonic year.

This is also a very busy time for your elected and appointed Grand Lodge officers as they are busy trying to relay information to the lodges at our district meetings. I hope every lodge takes the opportunity to attend their respective district meeting, so they have the opportunity to hear the plans that are laid out on our trestleboards for the upcoming year. This is the place where you can voice your opinion and ask any pertinent questions you may have for the officers.

The Grand Lodge officers have just completed their first staff meeting in Wisconsin Rapids at the beginning of October. We as an Executive staff get to hear reports from all the District Deputies. They voice their concerns and make recommendations on what they think is the best course of action to help individual lodges in their districts. I am pleased to let you know that Masonry seems to be moving along quite well and in the right direction for the most part. I was a little bit alarmed on the number of lodges reported having internal arguments amongst themselves. We all need to pay attention to the simple lessons taught in the openings and closing of our lodges. Peace and Harmony should prevail in all instances. The Charges that we receive at the conclusion of each degree and at our installations are full of lessons that we should utilize in our daily lives as well as when in lodge. Working together and implementing these lessons we can make a big difference in our communities, lodges and lives. When approaching subjects using Masonic principles and utilizing our teachings, there is no room for arguments and unrest in the lodge.

On a personal note, I have been busy not only as the Grand Master but also at work. We have been on overtime for the past several months and working third shift it makes for some very sleepless days and nights. I have had the pleasure to once again visit one of our veterans hospitals in Tomah. It is a very rewarding experience and I encourage everyone to take the time to visit and volunteer their time for those who have provided a great deal for us.

I am sure most of you have read about the ESGR (Employers supporting the Guards and Reserve) project we have initiated. I ask that all Masons take part in this worthwhile cause and show our military personnel how much we appreciate their efforts defending our great country and the principles we hold dear.

Fraternally,  
Davey L. White Jr.



Davey L. White Jr.  
Grand Master



## Waterloo Lodge donates for first responder device

Waterloo Lodge No. 63 presented a check for \$1000 to the Marshall Fire Department recently. The funds will be used to purchase an Ara Safety Pro™ device for first responder fire fighting. Above (from left): are Rich Andrews, Blair Pierce, Joseph Myren, Joshua Myren, John Haight, Mel Stark, and Boyd Pierce.

Submitted by Bro. Mel Stark, News Hawk



## Elmbrook Lodge honors Eagle Scout

Elmbrook Lodge No. 354, Brookfield, presented a scholarship to Eagle Scout Jacob Miner. He is attending the UW Milwaukee with a Technical Production major. He is also working at an event production company and has the possibility of being a Set/Technical Director for a Kettle Moraine High School show. The scholarship was presented at a barbecue dinner on June 28 attended by his family and members of Myron Reed Lodge No. 297 and Scottish Rite. Bro. Jim Stoebe, Master, presents the check to Jacob Miner.

Submitted by Bro. Jim Stoebe, Master

## Grand Masonic Center Renovation Gets Underway

A renovation was recently completed on the exterior of the Grand Masonic Center in Dousman. All exterior wood was scraped and repainted and gutters and roof damage was repaired. The ramp into the building was replaced and the railing refurbished to meet ADA specifications. New front doors and electronic locks will soon be installed. Because of the cost of tuck-pointing, money will be allocated for so much work to be done on a yearly basis until it is complete.

Interior work will begin in November. The interior will be completely repainted, blinds will be replaced and the large conference room will receive new shades and be setup for electronic media presentations. The carpet will be replaced and cosmetic repairs will be done as needed. It has been 25 years since this type of work has been done.

The money for the project is coming from the Land Fund which is money set aside from the sale of properties.

## Thoughts for the Journey

By Reverend David R. Ritchie, Grand Chaplain

Movies and books are often filled with notions of Masonic treasure. Our greatest treasure is one we often leave at home. Our wives are often our greatest asset. With their blessing we attend meetings and dinners, often ones they cooked. They bake cakes and make sandwiches for meetings they will not attend. Often it is our ladies who talk the most highly about our craft to family and friends. (I guess they see the difference it makes in us.) Although they are not members our ladies are often one of the most important parts of our lodges. To that end there is now a ceremony that can be used at the passing of a Brother's wife. This is not an Eastern Star service but one performed by Masons. Its purpose is to aid our Brother in his time of grief and to pay our last respects to his lady. She was someone we had probably worked side by side with at fundraisers and dinners, laughed with, and enjoyed the company of her husband, our Brother. This service can be preformed by any Brother of the lodge and for the wife of any Brother. If you have questions or would like a copy please contact me. (Hopefully it will be on line soon.)



Rev. David Ritchie  
Grand Chaplain

Many of you may have noticed that at your recent district meeting there was no District Chaplain. This is due to a change in the overall chaplains corp. The chaplains corp is taking on new responsibilities and a new format. The regional chaplain will be responsible for offering prayer when called upon and assisting the District Deputies but will also have two additional roles. The first is to train and assist brethren in memorial services and other like duties. The second will be to act as an ambassador for the Masonic charities. This second role is one of point person or liaison between the craft and the charities. There will be no fund raising done by the chaplains. This is being done to bridge a gap in communication and provide assistance to Brothers or lodges who have questions about our charities. To get this done though, we need men willing to become regional chaplains. You must be a Past Master of your lodge, willing to be trained and then pass that training along, attend District meetings and training sessions, offer a prayer when requested, be willing to assist the D.D.s. and work with the public answering questions about Freemasonry. You do not need to be clergy and this position is never to be used to promote your personal views on matters of faith. If you have questions or are interested in becoming a Regional Chaplain please contact me or your District Deputy.

Lastly my Brothers, November 11 is Veteran's Day. Thank you to all who served their country and its citizens. We exercise rights on a daily basis that we often do not see. In our lodges we arrive with the freedom of travel, we gather under the freedom of assembly, speak with the freedom of speech, pray with the freedom of religion and so on. In some countries of the world Masonry is illegal. Our brothers risk jail or worse if caught practicing our gentle craft. Our servicemen and women have fought and sacrificed that we may exercise this simple right, let alone the all the others. In Afghanistan the only lodges to practice "openly" are on military bases. May the Blessing of Heaven rest upon all who serve this nation and her people. Remember them in your prayers and while you are at it send them off a letter or email telling them they are in your thoughts.

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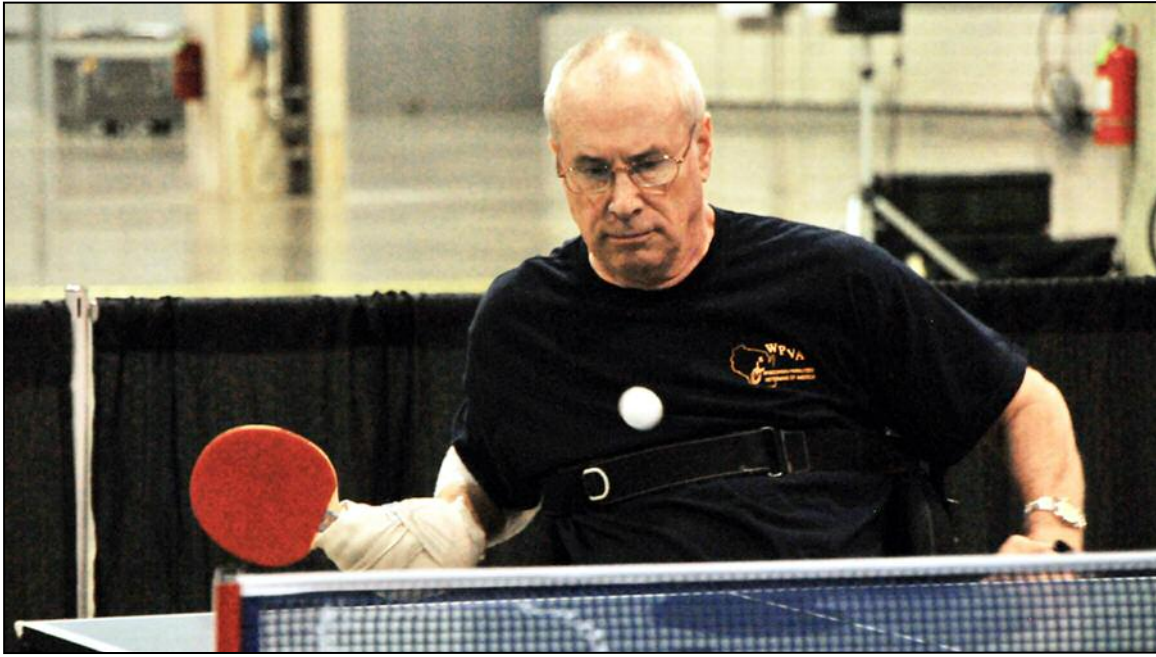
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# Bro. Ken Matthews Brings Home the Gold



Bro. Ken Matthews concentrates on returning the ball during Table Tennis.

Photo Courtesy 5000 West

## By Rich Rygh

Bro. Ken Matthews was among sixteen athletes from Wisconsin who traveled to the 31st annual National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Pittsburg, Penn., August 1-6.

Nearly 600 wheelchair athletes participated, competing in 17 different events and several exhibition events.

Wisconsin veterans brought home a total of 40 medals -17 gold, 16 silver and seven bronze.

Bro. Matthews captured four of the gold medals. He took top honors in bowling, slalom, 25-yard backstroke and table tennis.

Bro. Matthews, 62, is a Navy Veteran of the Viet Nam War and a Past Master of Ozaukee Lodge No. 17. In 2003 he was in a roll over automobile accident which left him completely paralyzed below his armpits. He said, "This was the seventh time I have had the good fortune to be able to

compete in the Wheelchair Games. The competition is always keen, but the highlight never fails to be the performance of a first time athlete as they tenaciously work to achieve there goal of completing an event."

Bro. Matthews has earned several gold and silver medals over the years.

The games are the largest annual wheelchair sports competition in the world, produced through a joint effort between the Paralyzed Veterans of America and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. They are supported by individual and corporate donations.

Veterans competing were from all 50 states, Puerto Rico and Great Britain and varied in age from 22 to 92.

For more information about the games, visit their website at [www.wheelchairgames.va.gov](http://www.wheelchairgames.va.gov).

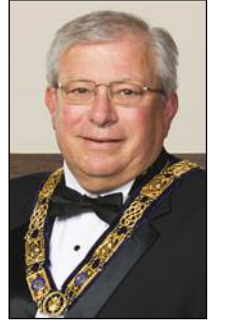
## NOTES FROM THE GRAND LECTURER

By Brother Kenneth C. Gorgen

My Brothers,

As Grand Lecturer, I have the pleasure of observing a significant amount of degree work. Prior to the degree starting, I have witnessed both ends of the scale of lodge preparedness. On one side of the spectrum a lodge will have all the parts filled in advance and be ready to go, and on the other side, there is sheer panic with trying to fill parts at the last minute.

Now, I'm a process guy. I make my living by looking at how processes operate and then make recommendations for possible improvement, and then tweaking to get them to operate at an optimum level. Everything we do is a process requiring some input actions to achieve a desired result. There is no denying it, degree work planning, educating candidates, presenting a meaningful degree, mentoring, and coaching are all processes within the lodge. So how is your lodge's ritual process working?



Kenneth C. Gorgen  
Grand Lecturer

Is your lodge's degree process in a perfect state? Your officer's chairs are filled or near filled and all are proficient in the ritual work required for the chair they occupy. Page seven in the cipher lays out suggested work assignments. Ideally, these officers are able to take over for other officers that are absent up to two chairs ahead of them. If a lodge is operating in the perfect state, degree work can be done on short notice without any panic. Lodges in this state are also very active at their schools of instruction.

So your lodge's degree process has not yet reached the perfect state. Maybe it is close and just outside of being in the perfect state. I envision this lodge to have enough knowledgeable members regularly present at every degree. The lodge officers are not proficient on the required work, but they are learning and getting ready to take over. As the efforts to learn the work progresses, the lodge starts to elevate itself from a near perfect state to the perfect state.

The near perfect state is a dangerous time for a lodge. Complacency can set in, and a lodge can easily slip when someone else is doing the work for the officers. The foundation needed to be ritual proficient is not being laid, and if the officers do not strive to catch up and take over, the chain of events needed to perpetuate this strong ritual base will never develop. As the lodge officers let their ritual proficiency slip, the lodge begins to move away from the perfect state toward the brink of chaos. A false sense of security develops that everything is okay. It appears that there are always enough proficient members around to support degree work. Planning is done in advance to make sure all parts are filled. All the details have been addressed and the lodge will be ready to go on degree night.

