



Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

SEPTEMBER

10 Silas Shepherd Lodge No 1843, fall meeting. 1:00 p.m., Forest Lodge No. 130, 130 First Street, Wausau.

15 Waucoma Lodge No. 90, Cooksville, 2nd Annual Fall Picnic, eat at 6:00 p.m., stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and a chair to sit on. Informal attire is the rule of thumb, ladies are invited.

18 Annual Milwaukee Walk to Help Children with Dyslexia at Noon, gather at the Milwaukee Yacht Club, which is the starting and ending point. Check in is at 12:00 pm, with the Walk beginning at 1:00 pm. Family picnic following, contact Marcia Christensen 414-791-5800. See story on Page 5.

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

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

24 Forest Lodge No. 130, Wausau, 150th Anniversary, Reconsecration Ceremony, 4:00 p.m., conducted by Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. Reception at 5:00 p.m., followed by a dinner at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$35.00 per person. Reservations are limited. Please RSVP by September 17. See Story on page 7.

25 Dousman Lodge No. 315, 10th Annual Lake Country Masonic Charities Golf Outing at the Western Lakes Country Club, W287 N1963 Oakton Rd., Pewaukee. For more information contact Bros. John Werner, 262-510-3121; Terry Brown, 414-429-5981; or Chuck Bayer, 262-490-2458. See story on page 5.

28 Columbus Lodge No. 75, comic night featuring Pete Lee from Comedy Central and Feature Comic Jeff Havens. Kestrel Ridge Golf Club, 900 Avalon Road, Columbus. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., show time 7:00 p.m. Tickets \$20.00. For more info call 608-575-5485.

OCTOBER

15 Janesville-Western Star No. 55, Pancake Breakfast, 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., 2322 E. Milwaukee St., Janesville.

15 Ozaukee Lodge's Annual Chili Cook-Off, 3:00 p.m. Port Washington Masonic Center, 504 W. Grand Ave. Bring your favorite chili. All varieties welcome.

21 McKinley Lodge's All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry for the Waukesha County Food Pantry, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adults, \$11.00; Seniors, \$10.00; Children 5-10, \$6.00; Under 4 free. \$1 off with a food pantry donation. McKinley Masonic Center, 4550 N. Pilgrim Road, Brookfield. Call Bro. Todd Jaremko 262-573-1567 for information.

21, 22, 28 & 29 Waukesha Lodge No. 37, Haunted House, 21 & 22, 7:00 p.m. till Midnight and 22 & 29 6:00 p.m. to midnight: Advance Sales \$10.00/person (until 10/20), at door \$12.00/person. Contact masonhaunt@gmail.com.

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

24 District 12 meeting will be held in conjunction with Wauwatosa Lodge's Stated meeting. They meet at 7515 W. National Ave., in West Allis. A light dinner will be available at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

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

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.

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

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. For more info email sgtguns@sbcglobal.net.

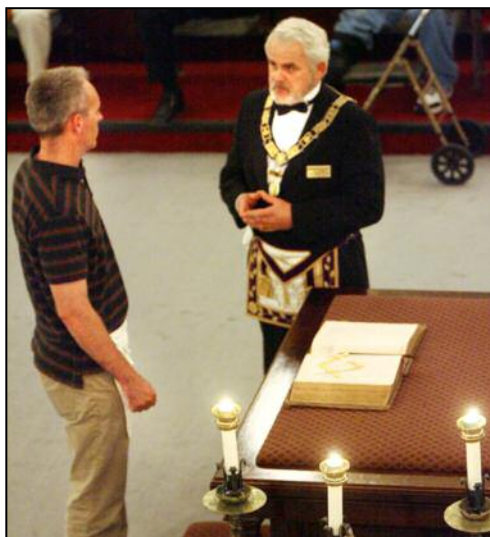
DECEMBER

3 Waukesha Lodge No. 37, Breakfast with Santa, 8:00 a.m. till Noon. \$5/adult, \$3/child. Free photos with Santa. Contact brianereed129@gmail.com for more details.

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

JANUARY 2012

21-22 Statewide Secretaries Seminar. 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 Lodge Excellence Award. More information will follow.



Junior Grand Warden William Beetcher presents the Charge to Bro. Christian Gossett at the EAA AirVenture MM Degree in Oshkosh. See the web edition at www.wisc-freemasonry.org for story and photos.

Photo by Rich Rygh

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Lodge Building Remodeled; Benton Lodge No. 268 Reconsecrated Olive Branch Lodge No. 6



Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. presents the new charter of Olive Branch Lodge No. 6 to its new Master, Bro. Joseph Thompson and Senior Warden Robert Lewis.

Photo by Rich Rygh

By Rich Rygh

Benton Lodge No. 268 surrendered its charter and was Reconsecrated as Olive Branch Lodge No. 6 at the New Diggings Annual Picnic on August 21, 2011. The event took place in front of the newly remodeled

lodge building on the property.

After a great deal of discussion and consideration Benton Lodge, chartered in 1896, passed a resolution at a stated communication in July to surrender their charter and to reactivate the charter of Olive Branch Lodge No. 6. Olive Branch Lodge was chartered in 1844 and was the original lodge occupying the lodge building now located on the property. In honor of the dedicated Brethren of that Lodge, they requested the reactivation of the charter, pending the approval of the Grand Master.

The following letter was sent to Grand Master Davey L. White Jr.:

"Most Worshipful Grand Master:

The brethren of Benton Lodge No. 268 have voted in the overwhelming majority to ask that you consider and approve their request to deactivate their current charter and allow it to be replaced with that of Olive Branch Lodge No. 6.

This has been considered for some time now by our members and we want you to know this effort has not been put forth without a great deal of discussion and due consideration.

As you know, the Masonic Temple currently housing Benton Lodge No. 268 is located at the Grand Lodge's 5.4 acre parcel located along Highway W in New

See Olive Branch on page 14.

The Grand Master's Message:

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

Brethren,

Again I thank you for the opportunity to serve our great craft as your Grand Master. It truly is an extraordinary feeling. I would also like to thank Bro. Rich Rygh for his outstanding coverage of our Annual Communication. The picture on the cover of our summer issue says it all. I don't believe there is anyone happier than my Father at that particular moment. Thanks Bro. Rich for capturing the moment.

As the lodges that were dark for the summer months prepare to start anew in September, it brings to mind one of the requests that our Past Grand Master Joe Harker proposed last year and that I will also encourage during this Masonic year. We would encourage all lodges to review their by-laws and consider changing or updating them so your lodges meet at least once a month during the entire year. Masonry is a way of life and I don't recall anywhere in our teachings that calls for a lodge to take a vacation from caring for their communities or distressed worthy Brothers. I believe that it is in the best interest of every lodge in the state to remain open and build on their enthusiasm, continue their programs and hopefully raise Masons. Thanks to all the Lodges who have already changed their by-laws to support this request.

This summer has been busy with many lodges having picnics and booths at their local fairs and gatherings. I tried to attend as many of these events as I could, to not only support the lodges in their endeavors and programs, but to meet and converse with Brothers from the different parts of the state. I found out long ago that picnics and special functions of the local lodges are a great place to meet Brothers who might not attend Lodge regularly. All Masons have their own niche in this great Fraternity. Some enjoy ritual, some enjoy chairing committees, and others enjoy the external activities. In my travels I did have the pleasure to meet several of these Brothers and the pleasure was all mine. We need to take time to show all Masons that we care and appreciate their support of our Fraternity. One quick story that can illustrate this. When I was Master of my lodge in Potosi, Wis., several of our Lodge Brothers traveled to Janesville to present a 50 year member with his certificate and pin. We took him out to lunch and enjoyed some time with him telling stories. He shared that he hasn't attended lodge since he was raised, and wondered why we would take the time to travel to Janesville to honor him. I don't believe that I need to supply the answer to that question.

I would encourage all lodge officers to become familiar with the Wisconsin Masonic Code. When requesting dispensations please include the sections of the code that will be affected. When your dispensation is approved please make sure you follow all other sections of the code. The last thing any Grand Lodge Officer wants to do is reprimand our Brothers for a violation that could affect or risk the reputation of our Great Fraternity.

Please keep the tenants of our Fraternity in the forefront of your minds in conducting your business whether it is in lodge or your personal lives.



Davey L. White Jr.
Grand Master

On Our Cover

Senior Grand Warden Daniel L. Slavik explains the symbolism of the pouring of the wine during the cornerstone ceremony at the Waldwick Community Church in rural Iowa County. See story on page 14.

Photo by Rich Rygh

All-Star Games and Youth Camp are Huge Success

By Rich Rygh

Due to the great organization of Bro. David Tainter, Masonic Soccer Committee Chairman, his committee, and good weather, the 20th Anniversary Masonic All-Star Soccer Games and Youth Camp were a huge success. The events were held at the Middleton High School athletic facility in Middleton, July 28-30.

The Brethren of Middleton-Ionic Lodge No. 180 helped by providing meals for the players, operating the concessions during the games and assisting where needed.

Twenty-five youth campers from the Green Bay area participated in the youth camp soccer clinic conducted by a group of the All-Stars on Thursday afternoon and were able to expand their soccer skills by practicing with the All-Stars on Friday. Bro. Tainter hopes to expand the number attending the youth camp in the future as funding permits.

Middleton-Ionic Lodge hosted a cookout on Friday evening for everyone involved in the program including several parents. The food was great and no one went away hungry.

The Saturday morning Recognition Breakfast honored

the All-Stars and their parents along with the youth campers. The coaches introduced the All-Stars and Grand Master Davey L. White Jr., assisted by Grand Marshal Jerry Potter, presented them with their All-Star Medals.

Bro. David Tainter thanked the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association for selecting the All-Stars and the coaches for all their time and effort. He also thanked the All-Stars that came in early to run the youth camp.

The Grand Master explained what Freemasonry is and what we do. He explained, "I am sure a lot of you think we are a charitable organization, which we are, but that is a byproduct of what we believe in. Masonry stands on three basic principles, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth." He said, "We are not an organization that goes around putting ads in the paper on what all we do, we don't do it because we want a pat on the back, we do it because we care. Masonry gives out through the York Rite, Scottish Rite and the Shrine, along with the Blue Lodge Masons between 1.7 and 2 million dollars a day to charity, we support burn centers, children's hospitals, dyslexic learning centers, cancer research and heart research. We are involved

in a lot of charitable activities."

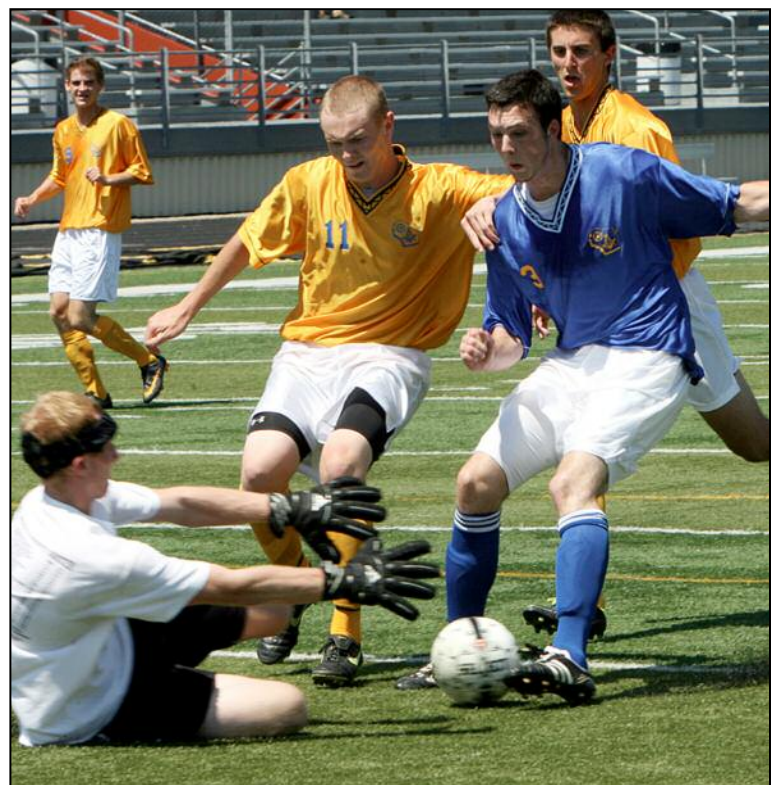
Grand Master White told the All-Stars that today is about you, the players that have been selected for their great achievements in soccer. He said, "I look out here today and see the future of our state and of our nation. I congratulate you on attaining this great goal."

