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New Masonic Study Series is now available online.
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Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

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5 Union Lodge No. 32, Brat Fry Fundraiser, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Evansville Piggly Wiggly, corner of N. Cty Rd M and Highway 14.

8 Barneveld Lodge Lecture Series, Bro. Jeff Schoenfeldt “Cuba: The Socialist Experiment.” 7:30 p.m. 108 S. Jones St., Barneveld.

11 All You Can Eat Fish Fry, Port Washington Masonic Center, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Adults $12; 6-12, $6; 5 and under free. 504 W. Grand Ave., Port Washington.

11 Grand Chapter OES, Exemplification, Tomah Masonic Center, 7 p.m.

11-12 Warren Lodge No. 4, 2nd annual Warren Lodge Campout and Lodge Picnic, Grant River Recreational Area. See story on page 10.

12 Landmark Lodge No. 210, 100 Year Anniversary. Grand Lodge Officers will perform rededication ceremony at 1 p.m. Landmark Masonic Center, 109 United Way, Frederic. Refreshments to follow.

12 Grand Chapter OES, Exemplification, Chippewa Falls Masonic Center, 1 p.m.

12 Second Annual Rustic Rumble, Kettle Morraine Motorcycle Ride, Three Pillars Senior Living Communities, Dousman. 10 a.m. Continental Breakfast and check-in. Cost $12, RSVP by Aug. 28, call 262-965-7391 or email marketing@threepillars.org.

12 Warren Lodge No. 4 Picnic, Grant River Recreational Area, 4 p.m. gather, 5 p.m meal. Bring a dish to pass. All Masons and family members welcome.

12 Sheboygan Lodge No. 11, Pancake Breakfast, 9 a.m.–10:30 a.m. 2nd Saturday of each month. All Masons, their immediate families and friends are welcome, adults $5, children free. 411 St. Clair Ave., Sheboygan. RSVP Bro. Matt Elliott at specialopsk9unit@sbcglobal.net.

12 Chippewa Falls Lodge No. 176, Second Annual Golf Outing. Lake Wissota Golf Club. Registration at 10 a.m. shotgun start at 11 a.m. Cost $75 per player. Contact Bro. Tom Tomlinson at 715-829-4573 or tomlinson_tom@yahoo.com.

14 Four Lakes Daylight Lodge No. 362 stated meeting, 10 a.m. at Oakwood Viilage, 6205 Mineral Point Road, Madison. All Masons are invited.

15 Honored Ladies Dinner, 4:30 social, 5:30 p.m. dinner. Eau Claire Masonic Center. Honoring the ladies of our departed Brothers. RSVP by Sept. 11 to Erika Miller at erika@wisc-freemasonry.org or 262-936-2200 Ext. 831.

17 Waucoma Lodge No. 90, Annual Fall Picnic, 6 p.m. Hamburgers, brats, soda, water, condiments, plates and utensils will be furnished. Bring a dish to pass and a chair–arrive early for fellowship and review the items found in the recently opened safe dating back to 1856.

18 GR Party, Stuart Thompson, Miriam Chapter, Platteville.

19 GR Party, Glen Boeck, Alpha Chapter, Argyle.

26 Wisconsin Masonic College, Leadership Module presentation. Hosted by Fort Winnebago Lodge No. 33, Portage. See page 10.

26 District 5 Fall District Meeting, 9 a.m. coffee and carbs, 10 a.m. presentations. Hosted by La Belle Lodge, 118 ½ Main St. Viroqua. Ladies welcome. Reception downstairs at Tangled Hickory wine bar afterwards. For more information contact District 5 Deputy Grand Master Todd A. Wohlert at djtodd22@hotmail.com.

26 1st annual Marshfield Lodge Car Show, Hewitt Recreational Park, Yellowstone Dr., Hewitt, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Will raffle off completely restored, numbers matching 1976 Trans Am. Cool cars, good music, good food and great friends! Entry fee for show cars, trucks, and motorcycles, Free for spectators.

26 Ozaukee Lodge Friends and Family Trivia Night. 7 p.m. Make reservations by Sept. 22. Bro. Jon Zeigler, Master, relgeizj@hotmail.com or 262-536-4588.

27 Grand Marshal, Grand Ruth & Grand Electa Officer Reception: Dolores Waltz, Joan Lillie, Laramie Reissner. Location to be determined.

30 District 6 Fall Meeting, Manawa Masonic Center, dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. Families are invited. Theme is Gaining Membership and Community Involvement.

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10 Sheboygan Lodge No. 11, Pancake Breakfast, 9 a.m.–10:30 a.m. 2nd Saturday of each month. All Masons, their immediate families and friends are welcome, adults $5, children free. 411 St. Clair Ave., Sheboygan. RSVP Bro. Matt Elliott at specialopsk9unit@sbcglobal.net.

13 Barneveld Lodge Lecture Series, Bro. Dave Grinder "The Endogenous Reward System" 7:30 p.m. 108 S. Jones St., Barneveld.

17 Lodi Valley/District 7 Pool tournament. $10 entry, winner chooses charity for proceeds. 8 a.m. registration, pool begins at 9 a.m.

17 Wisconsin Council of Deliberation, La Crosse Masonic Center. Contact Bro. Rick Schnabel, COD Secretary for more information at: rickschnabel33@hotmail.com.

17 Green Co. Shrine Club Trip to Chicago Shriners Hospital. All Masons are welcome. Depart from Smith Lodge Monroe at 6 a.m. Lunch and program included, cost $26. Limited seating RSVP Bro. Wayne Henning at whenning64@yahoo.com or call 608-325-7479.

17 Grand Chaplain Officer Reception, Ralph Papesh, Crivitz.

17 Scottish Rite Council of Delobertion, La Crosse.

18 Grand Martha Officer Reception, Adele Heller, Marshfield.

22 District 7 Fall meeting, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. meeting, Doric Masonic Center, 83 S. Stoughton Rd., Madison.

23 Masonic Family Reunion, Madison Masonic Center. Gathering of representatives from each Masonic Body in Wis. More details to follow.

24 Wisconsin Masonic College, Management Module presentation. Hosted by Lake Lodge No. 189, Milwaukee. See page 12.

28 District 11 Fall Meeting, Washburn Lodge No. 145. Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.

29 District 8 Fall Meeting, Hosted by Barneveld Lodge No. 319. Gather at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. Contact District 8 Deputy Grand Master David R. Ritchie at hickorysprings@gmail.com.

31 District 9 Fall Meeting, hosted by Jefferson County Lodge No. 9.

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A Very Successful Wisconsin Masonic College Moves into its Second Year

By Senior Grand Deacon Robert C. Strader
Grand Lodge Education Committee Co-Chair

Last year the Wisconsin Masonic College (WMC) become a reality for Master Masons in our state with over 200 Brothers attending classes. In early June 2013, then Deputy Grand Master William Beetcher commissioned the Grand Lodge Planning Committee, in alignment with the new Grand Lodge Strategic Plan, to develop a new Masonic educational opportunity to serve all Brethren throughout Wisconsin. This year, that responsibility transitioned to the Education Committee.