Never the less, the lodge lacks depth in ritual capability within its corps of officers, and there is trouble brewing on the horizon. Changes can happen in a moment, and all it takes is some last minute no-shows or cancellations by the star players. Chaos sets in because there are not enough knowledgeable brothers in attendance to put on the required degree. A firestorm has started. Does the lodge move ahead with the degree by violating code and reading the parts, or does it reschedule and disappoint the candidate and any family or friends that came to witness this special evening? Hopefully, the right decision is made and the degree is rescheduled. Reading the parts not only makes for a poor degree and robs the candidate of a meaningful experience, but also it's not allowed.

Take a look at your lodge's ritual program. Where does your lodge fit; perfect state, near perfect state, brink of chaos, or in chaos? If your lodge resides on the chaotic end, you know what needs to be done. I am going to leave you with one last thought on reading the ritual out of the cipher during lodge or during a degree. Reading to the candidate is ineffective for his education. We need to communicate the lessons by looking him in the eye. Eye contact not only helps keep his attention, but also sets up an atmosphere of instruction of teacher to student. Burying yourself in a book to deliver the lessons is very ineffective and also illegal in Wisconsin Masonry.

As always, I wish you much success in your degree work. Be a ritual leader in your Lodge, learn a new part, and encourage others to do the same. Mentor the candidates with fierce abandon; keep your lodge out of ritual chaos. Your lodge will be proud of your efforts and then we will all see more Light.

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

## Ask Hiram?

[askhiram@wisc-freemasonry.org](mailto:askhiram@wisc-freemasonry.org)

**Question:** My dad is a member in Milwaukee, and has moved to a nursing home. How do I update his address? Thanks for your help.  
Bro. Bob

**Answer:** This is a great question. Many Brothers need to keep their information current so that correspondence from the Grand Lodge gets to them. I certainly would want to see the Masonic Journal in their hands monthly to keep them updated on what's happening in the State and to be able to see the Ask Hiram column. With the technology advancements pursued and implemented by our Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge database, changing contact information can be as easy as contacting the Secretary of your lodge, or as difficult as making a phone call.

These are the avenues to take. First, if you are also a member of your dad's lodge, then it is a simple matter of contacting the secretary of your lodge who can immediately change the information in the Masonic On-line Registry Interface also known as MORI. If you are not a member, then you must contact the secretary of his lodge and the change can be made.

If these two alternatives will not work, then call the Grand Lodge office toll free at 800-242-2307 or not toll free 262-965-2200. Cheryl will answer the phone, and she or any of the ladies in the Grand Lodge office can take care of this for you.

**Question:** In the first section of the E.A. the three lesser lights are identified. Does the sun represent the east candle or the south candle? I have

seen it presented both ways.  
Bro. Dennis

**Answer:** What a coincidence and a very good question. Our Grand Lecturer beat me to it, and wrote about the Three Lesser Lights in the October 2011 edition of the Masonic Journal. I am going to try to summarize his thoughts.

The south candle represents the sun. Life would not exist without the benefit of the energy that comes from the sun. Agriculture and the food chain that follows would not exist without the rays of the sun. That being said, it is only appropriate that this candle is in the south close to the Junior Warden. His duty, according to ritual is tied to the sun and also to the nourishment of the craft. The South Candle represents the sun and as our Grand Lecturer stated, "... this point is in the Junior Warden's place. As the sun brings life to our planet, he also symbolically brings nourishment to the Craft as he superintends them during the hour of refreshment".

Since the south candle represents the sun, the east candle represents the Master of the Lodge. In the ritual, the Master of the Lodge is reminded to rule and govern his lodge with regularity, and this regularity is compared to the regularity of the sun during the day and the moon during the night. I think some confusion on this subject might come from the opening and closing of the Lodge where the Master is compared to the rising of the sun. It is only a comparison, and is not directly tied to the east candle of the Lesser Lights.

**Do you have a question about Freemasonry, such as the code, ritual, Grand Lodge Office, etc.? Then you need to ask Hiram.**

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## 2012 Degree Competition March 31

The 2012 Degree Competition will be held Saturday, March 31 at the Madison Masonic Center starting at 9:00 a.m.

Lodges will be competing in the second section of the Master Mason Degree. Opening, conferring, historical lecture, third section and closing are not part of the competition.

Any member of a lodge may participate and do any part. Current Grand Lodge Officers and District Lecturers are excluded.

All lodge secretaries will receive entry forms by mail.

Lodges will be judged by District Lecturers and Grand Lecturer Kenneth Gorgen.

Deadline for entries is February 29.

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

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# A History of Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128

Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128 celebrated their 150th Anniversary on June 12 of this year with a Luncheon Program at the Mead Hotel in downtown Wisconsin Rapids followed by a Reconsecration Ceremony at the Wisconsin Rapids Masonic Center by Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. and the Grand Lodge Officers.

Bro. Craig Carpenter, Master, explained that one of the things that makes our organization so strong is our Bros. would sit in lodge and talk to each other as Bros. and it didn't make any difference that one man ran a paper machine and the other man owned that paper machine, they were Bros. He said, "For 150 years the Lodge has thrived on the practicing of our tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth."

The following is a history of the beginning of the Lodge and some of the highlights from the minutes of the meetings over the last 150 years. This history was compiled over the years by Bros. Martin Lipke (1891-1961) and James Studley (1927-2004). It was brought up to date by Bro. Craig Carpenter for this celebration.

On March 3, 1860, the present Lodge, then known as Grand Rapids Lodge No. 128 F. & A.M., was organized under the dispensation of the following petitioners: S.J. Carpenter, Jesse H. Lang, A. Pierce, A. Lamb, Henry Clinton, Robert Farrish, Thos. Barbour, S.H. Pearson, J. Stanley Rood. The charter was granted June 12, 1861. In 1867 the records of the Lodge were entirely destroyed by fire so there is a gap in the records of proceedings.

The first record after the fire being Dec. 16, 1867. Through the courtesy of the Grand Lodge the names of officers for these years were obtained. Stephen J. Carpenter, being the first Master, the following sketch may be of interest:

There is not a biography of Bro. Stephen J. Carpenter other than Moses H. Strong induced him to come as superintendent in charge of rebuilding the dam and Whitney Mill at Whitney Rapids (Nekoosa) in 1858.

Moses Strong had acquired the mill site and water rights from the original owner, Daniel Whitney. At this time the mill was in a state of decay and the original dam had disappeared.

Carpenter agreed to rebuild the dam and take \$3,000 of company shares for his work. After fighting spring freshets and summer floods, the dam was completed in Dec. 1861.

The Civil War had now darkened the horizon and Bro. Carpenter recruited a volunteer company at Stevens Point which was known as Lyons Pinery Battery with Carpenter unanimously elected its Captain. It was mustered in to Federal Service in the spring of 1862, later known as 6th Wisconsin Vol. Artillery attached to Col. E. Woodruff's Brigade, General Rosecrans Army of the Cumberland.

Bro. Carpenter was killed at the battle of Murfreesboro, Tenn., Dec. 31, 1862, where his company was in the thickest of the battle.

The early records having been destroyed, the minutes and records

of meeting places are not available. The early meeting places were the George Neeves Hall on Second Street, and the Wm. S. Miller Hall (upstairs over the present Eron Plumbing Shop). Later they met in the Gardner Hall (upstairs over Brauer's Store).

The present Charter in the Lodge room is dated June 10, 1873 and it is noted that it replaces an earlier Charter which was destroyed by fire early in 1873, along with the minutes of proceedings for that portion of the year.

Year 1867 - Meetings were held first & third Saturdays of the month until April 6 when meeting nights were changed to first and third Mondays of the month. Dues were \$2.00 and membership fee was \$20.00. Each candidate was balloted on for each degree. The year 1867 was a busy one - 19 petitions of which 9 were accepted.

Jan. 6, 1868 - Bill from W.S. Miller for \$54.16 allowed in full for hall rent from Aug. 1, 1866, to Sept. 2, 1867.

May 18, 1868 - Wm. S. Miller offered to rent his hall for Lodge purposes at \$100.00 per year with privilege of renting it for 20 years - accepted.

May 18, 1868 - Resolution introduced to increase fee of degrees to \$40.00.

Dec. 27, 1869 - Secretary was voted \$10.00 per year for his services.

Oct. 12, 1871 - Special Meeting: Lodge voted unanimously to donate \$200.00 to sufferers of disastrous fire in Wisconsin (Peshtigo fire).

Jan. 4, 1873 - Resolution passed to raise dues to \$3.00 annually.

May 17, 1873 - Secretary reported that the minutes from and including Jan. 18th were destroyed by fire and gave some of the minutes from memory.

Dec. 3, 1873 - Lem Kromer appointed as a committee of one to procure a desk for secretary, also 1 doz. more chairs and one doz. spittoons.

June 1, 1881. Grand Lodge dues \$32.00. Membership at this time 49 with 7 past masters.

Aug. 17, 1883 - Resolution that Lodge move to Gardner block over Reeves Store at rental of \$100.00 per year, payable in advance.

July 18, 1886 - Members met at skating rink, formed in procession, proceeded to the house of Bro. Herschleb and conveyed his remains to the rink where funeral services were held, after which procession formed again and marched to the grave where the last ceremonies were performed in due and ancient form, then escorted the mourners to their home and marched back to the hall.

Feb. 19, 1888 - Burial services conducted for Bro. C.S. Taylor (with note by Sec. - 56° below zero at sunrise.)

Aug. 17, 1889 - Electric lights installed at a cost of \$35.00 (material \$30.00, labor \$5.00). Electric light bill 8-21-1889 to 8-21-1890 - \$5.30.

March 6, 1895 - Moved that the Electric Company be instructed to remove lights if they insist on increasing rate.



Wisconsin Rapids Masonic Center, home of Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128.

April 18, 1895 - Lights were ordered taken out except the outside light.

June 3, 1896 - Motion passed unanimously permitting the new Chapter of Eastern Star to use Lodge rooms for one year.

April 2 - 1902 - Ten applications for degrees received at one meeting.

April 19, 1905 - Dues increased to \$10.00 for resident members, \$5.00 for non-resident members.

Dec. 6, 1905 - Earlier resolution increasing dues rescinded. Dues set at \$4.00. Motion carried.

May 2, 1906 - Lodge donated \$100.00 for the relief of Brethren - San Francisco earthquake.

Oct. 10, 1911 - Motion passed to buy the Congregational Church property for \$2,500.

Oct. 16, 1912 - Motion passed that Brothers refrain from smoking while Lodge is in session.

May 18, 1921 - Name of Lodge officially changed to read Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128.

April 5, 1922 - Lodge voted use of Lodge Room to DeMolay chapter.

April 7, 1926 - Committee on proposed new bldg. reports present financial condition does not warrant the attempt and suggested instead to remodel.

May 17, 1939 - Lodge gave permission to Jobs Daughters under sponsorship of Eastern Star to use Temple.

Year 1946 - Established a record of 21 men raised to Master Mason degree.

Sep. 5, 1956 - Motion carried to have architect draw up preliminary plans for a new Temple.

March 6, 1957 - Four sites for new temple under consideration.

April 3, 1957 - Decision made to buy the site at Boles Creek from Nekoosa Edwards Paper Co. at cost of \$5,000.00.

April 11, 1957 - Building site at Boles Creek purchased.

Oct. 2, 1957 - Lodge voted by a 5/6 majority to build a hexagonal building of approximately 6,000 sq. ft. at cost of \$90,000 complete.

April 2, 1958 - Bro. Paul Flemming appointed chairman of corner stone laying ceremony set for Wed. June 4 with Grand Master Alfred E. Anderson presiding.

June 4, 1958. Corner stone laid.

March 14, 1959 - Formal dedication of the new temple. A buffet dinner was enjoyed by nearly 250 persons including the Grand Master and 7 other Grand Officers. W.M. Martin Lipke hosted the evening.

Oct. 7, 1959 - The final cost of the new temple was re-reported at \$109,104.04.

July 22, 1960 - Celebration of the Centennial of this Lodge. A dinner was served to 14 present and past Grand Lodge officers -

plus representation from all local affiliated bodies.

July 1965 - The Lodge began a commitment to the Tomah Veterans' Hospital to push wheelchair patients to Church.

Feb. 26, 1970 - The first joint Masonic - Knights of Columbus brotherhood dinner and social mixer was held at the Knights Hall. Nearly 300 attended.

Feb. 3, 1971 - The "Lower Lights" Masonic Choir - organized and directed by P.M. James E. Studley - made its initial appearance in the Lodge - assisting in the degree work. The choir would continue for nearly 20 years.

Dec. 1972 - The mortgage on the temple was satisfied and symbolically burned.

Oct. 11, 1975 - "An American Ordeal at Valley Forge", an original Masonic play written by P.M. James E. Studley, was presented in honor of the nation's Bi-Centennial by a cast of the Brethren and the Choir.