The Grand Master congratulated and recognized Bro. David Tainter for the great job he has done with the Soccer Program. Bro. Tainter has been involved in the program for 17 years and the Chairman for four years.

If you would like to be a part of the soccer program and become a committee member or sponsor contact Bro. David Tainter at 262-689-2848 or email dtainter@wi.rr.com.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation - Soccer Fund to help perpetuate the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Program, please contact Bro. William Barnes, Director of Development, at 262-527-4294 or email Erika Miller, Development Office Coordinator at erika@wisc-freemasonry.org.

See more photos on page 21.



Gold Team goalie Stephen Nett blocks a kick from Dan Donnelly of the Blue Team. Gold Team players from left: Jonny Fischer, TJ Krause and Zak DeGrave. The Gold Team defeated the Blue Team 4-2.

Photo by Rich Rygh

PGM Rodney Paulsen Thanks Those Who Made Blood Drive a Success



Bro. John Marra, Joe Brown and Mike Wood keep District Deputy Wayne Budwick company as he makes his donation.



Bro. Mark Frion, Bob Burton, Lady Ginny Paulsen and Bro. Russ Krause work on checking people in during the drive.

By Bro. Mark Frion

The blood drive in honor of Past Grand Master Rodney Paulsen, with the Blood Center of Wisconsin, was held in Elkhorn, Wis., on Saturday, August 6, and by all accounts, it was an amazing success.

There were 186 people who attempted to donate, technicians actually collected 176 donations. There will be up to 528 lives that will be saved as a direct result of this drive! In Waukesha, the day was ended by officially singing 23 blood donors, and collected 22 units. The blood units collected will save an additional 66 lives in the community!

PGM Paulsen called during the day, as he was unable to attend in person, but wanted people to know how glad he was they were at the drive, "I wish to thank all the wonderful people that came out to donate blood Saturday in my honor. I appreciate everyone's thought and consideration. It's a wonderful act of kindness toward me and those who are in need of blood donations."

Virginia "Ginny" Paulsen, Rod's wife, was at the drive, she said, "The turnout of friends and supporters has just been amazing, I can't believe how many people have stopped by even just to tell me they're thinking of Rod and myself. I'm so thankful for everyone's encouragement. "I know Rod will be happy when I share all this with him."

This was the largest Masonic sponsored blood drive to date in the State of Wisconsin. Grand Masters' Joseph B. Harker and Davey L. White Jr., were both extremely supportive of this blood drive from its outset. "One of the tenets of Freemasonry is brotherly love and relief."

District Deputy Bob Strader was instrumental in District #12 and the Milwaukee portion of this drive held at the Blood Center of Wisconsin.

PGM, Rod Paulsen was elated to hear of the outstanding assistance and contribution that was made by Our Prince Hall brothers with their participation for his drive with the Blood Center of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

Attend and Support Your Lodge!

Thoughts for the Journey

By Reverend David R. Ritchie, Grand Chaplain

I am a member of the Valley of Madison Scottish Rite and have the honor of serving in the Lodge of Perfection. When I told my wife that I would be in this line, she somehow found it amusing. She doesn't quite equate me with perfection. This is probably for good reason. She knows me and my short comings. Now of course, the lodge of perfection is not filled with perfect people, or perfect masons (sorry guys), it gets its name from the search for perfection.

Vince Lombardi once stated, "Perfection is unattainable, but if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence." My high school cross country coach used to tell us, "Reach for the stars if you only get to the moon you have done better than most." Isn't this one of the things Masonry teaches? We take good men and make them better. Better, not perfect. Masonry speaks a language of improvement for us, personally and a language of forbearance when dealing with others. Masonry does not ask us to be perfect, not in lodge, not in our lives, not in our work.

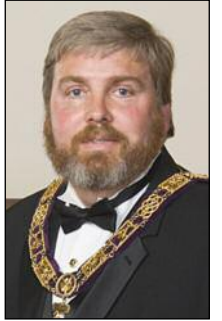
One night there was a knock on the door of the lodge. There stood an elderly man, "I am here for my second degree." No one in lodge ever remembered making this man an Entered Apprentice. The Lodge secretary going back through the minute books found that indeed this man had received his EA some 60 years ago. A committee was hastily assembled and stepping out began to question the elderly gentleman. He was the gentleman the record showed. He had received his EA in this very lodge so long ago. Finally one of the brothers asked, "Why did you wait 60 years to come back." "I didn't want to," the old fellow replied, "It took me that long to subdue my passions."

We are told that we come to Masonry a "rough Ashlar", a stone with all its imperfections. These stones are not level or square. In this state they are unusable to the builder, but by using the common gavel we chip away the imperfections. By laying out our lives with the help of the twenty-four inch gauge we find that we, the rough ashlar, begin to conform to the plumb and the square. Chip by chip we improve ourselves and become better men. The stones begin to take shape. We learn to subdue our passions. Little by little we become more temperate, more truthful, we lose the things that rob us of our fortitude. The Ashlars lose their rough edges. Its corners becoming more square, its surfaces more level, and its sides more plumb.

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry said, "Perfection is not achieved when there is nothing more to add, but when there is nothing left to take away." This is what an operative mason does. He takes away all the imperfection from a stone that keeps it from being used. As speculative masons we do the same with our lives. Although we know that even with years of work, we will never be perfect. We will never be perfectly square, or perfectly plumb. We know that we will never be free from all the vices and superfluities but by trying, we become better. We know that we will never become a "perfect" ashlar, but we know how far we have come from being a "rough" ashlar. We can not and should not expect perfection from ourselves or those we sit in lodge with, but we should always try to make ourselves better and help a brother in his quest to do the same.

If we are not perfectly square or perfectly level, how can we ever be of use in Masonry or life? Any operative mason will tell you that no two bricks are identical. They all have little flaws and peculiarities. By spreading mortar over the bricks or stones the wall becomes level and square. By spreading the cement of Brotherly Love and Affection over the imperfect (not rough) ashlars, we can meet on the Level, act upon the Plumb, and part upon the Square. Our imperfections smoothed out by our fellows.

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Ask Hiram?

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Question: At the recent ritual contest in Madison Wis. the participating Lodges were to convey the Fellowcraft Degree on a candidate. During the circumambulation all of the Lodges had the Senior Deacon walk the parameter of the lodge room (within 3 feet), but one Lodge had their Senior Deacon simply revolve around the Altar, because the circumambulation in this degree is short. I could not find any reference in the "blue book" indicating if this was acceptable or not. I was under the impression that the SD was to travel a line that was 3 feet from the parameter of the Lodge, so I am wondering what Hiram will say is the correct way for the circumambulation to be presented is?

I have seen it done both ways in different Lodges and I am just wondering if this can be clarified anywhere?

Bro. Kevin

Answer: Circumambulation of the Lodge room around the Altar is not only for the benefit of the Brothers to see that the candidate is duly and truly prepared, but also gives all in attendance the time needed to sit silently and focus on the lecture that accompanies the journey of the candidate. Viewing the candidate for proper preparation cannot be accomplished when the travels around the Lodge room is rushed to keep time with the lecture, and circumambulating close to the Altar should not be done unless the Lodge room is very small.

Even though the ritual does not specify a particular distance, I would recommend focusing on the distance from the sidelines and not the Altar. A good rule-of-thumb would be to follow the lines of the square that is formed at the closing of the Lodge. Imagine a path that starts at about the Senior Deacon's chair, crosses the East moving south to the Chaplain's chair, turning West and walking to the Junior Deacon's chair, turning North crossing the West to the Counselor's chair, and then turning East moving back to the Senior Deacon's chair.

If the lodge room has enough space, about two to three feet from the steps in the East, West, and South would be a good distance. If there is more room, extend the journey so that the two to three foot distance is held. This will give the Senior Deacon ample room to turn the candidate into the different stations at the end of the walk.

Rushing the journey should never be done to keep time with the lecture. If there are long pauses in the lecture, it is okay. The Chaplain should time the lecture so that it ends when the journey ends at the Junior Warden's station.

Question: I will be leaving the state of Wisconsin around July 1 to relocate to Arizona. What is the protocol for this move as it would pertain to what I should seek and request from my present Lodge 244 (loa, resign)? Any pertinent information will be appreciated.

Bro. Dennis

Answer: By the time you read this answer, you will be in Arizona. This puts you in the right place to start your transfer. It starts with the lodge you will be joining in your new location.

The first step is to find a lodge



Masonic Home Inc. honors Bros. for leadership

The Wisconsin Masonic Home Inc. presented Leadership Achievement Awards to Bro. Joseph B. Harker, PGM, and Bro. Gary Krause for their outstanding and dedicated leadership to the Wisconsin Masonic Home Board. PGM Harker served on the Board from 2007 - 2011 and was the Board Chair from 2010 - 2011. Bro. Krause served on the Board from 2004 - 2011 and was the Oversight Committee Chair 2009 - 2011. Their many years of leadership helped our mission-driven organization gain a competitive position in the senior long-term care market. During this time, Three Pillars added two new facilities: The Hickory Suites Rehabilitation, which provides intensive, short-term rehabilitation care; and The Three Pillars Wellness Connection, which offers specialized wellness programs and fitness equipment for adults age 55 and up. The Three Pillars staff and residents are very appreciative to PGM Harker and Bro. Krause. Pictured (from left): Grand Master Davey L. White Jr., Bro. Gary Krause, Past Grand Master Joseph B. Harker and Bro. Mark Strautman, Three Pillars C.E.O.

for membership. Be sure to have your current Wisconsin dues card with you. Brothers who transfer out of the Wisconsin jurisdiction should make sure that the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin recognizes the jurisdiction of the lodge being petitioned. In your case, Wisconsin does recognize the Grand Lodge of Arizona. Once you have found a lodge to your liking, request a petition for transfer into that lodge. The receiving lodge will need to meet, and at a stated meeting read your petition and ballot on it. If the ballot is favorable and you are elected to transfer, then the secretary of that lodge takes over on the request. An application for transfer will be requested from the Grand Lodge in Arizona, signed by you and the secretary of that lodge. This application will find its way to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

Be careful not to procrastinate on getting the transfer going. It must be completed before the end of the year. That way you will not get assessed dues for two lodges. I would also recommend staying on top of the process. There are times when the wheels of transfer move slowly and it is the New Year before the work is complete. That can cause all kinds of problems.

As long as you are a member in good standing of your home lodge, the Worshipful Master will immediately grant you a membership Transfer Certificate, and the deal is done.

The procedure and details for doing this work can be found in the Wisconsin Masonic Code. Go to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin web site at <http://www.wisc-freemasonry.org/publications/>. Click on the Publications tab and open up Masonic Code Rev August 09. Scroll down to Chapter 82.

I wish you the best of luck and much success in your new home in Arizona.

Question: I noticed that the WMJ recently came out with a column called "Ask Hiram?" and I would like to commend you on presenting what has the potential to be a fascinating and educational column for brothers everywhere.

Silas H. Shepherd Lodge #1843 has for the last couple of years, had a similar program called "Ask Silas!" We have made presentations at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication, district meetings and in open lodges. Although the Silas H. Shepherd Lodge sometimes struggles with member participation, over the last couple of years I have seen it

improve substantially as an effective Masonic research organization.

With the two columns/programs being so similar in scope and name, perhaps we could make a deal. What if the WMJ was to present the column as the "Ask Silas!" program and we as the only recognized Masonic research lodge in Wisconsin were to help with the columns content? It might save you or whoever is currently writing the column some work, or at minimum offer assistance, while at the same time the WMJ would be assisting the Silas Shepherd Lodge in gaining exposure and increasing the momentum we have most recently experienced.

Bro. Dan

Answer: This question was submitted by Brother Rich Rygh to Ask Hiram for a response. This is a great question.

The purpose of the Ask Hiram site is to give all Wisconsin Masons a forum for questions and answers from a somewhat broad knowledge base (all Wisconsin Masons). The responses are published for all 12,000 Wisconsin Masons to see, if they choose to read the column. Ask Silas is a great forum, but it does not reach all Wisconsin Masons. The two forums also differ in content. Ask Hiram is designed to answer all questions. Not only from the research part of our organization, but also to include any questions relating to the code, the green book, lodge programming, etc. Each column will differ slightly in content with some overlapping. There are questions waiting to be answered that do not deal with Masonic research.