Your Grand Lodge has developed a three module educational program to be rolled out over 2014-2017. The first module rolled out last year was the Leadership Module. The module being rolled out in this, the second year, will be the Management Module. Next year, the third year's focus will be on a Planning Module. The primary focus of the WMC is for attendance by lodge Wardens and Deacons so they may receive education to prepare them for their eventual role when they ascend to be the Master of the lodge. However, these sessions are open to any Wisconsin Master Mason wishing to attend.

Each year there should be four one day sessions of the new Module to be held in four geographic quadrants of Wisconsin in an effort to make it as easy as possible to travel to the locations where the WMC programs will be held. Previous year modules are intended to have at least one session each year.

The WMC is the Wisconsin Grand Lodge's effort to do the job of providing Masonic education throughout the state and this is seen as a serious obligation the Grand Lodge has to the members of our Masonic Fraternity. The WMC is not intended to replace any education currently being provided in Lodges and/or by any of our appendant bodies.

An enrollment fee of $35.00 has been established for the 2015/2016 Masonic year. Included in each session will be the course workbook, completion award and jewel, a noon meal and refreshments during breaks. Attire for these sessions is casual. Each class is a full day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Look for signup via Eventbrite on the Grand Lodge website at wisc-freemasonry.org.

The offering for this year is one session of last year's Leadership Module and four sessions of the new Management Module.

Leadership Module Schedule

Date	Hosted by
Sept. 26, 2015	Fort Winnebago Lodge No. 33 - Portage

Management Module Schedule

Date	Hosted by
Oct. 24, 2015	Lake Lodge No.189 - Milwaukee
Jan. 30, 2016	Dodgeville Lodge No. 119
Feb. 27, 2016	N.E.W. Daylite Lodge No. 360 - Green Bay
April 2, 2016	Eau Claire Lodge No. 112

Record Attendance at All-Star Cookout, Breakfast and Games

Bro. Chuck Kiessling registers and directs the All-Star Players as they arrive at Starin Hall at UW–Whitewater.

Photo by Rich Rygh

By Rich Rygh

The 24th Annual Wisconsin Masonic All-Star Soccer Games at UW-Whitewater were a huge success with record attendance. The games provided a great experience for the All-Stars as many prepare to play soccer at a college level.

The All-Stars arrived on Friday morning, they met their new teammates and practice began with their coaches.

Brian Lerch and Kelley Sullivan along with the All-Stars had a very enjoyable afternoon on Friday working with a group of kids from TOPSoccer. TOPSoccer is a community-based program for young athletes with disabilities. The program is designed to bring the opportunity of learning and playing soccer to any boy or girl, who has a mental or physical disability.

The Friday evening Masons and Family Cookout at Starin Park

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On Our Cover

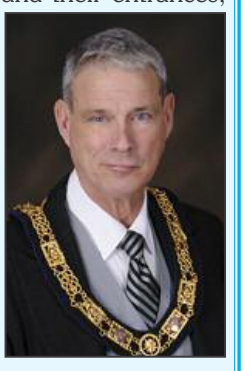
Kailey Gapinski gets her face painted by Ally Knutson at the Three Pillars Friends and Family Picnic in Dousman on Aug. 2.

Photo by Rich Rygh

The Grand Master's Message:

By Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin Brother Franklin J. Struble

Introduction- William Shakespeare, starts his play, As You Like It with this verbiage, "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players; they have their exits and their entrances, and one man in his time plays many parts…"



Grand Master Franklin J. Struble

It is true. We all do play different roles in life and the practice of Freemasonry influences how a Mason acts out his roles in life. Here are seven short essays to consider how a Mason may act out his parts on life's stage, guided by the teachings and values he discovers within a Lodge of Brothers. I must give credit for much of this content to the many of you Brothers who have provided this input in sessions I have conducted in lodges and districts over the past five years.

Years ago, my father was moving to Australia for his job. He was flying across the Pacific and wearing his masonic ring. An Australian Brother Mason was sitting next to him on the flight and they were talking about a number of subjects when the Australian Brother said, "Ed, do me a favor. While you are in Australia, don't wear that ring. Let us come to know you are a Mason by your actions, rather than your jewelry."

-Frank Struble, Grand Master

A Mason as a Husband

In the character of a Mason, we understand vows and taking on serious obligations. In Lodge we have all knelt at the Altar of Freemasonry and taken on ourselves binding obligations pertaining to each degree. We keep those obligations and live our lives consistent with them. Understanding this, we expect that a Mason's conduct in the institution of matrimony will match that of his conduct within Masonry. Thus when a Mason's vows are freely given they become a matter of personal fidelity whether given in a Lodge, Church, or before a Justice of the Peace. The Mason's wife should rest easy in the knowledge that, beyond the passion, she has joined with a man of character and values. His lodge teachings encourage harmony and brotherly love. These logically extend into the practice of building solid lasting bonds that will stand the test of time and endure the inevitable pain that falls into each life. He has made a commitment before his brothers and God to honesty and upright conduct. Wisdom comes with age and proper instruction. As speculative Masons, we are given proper instruction by association with good men and lessons designed and conceived to make us each a better man.The Mason's bride should be encouraged that his trips to the Lodge and study of Masonic teachings are out of the real desire to be a better man and husband. The Mason is, by definition, a man committed to the continuous improvement of himself and his world. All Masons have committed to help and assist the Masonic Widow. The Mason's wife may also be assured that when that time comes, she will not be just left alone to grieve. Rather, she will feel the warmth of the Brotherly Love extended to her as an Honored Lady and part of our Masonic Family.

A Mason as a Father

We all start as Masons hoodwinked, kneeling and being asked in whom we put our trust. Every Father knows how many times a child will cause him to be on bended knee. Every Masonic Father puts his trust over and over again in those same Divine Hands. During the first stage of a Mason's progress, as an Entered Apprentice, he is, in part, tasked to learn and improve himself. The Mason has an understanding of how important in youth this charter is. Once he becomes a Master Mason, his charge is to help lead and mentor younger Masons. Those skills better enable him as a Father to mentor and guide his children. The masonic attributes of patience, uses of repetition, and the importance of holding oneself and others responsible for their progress and actions all enhance his abilities as a Father. Although at certain ages his children may view him as rigid and unyielding, he must have faith that his fortitude will ultimately be understood. Certainly, circumscription, respect for others and the ability to establish and accomplish goals are best passed on by example. Every active Mason refines in himself a sense of history and many bridge generations by learning to improve through the lessons contained in family stories, parables, legends and allegories. This skill is often passed to children who may go on and develop an interest in, and even familiarity with, their ancestors. The Masonic dad also brings with him the attentive ear, bending to hear what his children are really saying. The Masonic Father is one who values proper behavior. He believes character determines the destiny of a man. A Mason knows that immortality is within his grasp, but understands that he must first lay down his working tools. So death is not a threat, but a simple fact of life. He passes this on to his offspring. Thus, a mason's children are taught kindness, respect, and, by example, the proper deportment expected of a man. A Mason who is the Father of a son may even someday hope to raise his son in Masonry to his own role as "Brother."