Feb. 21, 1976 - A banquet dinner was held to commemorate and celebrate the nation's Bi-Centennial. The large turnout of 236 necessitated the use of the labor temple for this event.

March 16, 1983 - A scholarship program was begun with modest assistance from the Grand Lodge.

Oct. 19, 1983 - Council #39 Royal and Select Masons formally moved from the Marshfield temple to our temple.

Oct. 18, 1989 - A cash donation was sent to the Wisconsin Masonic Service organization for the relief of victims of hurricane Hugo in South Carolina.

Feb. 19, 1992 - The Pittsville Masonic Lodge ceased operations and formally consolidated with this Lodge under our existing name and charter.

Dec. 1993 - In response to appeals for help from the Salvation Army, a program of ringing their fund appeal bells for the holidays was begun. 20 Master Masons answered this call and donated more than 120 hours of service. This program was continued in subsequent years.

Nov. 3, 1994 - Crusade Commandery #17, K.T. held its first regular meeting in our temple. It has moved here from Stevens Point and completes the spectrum of York rite bodies housed in our temple.

Feb. 5, 1997 - Permission has been received from the city to place a Masonic Lodge sign on the community sign board. The secretary was directed to order the sign.

Feb. 18, 1998 - Under the sponsorship of the Lodge, the Masonic Show Choir from Milwaukee performed in Wisconsin Rapids. More than 350 people attended the performance.

Oct. 21, 1998 - The Lodge purchased and distributed 6,200

KID-ID kits to schools throughout the Wisconsin Rapids, Nekoosa, and Port Edwards areas.

May 19, 1999 - The Lodge's application to the State of Wisconsin to be responsible for the clean up of a section of highway was approved.

Jan. 19, 2000 - Discussion was held on the possibility of the Lodge purchasing a drug dog for the city. Cost would be in the \$10-\$15,000.00 range.

Sep. 6, 2000. The Lodge golf outing held during the summer had 41 golfers participate and raised \$3,300 for the Crime Stoppers Program.

Feb. 7, 2001 - A Children's Festival will be held at Lincoln High School. By vote of the Lodge it was agreed to rent space at \$10 and purchase 4,100 KIDS ID kits to be passed out.

June 20, 2001 - Bro. John Hein was installed as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin at Grand Lodge on Monday, June 11. Officers of Wisconsin Rapids Lodge publicly opened the Grand Lodge for Bro. John's installation.

Sept. 19, 2001 - Following the Pledge of Allegiance, WM Rhodes requested a moment of silence be observed for the victims of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

Sept. 19, 2001 - By vote of the Lodge, it was agreed that the Lodge set up a fund in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be used for the relief of the widows and orphans of Master Masons who died in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Nov. 7, 2001 - Most Worshipful Grand Master John Hein returned to Lodge for the first time since being installed. He was formally received and accorded the Grand Honors of Masonry.

June 19, 2002 - Brothers of the Lodge performed the opening ceremonies at Grand Lodge for Most Worshipful Grand Master John Hein.

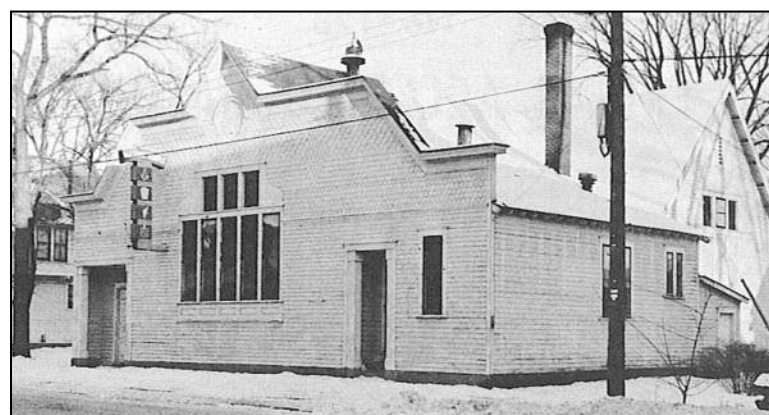
Dec. 4, 2002 - A request from Grand Lodge for support for the "Building on a Vision" program at the Wisconsin Masonic Home, a motion was made and passed to contribute \$1,000.00 to the project.

Sept. 3, 2003 - The Lodge voted to contribute \$2,000.00 to be used to help purchase defibrillators for the Sheriff's Dept. squad cars.

June 2, 2004 - By combining funds from the Lodge in the amount \$555.00 was presented to Bro. Jack Kahoun in support of the Wood County WWII memorial that will be placed in front of the Wood County Courthouse. A memorial stone with the Lodge name will be implanted in the paving.

April 6, 2005 - A check in the amount of \$9,000.00 has been delivered to Lincoln High School.

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**By Rich Rygh**

Bro. William Barnes, Director of Development, welcomed a group of widows to a "Widows at the Table Dinner" at the Madison Masonic Center on October 4. The dinner was sponsored by the Wisconsin Masonic Charities.

Bro. Barnes presented a Masonic Widow's Pin to each of the Ladies as Development Coordinator Erika Miller passed out red roses.

Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. extended his welcome to the ladies and presented the story of the Widow's Pin, its meaning to the craft and he explained the emblems thereon.

Deputy Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert introduced the Grand Lodge Officers, Development Coordinator Erika Miller and Rich Rygh, editor of the *Wisconsin Masonic Journal*. He suggested any widow not receiving the Masonic Journal to make it known and they will be added to the mailing list.

The Deputy Grand Master explained, "That we are here to reinforce those Masonic principles that your husbands and our Brothers have lived by. Freemasonry is not a charity and we don't claim to be a charitable organization, but rather our philanthropic endeavors are a direct result of our tenets or beliefs. Our tenets taught in the Entered Apprentice Degree are: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth."

He stated that relief centers around the fact that we must take care of our widows and orphans.

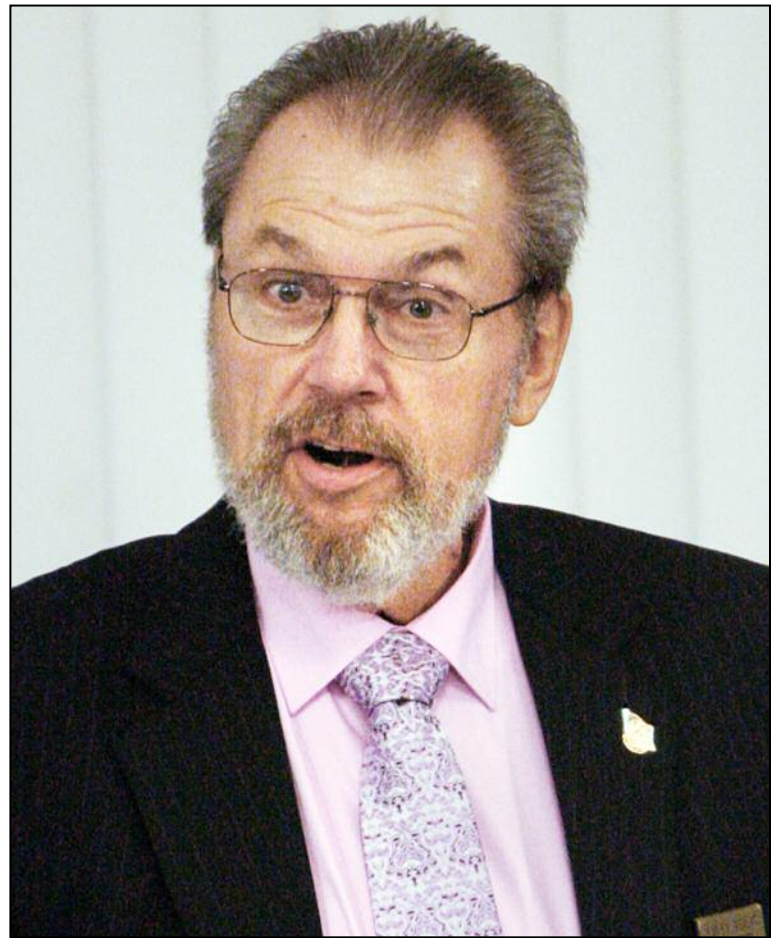
Deputy Grand Master Siewert asked how many remember 1963, the year President John F. Kennedy was killed? He said, "This year was also a milestone in my life, it was the year my father committed suicide and left my mother with five kids, and 300 bucks. I was the oldest of the five and I was 17 years old. The good news is that we all survived, my brothers and sisters have all ended up with great careers, we took care of each other."

The Deputy Grand Master said his father, grandfather, great grandfather and his great great grandfather were all Masons and he didn't know it. Many Bros. back then never told anyone they were Masons, but lived the life of a Mason. Today, his son Bro. Barry Siewert is a sixth generation Wisconsin Mason and a Past Master.

He said he would like to share a few things about what Masons do. He said as a 17 year old kid he went on to work at a Red Owl Store, in Stevens Point, where he worked for a man who was a Mason. When he carried out groceries at the store he said he would have men walk up to him and put a ten or twenty dollar bill in his shirt pocket and asked how is your mother doing, make sure she gets this money. This was a lot of money in 1963. He said later he found out all these men were Masons and that this is an example of Masonic charity. When his mother and family didn't have a place to live in the Masons cosigned a note for \$1500 for a downpayment on a house.

Deputy Grand Master Siewert explained that charity is a way of life and gave examples of Wisconsin Masonic Charities. He said first of all we want to make sure our widows are not forgotten, that they get the Wisconsin Masonic Journal, and that they are invited to Lodge activities. He said last year the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation gave out \$240,000 in scholarships to Wisconsin high school seniors. The service and assistance fund

See **Widows** on page 7



Deputy Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert explains the importance and need for Masonic charity.



Bro. William Barnes, Director of Development, presents Widow's Pins to (from left): Ladies Nancy Tiedeman, Dorothy Cassity and Mary Ann Harris. Photos by Rich Rygh

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## Grand Master to Visit Florida and Arizona in Jan. and Feb.

Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. will be visiting Florida and Arizona along with Director of Development William Barnes in January and February.

The 2012 tour will begin on Friday, January 13, at Forest Country Club, 6100 Club Blvd. S. W., Fort Myers, Florida. The coordinator for this event is Bro. Billy Brown, 271-2 Lenell Rd., Ft. Myers, FL 33931, Before Dec. 1, 270-362-8180 after 239-463-3361.

Saturday, January 14, will be at Deer Creek RV Golf Resort, 42749 Hwy. 27, Davenport, Florida. Past Grand Master Carl Wussow will be the coordinator, he can be reached at: 111 Laurel Oak Pass, Davenport, FL

33837, 863-420-1839.

The tour will be in Arizona on Saturday, February 11 at Briarwood Country Club 20800 N. 135th Ave., Sun City West, Arizona. The coordinator is Bro. Paul "Yash" Handa, 18031 N. Conquistador, Sun City West, AZ 85375-5119, 623-680-9067.

All visits begin with an 11:00 a.m. gathering and cash bar, followed by a luncheon at noon.

A presentation from Director of Development, Bro. William Barnes and Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, Davey L. White Jr. will follow.

All luncheons will have a \$15 non-refundable reservation fee made payable to the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation.



Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. explains the meaning of the Widow's Pin to the ladies at the "Widows at the Table Dinner".

Photo by Rich Rygh

### Do it now! Create an Endowed Fund

"Just do it now, make a gift that starts an endowed fund", said Brother Tom Walton.

His wonderful wife Ellen had died, and he wanted to do something to honor her physician, Dr. Emily Robinson.

Tom created an endowed fund in the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation that will guarantee an annual scholarship award to a medical student at the University of Wisconsin in obstetric gynecological oncology.

By choosing to make the gift now, instead of in his Will, he gets to see the benefit today. Each year he gets to meet the grateful recipient and explain that when they reach their educational goals, it will be their time to help the next generation.

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For a presentation at your lodge, or an individual proposal please contact William Barnes, Director of Development at 262 527-4294.

### Widows from page 6

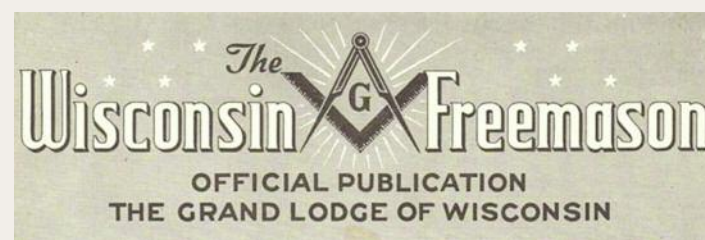
last year helped out widows and Brothers in the amount of over \$60,000. Youth Fund grants, for Job's Daughters, DeMolay and Rainbow totaled \$28,000. The Masonic Foundation matching grants were over \$40,000. Our greatest charity, the Wisconsin Masonic Home has budgeted for 2012 for non-reimbursed medicare expenses, \$1.8 million; for medicare non-reimbursed expenses, \$1.4 million; and charity, helping Brothers, sisters and widows, \$400,000. The charities for the year 2011-2012 totalled over \$3.9 million.