As I mentioned, Ask Silas is a great forum. Assistance is never turned away, and Q&As from Ask Hiram could be included in Ask Hiram giving full credit to Silas Shepherd. This would most definitely benefit Wisconsin Masons and give great exposure to the important work being done by the members of Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research. There is room and a need for both columns.

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

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

NOTES FROM THE GRAND LECTURER

By Brother Kenneth C. Gorgen

My Brothers,

Spoken language is what makes us different than any other species on this planet. Through spoken communication, others can understand our thoughts, and it makes our thinking visible for them to see. There are times when this communication can be presented in the form of a metaphor or allegory. Allegories are created to present an end meaning or moral to the story. One of the most famous allegories is Charles Dickens's "A Christmas Carol". Parables in the Bible are also great examples of allegories, and our Masonic ritual is loaded with allegories. The second section of the Master Mason Degree is a good example.

Over time the meaning of an allegory or its intent can be lost. I ran across an article that allegories in nursery rhymes are lost from a lack of understanding. Eventually these lessons are deemed politically incorrect. The same can be said for the Masonic ritual, and changes to the wording are implemented to help clarify the meaning and intent. Changes are made for clarification and to increase the understanding of our own members as well as non-Masonic groups that would use a particular part of the ritual to attack our organization.

A very good example of a change that was necessary to make in the Wisconsin ritual is in the wording of the obligation regarding the penalties. It is no secret to all Masons that each obligation contains a binding of the candidate to a symbolic penalty appertaining to the degree being delivered. Many years ago the word "symbolic" did not precede the explanation of the penalty and eventually was viewed as a horrible threat made to the candidate. With the real meaning being lost, Masonry came under fire by anti-Masonic groups, which tagged us as barbarians. Because of misinterpretations, Wisconsin Masons felt it was important to add the word "symbolic" for clarification. A vote of the Wisconsin Masons several years later made a change to all obligations and any ritualistic wording referring to the Masonic penalties. All references to the penalties are now referred to as the "symbolic" penalties or penalty.

If clarification is needed, why not just eliminate these objectionable parts from the obligation? Please remember that the candidate is promising and swearing to many parts of personal character building in the obligation. The Masonic obligations are promises that help a Mason understand what he will or will not do after becoming a member. The promises or ties being taught and recited by the candidate can be life changing, if understood. These are attributes of how he will respond to his God, country, family, fellow lodge members, and other people in general. He is also vowing to keep specific parts of the fraternity confidential, which are only to be discussed in lodge or in the company of other Masons.

Each obligation is concluded with reciting the "symbolic" penalty relating to that degree. The penalty is one of the Masonic allegories to impress upon the candidate the pain he should mentally experience if he breaks his promise. It is not a real penalty to be imposed by any other person, but the mental anguish that should be felt by the candidate himself. It is no different from a promise made and concluded by saying, "Cross my heart and hope to die". It is important not to eliminate it when obligating so that there is no misinterpretation by the candidate, Mason and non-Masons.

At this point, it is important to remember that the ritual is constant and changes only when deemed necessary by the representatives of the lodges at the Annual Communication in June. A lodge or its members should not purposefully make changes to the ritual during degree work. The Masonic ritual is and has been the foundation for education within the fraternity. Thus any Ritualist who decides to change the ritual on his own is also in violation of his obligation.

The Masonic ritual is or ought to be the most constant part of Masonry. The Ritual has been a Masonic landmark through all the years. It has evolved through the ages as a dynamic story. History may have produced changes or erased different parts within the fraternity only to rebuild it, and make it's meaning more revealing. But through all of this, the lessons of the Masonic ritual have marked time. The ritual, this constant, is a part of our past, present and future. It reminds and directs us to absorb and be part of all that can be great and continue to be good. Its lessons will continue to develop men, and men will come to absorb them. They may knock on our Lodge room door for different reasons. Maybe not at first for the ritual, but they will keep knocking. And with the right kind of mentoring, they will stay and understand the allegories.

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. 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 or 262-691-0859



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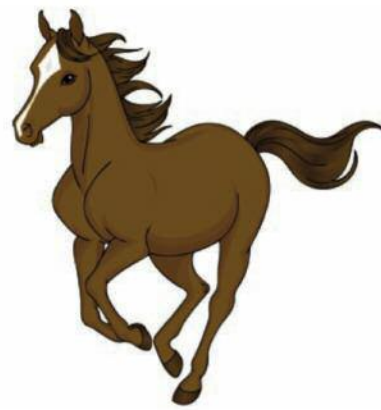


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Patti is an active member in the Lake Country community. She serves as the Board Development Committee Chairperson for the YMCA at Pabst Farms, and is a board member. She is also a member of the Tempo Professional Group and the American Council on Exercise. She earned Bachelor of Science Degrees in Communications and in Fitness Management from Carroll University – Waukesha and achieved a Masters of Health Education from Carroll University as well. She is a native of Door County, Wisconsin, and has been part of the Masonic family since her childhood.

Following her passions for health and wellness, Patti also teaches group exercise classes. She loves riding Harleys, horses, and making every minute of every day count.



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Give us a call before you come to visit because you might find a sign on the door that reads, "Gone Fishing!"



Pictured is residents Harry Meyer and Jim Steingraeber

Friends & Family Festival

We recently celebrated our 5th Annual Friends and Family Festival in August. The Grand Lodge and OES Grand Family worked hard in the food tents serving delicious chicken, hamburgers, and hot dogs. The Oconomowoc Lodge kept all of us hydrated by managing the beverage tent. The Dousman Lodge volunteered at the ever popular fishing pond, and the DeMolay group once again directed traffic and parking. Thank you to everyone for all your hard work in making this event possible; it was a huge success. The residents and staff fully appreciate the commitment of our volunteers!



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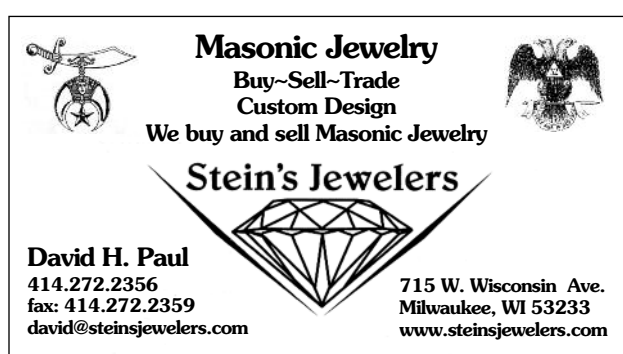


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Dousman Lodge Golf Outing September 25

Dousman Lodge No. 315 is sponsoring their 10th Annual Lake Country Masonic Charities Golf Outing on Sunday, Sept. 25. The event will be held at the Western Lakes Country Club, W287 N1963 Oakton Rd., Pewaukee.

Proceeds from the event go to support Dousman Lodge's charitable community projects which have included donations for the Dousman Police Department baseball card program and K-9 Unit, scholarships to Kettle Moraine High School, lights for the KMHS soccer field, AED's for Lad Lake and other area schools, upgrades to the Dousman Fire Department Rescue Squad, support for the building and program expansion projects of the Wisconsin Masonic Home, and many other community support projects.

The cost is \$100 which includes: 18 holes of golf, golf cart, entry in all events, lunch, hors d'oeuvres and dinner. Reservations are due Sept. 16.

Registration starts at 11:00 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m. and shotgun start at noon.

Download reservation forms at <https://sites.google.com/site/dousmanmasoniclodge/>. For more information contact: Bros. John Werner, 262-510-3121; Terry Brown, 414-429-5981; or Chuck Bayer, 262-490-2458.

Milwaukee Walk/Fun Run Lake Michigan's Shores

The 2011 Milwaukee Walk/Fun Run to Help Children with Dyslexia will be held Sunday, September 18, at noon. Join with your friends and families, to take an enjoyable stroll and/or run on Lake Michigan's shores. We will gather at the Milwaukee Yacht Club, 1700 Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milwaukee, thanks to their hospitality, which is our starting and ending point. Check in is at noon, with the Walk beginning at 1:00 pm.


Please ask your friends to Sponsor you. Walking and/or running is Fun. Remember, you can help to change a child's life by helping them learn how to read! Bring your sponsorship money with you. There are prizes for the top three fund raisers!

A family picnic will follow with enjoyable, lively music. Please help out by bringing dishes to share: fruits, veggies, desserts or chips. Brats, hot dogs and buns will be provided.


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Masons and Shriners Knock One Out of the Park



Brethren and Duck take time out for a photo before the opening of the game. Front row (from left): Jerry Roscoe, Master, Hiram 50; Millie the Mallard; Ted Erickson, holding an AED; Zor Potentate Steve Peterson; and Gary Beier, President of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation. Back row: Chuck Porter Jr., Directors Staff; John Thorstad, Past Potentate; John MacKenzie, Directors Staff; and Past Potentate Tom Nelson.

Photo by Bro. Todd Wohlert

By Bro. Todd Wohlert

Hot, balmy and overcast. Those were the conditions Saturday, July 9 in Madison, but it was a sellout crowd at the Duck Pond. Thousands of people came to enjoy Madison Mallard baseball action, including many members of Hiram Lodge No. 50 and the Zor Shriners. It was a very special occasion for both groups – they were there to present 2 (AED) Defibrillators to the Mallards for use in their facility.

Ted Erickson from Hiram Lodge explains how this presentation came about: "Starting last year during the Madison Baseball Mallard season, my daughter - Lisa Erickson AKA 'Millie the Duck', was experiencing some medical issues during a game. Well, my daughter having been involved with Job's Daughters for many years knew of the AED Defibrillator program through the Wisconsin Masonic Charity Foundation and approached me last fall about the program. It being too far into the 2010 baseball season there wasn't enough time for (a presentation). I spoke with Conor Coila, General Manager for the Madison Mallards, and they also felt the need for the AEDs.

"I approached Past Potentate John Thorstad last fall to see

what they thought about doing a joint effort in getting the AED's together. He brought it back to the Zor Shrine Director staff.

"John and I chose the date for the presentation July 9 and together made a fun family outing for all. Potentate Steve Peterson and Bro. Jerry Roscoe, Master of Hiram Lodge No. 50 each threw out an honorary 1st pitch of the game."

Other highlights included the Zor Color Guard presenting the flags of our country, state, and more while Bro. Bill Gant sang the National Anthem. Brothers, Nobles, and Ladies dined on brats, burgers, chicken breasts, and all the fixings plus ice cold liquid refreshment.

By the end of the evening, the Mallards fell to the Wisconsin Rapid Rafter's 7 to 2 but the enthusiastic local crowd was treated to a fireworks display nonetheless.

The Madison Mallards Baseball team is located on the North side of Madison at the Madison Warner Park and Community Center. The Mallards Baseball team is there for 3 months out of the summer (34 home games) providing baseball action for the community. The excitement, the fun, and the atmosphere is hard to explain unless you have experienced it.

The attendance at these games can average almost 6,000 fans per game, and as many as 8,000. You have families with infants, to little kids, to adults and senior citizens. Even Hiram Lodge No. 50, Zor Shriners, and the Supreme Council for the International Order of Jobs Daughters have had events at the games.

The Mallards are also a huge contributor to the neighboring communities with projects ranging from kids programs to local High School sporting events.

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Annual Masonic Picnic Honors Widows and Orphans



Hancock Lodge No. 229, Ellsworth, held their Annual Widows and Orphans picnic at Young's cabin on the banks of the Mississippi River, south of Red Wing, on Saturday, August 22.

Attendees are front row (from left): Dr. E.R. Jonas, Bea Steltzner, Janet Arndt, Vera Eaton, Ev Young, Darl Donath and Tony Renk. Back row: Debbie Reed; Burt Trok; Bill Reed, Master of Hancock Lodge; Darlene Trok; Teresa Jonas; Dean and Myrna Melby; Dennis "Sluggo" Lindquist; Marcy and Jim Kenall; Dick Wilhelm; Dr. Dan and Ellen Sherry; Rob and Linda Kollasch; Noreen and Terry Falde; Bruce Wigent; Dennis Donath; Kris and Charlie Webster; Vi Wilhelm; Jack and Sharon Hofmeister; Joyce and Rick Swan; and Patricia Renk.

Bro. Charlie Webster helped organize the successful event and provided the refreshment, Bro. Bill Reed served as host along with Ev Young and Linda and Bro. Rob Kollasch. The ladies of the Eastern Star provided appetizers.

The well attended event featured a catered dinner from Hinck's Econofoods of Ellsworth.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer



Senior Grand Warden Minor King, Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, addresses the Masonic Brotherhood Council, Bro. Joe Pronnet, Master of Aurora Lodge No. 30 is on the right.