A Mason as a Grandfather

As we age and our joints start to object to more than just exercise, if blessed, we may find ourselves in the role of the Grandfather. Yet a new opportunity to help guide and influence loved ones into more enlightened lives well beyond our own mortality. An occasion to model the behaviors involving deep thought, study, the joy of learn-

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Bro. James Beer sworn in as judge

Iowa County Circuit Judge Bro. William Dyke (left), member of Dodgeville Lodge No. 119 administers the oath of office to Circuit Judge Bro. James Beer, Green County Circuit Judge for Branch One and Past Master of Smith Lodge No 31, Monroe. The oath was taken on Bro. Beer's Masonic Bible.

Submitted by Bro. Szvon Conway

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Masonic Study Series

The Masonic Study Series you heard about at the Annual Communication and read about in the Journal is read to go! As a reminder, the MSS is a program being presented by the education committee to aid in Lodge education. It is a paper that will be presented monthly on different Masonic topics and will center on the lessons taught in the degrees. Each paper in the series will be a short, two-minute read accompanied by a series of discussion questions.

The intention is that the paper be read, either in open Lodge or in Fellowship, and the discussion questions presented after. The hope is that there will be discussion about the topic following the read.

You can find the first paper on the GL website: www.wisc-freemasonry.org/publications/masonic-education/.

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Thoughts for the Journey

By Reverend Curt A. Campagna, Grand Chaplain

Greetings Brothers,

In my previous article I thought it was important to start with Masonic youth groups and their importance to our Fraternity. These groups teach family values, respect of others, and an appreciation for God and one's own religion. I now shift to the opposite pole; a Masonic Funeral for a Brother.

Grand Chaplain Curt A. Campagna

Funeral services are critically important to be performed properly. Not knowing when the call may come to the Lodge announcing a Brother has passed, and a Masonic Funeral is requested, it is critical certain things happen.

Communication must take place between the Worshipful Master and the family. Support and help, in any way necessary, should be offered. Communication is also important to have between the members of the Lodge; alerting them to the passing, along with any details that might at this early stage be known. A calling tree is a good model but certainly not the only one that works. It is up to the Lodge leadership to figure out what works best for them.

Remember, a Masonic Funeral is only held at the request of a departed Brother or his family. It is important that you, Brother, make your own wishes known to your immediate family. No Brother is ever obligated to have a Masonic Funeral. It is not a requirement of the Fraternity that a member have his funeral service conducted, either whole or in part, by the Masonic Order. The Masonic Memorial Service should not be confused with a funeral service, which should be conducted by the clergy chosen by the family.

If the Masonic Memorial Service is requested to be held in a church, we understand different religious groups have differing requirements and regulations concerning funerals, we wish to respect the convictions of all clergy involved. Communication is essential with the clergy to make sure they feel comfortable and understand what we will be performing. In general, the Lodge will do as much or as little, as you and the family agree they should do. In some cases, problems have been eliminated by having the Masonic Service the evening before the funeral. Sometimes the Lodge only conducts the graveside services. If there is any objection; perhaps it should not take place. It is better for us as Masons to be gracious, preventing any discord, rather than insisting that a Masonic service be held. It harms our Fraternity by offending anyone over this matter. The best way of responding to a request when it comes is to have a prepared "Funeral Box" ready. Many Lodges already have these packages in place, but I would like to review what I think should be included in the "Funeral Box".

1) We need to have WHITE aprons. As you may have noticed, I put special emphasis on the word "white". Brothers, please look at your aprons and make sure they are in decent shape. No yellow aprons and no tattered aprons, please! Also, please note everyone should be wearing pure white aprons; no Officer aprons should be worn at funerals. We never know how many Brothers may attend the Masonic Funeral so make sure you have enough aprons to accommodate all who wish to participate. If you plan ahead and determine there may be too many coming, then try to contact another Lodge and ask them to help by bringing their aprons over to cover all Brothers.

2) White gloves look good and add some formality to the Masonic Funeral. If you find you do not have enough gloves then I would suggest only the Brothers from the Lodge of the deceased wear them. Again, the condition of the gloves should be checked and the replacement of the worn out ones is essential.

3) Sprigs of evergreen need to be collected by the appointed Brother who will be in charge of bringing the Funeral Box. I recommend having a gallon size zip lock baggie with a scissors inside so the sprigs can be cut nicely and stored until the service.

4) A registry book for recording the Masonic Funeral along with a few extra pens.

5) An old, nice, leather apron for demonstration purpose and in the event the family was unable to find the Brother's apron.

6) I like that traditionally Lake Lodge No. 189 brings a Widow's Pin. The Worshipful Master gives respects then kneels down to the widow and gives her the pin to show she will always be honored in their Lodge and they commit to be there for her. Other Lodges have waited for a number of weeks and then present the widow with the pin and the same commitment. Consider giving your widows a Masonic Widows pin in some fashion or another.

7) The presenter should be given a copy of the Masonic Funeral, in large font. All of the Brother's appropriate information should have already been looked up and included. Make sure the presenter speaks clearly and has practiced so the service runs smoothly. Remember, the Masonic Funeral may be read.

8) Some Lodges begin their year by opening a Lodge of Sorrow and then close the Lodge of Sorrow at the end of the year. If you open and close the Lodge of Sorrow at the Masonic Funeral you will need a gavel in your Funeral Box.

9) A very important item for the Lodges that do open and close the Lodge of Sorrow at the Masonic Funeral is to include the Lodge of Sorrow in their box. I like the idea of laminating this short ceremony to keep it in good shape. If you need a copy feel free to email me and I will forward an electronic copy. In closing, remember this is an honor for us to perform the wishes of the family. If it is not in conflict with your own religious convictions, I would like to see more Brethren attend the religious service afterward to show support to the family.

Any questions or ideas you may have please contact me.

God Bless each and every one of you.

Grand Chaplain Curt A. Campagna can be reached at curt.campagna@gmail.com or 414-698-8874.

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ing, personal integrity, individualism, dignity, strength, courage, charity, and humor. It is a time to create cherished memories that pass on these values to the seed of your seed. It is a chance to excite young imaginations to greatness. This is when a Masonic Grandpa can love, share and be there to serve as a source of wisdom for future recollection.