The Deputy Grand Master explained that these charities are

made possible from people who believe in charitable giving. He said, "I want to thank you, the widows, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin for your past, present and future support while building a Masonic Legacy for your loved ones and yourselves."

A moment of silence was observed in memory of our departed Brothers and our Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. proposed a toast in their honor.

Many of the ladies expressed their appreciation for a very meaningful and enjoyable evening.



### Coming Soon to Your Mailbox!

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# News Events from the Lodges



Brother Nate Jackson explains the driving forces of the economy and how it relates to investing.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer

## Bro. Nate Jackson Discusses Economy at River Falls Lodge

By Bro. Milt Helmer

Bro. Nate Jackson, owner of the Edward Jones in River Falls, took time out of his busy schedule to cast some light on the economy from the investors point of view. His comments came at the first meeting in October of River Falls Lodge No. 109.

In his remarks, Bro. Jackson said the economy goes through cycles every 6 to 8 years. According to Bro. Jackson, in the last 75 years, we have had

13 cycles. To help ease the concerns of the Brothers at the Lodge, Jackson mentioned that the economy is growing, just not that quickly.

He went on to note corporate earnings is what really matters to investors. Emotions tend to make the stock market go up and down.

He mentioned that consumer debt is down, which is good. Bro. Jackson also said he is looking for an estimated 12% growth in 2012 as we slowly come out of the last economic cycle.

He said the second quarter had record corporate profits of \$1.8 trillion dollars. Rather than follow the whims of Wall Street, he said he looks at the price to earnings ratios.

He also ventured into the subject of foreign and national debt.

Consumer spending accounts for 70% of the economy, so businesses on main street America can have a strong effect on the economy.

"One area that is a challenge for all investment houses is the fact that their are new regulations coming out every 2 hours, 27 minutes," Jackson said with a smile, "It's hard to keep up."

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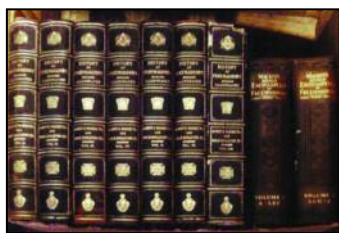
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## Ozaukee Lodge Presents CPR Anytime Kits



Ozaukee Lodge No. 17, Port Washington, presented Port Catholic Middle School with 100 CPR Anytime Kits on September 28. The lodge raised \$1,250 and a match of \$1,250 was provided by the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation for the purchase. These kits will allow the entire student body to be trained in first responder CPR. Pictured (from left): Gary McClellan; Rick Goeden, school principal; Sid Arthur, Master; William Johann, James Weber, John Benkley, Ryann Kobylski, Deb Miller, physical education teacher; and Katie Connelly, American Heart Association. There will be a group training day for all the students on November 8.

Submitted by Bro. Sid Arthur, Master

## 60 Years in Masonry; Bro. Recalls His Family Raising

By Bro. Milt Helmer

A special ceremony at the River Falls Lodge No. 109 was held to honor Bro. Kirby Symes October 4.

Bro. Symes, noted educator, coach, historian, and Mason, received a special plaque from the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin marking his 60 years as a member of River Falls Lodge.

He has always had a mind for details, so after the presentation by Master Jim Graham, he commented that his raising on August 28, 1951 was rather a unique event. Judge Robert Varnum, who was Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin at the time, was in attendance and gave the charge. But the true uniqueness of his raising was that all of the Lodge officers stepped down and Symes' family members, all Master Masons, stepped into the chairs to confer his degree. Taking a part in the conferral were Bros. Burt, Frank and Cliff Symes, his father Jesse Symes, cousins, John Symes and Milton Hunnycutt and his uncle Frank Finn. Another uncle Castle Brown served as one of the Stewards. His uncle, Frank Symes, also posted him in his degree work.

During the degree, Bro. Symes recalls a quartet made up of lodge members would sing while Bro. Archie Shepard played the piano. "It was a march that I have not heard since," he said. Bro. Symes wishes the music could be brought back because it added so much to the degree.

Bro. Symes thought it might be interesting to know if any other family in Wisconsin was so represented at a Masonic raising.



River Falls Master Jim Graham presents Bro. Kirby Symes with a special commemorative plaque from the Grand Lodge marking his 60 years as a Master Mason.

He issued a challenge to other lodges in the state to see if a degree was ever given by so many family members before.

## Attention Lodge Secretaries!

Keep your calendar open January 21-22, 2012 for the Statewide Secretaries Seminar in Madison. This seminar will be a two day event and include legal information, finance, electronic minutes and many other topics.

These topics will be presented by professionals in various fields and will provide very valuable information to the secretaries. It will be worth 100 points toward the 2012 Lodge Excellence Award.

# News Events from the Lodges



## Bro. Carl Arneson is 60 year Mason

Bro. Carl Arneson was honored by Barneveld Lodge No. 319 on Oct. 10 for 60 years of service. Bro. Arneson was raised on June 19, 1951. He was Master of the Lodge in 1962 and 1990 and served several years as Secretary/Treasurer. Other 60 plus year Bros. attending were Sam Arneson, Ralph Baumeister and Neal Massey. Pictured (from left): Junior Grand Steward Scott E. Pedley; Carl Arneson; Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie; and Scott Komplin, Master.

Submitted by Judie Komplin



## New Richmond honors Bros. for 60 years

New Richmond Lodge No. 195 held a special Honors Night on October 11, for the purpose of honoring Bros. Harlan Vehrs and John Beebe for 60 years of service to the Craft. Special commemorative plaques from the Grand Master were presented by Area Administrator Steve Schwartz of River Falls. Bro Harlan Vehrs was raised on Nov. 28, 1950. He is currently the Tiler of the Lodge and served as Master in 1979. Bro. John Beebe was raised on April 14, 1951 and served as Master in 1961. Pictured (from left): Harlan Vehrs, Steve Schwartz and John Beebe. Members and guests enjoyed a dinner to mark the occasion.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer



## Mineral Point honors Bro. Neil Davis

Brethren from Mineral Point Lodge No. 1 traveled to Bloomfield Manor in Dodgeville, on September 10, to honor Bro. Neil Davis for 60 years of service to the Fraternity. Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. reads the plaque honoring Bro. Davis. He was raised on August 30, 1951 in Rewey Lodge No. 153. He served the Lodge as Master in 1955. Rewey Lodge consolidated with Mineral Point Lodge in 1988. At the right is Bro. Davis' son Bro. Jim Davis, Master of Mineral Point Lodge.

Submitted by Bro. William Buckingham, Secretary



## Bro. Neath receives 50 year certificate

Bro. Dennis Erfurth (left), Master of Oregon Lodge No. 151, recently presented Bro. Gerald Neath his 50 year pin and certificate. Bro. Neath was raised October 13, 1960.

Photo by Rich Rygh

## Early Wisconsin Lodges were "Moon Lodges" Travel was Made by the Light of the Moon

Taken from "Forward Freemasonry Volume II", edited by Past Grand Master Allan E. Iding.

Once prevalent, "moon lodges" have disappeared from Wisconsin Masonry. The moon on the Junior Deacon's emblem, helps to recall the roll moonlight had in Masonry's early development. The moon served as a meeting notice and safety factor for Masons.

According to legend, the Noachite or Prussian Knight Degree was only in moonlight because of the prohibition to the use of artificial illumination during its ceremonies. Wisconsin Masonry's involvement with moonlight was far more practical. Lodges which established their meeting dates by a phase of the moon became known as moon lodges. Masons could determine meeting nights by watching the moon progress from new to full.

Masons also used the moonlight to guide their journey to lodge meetings. Rural roads and local streets were unpaved and rutted from wagon, and oxen traffic. The absence of artificial lighting and the presence of heavy animal usage of the streets created additional hurdles and obstacles for the unwary. Travel along the rough board sidewalks or unpaved city streets at night was an adventure for many Masons. The moon provided light.

The meeting nights of moon

lodges were designated as a specific weekday "O.B. or O.A.," which represented "on or before" and "on or after" night of a full moon. As an example, Warren Lodge No. 4 at Potosi met Saturday O.B." nearly continuously into the 1930s. A few Lodges specified their meeting night as the actual night the moon was full.

In the 1850s, over 40% of Wisconsin's lodges were moon

lodges. As artificial lighting and better roads appeared, the practice of scheduling lodge meetings by a phase of the moon disappeared. By 1900, only a few moon lodges remained in the state. A list of the lodges which were at one time moon lodges, as well as the date of the Grand Lodge Proceedings in which they were last listed can be found on pages 125 and 126 in "Forward Freemasonry Volume II".

## Former Iran Hostage to Speak at Ozaukee Lodge on Nov. 12

Kevin Hermening was the youngest of the 65 Americans taken prisoner and held in captivity for 444 days at the US Embassy in Iran from November 4, 1979 to January 20, 1981.

A 20-year old Marine when he was captured, Hermening remained in the military until 1994.



Kevin Hermening

He received the US State Department's Award for Valor, a Prisoner of War Medal and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

On November 12, Hermening will share the experience of his captivity in Iran at the Ozaukee Lodge Recognition Night at the Port Washington Masonic Center, 504 W. Grand Ave., in Port Washington.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with an authentic German Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Cost is \$20.00 per person with reservations due Nov. 5, see form below.

Contact Bro. Sid Arthur, Master, at sid@sidssealants.com.

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### Ozaukee Lodge Recognition Dinner

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## Meeting from page 1

No. 6 in New Diggings and the reconsecration of its officers and also the 150th Anniversary of Forest Lodge No. 130, in Wausau.

Junior Grand Steward Scott Pedley reported on his work assisting with the renovation of the Grand Lodge property in New Diggings which is the home of the newly reconsecrated Olive Branch Lodge No. 6 (formerly Benton Lodge No. 268). He reported he is currently going through the minutes of Olive Branch Lodge and is up through 1849. The Lodge is meeting 5 times per week for degree work.

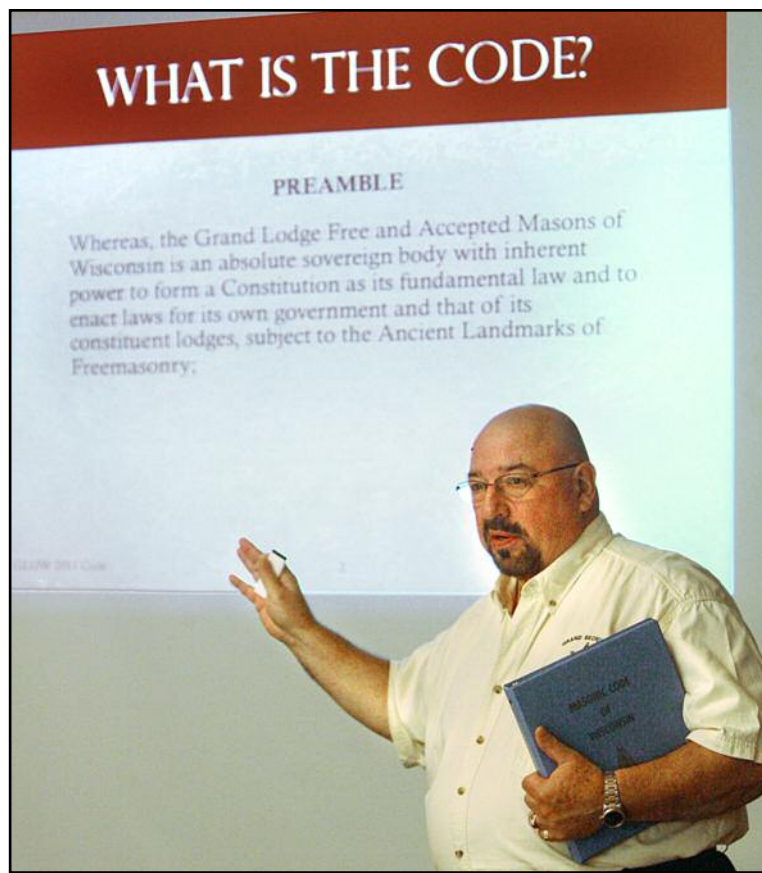
Senior Grand Deacon Frank Struble stated he is working on rewriting the bylaws of the Home Board, and work is being done on the renovation of the guest house. He reported on attending the Rocky Mountain Conference of Grand Masters in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Grand Master of Utah is heading a youth group that goes out to colleges to recruit new members. They have established a Mark Master Degree Chapter that exemplifies the Mark Master Degree to get young members involved immediately in ritual. The theory is that if you can show a young man a way he can become successful in Masonry, it will teach him to be successful in life. Utah is the only state that has shown an increase in membership for the last two years.