Masonic Brotherhood Council Gives Support to Veterans

By Bro. Lowell Scott

More than 40 brothers from The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Wisconsin and the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Wisconsin met for breakfast, on July 30, to coincide with the Brethren of New Zealand's Longest Morning Tea. Also present were wives and sisters of OES. In addition to the breakfast a free will donation was requested to support our VETS.



Mary Ann D'Acquisto
Zablocki VA Medical Center

Mary Ann D'Acquisto, President

of the Veteran's Day Parade and nurse manager of the ICU at Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee, was the guest speaker. She informed those present of the trials and tribulations of organizing and running past Veteran's Day Parades. She asked for help, both physical and financial, for future parades. She stated if it were not for our Vets we would not be able to enjoy the freedom we do and the lifestyle we live. The least we can do is attend the parade and show our support and thanks for that which our service people have done for us. All Vets gave some, some Vets gave all. What can we give?

The Masonic Brotherhood Council normally meets the third Saturday of every month at the Branded Steer restaurant (Hwy 45 and Good Hope road in Milwaukee) and anyone is welcome to attend. For more information contact Lowell Scott at pastmaster261@gmail.com.

Forest Lodge to Celebrate Sesquicentennial Sept. 24

By Bro. Jesse Furrer

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

The Brethren of Forest Lodge will celebrate their 150th Anniversary on Saturday, September 24, with a Re-consecration Ceremony conducted by Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. at 4:00 p.m.

A reception will begin at 5:00 p.m., followed by a dinner at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$35.00 per person for the prime rib dinner including an engraved toasting cannon.

The dress will be tuxedos, suits, or business formal for all. All Masons and their ladies are welcome.

Reservations are limited. Please RSVP by September 17, using the form below.

All events will take place at the Wausau Masonic Center, 130 First St., Wausau.

For a history of Forest Lodge see the June issue of *The Wisconsin Masonic Journal*.

150th Anniversary Forest Lodge No. 130

Saturday, Sept. 24, 4:00 p.m.

Names of guests attending _____

Vegetarian entrée request _____

Cost \$35.00 per person

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8800 Foxwood Court
Wausau, WI 54403

Ewald Family Gives Back to the Community, Donates to Oconomowoc Soccer Association

Recently at the Oconomowoc Soccer Association (OSA) Groundbreaking, the Ewald family made a donation of \$200,000 to support the development of the OSA Soccer pavilion, soccer fields, and numerous other amenities. Bro. Emil Ewald and his four sons, Bros. Tom, Dan, Brian, and Craig are members of the Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge No. 42.

The complex will enable the Association to consolidate operations with fields available for the more than 800 soccer players served by Oconomowoc Soccer and the surrounding Lake Country area. The Ewald family was on hand to participate in the groundbreaking, and presented a check for \$200,000 toward the soccer fields, paving, signage and the creation of the Ewald Family Pavilion. The pavilion will house a concession stand, the OSA office, training and teaching facility, mechanicals and storage, and men's and women's bathrooms.

"This was the opportunity of a lifetime, for a family business like ours to give to the families in our community," suggested Bro. Emil Ewald, Chairman of the Ewald Automotive Group. "Our contribution will not only help the 525 soccer families of the Oconomowoc Soccer Association, it will hopefully have an impact on the entire community."

OSA President, Joel Falk agreed, "This contribution is the catalyst. This project represents a unique collaboration to build a facility for generations to come. On behalf of all the families in Oconomowoc and the OSA, I give my heartfelt thanks to the Ewald family for their incredible donation."

This project had been in the works for five years before the Ewalds learned of it. Their donation has triggered other donors to activate their pledges, and donations have started to pour in. "We wanted to make this contribution right now," said Bro. Ewald, "It will allow the main portion to be completed by the end of 2011, so that the Oconomowoc Soccer kids and their families will be able to enjoy the new facility at the beginning



Bro. Emil Ewald (center), presents a check to Robert Hultquist, Town of Oconomowoc Chairman (left), and Joel Falk, Oconomowoc Soccer Association President. The check from the Ewald family, in the amount of \$200,000, was given to support the development of the OSA Soccer pavilion, soccer fields, and numerous other amenities.

of the 2012." When completed, there will be 30 - 40 soccer fields in Monterey Park (located 5 minutes from downtown Oconomowoc, north on Highway 67.)

The Ewald family has been committed to Oconomowoc and the surrounding Lake Country

area for more than 30 years, living there, raising their families there and operating their family business. Ewald Chevrolet Buick opened in 1980 with Mayfair Rent-A-Car, followed by Ewald Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram and Ewald Kia of Oconomowoc.

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News Events from the Lodges

Nine Rivers Lodge, Holds First Communication in Frederick



The new officers of Nine Rivers Lodge, members and guests assembled for a photo at the Lodge's first communication on Monday, July 11. Front row (from left): is Bill Reed, Senior Steward; Kevin Leque, Senior Deacon; Tom Christiano, Senior Warden; Junior Grand Warden William Beetcher, Master; Rick Swan, Tiler, standing in for the Junior Warden; Steve Schwartz, Junior Deacon; Bill Kessler, Junior Steward; and H. Scott Paulson, member. Back row: Himanshu Sharma, visitor from St. Croix Lodge in Hudson; District 5 Deputy James Kent, member; Senior Grand Deacon Frank Struble, member; Jim Parent, Treasurer; Mike Epton, Secretary; District 2 Deputy Gary Stang, Chaplain; and Clint More visiting from Winona, Minnesota Lodge No. 18.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer

By Bro. Milt Helmer

It was a celebration of determination and commitment on Monday, July 11, as the newly chartered Nine Rivers Lodge convened its very first communication at the Masonic Center in Frederick, Wisconsin.

Nine Rivers Lodge is like no other lodge in the state of Wisconsin, they have no permanent home.

Set up and spearheaded by Junior Grand Warden William "Bill" Beetcher, the lodge travels around an area consisting of nine rivers within the upper Midwest region of Wisconsin.

Currently the Lodge has 26 members all of whom are required to attend meetings or call in for an excused absence.

RWBro. Beetcher, who is the first Master of the new lodge, says many in the fraternity have questioned why this lodge even exists. He indicated the new lodge is designed to be an educational lodge where members can learn more about the craft and take that knowledge back to their home lodges, thereby helping Freemasonry throughout the area. It is sort of getting back to basics, says Bro. Bill.

Several working committees have been set up. Among them is a public relations committee to attend area lodges and explain how Freemasonry can benefit the local lodge. This committee is working on a PowerPoint presentation to aid in this effort. Each lodge they visit will be paid \$100

for the use of their facility.

The new lodge also has an education committee, which according to the Master, is one of the pillars of the new body. This committee will begin as soon as the new lodge is up and running.

Some discussion was also given to the purchase of new aprons, jewels and other regalia. The brothers were in tuxedos to honor their first meeting and for official photos.

During the brief and concise meeting, RWBro. Beetcher read several humorous passages from the Masonic Book Club edition "Evaluation of Freemasonry". The stories took the members back in time to recount the days when the craft was newly formed in America.



Wilmot Lodge honors Bro. Harry Schippers

On June 28, Wilmot Lodge No. 241 held a special ceremony to celebrate Past Master Harry Schippers' 50 years of service to the fraternity. He was raised on June 29, 1961 in Rising Sun Lodge No. 115, Grayslake, Ill. and affiliated with Wilmot Lodge on March 14, 1989. Bro. Schippers is currently a trustee of the Lodge. Bro. Mike Wood, Master presents Bro. Harry Schippers his certificate.

Submitted by Bro. Mike Wood, Master



TriCounty Daylight Lodge promotes Masonry

TriCounty Daylight Lodge No. 218 entered a float in three area community parades this summer. The first, shown, was the Crivitz 4th of July parade, with Master Doug Morrison riding and Bob Cook and Wally Schlenvogt driving. Lodge members enjoyed the fellowship while planning and building the float.

Submitted by Bro. Doug Morrison, Master

New Glarus Open Air Lodge



New Master Masons Kendrick Eichelkraut and Kyle Bearden receive the Historical Lecture from Bro. Jim Mc Neill.

By Rich Rygh

Despite scattered showers and some heavy rains in the area, the sun was shining into the deep valley on the Gant farm two miles off English Hollow Road in rural Blanchardville, for an Open Air

Lodge conducted by New Glarus Lodge No. 310, on August 13.

The drive into the valley along rock outcroppings and a meandering stream on a single lane dirt road ended at a recreational trailer with a huge porch over-

looking a large pond. A place certainly free of crows and eavesdroppers. Owners of the property are Bros. Karl and Jerry Gant, Past Masters of Argyle Lodge No. 178.

The Lodge was setup down by

Silas H. Shepherd Lodge Enters New Digital World

Members of the Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843 can now view, download, or digitally search the more than 1,700 pages of Masonic research written and compiled by local Wisconsin Masonic authors over the past 27 years. With the help of OCR, (optical character recognition) technology, the mostly type written hard copies of research were digitally scanned and converted to PDF format. They were then uploaded to the member's area of the lodge website at www.silasshepherd.org. Now, members have as part of their paid dues, access to the site

and can download or search the documents at any time, day or night.

The Silas H. Shepherd Lodge is a statewide Masonic research lodge founded in 1983. Plural membership is open to all Master Masons in good standing, regularly constituted lodges, Masonic libraries and Masonic bodies may join Silas H. Shepherd Lodge as sustaining members. From its beginning, the Silas H. Shepherd Lodge has endeavored to nurture a true love of Masonic research and scholarship. The annual transactions of the lodge contain papers of this kind.

the pond for the conferral of the second and third sections of the Master Mason Degree on Bros. Kyle Bearden and Kendrick Eichelkraut. Over thirty five Brethren were in attendance including several Brethren from Illinois.

The Lodge was opened by Bro. Mike Mudrey, Past Master of New Glarus Lodge.

Bro. Jim Mc Neill assumed the East as King Solomon. Bro. Robert Markham was King Hiram.

Bro. Mc Neill presented the

Historical Lecture and Grand Marshal Jerry Potter gave the Picture Lecture. Area Administrator Robert Barnett gave the Charge and Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie presented Bros. Bearden and Eichelkraut their aprons and Bibles.

The Lodge was closed in due form by District Deputy Marc Steiber after which the Brethren enjoyed a lunch and good fellowship.

See more photos on page 18.

"DeMolay Alumni Registry" Setup for Past Members

By Nancy Storrs

Wisconsin DeMolay has set up a "DeMolay Alumni Registry" where former members can register. Many Master Masons are Senior DeMolay.

Bro. Al Iding, PGM and Wisconsin DeMolay Executive Officer, reports that Wisconsin had 200 members at the end of 2010. This has grown to 215 active DeMolay as of July 15. Several more boys were initiated at the Annual DeMolay Conclave in Wisconsin Dells in August. There are also boys who will turn 21, aging out of the DeMolay program. It is an ongoing effort by everyone to keep the ranks of DeMolay growing - in Wisconsin's case, we want DeMolay to flourish.

PGM Iding has set a goal of 50% growth of DeMolay in Wisconsin - in terms of members, chapters, and advisors over the next three years. "We need to continuously work on the growth of DeMolay in Wisconsin," says Iding. "Our goal with the DeMolay Alumni Registry is to have a database of Senior DeMolays, so we know where DeMolay would be welcome. If we know where the Masonic Fraternity would get behind DeMolay, perhaps those who register with us can suggest potential Chapter Advisors. As Wisconsin DeMolay grows, we'll need experienced help and recommendations of where to locate chapters, prospective advisors, and ideas for DeMolay programming."

The fraternity is rich in resources that DeMolay has not utilized well in the past - and that includes Master Masons who are Senior DeMolay. Additionally, we hope to invite Senior DeMolay to visit DeMolay events such as Honors Day and Conclave.

The DeMolay Alumni registry is simple to use. It asks your name, what years you were active with DeMolay, the name of your chapter (or city), whether you would like to receive a subscription to the EO Newsletter, and if you would like to see a DeMolay Chapter in your area. We are not

See **Registry** on page 13.