A Mason as a Citizen

Just as every Lodge's Stated Communications are opened with prayer, they are also opened with the Pledge to the Nation's Flag. As Masons we take pride in our obligations to serve their God, fellowman and Country. Allegiance to the Nation and a patriotic spirit are dominating themes within every Lodge. From history we know the Masonic teachings were the original source for considering independent freedom of religion, speech, thought, and rule by the people rather than a sovereign. Although Masons are forbidden from discussing politics in a Lodge to encourage harmony, we have always been deeply committed to the establishment of better governance. Many Masons have contributed to Freedom's narrative. Consider the contributions to free government made by the fourteen Masons who have served as American Presidents, by the twenty seven Masonic signers of the US Constitution, and the seven signers of the Declaration of Independence, Simon Bolivar, Giuseppe Garibaldi, Jose Rizal, and Benito Juarez to name a few. Consider how Masons have served mankind as citizens founding the Red Cross, 4H, The Boy Scouts, AFL, NAACP, Elks, Lions and National Parks. Masonic citizens have always served the greater good from local School Boards to the great battles for freedom. Masons are always at the forefront. Consider our service whether we are dedicating a cornerstone for a local building or helping with a local blood bank. In State Capitol Buildings and local volunteer organizations from governors to bell ringers at Christmas, just look and you will find another Mason. Service to man motivates the Masonic citizen. We all stand for Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

A Mason as an Employee

Perhaps the most prominent underlying lesson in Masonry is the lost attribute of taking responsibility. As Masons we are responsible for keeping what is private in a Lodge, private. We are responsible for keeping our promises. Masons are responsible to help watch out for brother Masons and give them good counsel when needed. We are responsible to watch out for and help the widows and orphans of other Masons. We support the Grand Lodge and the Masonic Code and Laws that manage our jurisdiction. Local Lodge officers and Grand Lodge Officers are responsible to serve those Brothers who elect them. So what is the biggest attribute in any workplace? It is taking responsibility for the work performed. The employee that makes it personal that the quality of product or work performed exceeds standards is second nature to a Mason. He is comfortable with the quest for excellence with such specific standards in ritual work which he must memorize and practice on a regular basis. The Masonic employee knows how to learn new skills and procedures. He has developed this skill set at Schools of Instruction and by his own progress as a Mason. Those who have taken on leadership roles in a Lodge also bring leadership, budgeting and communication skills to the workplace refined by this experience. Public speaking skills are practiced and often taught in Lodges and further increase an employee's worth to his employer. Leadership training is now available through the new Masonic College to add weight to the Brother's resume. Finally, the Mason keeps the Holy writings to guide his actions as his trestle board. Ethical behavior in the workplace equates to more reliable dealings and fewer problems with discrimination, dishonesty, and abuse of power. Bottom line is, hire a Mason.

A Mason as a Scholar

Masonic education is a passion to a large number of Masons. To understand the references in the Masonic ritual and evolution of this gentle Craft requires study of the Holy Writings and world history. One could dedicate himself just to the study of Scotland, France, England and the Jacobites and be drawn into years of study in early Masonic history. The study of regimental lodges in the English military could keep a historian busy. The impact of Freemasonry on America's Revolutionary and Civil War periods fills volumes and could still stand further research. Hitler's war on Freemasons and the Jews are well documented for even the casual historical reader. The Masonic scholar does not fall into the traps of the History Channel or getting his information from novelists. He studies history, he reads, he thinks and he learns and shares with his Brothers.

A Mason as a Brother

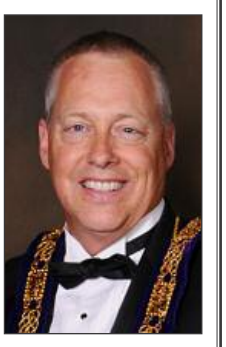
Brother Robert Burns a Scottish poet described Masonry as the Mystic Tie it is also known as the Masonic Tie and the Tie that Binds. We are symbolically bound together in common vows, values and beliefs. It never ceases to amaze especially new masons how another Brother they have never seen will strike up a conversation and welcome them to the area. Many a Mason has visited a lodge in a town with which he has no connection and found 15-20 new friends. In masonry this is never contrived or forced. It comes from a genuine happiness that springs from the common well of knowledge and shared values. Every one of us know we are a part of something bigger than ourselves. Any one of us can go to a Lodge of Brothers and know that others will help and do all they can for us in that community. That Lodge is a special place like a Church, library, museum, or a school. The lodge makes us more than we could be without it . . . because our Brothers come together there.

And crown thy good with Brotherhood!

Notes From The Grand Lecturer
By Brother Jerry A. Reick

Greetings Brethren,

I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer and to those Lodges that are coming out of a summer break, welcome back! I wanted to provide some additional details on the initiatives and areas of focus in the upcoming year.



Grand Lecturer Jerry A. Reick

The District Lecturers and I have been busy planning the Schools of Instruction (SOI) for 2016 and working on rolling out the Proficiency Passport process for tracking and qualifying Brothers seeking their Ritualist and Proficiency status.

You'll be noticing some changes to the SOI format and focus in the upcoming year. You are committing your time to attend a school, it is important that you see a benefit from that investment. We're working to put the emphasis on the instructional aspect of the schools and making them a learning experience. I'm encouraging area level schools that use small group instruction techniques to keep everyone moving and more engaged. It's okay to even have a little fun. We'll be focusing on the basics of ritual procedure and good solid technique for rodwork and floorwork. This represents a change in way we conduct schools and I realize that change takes time so I'm asking everyone to go into 2016 with patience and an open mind. I applaud the effort that the District Lecturers are putting in to work with me and deliver a quality SOI product to their Lodges.

On the Ritual front, the chief practitioners are the Ritualist. The criteria for becoming a Ritualist or Proficiency Man are defined in the cipher, but my sense is that the process of qualifying is largely a mystery and the experience of going through that process differs from district to district. With that in mind, I've developed the Proficiency Passport which is a task list and framework which provides standard guidance and a uniform process. The idea is to make the process consistent throughout all districts in Wisconsin.

If you are interested in qualifying as a Ritualist, please reach out to your District Lecturer and ask about the Proficiency Passport and how to begin your journey.

We will be conducting the Degree Competition in 2016 so Lodges can showcase their skills and passion for ritual work. We will use these events to appreciate that passion and we can celebrate the efforts of everyone that participates. The exact date has not been determined yet, but we're looking at the April-May timeframe so the results can be recognized at the Annual communication in June. The deadline to register is February 29. Please start discussing this in your Lodges and assemble your teams.

Finally, if you have any questions about ritual work, the proficiency passport, any general comments or suggestions, please send me a message at the email address below. I'd like to hear about what's going in your Lodge or District, and what I can do to serve you better. Let's rejoice in our successes my Brothers and identify those that are doing the right thing and setting the example. I look forward to getting out to meet you and visit your Lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Jerry A Reick
Grand Lecture

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Masonic Book Review

Book Title: "The Masonic Myth" Author: Jay Kinney

By Deputy Grand Master Donald W. Hensiak

"Unlocking the truth about the symbols, the secret rites, and the history of Freemasonry"

As a Freemason, who doesn't want to unlock the truth and secrets? Does "The Masonic Myth", written by author Jay Kinney accomplish those daunting goals? In many ways the answer is yes! The book is a very readable survey of the many aspects of Masonry including everything from history and structure of the many Masonic bodies to discussion of rumors and hoaxes related to the craft.