Grand Lecturer Kenneth Gorgen reported that all schools of instruction are scheduled and some have already taken place. He said Degree Competition will be the second section of the Master Mason Degree and will take place on March 31 at the Madison Masonic Center. All secretaries will receive an entry form.

Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie reported on a story in the Dodgeville Chronicle on the cornerstone ceremony the Grand Lodge Officers performed for the Waldwick Church. He reported that the reporter asked a lot of questions on the tools we use and questions about Masonry. He said he has discovered a lot of people are becoming interested in who and what we are. He has been asked to speak before several service organizations recently, answering questions about Freemasonry.

The Grand Chaplain also stressed that we need to remind the Brothers that it is important for them to inform their wives and families where their apron is and that when they pass on they want a Masonic service. He said the Masonic services seem to be becoming more important to the families. The Grand Master brought up the importance of our ladies to our Masonic Family and explained that we now have a Masonic funeral service for wives and widows. The Grand Chaplain said that he has also had requests for prayers for weddings.

Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, said one of his recent highlights was attending the Scottish Rite 33° ceremony in Chicago where Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. was part of the class. He stated as Active Member of the Supreme Council he had the privilege of greeting the Grand Master. He also



**Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, gives a refresher course on the Wisconsin Masonic Code.**

Photo by Rich Rygh

reported on the improvements being made at the Grand Masonic Center in Dousman (see story on page 2).

The Grand Master stated that until now he had no idea of the astounding amount of work the Grand Secretary does and complimented him on the hard work he puts into the Fraternity.

Deputy Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert said he has attended 42 Masonic functions and covered 7,403 miles since the Annual Communication. One of the highlights was to represent the Grand Lodge on the Defense Department's "Bosslift" (see story in the October issue of *The Wisconsin Masonic Journal*). He stated one of the sad points was attending the funeral service of Marilyn DeWolf. He read a letter from the Rhinelander District Library regarding memorials given for Marilyn. Over 600 books were purchased in her memory. The contributions have reached over 12% of the libraries annual budget.

Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. reported on attending the Midwest Conference of Grand Masters and receiving the honorary 33° in Chicago. He noted the success of Wisconsin's first Gold Collar Degree in New Diggings. The Grand Master extended his appreciation for all the help from the Grand Secretary and office staff, Jan Gorgen, Alicia Darr and Cheryl Martin in helping with his transition to becoming Grand Master and extended his appreciation for all they do for the Masons of Wisconsin.

Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie gave a talk on the revamping of the Chaplain's Corp. The corp is being condensed to five members. These Chaplains will be asked to offer prayers, work with lodge chaplains and train people in their areas to perform Masonic funeral services. They will also be point persons for the Masonic Charities.

The Grand Secretary gave some training and a refresher course on the Wisconsin Masonic Code.

## Mason-Woods Lodge and Lions Club Work Together to Build and Erect Welcome Sign



A weather worn and unattractive welcome sign, in Cecil, was replaced through the joint efforts of Mason-Woods Lodge No. 368 and the Cecil Lions Club. It was designed and constructed in the Mason-Woods work shop by Master Hugo Petters and Lion Larry Schultz. Members from both groups assisted in the erection of the sign. Other civic organizations will be soon adding their names to it. Hopefully this will be the beginning of future cooperation for the betterment of the community.

Submitted by Bro. Hugo Petters, Master

## "Brother, Bring a Friend Night" at Mukwonago Masonic Center



Bros. of Laflin St. James Lodge No. 247, Mukwonago, recently entertained selected friends for dinner and general information regarding Freemasonry. Fifteen men availed themselves of the opportunity to learn about the Craft, eight of whom expressed intention to seek approval to receive the degrees of Masonry.

Submitted by Bro. James Truesdell, Secretary/Treasurer

## Lodge Listings

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## The New GE InBody Body Composition Analyzer is here!

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On Sept. 27th, the Wellness Connection held a dedication ceremony for the GE InBody 230 Body Fat Analyzer. Donors were invited to this event, and those who attended had the opportunity to see the new equipment and receive their own free analysis!

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*Kerry Holtz, Wellness Coordinator shows Jim Fleming, Past Master of Oconomowoc Lodge #42 how to use the new GE InBody analyzer.*



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# Lodges Present 309 Scholarships Totaling \$205,100

By Erika Miller

The Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to report that the 2011 Matching Grants Scholarship program was a success. With the help of Wisconsin Lodges, the Foundation was able to award 309 scholarships, representing cash contributions of \$205,100. Seventy percent of the Lodges in the state participated in this year's program, a commitment that is appreciated by graduating seniors, pursuing higher education. For the 2010-2011 school year, educational costs have risen from 4 to 7%. Freemasons in Wisconsin have helped to defer those costs by providing \$4.5 million in awards in recent years.

This year's scholarship recipi-

ents are pursuing fields of study including: pre-med, nursing, business, construction science, engineering, biology, chemistry, computer engineering, criminal justice, orthodontics, dentistry, biotechnology, health care administration and environmental engineering.

Congratulations to our future leaders!

If your Lodge is interested in participating in the Matching Scholarship program, please contact William H. Barnes, Director of Development at 262-527-4294, or via email at: [plannedgiving@gmail.com](mailto:plannedgiving@gmail.com). He would be happy to make a presentation at your Lodge meeting.

See more photos on page 13.



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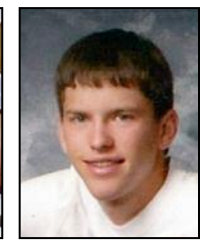
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Jefferson  
Lodge No. 9



Rachel Forseth  
Fort Atkinson HS  
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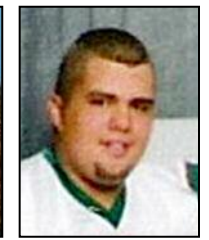
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Evan Pahl  
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Neosho-Mayville-  
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Amy Tarleton  
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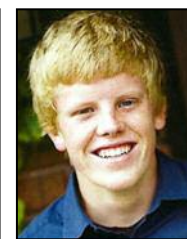
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# Rejuvenated Union Grove Lodge Becomes Visible in Community



Union Grove Lodge receives their plaque as the newest members of the Chamber of Commerce. From left: Bro. George Winget, Past Master; Ann Kerkman, President, Union Grove Chamber of Commerce; Bro. Clint Cagle, Master and Bro. Tom Wampler, Past Master, wearing one of the blue vests for visibility in the community.

**By Bro. Clinton Cagle**  
Master, Union Grove Lodge

Union Grove Lodge No. 288 is working hard to turn things around. Their calendar has been very active in an effort to pull them out of a slump and with two new EA petitions it looks like it may be working.

We are a small community and that means our area to draw from is limited and in the last couple of years we have seen a decline in petitions for new Masons. Like so many of our Brother lodges have. So in an effort to turn things around and put our best foot forward so we could present a positive image that would aid in our attempt to interest local residents in joining, we decided to go proactive in promoting our Lodge, it's unique meeting time

and our members in the community.

We have been participants in the 4th of July parade and Salvation Army Bell Ringing program in the Village for many years, but felt we needed to do more. We adopted blue vests (for the "Blue Lodge") to help us be more visible to the public when we were active in events outside of the Lodge. Our spring and fall dinners had fallen into a hit or miss event so an extra effort was made to put us back on track. Nothing helps the public remember you like being a regularly scheduled event they can count on. It had also been years since we held a Past Masters Dinner too, so we added that to the calendar along the way.

Then we decided to get involved and to be a part of the

community in a more active sense by becoming members of our local Chamber of Commerce. We are now listed in the Chamber of Commerce website and in their yearly publication. This allows us to advertise as being present in the community and an active lodge. People now days do a lot of their traveling through the Internet and don't look so much for the little signs at the edge of town. We then hosted the monthly Chamber of Commerce lunch, which gave us a chance to tell the other members and businesses about who we are and what we add to the community. It was a very good feeling of community pride that we felt as we were presented with our membership plaque as the newest members of the Union Grove Chamber of Commerce!

Being only one of two Saturday morning lodges in the S. E. part of the state (the other is the quarterly meeting Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research) we have a unique niche and hope to attract more of the second shifters that cannot make weeknight meetings. Also if you are a Brother in the area and have the second Saturday morning of the month free come and visit. We'd be proud to welcome you.

We know there are many other lodges trying to renovate, rejuvenate or just keep from being washed down stream and we hope by sharing our story they will realize they are not alone. As long as you have a good core of dedicated brothers and a positive attitude I believe you can accomplish your goals.



## Bro. Marv Severson practices charity

Bro. Marvin Severson, a 54 year Mason and member of Oregon Lodge No. 151, recently made a generous donation to the Lodge for replacement of the front doors and transom window at the entrance to the Oregon Masonic Center. The new entrance improves the appearance of the building and greatly increases the energy efficiency. Bro. Severson has made many sizeable contributions to his church and other organizations throughout the community. In front: Bro. Dennis Erfurth, Master, receives the check from Bro. Marvin Severson (right). Back row: Counselor Dick Richardson, Past Master; Senior Deacon Brad Staley; Junior Deacon Scott Magnusson; and Chaplain David Huston, Past Master.

Photo by Rich Rygh

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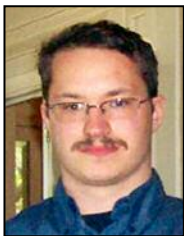
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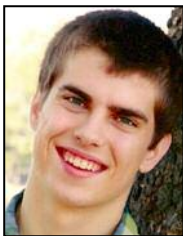
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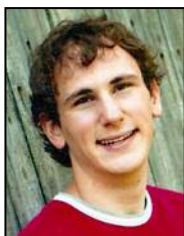
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Trevor Huser  
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Brad Wilson  
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Lodge No. 364



Katie Collins  
Gillette High School  
Gillette Lodge No. 344  
Ansgore Family Sch.  
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Lane Ludtke  
Suring High School  
Gillette Lodge  
No. 344 Scholarship  
Mason-Woods No. 368



Tyler Bauer  
Nathan Hale HS  
Silas Shepherd  
Lodge No. 1843



Hannah Klapperich-  
Mueller  
Nathan Hale HS  
Silas Shepherd  
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# George Washington Apron Rediscovered

By Bro. Mark A. Tabbert

Director of Collections of the George Washington Masonic Memorial

A little known Masonic apron believed to have been George Washington's was unveiled at the Memorial in May during the International Conference on the History of Freemasonry. Owned by Mt. Nebo Lodge No. 91, Shepherdstown, West Virginia, the apron was previously on loan to Mount Vernon in commemoration of the Lodge's bicentennial in 2011.

The apron's origins and how it came into Brother Washington's possession are subjects of ongoing research. According to Mt. Nebo Lodge history, the apron was a gift to General Washington from the Grand Lodge of France. The Marquis de Lafayette was said to have conveyed it to Washington in 1784 when he returned to America and visited Mount Vernon. By design, symbolism and construction, the apron is indeed French. The crossed U.S. and French Bourbon flags date the apron after 1776 and before 1789. The apron lacks Washington and French Masonic documentation, but this may be due to revolutions

and wars—including the Nazi occupation—over the last 230 years.

The apron's known history begins after George Washington's death in 1799. The inventory of his estate, compiled in early 1800, lists among the contents of his study one japanned box containing a Mason's apron valued at \$40 and a piece of oil cloth containing orders of Masonry valued at \$50. The inventory taken after Martha Washington's death in 1802 does not itemize the study's contents, so no Masonic aprons are listed. However, a record of personal property sold out of the Washington estate after Martha died lists two Masonic aprons: one purchased for \$5 by Burdett Ashton (1747-1814), husband of Washington's niece, Ann (1752-1777), and the second purchased for \$6 by Thomas Hammond (1770-1820), husband to Washington's niece, Mildred (1772-1805). There is no reference in this sales list to any box corresponding to the box listed in George Washington's inventory.

Soon after purchasing Washington's second apron, Thomas Hammond and his wife

Mildred moved to the Appalachian foothills of Virginia. In 1811 the Grand Lodge of Virginia granted a Lodge Charter to Freemasons in Shepherdstown. Called Mt. Nebo No. 91, it retained the same name and number when it came under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia in 1872. According to Lodge history, Thomas Hammond became a Freemason in Mt. Nebo in 1815. In appreciation for his initiation, he donated the second apron to the Lodge. Despite the Anti-Masonic Period of the 1830s, the Civil War and countless other dangers, the Lodge kept the apron safe.