New Chippewa Valley DeMolay Chapter Constituted



Chippewa Valley DeMolay was recently constituted under State Master Councilor Joe Workman, with the assistance of Executive Officer and PGM, Allan Iding. This is the first chapter to have been constituted in Wisconsin since 2005. Additional Chapters that are under development include Sheboygan, and talks are underway at several other locations. First row (from left): Ben Tillotson, Fritz Ausman, Derick Disch, Kendrick Tolar, Mitchell Schulte, Ben Dodd, Tucker Stapelmann, James Larson and Lucas Berg. Second row: Darren Cooksey, Michael Schweinsberg, Past Grand Master Allan Iding, Jamison Kifer, Joseph Workman, Amber Walentowski, Andrew Workman, Kevin Breitzmann, James Schweinsberg and Nate Breitzmann. Third row: Ethan Harycki, David Morolla, Willard A. Young, Hayden Nerone, Mitchell Beaudry, Junior Grand Warden William Beetcher, Stephen Mattox, Thoman Hanson, Paul Graeven, Bradley Krimmer, Adam Schuk and Arik Espinosa. Back row: J. Patrick Storrs, Marshall Bruch, David Larson, Merrill Lorrack, James Fenno, Lary Ganske, Ross Johnson, John Berthold, Aaron Gretencord, Jacob Harycki, Chris Howard, Rick Itzenhuiser and Phil Itzenhuiser.

Job's Daughters Attend Supreme Session

By Dorothy Cigale

A large delegation of Wisconsin Job's Daughters and their adult leaders traveled to St. Louis for the Supreme Session of Job's Daughters International from July 25-30. Important legislation was passed which will revise the Job's Daughters ritual.

More importantly for the Wisconsin delegation was the election of Dad Mike Allen of Bethel #64, West Bend as Supreme Outer Guard and the election of Mom Janine Coley, Past Supreme Guardian and Bethel Guardian of Bethel #63, Mukwonago to the Board of Trustees of Job's Daughters International.

Not to be outdone, the following girls were chosen to be a part of the Supreme Bethel for 2011-12: Ariel Goerl of Bethel #32, Green Bay as Musician and Jayme Raymark of Bethel #19, West Allis and Victoria James-Thielen of Bethel #6, Milwaukee

as Representatives.

Job's Daughters from Wisconsin entered Ritual, Performing Arts and Arts and Crafts Competitions and brought home numerous awards for their expertise and talents.

On the way home from St. Louis the Jobies and adults from Bethels #6, 19 and 76 encountered bus problems. It was reassuring to know that our Masonic family reaches out to help each

other. Potentate Scott Schuett and his Aide John Jay from Ansar Shrine in Springfield became aware of our bus problem. They took the time to stop to see what help they could give and made sure that we were safely on our way back to Milwaukee after a long delay. Their concern and company was appreciated.

All returned home safely and are ready to journey to Baltimore next August.



Chosen to be part of the Supreme Bethel (from left): Jayme Raymark of Bethel #19, Victoria James-Thielen of Bethel #6 and Ariel Goerl of Bethel #32.

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 wmeditor@wisc-freema.org or mail to Wisconsin Masonic Journal, Rich Rygh, Editor, 5823 Madsen Circle, Oregon, WI 53575.

Attend and Support Your Lodge!



Enjoying free time during the St. Louis trip.

Photos by Leo Cigale & Brad Bingheim



Bro. "Bud" Fogel honored for 50 years

Earlier this year Bro. Raymond "Bud" Fogel received his 50 year certificate as a Master Mason. Presenting the award was Bro. Gerry Brebner, Master of N. E. W. Daylite Lodge No. 360, Green Bay. Bro. Fogel was raised on January 31, 1953 in Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 322. The lodge is proud of the effort Bud makes to get to the Lodge meetings. He is in a wheelchair, but can walk with a great deal of effort. It is hoped he can keep coming to lodge for a long time to come! Congratulations Bud, Anchors Away!

Submitted by Bro. Gerry Brebner, Master



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New Beginning for Olive Branch Lodge No. 6



At left: Bro. Joseph Thompson, Master of the new Olive Branch Lodge No. 6, surrenders the old charter of Benton Lodge No. 268 to Grand Master Davey L. White Jr.

See story on page 1.

Photos by Rich Rygh



Gravestone of Bro. Charles Gear, a great promoter of Freemasonry throughout western Wisconsin. He was born in Middletown, Conn. Sept. 30, 1790 and died on Dec. 8, 1851 at Shullsburg, Wis.

At left: the newly reconstructed lodge building stands adjacent to the cemetery in New Diggings.

Why Are We Here Today?

We've come together today not only to enjoy the pleasure of each others company and the Masonic Fellowship which is an integral part of this occasion, but also to celebrate the most recent of many milestones in the long and rich history of this humble Lodge.

The term "Rededication" is defined as a "ceremony marking an important event in the history of an existing building, institution or monument". And while this definition may be applicable when referring to Benton Lodge No. 268, moreover today it is a celebration of the rebirth of Olive Branch Lodge No. 6 whose beginnings were indeed inauspicious by today's standards, and yet it still stands as a symbol of Freemasonry's bright promise and solidly grounded tenants.

Beginning on January 8, 1845 at the convention of the formation of the Grand Lodge held in Madison (just two days prior to Olive Branch receiving its charter), a resolution by Bro. Thomas P. Burnett requesting the officers of Olive Branch Lodge No. 6, Warren Lodge No. 4 and Madison Lodge No. 5 be invited to take part in the business of the Grand Lodge as voting members, would set the stage for the future of Olive Branch No. 6 to be fashioned by those early members of our gentle craft, men who had ventured into unknown territory, firm in their convictions and strong in their beliefs.

The list of these founding fathers is long and distinguished, including men such as: John Andrew Long, Robert H. Champion, Solomon Oliver and William Dodge to name but a few. Men and their wives and families, whose remains rest in the oldest Masonic Cemetery in Wisconsin, located on the grounds of this lodge building.

In the report of the Grand Lecturer given at the Grand Lodge session on January 12, 1848 in Madison, it was noted that quote "Olive Branch Lodge in New Diggings is in a healthy and prosperous condition. The business of the lodge is well conducted, peace and harmony prevail. The minutes are correctly kept, which is no more than might be expected while such an able and distinguished Brother presides over it's councils. He is indeed, as has been truly said, 'the apostle of Masonry in this western world'."

In days gone by this veteran of our order travelled through these western hills, even on foot, when lodges were few and far between, not only to diffuse light and information to the uninformed brother, but to bring peace and consolation to the weary sojourner.

That man was Bro. Charles Gear who would go on to leave an indelible mark on our Fraternity.

In 1849 the Grand Lecturer again reported that "The best of Masonic feeling and was exhibited throughout my stay with the Brethren of the Lodge".

His report in 1852 noted that his first visit of the Masonic year was to Olive Branch Lodge to quote, "Pay the last token of respect to the remains of their Worshipful Master and our late Worthy Grand Junior Warden Charles Gear, the founder of Freemasonry in the west and the most zealous member in our ranks. His remains were followed to the grave by the Brethren of Amicitia and Olive Branch Lodges. He was interred in the Masonic Cemetery at New Diggings, which was consecrated by himself, for Masonic purposes."

How interesting that this small structure can hold such a large part of both Masonic and Wisconsin history within it's walls and among it's quiet and restful surroundings. Our masonic forefathers chose well this meaningful location, which according to the minutes of meetings held in 1949 coupled with the efforts of a committee comprised of Bros. Lloyd Newman, Wesley Van Gordon and John H. Robbins (grandfather of Benton's current trustee, Robert Robbins), was responsible for negotiating the acquisition of the additional acreage required for placement of the current lodge building.

Brothers, family and friends, Freemasonry can take a measure of pride in it's many accomplishments, not the least of which is the strength of it's members, their dedication to our principles and the rich and proud history our gentle craft has given the world.

As we commence this Rededication observance, let us not focus on this building alone, but instead mark the day by signifying this ceremony not as the passing of Benton Lodge No. 268, but rather the rebirth of Olive Branch Lodge No. 6 and as Benton Lodge takes its rightful place in the pages of Masonic history, one must not overlook the dedication and sacrifice of the men past and present who took up the charge from those stalwart individuals before them, allowing Benton Lodge No. 268 to carry forward a rich tradition and arrive at this period in time, whole, viable and capable of carrying Freemasonry's message to those who will follow, strong, full of hope and expectation, and reborn as Olive Branch Lodge No. 6.



Grand Orator Keith D. Chamberlain, PGM



Brethren, families and friends attend the Reconsecration of Olive Branch Lodge No. 6.



Lodge building during the remodeling.

Photo by Ronda Pedley

Theodore Roosevelt Lodge Confers EA Degree at Heritage Hill

By Bro. Gerry Brebner

The Brethren of Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 322 met at Heritage Hill State Historical Park in Green Bay, on June 7. Heritage Hill is a living history museum devoted to the preservation of the history of Northeast Wisconsin. There are many historical buildings to be found there and above the "town" print shop, is a Masonic Lodge, meant to recreate the very first Masonic

Lodge in the area, Menomonie Lodge No. 374, chartered on December 3, 1824 by the Grand Lodge of New York.

Keeping true to "historical accuracy", there is no air conditioning in the Lodge and June 7 set record high temperatures in Green Bay, 96°.

Mr. Lewis Busse, was initiated an Entered Apprentice that evening.

Pictured at right, front row (from left): Lewis Busse (about to be initiated an EA); Jim Van De Hey; Lodge Counselor Paul Gagan; Gerry Brebner, Master; Senior Warden Chris Young, Chris Hirthe; John Zimonick, Trustee; and PM Barry Siewert. Back row: Nick Vuckich; Ken Bierke; Darren Jennersen; Senior Steward Caleb Hoffarth; EA Terrence Patrick; Junior Warden Raymond Pirus, in WWI uniform; Secretary Thomas Strong; Senior Deacon John Pratt, in colonial costume; Junior Deacon Mike Belanger; Guy Gooding; and Michael Belongia.



Wisconsin Mason, Creator of the Panama Canal



Bro. John C. Spooner

By Bro. Mark Jenks

Masons have always, and continue to move the nation and the world forward into a brighter future. Too often we only look at those Masons that are the most well known, but in actual fact, every Lodge has had members that have done great things, and this is the story of one of them.

Bro. John Coit Spooner was born in Lawrenceburg, Indiana on January 6, 1843. He moved with his parents to Madison, Wisconsin in 1859 which changed the course of his life, and the world, forever. In 1853-54, members of Madison Lodge No. 5 lobbied for the creation of one of the most progressive public school systems in the country. In 1856 the schools overcame a challenge by a move to go to a private school system: therefore when young John Spooner arrived in Madison, he was able to receive a first class education that led him to great things.

He enlisted in the Army during the Civil War as a private and rose to the rank of Major. This rise brought him to the attention of General Lucius Fairchild, a fellow Madisonian who sponsored him for membership in Hiram Lodge No. 50 after the war. It was a friendship that lasted them throughout their lives. General Fairchild eventually served three terms as Governor of Wisconsin and later as Ambassador to England at Liverpool, later in Paris and then in Madrid.

Returning home from the war, young Brother Spooner went to work for Governor Fairchild and studied law. He moved briefly to Hudson to practice law where he was elected to the State Legislature in 1872 and later as Assistant Attorney General of the State of Wisconsin and Regent for the budding University of Wisconsin.

Running as a Republican, he was elected to the United States Senate in 1884 and served from 1885 to 1891: losing to William Vilas in 1891 but returning to the U.S. Senate in 1896 and serving two more terms. It was during that time, after years of study and work, that he wrote the "Spooner Act" which directed

See **Spooner** on page 13.

Exemplifications
Aug. 26th LaCrosse

Consolidation Ceremony
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Aug. 27th Clear Lake
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6:30pm

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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. • 715-854-3088
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

“Brothers of Tyre” New Widows Sons Chapter



“Brothers of Tyre” is a newly formed chapter of the Widows Sons Motorcycle Association, based in Neenah, serving North East Wisconsin. Information on joining can be found on the Kane Lodge No. 61 Facebook page, or email stuckart_deployed@yahoo.com or district_deputy6@wisc-freemasonry.org. Pictured are the original seven that signed the by-laws (from left): District Deputy Travis Lehrer, Kevin Reichenbach, Jonathan Bascue, Justin Stuckart, Steve Blount, Bradley Bucholtz and Jason Helling.

Submitted by District Deputy Travis Lehrer.

Spooner from page 11.

President Theodore Roosevelt to create the Panama Canal. Debate on the Spooner Act opened in the Senate on June 4 and came to a vote on June 19 after much stormy debate. It passed the Senate by a vote of 67 to 6 and on June 28, 1902 President Roosevelt signed the Spooner Act, and that date is the date that all anniversaries relating to the Canal are dated to, to this very day.