Kinney is a member of Mill Valley Lodge No. 356 in California. He was publisher and editor-in-chief of the journal Gnosis, covering esoteric traditions and spiritual paths. He was awarded the Albert G. Mackey Award for Excellence in Masonic Research. He is also librarian and director of research for the San Francisco Scottish Rite.

My favorite chapter in the book was the final chapter, titled "Back to the Future, Is Masonry Doomed?" The author does a nice job discussing demographic changes and the challenges that Masonry faces as membership dwindles. He states very accurately that "The success of Freemasonry's efforts to update itself and adapt to the 21st Century will depend on whether it actually meets the needs and captures the imagination of a new generation of men."

I really enjoyed this book. It was deep enough to hold my interest without being so detailed and esoteric that it lost me. The book gives a great overview of Freemasonry's history and the many organizations that have sprung up from Masonry's roots. The author makes it very clear when he is stating his opinion. This gives the reader the feel that you are having a discussion with a trusted and knowledgeable friend.

In my opinion, this is a great book for new Masons and up coming officers, while it has plenty of "meat" for more seasoned researchers. There is a lot of material for discussion topics, from the beginnings of Freemasonry to the future prospects of our great fraternity.

Spruce-up Awards and Grants are Back for 2015-2016

Lodges that complete a facility improvement project such as remodeling, painting, landscaping, or other improvements may qualify to receive a Spruce-up Award and grant ranging up to a $500 limit.

To be considered for the Spruce-up Award, the project must be completed between April 1, 2015 and April 1, 2016.

The online award application must be submitted, prior to the April 1, 2016 deadline. Applications and associated photos must be submitted electronically and will not be accepted after the closing date.

The application form and instructions are located on the Grand Lodge website at www.wisc-freemasonry.org under the Awards tab.

Lodges receiving the Spruce-up Award will be announced in May 2016 and recognized during the 172nd Annual Communication in June.

Contact Senior Grand Warden L. Arby Humphrey at lah_2017@wisc-freemasonry.org if you have questions.

A Gift Beyond His Days: an Act of Generosity

Bro. Bob Krahn had a tender heart for children and worked as a Zor clown for many years.

By Jane Olisar
Chief Development Officer
Three Pillars Senior Living Communities

Bro. Robert Krahn, casually known as "Bob" to his close friends and fraternal Brothers, had always been a generous man. He was never one to discuss it, but he was continually giving of his time, resources, and dollars. Whether he was volunteering as a Zor Shrine clown to spark joy in a child's day, or supporting his alma mater, UW Madison, with a financial gift, Bro. Krahn didn't miss an opportunity to give. In true Bob-fashion, even after his passing in May 2014, he made one of his biggest donations as his way of supporting the community he felt so fondly about – a planned gift of his farm property to Three Pillars Senior Living Communities.

Born and raised in Whitewater, Wisconsin, Bro. Bob was known by many as a simple, private, and sometimes enigmatic man. His true friends were limited, and he held those special people in the highest regard. His matter-of-fact style and willingness to speak his mind is fondly remembered. One close friend recalls, " . . . He did have an opinion on things; all you had to do was ask . . . if he had not already volunteered it."

His affiliation with the Masonic Fraternity was a large part of his identity, and a key source of his connections to the community. A 42-year member of St. Johns Lodge No.57 in Whitewater, Bro. Krahn was also involved with the Scottish Rite and Zor Shriners in Madison. This strong tie fueled his intentions of someday moving to Three Pillars in Dousman if the day ever came for him to leave his farm. Though his medical complexities at the end of his life did not allow him to spend his last days there, his heart was there, evident by his generous gift.

His parents were farmers, and he had the honor of carrying on the farm after completing the agricultural short course at UW-Madison. Animals were a large part of Bro. Bob's life –he enjoyed raising chickens, pigs, turkeys, donkeys, peacocks, dairy cows, sheep, goats, and meat rabbits over the years. His land was often rented to farmers, allowing them to utilize the land to reap useful crops. Bro. Krahn spent many of his days in solitude at his home, but not without the regular company of his beloved dog, Banjo, his farm animals, and the occasional visit from friends.

Though he wasn't always one to display it, Bro. Bob's friends knew the tender heart he had for children. He volunteered as a parading Zor clown for many years, brightening children's days in character as "Pippin." He worked as a custodian at a grade school in town where he could interact with the kids, and he also enjoyed ice fishing, spending time at his cabin in the north woods, and doing carpentry work when he had the time.

Bro. Krahn's unstinting act of generosity deserves profuse thanks that we can only give by remaining steadfast in our mission to better the lives of seniors by providing quality housing and programming, just like he would have wanted.

While we cannot send him a thank you card or embrace him in a hug, he will be inducted as posthumous member of the Cornerstone Society in memory of his generosity. We remain ever grateful for his gift and those like it, both those already received and those planned for the future. We hope that you, too, will consider making a planned gift to Three Pillars.

For more information about how you can become a member of the Cornerstone Society, please contact Jane Olisar, Chief Development Officer, at 262-965-7294 or jolisar@threepillars.org.

Hiram's Harvest Festival to Support Veterans Fund

The Wisconsin Masonic Foundations Hiram's Harvest Festival will be held on Saturday, November 14. It is open to all Masons, their families and the general public.

All proceeds will support the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Veterans Fund.

Hosted by Ozaukee Lodge No. 17 with the support of Ozaukee Chapter #147 OES, and Bethel 60 Job's Daughters. It will be a night of music, comedy, and fine dining.

The evening will begin with a dinner including: Garlic Roast Beef Tenderloins, Parmesan Shrimp, and Chicken Marsala along with soup, salad, and home-made deserts. Entertainment will be provided during dinner.

The show will start at 6:30 p.m. which will include music, comedy, and a live auction. There will also be silent auction items.

Tickets can be ordered at www.hiram2015.eventbrite.com. Reserve seating for 8.

The Festival will be held at the Port Washington Masonic Center, 504 W. Grand Ave., Port Washington.

Contact Bro. Dave Tainter at dtainter@wi.rr.com for more information.

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Another fantastic Friends & Family Chicken Barbecue has now come and gone. 500 chickens, 336 ears of corn, 720 hamburgers and brats, and 816 ice cream bars, sandwiches, and cups were enjoyed by friends that filled our woods on August 2nd. You would have been hard pressed to find a face without a smile on it or a belly that wasn't full as people lounged on our park benches, visited the petting zoo, or took a spin down the giant inflatable bounce-house slide.

While mingling with the attendees, I was reminded how strongly our Masonic Fraternity has influenced the Lifestyle, Value, and Trust that resonates in everything we do at Three Pillars. It is your support that helps us offer events like this one that bring people together to enjoy themselves and our campus.