The apron purchased by Burdett Ashton is believed to have passed to his wife's cousin, Lawrence Lewis (1767-1839), a nephew of George Washington who had married Martha Washington's granddaughter, Eleanor (Nelly) Parke Custis (1779-1852). On June 3, 1812, Lawrence Lewis donated a Masonic apron, sash and a japanned box to Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 in Alexandria, Virginia. It is generally accepted that this embroidered apron is the famous "Watson-Cassoul Apron," which takes its name from the two commercial agents, American Elkanah Watson and Frenchman Francois-Corentin Cassoul, who commissioned it while working in Nantes, France, during the War of Independence. In 1782 they sent the apron, along with a signed letter, to General Washington. Washington received the apron while encamped at Newburgh, New York. His thank you letter, the envelope it was mailed in, and Watson's and Cassoul's initial letter all still exist. It is assumed President Washington wore this apron at the 1793 cornerstone ceremony of the U.S. Capitol. The apron and sash remain in the care of Alexandria-Washington Lodge and are rarely exhibited. The japanned Masonic box may be viewed in the Lodge's Replica Room within the George Washington Masonic Memorial.

If the dating of both the Mt. Nebo apron (1784) and the Alexandria-Washington apron (1782) is correct, then it is not surprising they are similar in shape, style and high craftsmanship. Both display exquisitely embroidered crossed flags, and a knotted and tasseled cable-tow with a suspended gavel on white silk. The central motifs, however, are quite different. Mt. Nebo's apron has a square and compasses with one leg above and one below the square. A sprig of acacia intertwines the square. In the center is a skull with a crossed bone and dagger. According to European Masonic scholarship, this apron design was not uncommon, with the central symbols referring to the murder of King Solomon's Temple, while the acacia symbolizes immortality. The apron is trimmed with black silk ribbon and backed with black silk. The design similarities may be the root cause for confusion between the two aprons. Indeed, the controversy began at least as early as Lafayette's tour of the United States as the nation's guest. According to Lodge history, he visited Alexandria-Washington Lodge in 1825 and, upon seeing the Watson-Cassoul Apron, declared it to be the one he had given to Washington nearly four decades before. At age 82 and a survivor of the French Revolution, Napoleon's regime and two Bourbon restorations, the Marquis may be forgiv-



The Mt. Nebo apron was believed to have been a gift to Washington from the Grand Lodge of France and was given to him by the Marquis de Lafayette in 1784.

en if he mistook one apron for another. Yet it remains unclear if it is Mt. Nebo's or Alexandria-Washington's apron that Lafayette conveyed to General Washington.

Since 1844 however, Mt. Nebo's apron has been well documented. According to the Lodge's Minute Books, the first public appearance was May 16, 1844 in what is now Charles Town, West Virginia, where it was displayed at a banquet celebrating the 90th anniversary of a legendary Masonic meeting in a local cave. The minutes state: ". . . an apron of black silk velvet, presented more than half a century since to Gen. Washington by the Grand Lodge of France, through the person of this early friend, brother and companion in arms, Bro. Gilbert M.D. Lafayette."

In 1847 the apron traveled to the District of Columbia. Mt. Nebo Lodge member S. McElroy wore it at the Masonic cornerstone ceremony of the Smithsonian Institution. Three years later the Grand Master of Virginia, James Points, wore the apron in Richmond at the Virginia Statehouse for the George Washington Monument ceremony, which President Zachary Taylor also attended. The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire's 1867 Proceedings reported the apron, as well as President and Brother Andrew Johnson, were present at the cornerstone ceremony of the Grand Lodge of Maryland's new temple in 1866. Ten years later, the local newspaper, The Shepherdstown Register, ran a full story on the apron.

In 1892 Brother Wynkoop Lemen, a dual member of Mt. Nebo Lodge No. 91 and Warren Lodge No. 150, Warren, Minnesota, received permission to bring the apron west. It came first to Warren Lodge, then appeared at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota in St. Paul. Before returning to Shepherdstown, the Grand Lodge commissioned a beautiful hand-carved Masonic framed case. The apron then traveled to Chicago, where it appeared at two lodges. The national publication, Voice of Freemasonry, ran an illustrated article of the apron and its case.

The Voice article led the apron to be used in a well-known 1896

lithograph, "Washington Closing the Lodge," which was one of a pair produced by the Chicago firm of Kurz & Allen. The other was "Franklin Opening the Lodge." The prints depict Masonic fantasies rather than historical accuracy. Both are modeled after Emanuel Leutz's 1856 portrait, "Washington as Master Mason." The Leutz painting, unlike the lithograph, shows Washington wearing the Mt. Nebo apron. Furthermore, Franklin's apron has a similar square, compasses and acacia sprig. These prints were quite popular and hung in numerous lodges and are still available through the Internet.

Perhaps the apron's last major public appearance was at the 100th commemoration of Washington's death on December 14, 1899. Under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, more than 300 Freemasons representing every grand jurisdiction in the country attended a special service at Washington's Tomb at Mount Vernon. Afterwards, President and Brother William McKinley addressed the brethren from the east lawn. According to the November 1899 Grand Lodge of West Virginia's annual communication, Mt. Nebo Lodge planned to have the apron present at the commemoration.

After 1900 the apron slipped out of Masonic and public awareness. Mt. Nebo kept the apron in the Minnesota frame and hung it on the north lodge wall. On a few special occasions it was brought out for public view and appreciation. Periodically local newspapers and town histories wrote about the apron, but word of it did not spread beyond the mountains. Past Grand Master of Virginia William Mosely Brown, in his excellent book, George Washington: Freemason (1952), acknowledged the apron's existence, but did not add further comment.

Until 2009 the apron lived quietly in the Lodge. Now, in celebration of their 200th anniversary, the brethren of Mt. Nebo Lodge have loaned the apron to George Washington's home, with an appearance at the George Washington Masonic Memorial, bringing it back into public awareness for everyone's benefit and delight.



George Alwin (right), Master of Mt. Nebo Lodge No. 91, Shepherdstown, West Virginia, and Mark Tabbert, Director of Collections, unveil the apron at the opening ceremony of the International Conference on the History of Freemasonry held at the Memorial in May.

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The money will be used to purchase defibrillators to be placed in local schools. The donation was made possible by a matching grant from Grand Lodge.

Dec. 7, 2005 - The YMCA has requested matching funds from our Lodge so that they may purchase a defibrillator to be kept on premises. A motion was made and passed to donate the funds.

June 7, 2006 - A proposal for a new sign in front of the Lodge has been received in the amount of \$11,106. It was decided that further information was needed before we could make a decision on this project.

March 21, 2007 - A special presentation was made to a joint session of the Lodge and Marshfield Lodge by Sheriff Tom Reichert. He is seeking assistance in obtaining a new K-9 for the department and county funds are not available for such a purchase.

April 4, 2007 - The new sign in front of the Lodge is essentially finished. Final cost for the project was \$11,106.00.

May 2, 2007 - Following further discussions with Sheriff Tom Reichert, it was decided by vote of the Lodge to become involved in the K-9 project. It was agreed that the project would be expanded to include raising sufficient funds to create an endowment that would allow for the replacement of the K-9 on a perpetual basis.

June 20, 2007 - On Thursday,

June 7th our Lodge building was severely damaged by a massive hail storm. Many trees were damaged to the point of having to be removed. At this time, it appears that all damages, except tree removal, will be covered by insurance.

Nov. 21, 2007 - A motion was made and passed that the Lodge sponsor a Boy Scout's Venturing Unit. The Unit will provide high adventure activities for its members.

Dec. 5, 2007 - Bro. Russell Rottler submitted his final set of meeting minutes. This culminated a career as Lodge Secretary that spanned 24 years, thereby making Bro. Russ the longest serving Secretary in the history of the Lodge.

Nov. 5, 2008 - Bro. Herb Seiring was acknowledged for having reached the milestone of donating a total of over 45 gallons of blood to the American Red Cross.

March 18, 2009 - By vote of the Lodge, it was decided to purchase Legacy Stones at the Veteran's Memorials in the area.

Sept. 2, 2009 - Brother Ken Pelo has been elected to receive the 33° to be awarded in Philadelphia.

June 16, 2010 - Brother Jonathan Wood, P.M. has been elected Most Illustrious Grand Master of Royal & Select Masons of Wisconsin.

# West Bend's Christmas Carol Completely Reimagined for 2011



**Dan Robertson of West Bend reprises his role as Ebenezer Scrooge.**

Photo by Bro. William Stonecipher, WLS Creative

West Bend Lodge No. 138 will again stage a full production of "A Christmas Carol" November 25 through December 11, 2011 at the West Bend Masonic Center. The event is both a fundraiser and a community outreach effort by the West Bend Masons. The show is directed and produced by Nancy Storrs (wife of Bro. J. Patrick Storrs of West Bend.) She has directed, produced or costumed over a dozen shows over the years, and this will be the second time doing "A Christmas Carol" in West Bend. Already some cast members have expressed interest in joining the Lodge.

The Lodge staged a complete production of "A Christmas Carol" last year as a very successful fundraiser for their Lodge and it served as a community outreach program for the Masons in that community as well. So if you do something once, does it bear repeating? "Absolutely!" was the consensus of lodge members. We asked Nancy Storrs if she would once again direct and produce the show for us, and she agreed - provided it would be reimagined for 2011, "and we're excited to have the opportunity to bring Tiny Tim, Ebenezer Scrooge and the Cratchit Family to life once more, says Terry Groth of West Bend." Although Groth played the part of Bob Cratchit last year, this year he is taking on the role of advertising sales coordinator. The part of Bob Cratchit will be played by local actor Jake Thomas.

Everything is new and different, from the script, to the costumes - with one minor/major exception: Dan Robertson of West Bend reprises his role as Ebenezer Scrooge. He is the only member of the cast to return in the same role. "We were so fortunate to have an accomplished actor like Dan for the role of Scrooge," says director and producer Nancy Storrs, "that we invited Dan to reprise his role - which he graciously agreed to do." Robertson, although not a Mason himself, has a long history in a Masonic Family, and is a retired Methodist minister.

Everyone else in the cast, is either entirely new to the show, or is playing a completely new role in the show. If people saw the show last year, they can come to see it this year, and there will be new faces in most places, and there will be many surprises for them, while still getting a very classic version of "A Christmas Carol".

Volunteers from throughout the West Bend area fill the cast and crew of "A Christmas Carol" which has proved to be a wonderful way for community members to get to know their local Masonic Lodge, and meet members of the Fraternity. Over 50

people are involved - bringing a total of over 223 years of theatrical experience to the show. "It is quality theater - not just another community group doing Dickens" according to Nancy Storrs. "We begin rehearsals in early October, and continue rehearsing 4-5 nights per week through to opening night."

Masonic Lodge groups are encouraged to attend the show. We had several lodges attend the show last year as a group outing at holiday time, and we hope that they will consider coming to see the show again, as it promises to be equally as delightful and brighter and fresher than last year.

Opening Night Gala - On Friday, November 25, those attending the "Premiere Night"

performance will be treated to an Elegant Dessert Buffet, Coffees and Wines (with Masonic Dispensation) that is included in specially priced tickets for the show. An assortment of specialty desserts, pastries and snacks will be available during a 30 minute

intermission. The Premiere Night Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased via the website.

A new website, [www.westbend-christmascarol.com](http://www.westbend-christmascarol.com), offers complete information on the show, directions to West Bend's Masonic Center, background on

some of the actors, and photos from last year's production. Tickets can be purchased online.

## "A Christmas Carol"

November 25 - December 11

West Bend Masonic Center

301 N. University Drive, West Bend

Performances are Fridays: 7:30 p.m., Saturdays 7:30 p.m., Sundays, 2:00 p.m. Matinee. November 26-December 11, Tickets \$15

November 25 - Premiere Night Gala Tickets \$30 with Elegant, Dessert, Wine, and Coffee Buffet.



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May this Hoiday Season  
Bring Friends  
To your fireside,  
peace to your pathway  
and  
good health  
throughout the year.

Holiday Wishes  
Mary, WGM & Jerry, WGP  
&  
"Stars of Love"  
Grand Family



December 3rd, 2011  
Northern Christmas Party

December 10th, 2011  
Dousman Christmas Party

December 11th, 2011  
Southern Christmas Party

Jan. 18th - 23rd  
Tropical Stars Getaway

March 3rd, 2012  
WI/IL Exchange - Beloit

## Get hooked on Star

Mary & Jerry say "The season is open."

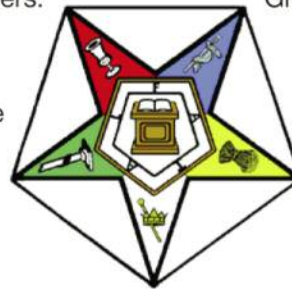
Electa is using the  
"Mother in Red"  
fly for Mothers and  
Grandmothers.