The Panama Canal is one of the few construction projects that can honestly be said has drastically changed the world for the better, and it was a Wisconsin Mason that made it possible. So far over 815,000 vessels have traveled through the Canal and as of 2008, 309.6 million tons of traffic passes through the Canal every year.

Bro. Spooner was offered three Presidential Cabinet posts, which he declined to continue his work in the Senate. President William McKinley offered him the post of Secretary of the Interior in 1898 and the post of Attorney General in 1901. Later President William Howard Taft offered him the post of Secretary of State in 1909. He was a close friend and confidant of Brother Theodore Roosevelt.

Bro. Spooner passed away on June 11, 1919 and was interred in the Masonic section of the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Madison. Although he will never be remembered as a Mason in the same category as many more famous brothers, his accomplishments should not be forgotten. This is a Wisconsin Mason who has changed the world and his accomplishments continue to benefit us more than a hundred years later.

Editors note: Bro. Mark Jenks has issued the following challenge: Bro. Spooner was a member of Hiram Lodge No. 50, but every Lodge in our state, in the light of hindsight, probably has had such distinguished men in their ranks. It is my challenge to all brothers who are passionate Historians of their Lodge to write and submit interesting and inspiring articles to *The Wisconsin Masonic Journal* about these Wisconsin Masons who have changed the world, state and nation for the better so that we may recognize and be inspired by those great Brothers, those Wisconsin Masons of the past, who made Wisconsin, our nation and our world a greater place. (Please avoid any political activities that may still be divisive to the brothers today.)

Registry from page 9.

asking you to volunteer, but we are asking you to register, express support for our young men's Masonic leadership organization, and to perhaps be a resource, offering your expertise as to who might be a potential advisor for DeMolay in your community.

The web address of the DeMolay Alumni Registry is: <http://fs7.formsite.com/ncstors/DeMolayAlumni/index.html>.

Please take a moment to let us know of your DeMolay history and contact information by using this quick and easy online registry.

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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
201-1/2 S. Main St. • 715-526-3920
Meets 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark January & February

Sheboygan

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

Shell Lake

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

Shullsburg

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

South Milwaukee

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

Sparta

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

Star Prairie

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

Stevens Point

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

Stoughton

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

Sturgeon Bay

Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174
31 S. 3rd Ave. • 920-493-3727
Meet 1st & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Sun Prairie

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

Superior

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

Superior

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

Sussex

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

Tomah

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

Union Grove

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

Viroqua

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

Waterloo

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

Waukesha

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

Waupaca

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

Waupun

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

Wausau

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

Wautoma

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

Wauwatosa

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

Wauwatosa

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

West Allis

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

West Allis

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

West Allis

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

West Bend

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

West Salem

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

Whitefish Bay

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

Whitefish Bay

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

Whitewater

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

Wilmot

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

Winneconne

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

Wisconsin Dells

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

Wisconsin Rapids

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

Silas H. Shephard

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

Armistead-Bingham

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

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262-965-3979

Grand Lodge Officers Perform Cornerstone Ceremony at Waldwick Community Church

By Rich Rygh

On August 21, a bright sunny morning in rural Iowa County, Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. and the Grand Lodge Officers gathered for services at the Waldwick Community Church and to perform a cornerstone laying ceremony.

Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie, the pastor of the church for nine years, was greatly responsible for keeping the congregation together after the denomination choose to close the small church for financial reasons.

The people of Waldwick have always supported the church in their community. Often members of four or five different denominations were in attendance for Sunday services. Everyone was willing to help when needed for

dinners, funerals, spring cleaning, auctions or picnics.

When the church was closed in 2010, a community church seemed a natural fit for the community.

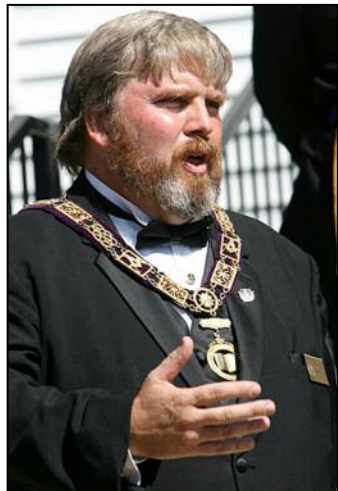
In the past year before the congregation purchased the building from the United Methodist Church the congregation met in homes, outbuildings and even a barn before finding a temporary home at the Pleasant View Church in rural Waldwick.

The congregation came back to their home church in Waldwick in July 2011.

The church was built on land donated by George Hal in 1866 and was dedicated on February 17, 1867 as an Episcopal Methodist Church. The church has served a number of denominations since that time, all branches of the Wesleyan tradition.

Grand Chaplain Ritchie explained, "Today we lay the foundations for our future. The foundations of Masonry are 500 years old, the foundations of Christianity are 2000 years old and the foundation of what makes good men good is even older."

The Grand Master thanked the congregation for the opportunity to perform the ceremony.



Top left: Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. explains the operative as well as the speculative use of the level.

Bottom left: Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie addresses the congregation, friends and Masons attending the ceremony.

Photos by Rich Rygh



The congregation gathers outside after the church service for the cornerstone ceremony. Partitioner Janet Lawinger stands on the roof of her van for better photo opportunities.

Olive Branch from page 1.

Diggings Township in rural Benton in Lafayette County. This ancient frame building was originally built for the sole purpose of serving as the home to Olive Branch Lodge No. 6 F. & A.M. of Wisconsin. Olive Branch Lodge No. 6 was organized on the thirtieth day of August, 1844, and held its first meeting on October 12 of the same year. Olive Branch Lodge was subsequently chartered on January 10, 1845 and flourished for several years. Very old records indicate the Temple was "fashioned architecturally after the Athenian Parthenon, and furnished, it is said, in a most luxurious manner". Records of the first meeting of Olive Branch No.6 show many prominent Brethren who were founding members.

The Brethren of Olive Branch Lodge No. 6 left still another marker in the vicinity when it established the only properly dedicated and consecrated Masonic cemetery in Wisconsin in 1845. The land for the cemetery was donated by Bro. Robert S. Champion. Bro. Champion is buried there and recorded history tells us that Bro. Champion supervised the building of his burial vault and the erection of his monument while seated in the chair in which he had been carried to the spot. He had been paralyzed from a fall down a mine shaft and those injuries lead to his death that same year in 1874.

Another notable New Diggings Mason was Bro. Charles Gear who history tells us played a big part in bringing Freemasonry to the Wisconsin Territory and spreading its influence throughout the southwestern part of what is now our State. It is said his zeal for Masonry must have been great, for we are informed he walked from Galena, Ill. to Mineral Point, Wis. in 1844 to deliver a charter to the newly organized Mineral Point Lodge No. 1. Bro. Gear also assisted in

organizing Melody Lodge No. 2 at Platteville and also the Grand Lodge which was located in Milwaukee, at the time.

Lead mining was the chief industry in and around the Village of New Diggings and when the California gold rush fever of the late 1840s and early 1850s occurred, this brought a reduction of membership. History also tells us the advent of the Civil War further depleted the membership of Olive Branch No. 6 and its Lodge Charter was voluntarily surrendered in 1865. Up to that point in time, the Masonic Temple had been located in the Village of New Diggings. After the Olive Branch No. 6 charter was surrendered, the building served as the Town Hall for New Diggings Township for over 30 years and then as a residence for at least 40 more years.

In 1949 the former Olive Branch Lodge No. 6 Masonic Temple was purchased and moved from the Village of New Diggings to the Masonic Cemetery where it was restored to some of its original splendor by Bros. Lloyd Newman, Joseph Peacock and other Brethren of Benton Lodge.

In 1989 the members of Benton Lodge No. 268, who had been meeting in the upper level meeting room of the Benton State Bank, requested permission from the Grand Lodge to begin using the former Olive Branch No. 6 Masonic Temple at New Diggings for their stated communications. Permission was granted and the Brethren have met there regularly since then.

We recite these historical accountings of the beginnings of Olive Branch Lodge No. 6 and of the Masonic Cemetery not only because they are novel, but, also because the facts surrounding how they came into existence are so old that they are easily forgotten and unappreciated.

Brothers Terrance Conway, David Danolds, Jefferson

Duncan, S.M. Conway, Ephraim Ogden, Rufus Chandler, Robert Champion, Charles Gear, Dr. Edward Ferris, Abraham Looney, Robert Long, John Bethel, E. A. Andrews, Solomon Oliver, Phillip Dering, John Dering and more Brethren and family members who resided in and around the Village of New Diggings are interred at the Masonic Cemetery.

Additionally, from a contemporary standpoint most of the current Brethren of Benton Lodge have more ties to New Diggings Township than any ties they may have to the Village of Benton. Because of this factor and the fact the Temple is the actual Olive Branch Lodge ancestral home, we feel it is fitting and appropriate to ask that Benton Lodge No. 268 should become Olive Branch Lodge No. 6.

Finally, we dedicate this solemn effort to the memory and honor of those Brethren of Olive Branch Lodge No. 6 who faithfully toiled in their labors at a time in our history in which the very existence of Freemasonry came to be in southwest Wisconsin. It is their zeal and love for the Fraternity and their efforts that enable us to continue today to meet with regularity in a place of natural beauty and in the character of Masons who have much appreciation for heritage alluded to, herein.

Fraternally,
Joseph E. Thompson
Master"

The Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers performed the Reconstitution Ceremony and reinstalled the officers under the charter of Olive Branch Lodge No. 6. The charter of Benton Lodge was surrendered to the Grand Master and the newly reactivated charter of Olive Branch Lodge No. 6 was presented to Bro. Joseph Thompson, Master of the newly reconsecrated lodge and his officers.

Bro. Thompson stated, "It is a great honor to be able to do this, it has been many years in



Bro. Donald Rock honored for 50 years

Bro. Donald Rock was honored at the annual picnic in New Diggings for 50 years of service to the craft. Bro. Rock was raised on January 21, 1961 in Benton Lodge No. 268. He was presented his certificate and pin by Bro. Joseph Thompson (left), Master of former Benton Lodge No. 268, now Olive Branch Lodge No. 6, and Grand Master Davey L. White Jr.

Photo by Rich Rygh

thought, there have been many years of work in getting this building refurbished as well. It has all come together. The Brethren have worked very hard in the last three weeks to make this all happen. It has been just three weeks since we started remodeling."

Last year Benton Lodge submitted bids to the Grand Trustees for restoring the Lodge building, the oldest Masonic building in the state, which is owned by the Grand Lodge. With the assistance of Grand Master Joseph B. Harker and the approval of the Grand Trustees a contractor was selected and the building was refurbished.

M. Robbins Co., Inc was the contractor for the reconstruction project. Kerry Robbins owner of the company is not a Mason, however his father the late Bro. William C. Robbins was a member of Benton Lodge and his grandfather, Bro. John H. Robbins, was instrumental in moving the building from the Village of New Diggings to the present site in 1949.

Following the ceremony, Brethren, families and friends enjoyed great food and an afternoon of fellowship.

See photos and Grand Orators Message on page 10.

First Gold Collar Degree Conferred in Wisconsin



Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. assisted by Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, presents Bro. David Pedley with his Bible.



Junior Grand Steward Scott Pedley, a very proud father, congratulates his son David Pedley on becoming a Master Mason.

By Rich Rygh

Bro. David Pedley, son of Junior Grand Steward Scott Pedley, received his Master Mason Degree on Saturday, Aug. 20. He had the honor of receiving the first Gold Collar Degree conferred in the state and was the last Master Mason raised in Benton Lodge No. 268 before the charter was surrendered and it was reconsecrated as Olive Branch Lodge No. 6 on the following day.

A Gold Collar Degree is a Master Mason degree conferred upon a son, father or grandfather of a Grand Lodge Officer by Grand Lodge Officers. The degree which is popular in the east was organized by Grand Lecturer Kenneth Gorgen.

Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. conferred the degree outside, adjacent to the newly reconstructed lodge building at New Diggings.

The Grand Master was King Solomon and Junior Grand Steward Scott Pedley was King Hiram.

Junior Grand Deacon Arby Humphrey presented the Historical Lecture and Grand Lecturer

Kenneth Gorgen gave the Picture Lecture. The apron was presented by District Deputy Christian



District 4 Deputy Christian Hirthe presents the apron to the new Master Mason.

Hirthe and the Bible was presented by the Grand Master.

Bro. Pedley received Grand Master's pins from both Grand Master White and Past Grand Master Joseph B. Harker. He also received a certificate commemorating his receiving of the first Gold Collar Degree in Wisconsin, after which he was congratulated by a very proud father.