I want to publically thank those of you who gave so generously of your time to make the day so successful. We couldn't have done it without the Shriner Clowns, DeMolay, Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star, and the Oconomowoc-Hartland and Dousman Masonic Lodges. In total, we had 85 volunteers! We also welcomed members of the Skunk Patrol for a reunion as well as Amaranth and Jobs Daughters.

As summer winds down, don't forget that fall is a great time to come to Three Pillars for a visit. We'd love a chance to show you our Dousman or Cecil campuses, so don't hesitate to contact me at ceo@threepillars.org to set something up.

Fraternally,

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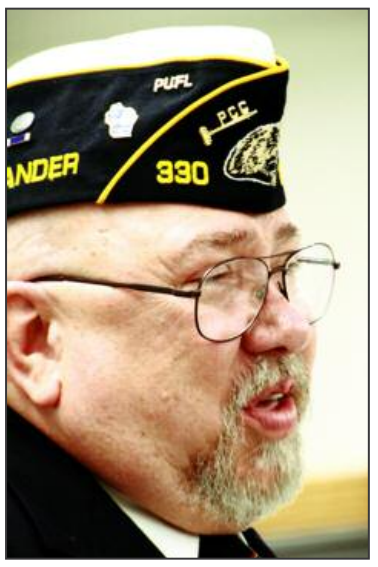
Bro. John W. Miller, 10th District Commander of the American Legion, Speaks at Hancock Lodge



Bro. John W. Miller
District Commander

By Bro. Milt Helmer

The Brothers of Hancock Lodge No. 229, Ellsworth, heard a representative of the American Legion address their monthly meeting on May 26. The occasion was part of the Freemasons community awareness program in Ellsworth.

The speaker was none other than Bro. John Miller who took off his hat as a Junior Deacon of Hancock Lodge No. 229 to assume his new title . . . that of 10th District Commander of the American Legion.

Bro. Miller, who is also a member of every other Veteran organization including the VFW, and Wounded Warriors as well as the American Legion, earned his entrée into these illustrious organizations when he was wounded in combat. He is a double amputee but that does not hold him back whatsoever.

Bro. Miller gave his Brothers a short briefing on the American Legion and how it began after the Armistice in France in 1918. The men who fought side by side in this conflict in Europe wanted some way to stay in touch, since the bond in combat is like no other on earth.

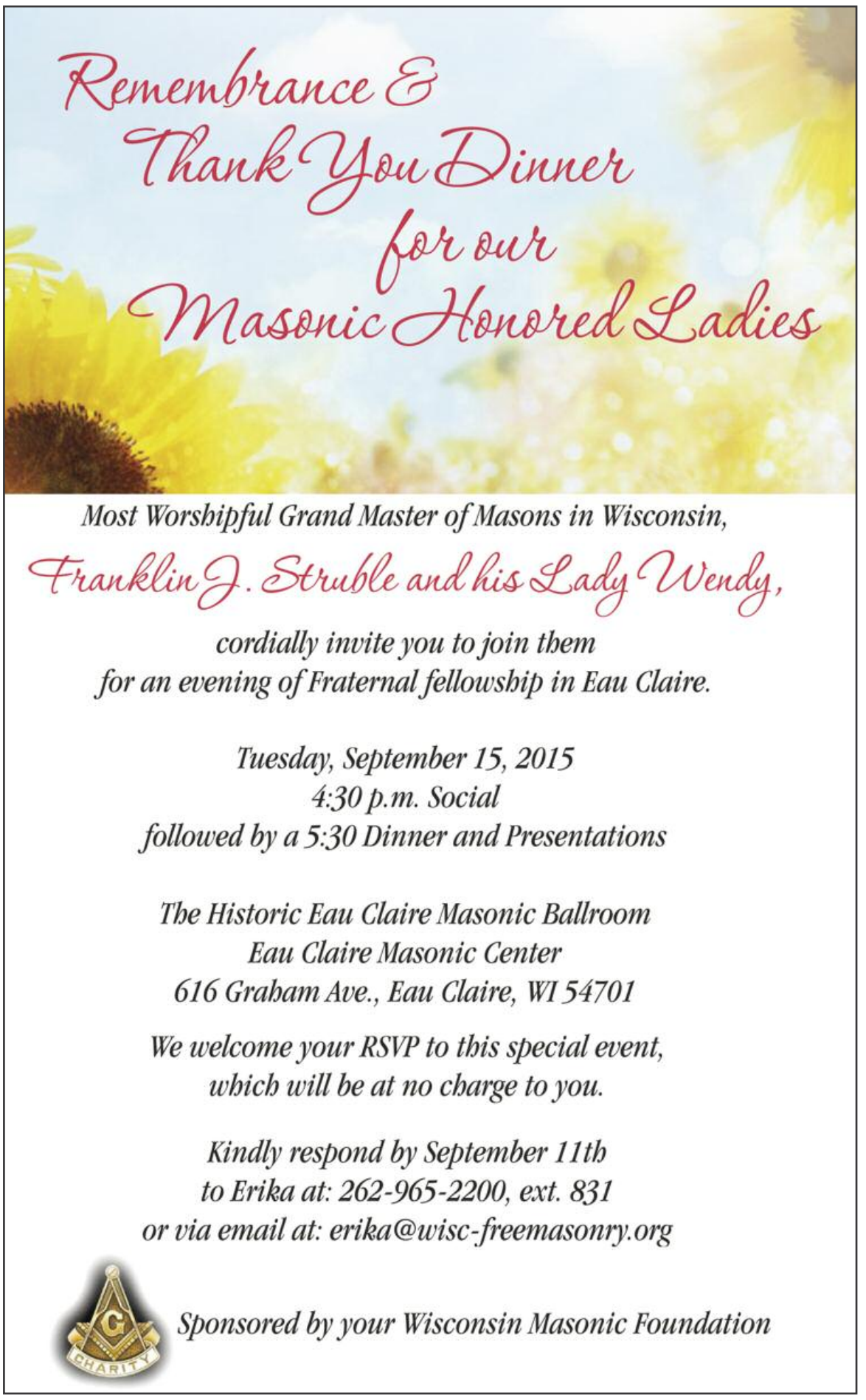
Thus, the American Legion was founded in 1919 by Lt. Commander Teddy Roosevelt who is considered the founding father of the Legion. The "Legion has four main pillars," said Miller. The Rehabilitation of Veterans, Relief for Widows and Orphans, A Strong National Defense and most importantly Americanism.

District Commander Miller said over 100,000 veterans have been helped by the American Legion. Legion posts all over the country are active in all forms of Americanism.

Locally, the Legion is very active in the Boy Scouts and Baseball. Anywhere they can spread the word about the mission of every Legionnaire and Legion Auxiliary.