Adah says try the  
"Blue Girlie" fly for  
Daughters, Grand-  
daughters and Great  
Grand Daughters.



Martha is using the  
"Green Sister" fly  
for Sisters, and  
Sisters-in-Laws.



Ruth is using the  
"Yellow Lady" fly for  
Mothers-in-law and  
Sisters-in-law.



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



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



Don't forget that Brothers are  
"suckers" for pie and coffee.

**REEL IN THE MEMBERS!**

**Wisconsin Grand Chapter**  
*Order of the Eastern Star*

Artwork by Milt Helmer - Flies by Cole Madden



"Be the first to brag  
about your catch."

# Over 1400 Attend Three Pillars 19th Annual Halloween Haunted Woods

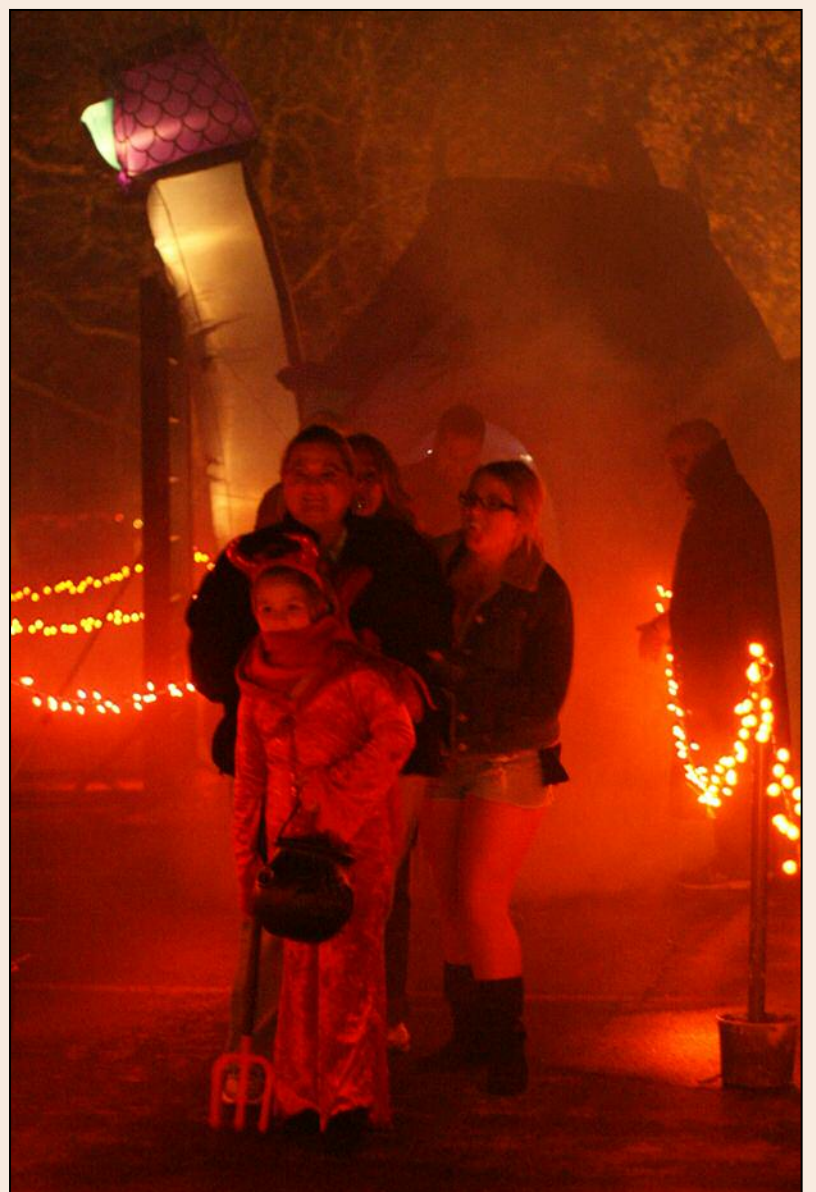


All ages enjoy Halloween revelry!  
at Three Pillars Senior Living Communities

See photos on pages 16-18



Photos by Rich Rygh



# Three Pillars Haunted Woods



Photos by Rich Rygh



# Three Pillars Haunted Woods



Photos by  
Rich Rygh



# Bro. Christensen on Honored on 70th Birthday



Bro. Harold Christensen celebrates his 70th birthday.

**By Bro. Milt Helmer**  
Bro. Harold Christensen was honored with a surprise 70th birthday party, on October 8 at the New Richmond Masonic Center.

His family hosted the party which attracted not only many of his friends and family but also members of his Masonic Family, both local and statewide. Bro. Christensen, a 45 year Mason has served District 2 as District Lecturer for several years, he is a Past Master of New Richmond Lodge and has served

many years as Secretary. He received the Grand Master's Meritorious Masonic Service Award, the highest award that can be presented by the Grand Master, at the Annual Communication in 2011 from Grand Master Joseph B. Harker.



Bro. Harold Christensen (front row fourth from left) is shown with members of his family and some of the Masons who make up his extended family.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer

## Promote your Lodge Events

Send information on your upcoming Lodge events to *The Wisconsin Masonic Journal* to be included in the calendar. Send them by the 15th of the month previous to the event.

Email [wjmjeditor@wisc-freemasonry.org](mailto:wjmjeditor@wisc-freemasonry.org) or mail to Wisconsin Masonic Journal, Rich Rygh, Editor, 5823 Madsen Circle, Oregon, WI 53575.

**168th  
Grand Lodge  
Annual Communication  
June 1 and 2, 2012  
Madison Masonic Center**

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

## Give and You Shall Receive

**By Bro. William Barnes**  
Director of Development

Sounds a little funny, make a gift to the Masonic Charities and then receive money for life! But that is a Square Deal being offered by a Masonic Foundation Gift Annuity.

Even better, as of July 1, that income goes up for individuals age 73 and above, taking out a new gift annuity. With payments backed by all the assets of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, it is truly secure.

By making a gift of \$10,000 or more to one of the Wisconsin Masonic Charities you, or you and your spouse will receive the following benefits:

- An income for one or two lives based on your age when making the gift.
- A generous charitable tax deduction.
- A portion of each payment will be tax free.
- The satisfaction of creating your Masonic Charitable Legacy.

You can provide gift annuity payments to someone else, such as a parent or individual in need. You receive the charitable tax deduction and they receive the payments during your life.


If you fund the Annuity with long term appreciated assets, you can reduce any potential long-term capital gains taxes that would be due upon sale.

To receive a free brochure detailing the benefits of gift annuities please call Bro. Bill Barnes or Erika Miller at the Wisconsin Masonic Charities, 262-965-2200.

## Traveling Gavel

<b>District 1</b> Acacia-Itasca Lodge No. 329	<b>District 7</b> Lodi Valley Lodge No. 99
<b>District 2</b> Collins-Spring Valley No. 192	<b>District 8</b> Amacitia Lodge No. 25
<b>District 3</b> Forest Lodge No. 130	<b>District 9</b> Palmyra Lodge No. 68
<b>District 4</b> Crandon Lodge No. 287	<b>District 10</b> Prairie View Lodge No. 95
<b>District 5</b> Merrillan Lodge No. 279	<b>District 11</b> Unity Lodge No. 367
<b>District 6</b> Adams Lodge No. 332	<b>District 12</b> Milwaukee Harmony No. 261

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.



# Kevin Hermening,

## former Iran Hostage,

### to speak at

# Ozaukee Lodge Recognition Night

## on November 12

# Mark your calendar NOW!


# You won't want to miss this!

**Port Washington Masonic Center**  
**504 W. Grand Ave Port Washington, WI 53074**

Gathering at 5:30pm      Authentic German Dinner at 6:00pm  
Presentation to follow  
**\$20.00 per person**  
**Reservations due by November 5, 2011**

**Reservations with remittance to:**  
**Sid Arthur 404 Hickory Dr. Fredonia, WI 53021**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**# Attending** \_\_\_\_\_ **x \$20.00 =** \_\_\_\_\_ **(enclosed)**