Junior Grand Steward Scott Pedley expressed his appreciation to the Brethren for assisting

in this very special day for his son, himself and his family. He also gave a little history on the Grand Lodge property at New Diggings and the rich heritage associated with it.

Bro. Joseph Thompson, Master of Benton Lodge, thanked the Grand Lodge Officers for putting on the degree and thanked everyone for attend-

ing. He also invited everyone to the annual picnic and reconsecration ceremony of Olive Branch Lodge No. 6 on Sunday.

Photos by Rich Rygh


Send your questions about Freemasonry to: askhiram@wisc-freemasonry.org.



Past Grand Master Joseph B. Harker presents Bro. Pedley with his Grand Master's Pin.



Grand Lecturer Kenneth Gorgen presents the Picture Lecture to Bro. Pedley.




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New Master Masons



Northwestern Lodge raises Bro. Rod Balliette

The officers of Northwestern Lodge No. 105, Prescott, raised a new Master Mason in a special ceremony in July. Bro. Rod Balliette of Arizona, son of Past Master Dick Balliette, Bloomer, was raised a Master Mason. Officers of Northwestern Lodge, District and Grand Officers participated in the ceremonies. Pictured (from left): District Deputy Gary Stang, Eau Claire; Dave Finley, Master of Northwestern Lodge, Bro. Rod Balliette; Dick Balliette, Past Master; and Junior Grand Warden William Beecher. Several members of Bloomer Lodge No. 281 also participated in the degree.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer



New MM in Prairie View Lodge

Bro. Peter Kasuboski was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on June 28 in Prairie View Lodge No. 95, Ripon. First row (from left): Kevan Nault, Secretary; and Loren Shaw, Past Master and Trustee, Second row: Bill Boutwell, Junior Deacon; Peter Kasuboski; and Wes O'Laire, Senior Steward. Third row: Bruce Stephenson, Junior Warden; and Tim Aither, Senior Warden and Trustee. In back: Rick Coles, Master.

Photo by Bro. Kevan Nault, Secretary, submitted by Bro. Rick Coles, Master



La Crosse Lodge raises two new MMs

La Crosse Lodge No. 190 recently raised two new Master Masons. Bro. Jordan Merchlewitz (left) was raised on July 6 and Bro. Chris Walmsley (right) was raised on July 20. The new Master Masons are pictured with Bro. Bruce Klubertanz, Master.

Submitted by Bro. Todd Wohlert, Secretary/Treasurer

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Bro. Seth Brown is new MM

Dousman Lodge No. 315 had the pleasure of raising Seth A. Brown to the sublime degree of Master Mason on July 26. District Deputy Terry Brown, Past Master, had the honor of conferring the degree on his nephew. Brothers from Perseverance Lodge 1836 were also in attendance that evening, as Bro. Seth is an avid living historian of that period. Pictured (from left): Jim Nowicki, District Deputy Terry Brown, Seth Brown, Tom Struebing and Barry Maxfield, Master of Perservance Lodge.

Submitted by District Deputy Terry Brown



Bro. Larry Reagan is new MM

Bro. Larry Reagan (center) was recently raised a Master Mason in Berlin Lodge No. 38. Past Master Tom Zulke is on the left and Past Master Bill Decktrah is on the right.

Submitted by District Deputy Travis Lehrer



Bro. Derek Miller is new MM at TriCounty Daylight Lodge

TriCounty Daylight Lodge No. 218, with the assistance of Oconto Falls Lodge No. 293 and District Deputy Christian Hirthe, raised Bro. Derek Miller on July 28. His proud grandfather Bro. San Bellante was in attendance. Front row (from left): San Bellante; Derek Miller; Richard Zahorik, Senior Warden; Doug Morrison, Master; and Wally Schlenvogt, Tiler. Second row: Robert Buetow, Sec./Treas.; John Moe, Counselor; Robert Cook, Senior Steward; Bob Burmek, Junior Warden; and Jerry Swanson, Trustee.

Submitted by Bro. Doug Morrison, Master

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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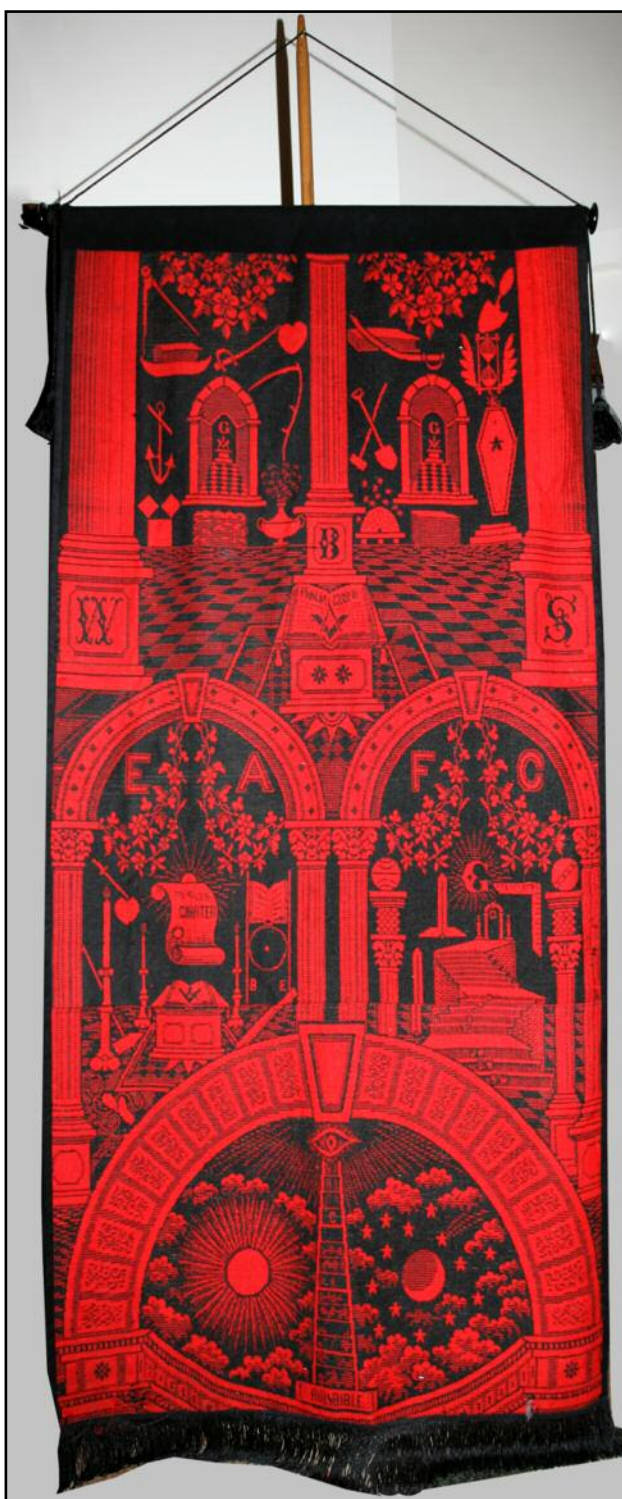
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Around 1960, Verona Lodge No. 294 was given an old Masonic carpet from Mt. Horeb Lodge No. 228. This 100 plus year old carpet was constructed with a number of three foot wide panels sewn together to make a large carpet for the Lodge floor.

In 1967, Verona Lodge replaced this carpet. The 3 foot wide panels were disassembled and were then cut into 7 foot sections each with the emblems of all three degrees. The odds and ends were saved and, after 40 years, cleaned and repaired. They are now for sale. All proceeds, above expenses, will be donated to the Children's Dyslexia Center -Madison.

There are three 7 foot panels and one set of 3 smaller panels of all 3 degrees and 12 sets of 4 (coaster) mug rugs.

These would be great for your Lodge room or in your home! This is an example of double weave which is sometimes known as double cloth. The fabric has two warp threads (1 red and 1 black) and 4 weft threads (2 red and 2 black) which can be pulled to the surface in a variety of patterns to make a 2 colored design.

If interested contact Bro. Mike Bovre at 608-827-6011.

Clintonville Lodge Readies for 2011 Christmas Bike Giveaway



Bro. Vernon Beall and Dr. Roger Wilson, a 50-year member of Clintonville inspect bicycles ready for delivery.

Photo by Bro. George Tincher

By Bro. George Tincher

Freewheeling, the local program that provides Christmas bicycles to boys and girls in needy families is beginning its third year. The program got its start a few years ago when Bro. Vernon and Maxine Beall donated new bicycles at Christmas through Goodfellows to boys and girls in disadvantaged homes.

Members of Clintonville Lodge No. 197 quickly endorsed the program when they learned of the activity. Clintonville Lodge is the primary sponsor of the project. Bro. Vernon serves the Lodge as Junior Deacon.

Freewheeling has rapidly expanded with community support. Originally Goodfellows distributed bicycles, and its volunteers have agreed to continue, but local churches that adopt families, or that have youth programs, also now receive bicycles.

A boy or girl in a family that cannot afford to buy a bicycle can be recommended confidentially. Bro. Beall said all requests thus

far have been fulfilled.

The expanded program brings added cost. Bro. Beall gave a piano concert last November at the United Methodist Church. Donations were divided between Freewheeling and the local food pantry. Playing piano more recently at the Manawa Masonic Center for 125 Shriners and guests helped purchase needed parts and bicycles.

Work must start early in spring. Late October and November temperatures numb fingers and hands making it too cold to work with metal tools. Bro. Beall, who is retired, admits working on bikes takes most of his time and the physical labor can be demanding in an unheated garage. As many as 40 bikes are worked on every year. He said, "With the Lord's help, I'd like to continue the program for another year. We have a new program to be introduced later that will offer bicycles to more boys and girls."

Bro. Beall gave credit to the local newspapers for much of the program's success. He expressed

appreciation to several people who contribute help. Some lend tools or use a personal truck to transport bikes. Tom Lederer and Charles Geiger help through Goodfellows. Geiger also helps by storing bikes in his barn. Police Chief Terry Lorge helps in many ways including repairing numerous flat tires, something Bro. Beall admits he has trouble doing.

Bro. Beall says that without volunteer help, and support of the Clintonville Masons, Freewheeling would be severely restricted.

Our Lord said the poor would always be among you, and to treat a neighbor as yourself. Local Masons and the community are trying to do that. He added that all bikes are given anonymously but knowing that many local boys and girls will have a bike on Christmas morning gives a warm feeling on a cold day.

Donation can be made to Freewheeling at Fox Communities Credit Union, 3 North Main Street, Clintonville, WI 54929-1528, (715) 823-2191.

Lodge Listings

Lodge listings are \$20 per year. To have your lodge listed, mail your lodge check made payable to the Wisconsin Masonic Journal to: WMJ Lodge Listings, Attn: Diane Igl, c/o Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin, 36275 Sunset Dr., Dousman, WI 53118.

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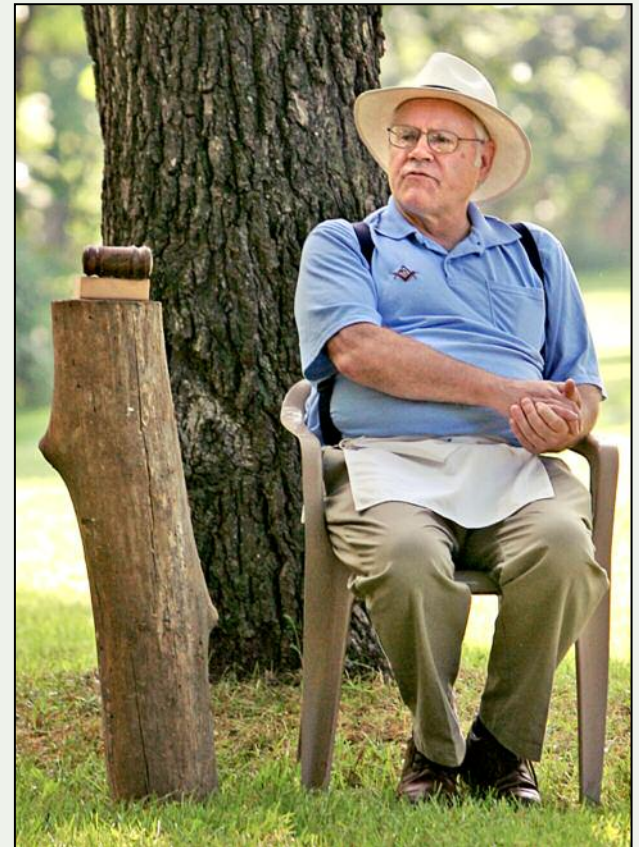
New Glarus Open Air Lodge at Gant Farm



Bro. Jim Mc Neill presents the Historical Account of the Master Mason Degree.