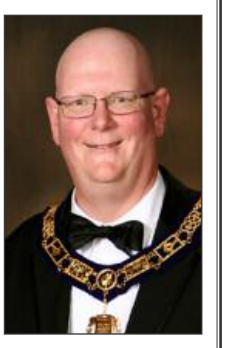
In making his comments before the Lodge meeting, Bro. Miller said the Legion and the Masons are similar in the ways they maintain order. Both follow the Roberts Rules of Order and rising and seating with gavel raps are the same. Like the Masons, Legion members have initiation, but are not required to memorize their work. But some, including Bro. Miller, can recite their preamble from memory. He said, "I take that preamble very seriously and I understand just what it means."

A Mason for the past 27 years, Bro. Miller serves as Junior Deacon at Hancock Lodge and as Master in Collins-Spring Valley Lodge No.192. Before his comments Miller asked for a show of hands in the audience of those who were veterans and Legion members. Five Brothers proudly raised their hand.



Expanding Our Masonic Knowledge
By Brother Patrick D. Cholka

Continuing our education is a critical part of life. Regardless of our vocations, hobbies, or other endeavors, we are constantly learning to continually improve ourselves and our usefulness to those around us. Freemasonry is no different. Candidates are exposed to our excellent tenets through the system of degrees. After being raised as a Master Mason our education continues.



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Patrick D. Cholka

Consider a quote that is often attributed to Bro. Harry S. Truman: "It's what you learn after you know it all that counts." To apply that to Freemasonry: through our degrees we are each exposed to the tenets of Freemasonry. After that initial exposure we continue to learn and increase our understanding of those valuable lessons that we may better apply them to our lives and increase our usefulness to our fellow creatures.

To aid in that continuing education, the Wisconsin Masonic College was created. The College consists of three modules released annually and presented at various locations around the state throughout the year. The module introduced last year, Leadership, was a tremendous success and received high reviews from those that attended and will be presented once this year. The second module, Management, will be introduced this year and will be presented in four locations around the state. We are finalizing the dates and locations. Watch this and future editions of The Wisconsin Masonic Journal for more information.

In addition to the modules, the Wisconsin Masonic College is expanding with two additional new programs: Masonic Book Review and the Masonic Study Series. The Masonic Book Review will be presented in The Wisconsin Masonic Journal each month and will feature a book on a Masonic topic. The reviewers will change from month to month to provide a different perspective. The reviews will feature information on each book as well as information on where to find it.

The Masonic Study Series is designed to aid Lodges in the education of its members by providing some information on a Masonic topic, principle or lesson as well as several questions to promote discussion on the topic. These topics will be centered on our degrees and can be presented in a tiled lodge or in fellowship before or after the meeting. These will also be published monthly with an introduction in the Masonic Journal and the entire presentation on the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Website.

This month's Study Series is called "The Three Principal Rounds" and discusses faith, hope and charity, the three principal rounds of Jacob's ladder. The presentation can be found on the Grand Lodge Website under Masonic Education under the Publications Tab.

I look forward to learning with you as we explore the deeper meanings of our symbols, principles and lessons. Freemasonry is a continuing and rewarding journey toward that perfect ashlar we hope to attain through a virtuous education, our own endeavors and the blessings of God.

Fraternally,
Patrick Cholka
Grand Orator

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DDGM Gajdosik is Mason of the Year

Junior Grand Steward Paul T. Tourville (left) presents District 9 Deputy Grand Master James R. Gajdosik the Mason of the Year Award and watch on behalf of Milton Lodge No. 161. The award was presented at the Milton Lodge Hillbilly/Awards Night on June 23.

Submitted by Bro. Patrick Garvin

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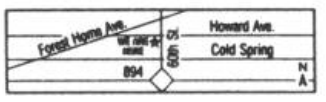

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News Events from the Lodges

Milton Lodge True Mason Award

Bro. Jerry Thompson receives the Milton Lodge No. 161 True Mason Award from Junior Grand Steward Paul T. Tourville (right). The award was presented at the Milton Lodge Hillbilly/Awards Night on June 23.

Submitted by Bro. Patrick Garvin

Famous Quote

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

- President John F. Kennedy

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Bro. Allen Zaug is honored for 50 years of service

Monday evening July 27, the sky turned into a golden sunset above the Manawa Masonic Center as Bro. Allen Zaug received his 50 year certificate (see photo on page 9). It was presented by his cousin Bro. Fred Zaug, Master of Manawa Lodge No. 82. Bro. Allen Zaug was raised a Master Mason June 5, 1965. He was installed Senior Deacon in 1966, becoming Master of the Weyauwega Lodge No. 82 in 1969. Weyauwega Lodge merged with Manawa Lodge No. 276 in 1995. Bros. (from left): Master Fred Zaug presents the certificate and card while Bro. Zaug Allen is being congratulated by District 5 Deputy Grand Master A. Christopher Gans.

Submitted by Bro. George Tincher

Union Grove July 4th Parade

Brethren from Union Grove Lodge No. 288 participated in the local 4th of July Parade. From left: Skip Kovach, Jack Nelson, Clint Cagle, Tom Wampler, Russ Sanders, Chris Acker and George Winget.

Union Grove Temple Topics

Bloomer Lodge participates in local parade

Bloomer Lodge No. 181 rode in the parade in Bloomer on Aug. 2 to show support for the community. Brothers attending the parade (from left): Chris Roberts; Senior Grand Steward Gary L. Stang, Master; District 2 Deputy Grand Master Thomas W. Christiano; Neil Hanson; Gordy Johnson; Jim Jolley; Mike Abernathy; Clyde Shipman; and Dave Olson.

Submitted by Senior Grand Steward Gary L. Stang

A golden sunset

Sun setting over the Manawa Masonic Center, the home of Manawa Lodge No. 82 on Bridge St. in Manawa. The photo was taken on July 27 by Professional Photographer and Bro. George Tincher. He is a 50 year Mason and Past Master and current Treasurer of Shawano Lodge No. 170. He is also the Secretary of Clintonville Lodge No. 197 and the Counselor of Mason-Woods Lodge No. 368 and Manawa Lodge No. 82.

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Saturday November 14th

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Table of 8	$350 Table
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Buffet
Garlic Roast Beef Tenderloin
Parmesan Shrimp
Chicken Marsala
Oven Browned Red Potatoes
Soup & Salad
Desserts
Entertainment during dinner

Show
Music & Comedy

Live Auction

Silent Auction

Proceeds benefit the WI Masonic Foundation - Veterans Fund

Tickets: www.Hiram2015.eventbrite.com

News Events from the Lodges

Mineral Point Lodge hosts annual family picnic

Mineral Point Lodge No. 1 hosted their annual picnic on July 19. Brothers and their families were present from five area lodges.

Submitted by Area Administrator Andrew Davis

Barnes parade is family affair

The Barnes Lodge No. 365 participated in the 4th of July parade in Barnes. It was a family event with everyone having a good time.