# Stated Communications

## for the Traveling Mason in Wisconsin

- Adams**  
Adams Lodge No. 332  
148 S. Grant • 608-403-1954 (Sec)  
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark January & February
- Albany**  
Albany Lodge No. 36  
205 N. Water St. • 608-862-3227  
Meet 3rd Wed., 7:00 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Antigo**  
Antigo Lodge No. 231  
645 7th Ave.  
Meet 2nd Monday, 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  
1st Wed., 7 p.m., Dark Jan. & Feb.  
ancientlandmarklodge210@gmail.com
- Baldwin**  
Collins-Spring Valley Lodge 192  
790 Main St. • 715-977-0872 (Sec)  
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark June, July & August
- Baraboo**  
Baraboo Lodge No. 34  
108 Second Ave. • 608-477-3289  
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Meets All Year
- Barnes**  
Barnes Lodge No. 365  
City Hwy. N • 715-372-4957 (Sec)  
Meet 2nd Tues. - 4th Tues. in June only  
7 p.m. Dark Jan., Feb. & March
- Barneveld**  
Barneveld Lodge No. 319  
108 S. Jones St. • 608-445-0445 (Sec)  
Meet 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Bayfield**  
Bayfield-Washburn Lodge No. 215  
29 N. 2nd Street • 715-747-6965 (Sec)  
Meets Monthly, 1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.  
Meets All Year
- Beaver Dam**  
Dodge County Lodge No. 72  
Best Western Campus Inn, 815 Park  
Ave. • 920-210-1412 • Meet 3rd  
Monday 7 p.m., Meets All Year
- Beloit**  
Morning Star Lodge No. 10  
229 W. Grand Ave. • 608-362-6073  
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
1st Wed. only in July & August
- Berlin**  
Berlin Lodge No. 38  
124 E. Huron St. • 920-361-9774 (Sec)  
Meets 7 p.m. 2nd & 4th Thurs. Jan.-Oct., and  
at 7 p.m. 2nd Thursday only, Nov. & Dec.  
Dark July & August
- Black Earth**  
Crescent Valley Lodge No. 97  
1020 Mills St. • 608-795-4484 (Sec)  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Black River Falls**  
Black River Lodge No. 74  
314 Main Street • 715-284-2521  
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Bloomer**  
Bloomer Lodge No. 281  
2122 16th Ave. • 715-568-5152  
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark January & February
- Bristol**  
Washburn Lodge No. 145  
8102 - 199th Ave.  
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Meets All Year
- Brodhead**  
Bicknell Lodge No. 94  
302 1st Center Ave. • 608-897-8069  
Meets 2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Brookfield**  
Elmbrook Lodge No. 354  
4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-549-0923  
Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Brookfield**  
McKinley Lodge No. 307  
4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-781-9907  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Brookfield**  
Myron Reed No. 297  
4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-780-0176  
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July and August
- Burlington**  
Burlington Lodge No. 28  
325 N. Kane St. • 262-763-6290  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Cambridge**  
Social Lodge No. 245  
105 S. Spring St. • 608-423-7081  
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Camp Douglas**  
Camp Douglas Lodge No. 272  
211 Main St. • 608-427-6542 (Sec)  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Cecil**  
Mason-Woods Valley Lodge No. 368  
N6446 Emery Ansonge Rd • 715-745-  
2943 (Sec) • 1st & 3rd Tues., 10 a.m.  
Dark January & February
- Cedarburg**  
Victory Lodge No. 320  
504 W. Grand Ave., Port Washington  
262-375-2931 (Sec) • 2nd Mon. 6:30  
p.m. • Dark July & August
- Chetek**  
Chetek Lodge No. 277  
216 Morrison St. • 715-924-4245 (Sec)  
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark June, July & August
- Chippewa Falls**  
Chippewa Falls Lodge No. 176  
650 Bridgewater Ave. • 715-723-6341  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Clear Lake**  
Clear Lake Lodge No. 230  
411 Third Ave. • 715-263-3033  
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Clintonville**  
Clintonville Lodge No. 197  
N4435 Hwy D • 715-754-5250  
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark January, February & March
- Columbus**  
Columbus Lodge No. 75  
318 N. Ludington St. • 920-296-3139  
(Sec) • Meet 2nd Monday, 7 p.m.  
Dark June, July & August
- Crandon**  
Crandon Lodge No. 287  
118 S. Lake Ave. • 715-473-2741 (Sec)  
Meet 2nd Tues. Apr.-June & Sept.-Dec.  
Meets 4th Tues. Mar.-May & July-Oct.
- Crivitz**  
Tri-County Daylite Lodge No. 218  
918 Louisa St. • Sec. 715-856-6425  
Meet 2nd Wednesday 10 a.m.  
Dark January & February
- Darlington**  
Evening Star Lodge No. 64  
433 Wells St. • 608-776-4213 (Sec)  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year
- Delavan**  
Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12  
1007 S. Second St. • 262-728-6556 (Sec)  
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Dodgeville**  
Dodgeville Lodge No. 119  
200 W. Chapel St. • 608-935-3548  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Meets All Year
- Dousman**  
Dousman Lodge No. 315  
142 N. Main St. • 414-429-5981  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Dousman**  
Glen L. Humphrey Lodge No. 364  
375 Hwy. 67 • 262-490-5497  
Meet 2nd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.  
Dark June
- Durand**  
Durand-Pepin Lodge No. 149  
203 W. Main St. • 715-672-8052 (Sec)  
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Eagle River**  
Eagle River Lodge No. 248  
610 E. Division • 715-891-6116  
Meet 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year
- Eau Claire**  
Eau Claire Lodge No. 112  
616 Graham Ave. • 415-832-7759 (Sec.)  
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Eau Claire**  
George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351  
616 Graham Ave. • 715-832-7759  
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Eau Claire**  
Sanctuary Lodge No. 347  
616 Graham Ave. • 715-835-1778  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Edgerton**  
Fulton Lodge No. 69  
312 W. Fulton St. • 608-884-4250  
Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Ellsworth**  
Hancock Lodge No. 229  
400 High Point Dr. • 715-273-4339  
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Evansville**  
Union Lodge No. 32  
104 W. Main St. • 608-882-6087 (Sec)  
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Fennimore**  
Fennimore Lodge No. 216  
2025 12th St. • 608-822-4129  
Meet 2nd & 4th Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
Dark January & February
- Florence**  
Hiram D. Fisher Lodge No. 222  
433 Central Ave. • 715-696-6308  
Meet 2nd Wed., 6:30 p.m.  
Meet All Year
- Fond du Lac**  
Fond du Lac Lodge No. 26  
500 W. Arndt St. • 920-922-6012  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July and August
- Frederic**  
Landmark Lodge No. 244  
109 United Way • 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  
Jewish Comm. Center • 414-961-1133  
6255 N. Santa Monica Blvd. Whitefish Bay  
1st & 3rd Tues. 7:30 p.m., Dark July & August
- Grafton**  
Victory Lodge No. 320  
504 W. Grand Ave., Port Washington  
414-659-5205, Meet 2nd & 4th Mon.,  
6:30 p.m. Dark June-August
- Green Bay**  
Des Peres Lodge No. 85  
525 N. Taylor • 920-865-7637  
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Green Bay**  
N.E.W. Daylite Lodge No. 360  
535 N. Taylor St. • 920-499-7265  
Meet 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m.  
Dark July & August
- Green Bay**  
Theodore Roosevelt Lodge 322  
525 N. Taylor St. • 920-490-9777  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.  
Dark July & Aug., roosevelt322.com
- Green Bay**  
Washington Lodge No. 21  
525 N. Taylor St. • 920-499-7265  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Greenfield**  
Damascus Lodge No. 290  
1235 E. Howard Ave • 262-853-5631  
Meet 2nd Tues., Spec. 4th Tues. 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Hartford**  
Hartford Lodge No. 120  
147 N. Rural St. • 262-670-4982  
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  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Meet 1st Thursday July & August
- Manitowoc**  
Manitowoc Lodge No. 65  
810 Chicago St. • 920-793-3473 (Sec)  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Marinette**  
Marinette Lodge No. 182  
1610 Main St. • 715-735-9397  
Meet 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Marshfield**  
Marshfield Lodge No. 224  
402 W. 4th St. • 715-384-8646  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Medford**  
Medford Lodge No. 217  
150 S. Seventh St. • 715-748-6851 (Sec)  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark January & February
- Menomonie**  
Menomonie Lodge No. 164  
N5729 - 410th St. • 715-235-2667  
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Mercer**  
Hurley Lodge No. 237  
5079 N. Hwy. 51 • 715-904-0400  
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark December thru March
- Merrillan**  
Merrillan Lodge No. 279  
105 S. Main Street • 715-333-2083 (Sec)  
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m.  
Dark Jan., Feb., March & 3rd Mon. Dec.
- Middleton**  
Middleton-Ionic Lodge No. 180  
7409 Franklin Ave. • 608-831-4418  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Milton**  
Milton Lodge No. 161  
508 Vernal Avenue • 608-754-2464  
Meets 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Milwaukee**  
Damascus Lodge No. 290  
1235 E. Howard Ave. • 262-853-5631  
(Sec) • Meet 2nd & 4th Tues., Dinner  
6 p.m., Lodge at 7 • Dark July & August
- Milwaukee**  
Day-lite Lodge No. 358  
7515 W. National Ave. • 414-257-9450  
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays  
Dark July & August
- Milwaukee**  
Freemasons Lodge No. 363  
790 N. Van Buren St. • 414-425-5166  
Meets 1st Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Milwaukee**  
James M. Hays Lodge No. 331  
790 N. Van Buren • 414-774-0366 (Sec)  
Meet 1st Mondays, 6:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Milwaukee**  
Lafayette Lodge No. 265  
790 N. Van Buren St. • 414-541-7139  
Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Milwaukee**  
Lake Lodge No. 189  
1235 E. Howard Ave. • 414-744-4609  
Meet Thursdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Milwaukee**  
Nathan Hale Lodge No. 350  
790 N. Van Buren • 414-421-6493  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursday, 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year
- Mineral Point**  
Mineral Point Lodge No. 1  
310 High St.  
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark 3rd Mon. Dec. - 3rd Mon. March
- Minocqua**  
Island City Lodge No. 330  
7542 Hwy 51 South • 715-614-2476  
(Sec.) • Meet 1st Wednesday, 10 a.m.  
Meets all year
- Mondovi**  
Buffalo River Masonic Lodge No. 252  
245 S. Franklin • 715-797-3261 (Sec)  
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Monroe**  
Smith Lodge No. 31  
1613-1/2 Tenth St. • 608-558-9987 (Sec)  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.  
Dark June, July & August
- Mosinee**  
Mosinee Lodge No. 318  
607 13th St. • 715-693-0345 (Master)  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Mukwonago**  
Lafin-St. James Lodge No. 247  
206 S. Main St. • 262-363-8926  
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Neenah**  
Appleton Lodge No. 349  
241 E. Wisconsin Ave. • 920-731-7355  
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Neenah/Menasha**  
Twin Cities Lodge No. 61  
241 E. Wisconsin Ave. • 920-722-3611  
Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m.  
Dark August & September
- Neosho**  
Neosho-Mayville-Horicon No. 108  
315 E. Schuyler St. • 262-567-2354  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- New Diggings**  
Olive Branch Lodge No. 6  
City Hwy W • 608-965-3122 (Sec)  
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark January & February
- New Glarus**  
New Glarus Lodge No. 310  
207 6th Avenue • 608-527-2583 (Sec)  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark June, July & August
- New Holstein**  
Calumet Lodge No. 172  
2019 Washington St. • 920-894-2745 (Sec)  
Meet 2nd & 4th Monday, 7:00 p.m.  
Meets All Year
- New Lisbon**  
Juneau Lodge No. 103  
304 S. Adams St. • 608-565-7207  
(Sec) • Meet 1st & 2nd Thurs 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- New Richmond**  
New Richmond Lodge No. 195  
119 E. 2nd St. • 715-246-2144  
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark June, July & August
- Neosho**  
Neosho-Mayville-Horicon No. 108  
315 E. Schuyler St. • 262 567-2354  
(Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Oconomowoc**  
Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge 42  
307 N. Lake Road • 262-567-9898  
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August
- Oconto**  
Pine Lodge No. 188  
513 Superior Ave. • 920-378-5427  
Meet 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark December & January
- Oconto Falls**  
Oconto Falls Lodge No. 293  
170 N. Washington St. • 920-373-5747  
Meet 1st Mon. Sept. 2nd Mon., 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year
- Omro**  
Omro Lodge No. 168  
160 E Main Street • 920-685-2798  
Meet 2nd Monday, 7 p.m.  
Dark January, February & March

Lodge Listings are continued on page 21

## Lafin St. James Lodge Honors Their Widows and Past Masters

The Masons of Lafin St. James Lodge No. 247 honored their Past Masters and widows of departed brothers October 10 at the Mukwonago Masonic Center. After a luncheon, Bro. Roy A. Hubler, Master, made a special presentation to Bro. James S. Truesdell, Secretary/Treasurer, who was awarded the status of Honorary Past Master in recognition of his long diligence in the performance of his duties.



Bro. Roy A. Hubler, Master, honors Bro. James S. Truesdell, Secretary/Treasurer (right), by making him a Honorary Past Master.



Janice Stubbs (left), widow of Bro. Willard R. Stubbs, chats with Priscilla Truesdell, wife of Bro. James S. Truesdell.



Past Masters Patrick G. Richards (left) and Leon P. "Mike" Haslam, enjoy the evening of fellowship.

Submitted by Bro. James S. Truesdell, Secretary/Treasurer

## List of Grand Lodges Recognized by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin

Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, has in the past recommended that Constituent Lodges purchase the "List of Lodges Masonic" to help determine those jurisdictions we recognize. Due to the number of errors in this publication he no longer recommends its use.

Grand Lodge has compiled and published the complete list of lodges with their websites (if they have one) that the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin is in amity with.

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## Stated Communications (continued from page 20)

### Onalaska

**Onalaska Lodge No. 214**  
330 Main Street • 608-783-5606 (Sec)  
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
2nd Thursday only, July & August

### Oregon

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

### Oshkosh

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

### Owen

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

### Palmyra

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

### Pewaukee

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

### Phillips

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

### Platteville

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

### Plymouth

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

### Portage

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

### Port Washington

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

### Potosi

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

### Poynette

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

### Prairie du Chien

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

### Prairie du Sac

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

### Prescott

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

### Racine

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

### Reedsburg

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

### Rhineland

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

### Rice Lake

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

### Richland Center

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

### Ripon

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

### River Falls

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

### Shawano

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

### Sheboygan

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

### Shell Lake

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

### Shullsburg

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

### South Milwaukee

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

### Sparta

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

### Star Prairie

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

### Stevens Point

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

### Stoughton

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

### Sturgeon Bay

**Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174**  
31 S. 3rd Ave. • 920-493-3727  
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 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.  
Meets All Year

### Sussex

**Lincoln Lodge No. 183**  
N64 W23624 Main St. • 262-339-8985 (Sec)  
craigscampbell@wi.r.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 1st & 3rd 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 Fridays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### West Allis

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

### West Bend

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

### West Salem

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

### Whitefish Bay

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

### Whitefish Bay

**Geo. Washington 1776 Lodge No. 337**  
517 E. Beaumont Ave. • 414-964-4080  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Whitewater

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

### Wilmot

**Wilmot Lodge No. 241**  
30702 113th St. • 224-627-6731 (Master)  
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Winneconne

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

### Wisconsin Dells

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

### Wisconsin Rapids

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

### Silas H. Shephard

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

### Armistead-Bingham

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

To list your lodge contact  
Diane Igl,  
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# New Master Masons



## Bro. Joseph Kress is new Master Mason

Bro. Joseph Kress was recently raised in La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190. Bro. Kress was presented his grandfather Bro. Stanley Sagen's Masonic ring by his great-uncle Bro. Earland Sagen. The late Bro. Stanley Sagen was a 59 year member of La Crosse Masonic Lodge and was raised on July 12, 1948. Pictured (from left): District Deputy James Kent; Joseph Kress; Bruce Klubertanz, Master; and Earland Sagen.

Submitted by Bro. Todd Wohlert, Secretary



## Third generation Master Mason raised in Keystone Lodge

Keystone Lodge No. 263, Hayward, raised its newest Master Mason on Sept. 22. Bro. Eric Maki is a third generation Master Mason in the Maki family. In the photo (from left): Eric Maki; his father Kenneth Maki and Al Heinkel, Master. The Lectures were done by Bro. Dennis Zajac, the Charge by Bro. Kevin Fischer and the apron was presented by Brother Paul Kuczynski.

Submitted by Bro. Kevin Fischer, Junior Warden

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## Brat frys raise money for scholarships

Brethren from Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 322, held three Brat Frys over the summer and made over \$1200 to help fund their scholarship programs. The Lodge annually awards two scholarships to Green Bay area high school seniors. Pictured (from left): Junior Deacon Mike Belanger, Deputy Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert ("Thrice Past Master" of Theodore Roosevelt Lodge), Past Master Larry Raether and Secretary Thomas L. Strong, Past Master.

Submitted by Bro. Gerald Brebner, Master



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