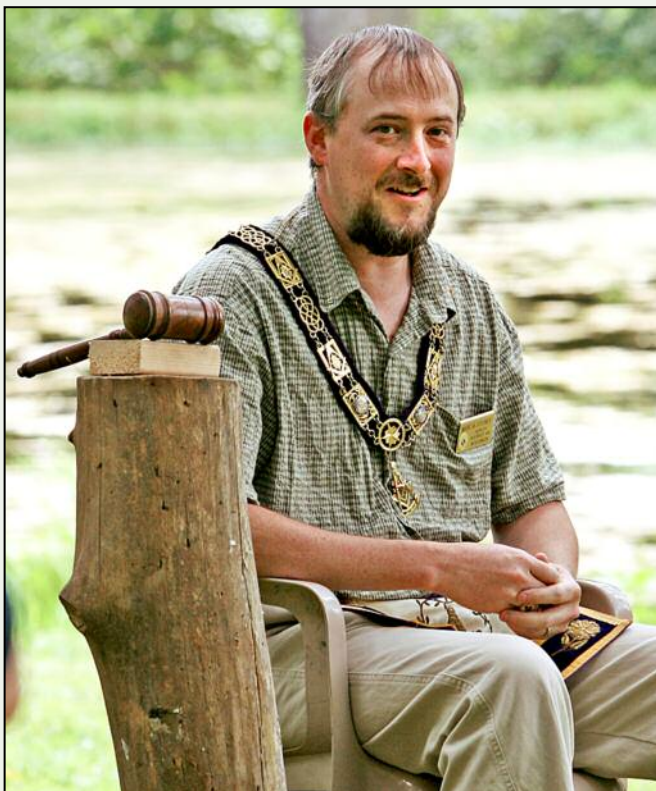


Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie lights the candles at the opening of the Lodge.



Past Master Mike Mudrey opened the Lodge.

Photos by
Rich Rygh



District Deputy Marc Steiber closes the Lodge in due form.



Ruffians (from left): Grand Marshal Jerry Potter, LeRoy Huber and J. R. Boeck reflect on their situation.



Grand Marshal Jerry Potter presents the Picture Lecture to the new Master Masons.

See story on page 8.



Bros. Kendrick Eichelkraut (left) and Kyle Bearden receive congratulations from the Brethren.



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Prairie View Lodge participates in Ripon Memorial Day Parade

Brethren from Prairie View Lodge No. 95, Ripon, participated in the Ripon Memorial Day Parade. Driving the Jeep is owner and Master Rick Coles; passenger seat is Jim Barclay; back seat is Past Master Ken Cartier, Tiler; walking on the left is Bill Boutwell, Junior Deacon, and Past Master Larry Malchow, Treasurer.

Submitted by Bro. Rick Coles Master

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Henry S. Baird Lodge steak fry

The Brethren of Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174, held their Annual Steak Fry at the Door County Fairgrounds in Sturgeon Bay on August 11. Over 50 of the lodge members and their families were treated to a traditional Wisconsin fish boil ably prepared by Bro. John Sullivan. Juicy steaks were cooked by Bros. John Gay and Jeremy Ruhlen. Serving refreshments was Bro. Ross Chapman. No one left hungry -- and many of the brethren are already looking forward to next year's Steak Fry. Bro. Mark Fischer, Master (second from right), and Sharon Sullivan (on far right, wife of Bro. John Sullivan) serve a hungry crowd.

Submitted by Bro. Gerry Brebner, Newshawk




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EAA AirVenture Master Mason Degree at Oshkosh

By Rich Rygh

The 2011 EAA AirVenture Master Mason Degree organized by Grand Lecturer Kenneth Gorgen and Bro. J. Patrick Storrs and hosted by Oshkosh Lodge No. 27 was presented July 27 at the Oshkosh Masonic Center.

Sixteen Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters were on hand to raise Bro. Christian Gossett to the Master Mason Degree.

Oshkosh Master Bro. James Felda and his officers opened the Lodge in due form and received Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. and the Grand Lodge Officers. He welcomed everyone present including visitors from other jurisdictions in Oshkosh for the annual EAA AirVenture Convention at Whittman Regional Airport.

The Grand Master conferred Bro. Gossett's degree and presented his Bible. The ruffians were Deputy Grand Master Dennis Siewert, Senior Grand Warden Daniel Slavik and Grand Lecturer Kenneth Gorgen. King Hiram was played by Past Grand Master Craig S. Campbell. District 9 Deputy Terry Brown was the first craftsman and Junior Grand Warden

William Beetcher was the second craftsman. Past Grand Master Roger Magoon played the sea-fairing man and Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM was the scribe.

Deputy Grand Master Dennis Siewert gave the Historical Account and PGM Craig S. Campbell presented the apron. Junior Grand Warden William Beetcher gave the Charge.

Bros. Tom Holt and Butch Sellers from Georgia were introduced and extended their appreciation for a very enjoyable evening.

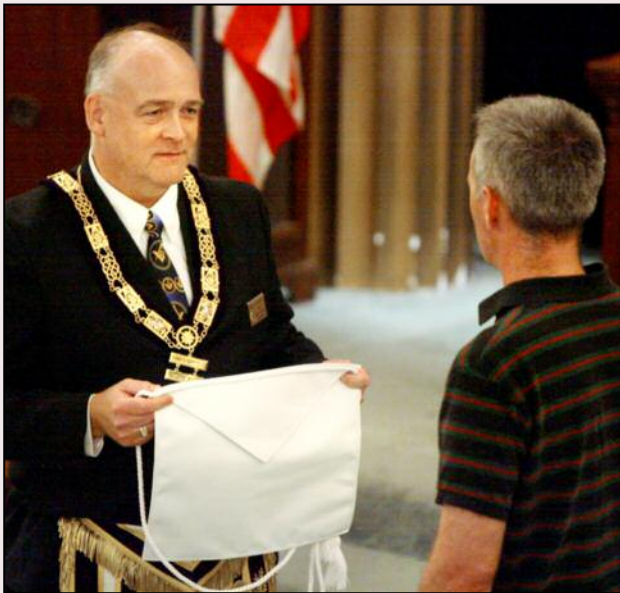
Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. explained his focus this year is on Brotherly Love. He said, "Our tenets point to one thing and that is Brotherly Love." He referred to the passage from the EA degree which states "Brotherly Love unites men from every country sect and opinion and conciliates true friends among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance". The Grand Master said, "Tonight I have met a lot more friends, a lot more Brothers and I feel richer for getting to know you."

The Grand Lodge Officers closed the Lodge in due form.



Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. introduces the Grand Lodge Officers at the opening of the Lodge.

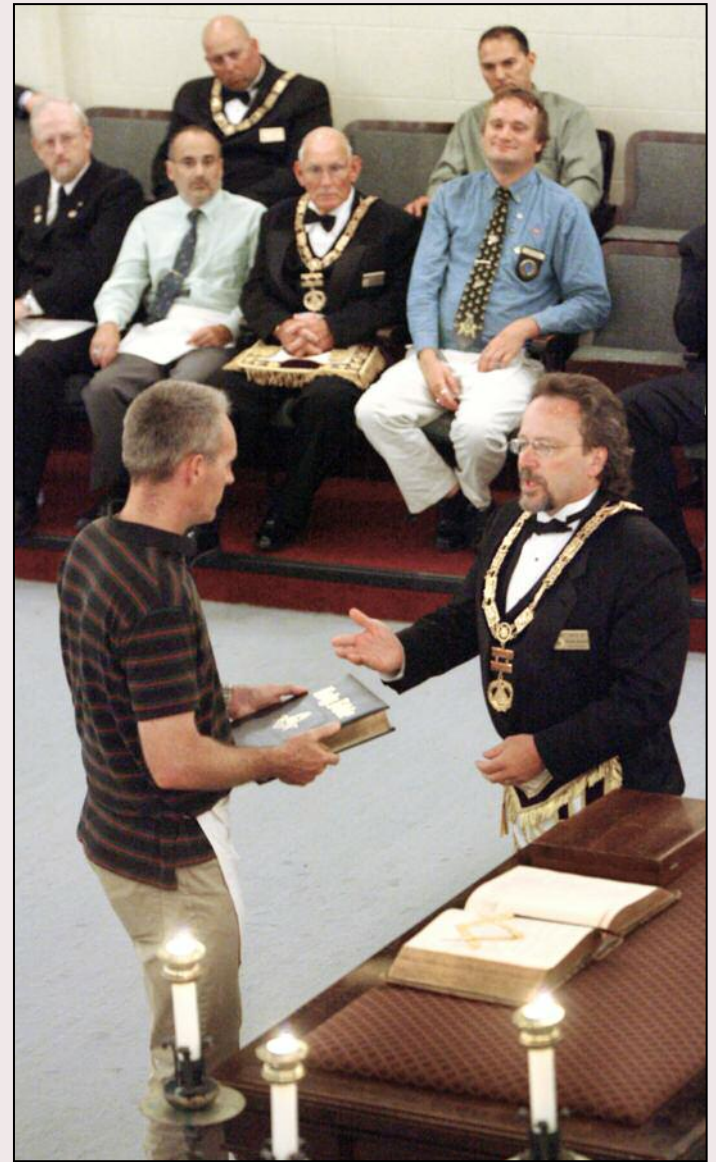
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Past Grand Master Craig S. Campbell gives his apron address and presents Bro. Gossett his apron.



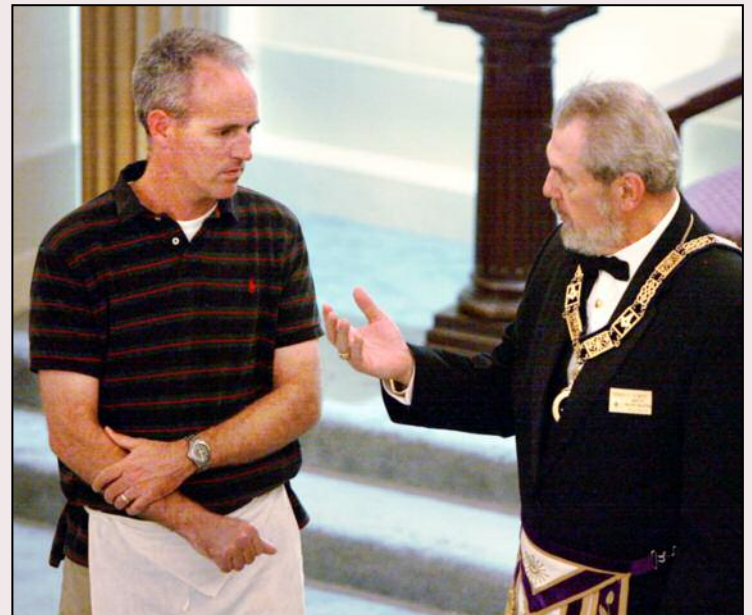
Bro Tom Holt, Past Master of Meridian Sun Lodge No. 26, Georgia, signs Bro. Gossett's apron.



Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. presents Bro. Christian Gossett his Bible.



Grand Lecturer Kenneth Gorgen presents the Picture Lecture to Bro. Gossett.



Deputy Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert gives the Historical Account of the Master Mason Degree.



20th Annual All-Star Soccer Games and Youth Camp



Bros. Jeff Brunig, John Ertl and Dan Brickland, Middleton-Ionic Lodge No 180, prepare the chicken for the Friday night cookout. The Brethren of Middleton-Ionic Lodge helped by providing meals for the players, operating the concessions during the games and assisting wherever needed.



Bro. David Tainter, Chairman of the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Committee, emcees the Saturday morning Recognition Breakfast honoring the All-Stars and their parents.



The All-Stars listen attentively as the Grand Master addresses the crowd at the Recognition Breakfast Saturday morning before the games.



Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. explains to the All-Stars, parents and youth campers what Freemasonry is and the three principles we stand on, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.



All-Star Stefanie Tschoeke (right), Middleton, conducts a session during the Youth Camp.



Blue Team Rachael Skolaski, New Glarus, this year's MVP, blocks a kick by Riley Kirchoff, Pewaukee. The Blue Team defeated the Gold Team 1-0.

See story on page 1.

Photos by Rich Rygh