Submitted by Senior Grand Warden L. Arby Humphrey

Warren Lodge to Host 2nd Annual Campout and Picnic

The Brethren of Warren Lodge No. 4, Potosi are planning their 2nd annual Warren Lodge Campout and Lodge Picnic, Sept. 11th and 12th at the Grant River Recreational Area, for the express purpose of fellowship and fun. After a busy summer the Brothers decided that a lazy evening listening to the river was something to look forward to.

The campground is run by the Army Corp of Engineers and sits in a beautiful area on the banks of the Mississippi River just outside Potosi. It has modern shower and toilet facilities and a fantastic view of the river and surrounding bluffs.

All Brothers and their families are invited to join us. An evening of fun and fellowship around a campfire on a late summer's night is planned.

Food and beverage for the campout are your own to bring. All Brothers and their families are invited to stay for the Warren Lodge Picnic which will be held Saturday at noon at the main picnic shelter on the park grounds. Bring a dish to pass, the lodge will provide brats and burgers.

If camping isn't your thing lodging is available near by. The more Brothers and families the more fun.

The Grant River Recreational Area is located at 3990 Park Lane, Potosi. For more information the park number is 563-582-0881. Sites run from $10-$18 dollars per night.

There are a limited number of sites reserved but they will fill up fast. Both camper and tent sites are available. If you have any questions or wish reservations please contact Bro. Larry Raymond, 563-451-8497 or District 8 Deputy Grand Master David R. Ritchie, 608-482-3552.

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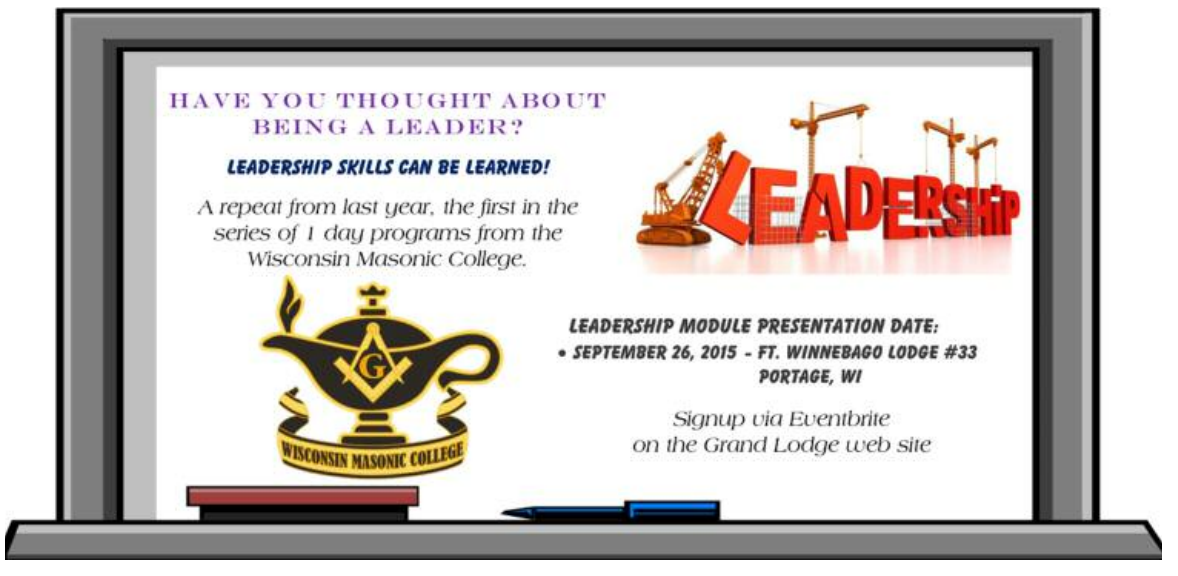

Bro. Kruger honored for 55 years

Bro. Wilson (Buddy) Matthew Krueger Jr. (center) was presented with his 55 year certificate and wallet card on Aug. 1. Bro. Krueger, a Past Master of Hiram Lodge No. 50, was raised in Magnolia Lodge No.120, Biloxi, Mississippi on July 11, 1960. He resides in the Tomah VA Medical Center where the presentation was made. Bro. Lyle Christian, Secretary (left) made the presentation with the assistance of Bro. Richard Staley, P.M. (right).

Submitted by Bro. Lyle Christian

Bro. Steingraeber is 53 year Mason

Master Robert Johnson (right) and Senior Warden Tom Stachowiak, of West Allis Lodge No. 291, recently took a road trip on their motorcycles to Rio to present Bro. Tom Steingraeber (center) his 50 year pin. Bro. Steingraeber's son, who is interested in joining the fraternity, also joined them for lunch. Bro. Steingraeber was raised on October 13, 1961.

Submitted by Bro. Robert Johnson

Masonic Rib Fest winners

Wilmot Lodge No. 241 hosted the Second Annual Masonic Rib Fest at Hansen Park in Bristol on June 21. Five Rib Chef teams participated this year; one from Wilmot Lodge, Damascus Lodge No. 290, and Washburn Lodge No. 145. There were two teams from Kenosha No. 47. The competition was fierce and full of fire and brimstone, with each team presenting their own uniquely different recipe to be judged by the attending public. All of the ribs and sides were amazing and in close running, but when the smoke had cleared and the ribs had been consumed by a hungry crowd, the winning team of Bros. Bob and Joe Matthews of Washburn Lodge were the chosen winners! All proceeds from the Rib Fest were donated to the Silver Lake Rescue Squad by Rib Fest host, Master Matthew Boss of Wilmot Lodge. The Rib Fest Traveling Trophy and Keeper Trophy can be visited at Washburn Lodge, where we will be happy to brag and take pictures of it with you! Washburn Lodge will host Rib Fest 2016, and we hope to have many more lodge teams compete next summer. Thank you to all of the Brethren who worked so hard in putting the Rib Fest on and in competing. Once again, a great time was had by all. Bros. Joe (left) and Bob Matthews receive the trophies from Bro. Matt Boss, Master of Wilmot Lodge.

Submitted by Bro. Mike Wood

News Events from the Lodges

Masonic Rib Fest benefits Silver Lake Rescue Squad

As the host of the 2nd Annual Masonic Rib Fest; a friendly competition between neighboring lodges, Bro. Matt Boss, Master of Wilmot Lodge No. 241 presented a $400 check to the Silver Lake Rescue Squad, which was represented by Brother Dean Fryda. Ribs were prepared by 5 teams representing 4 Lodges. This year's winner was Washburn Lodge No. 145, who will host next year and will choose the charity to receive the proceeds. Bros. (from left): Secretary/Treasurer Bill Hahnfeldt, Master Matt Boss, Chaplain Paul McKibben, Senior Deacon Dean Fryda and Junior Deacon Verne Miller.

Submitted by Bro. Bill Hahnfeldt

Ozaukee Lodge presents AED check

Bro. Jon Ziegler (right), Master of Ozaukee Lodge No. 17, Port Washington, presents a check for $1658 to Sara McCutcheon and Duane Wolfe of the Port Washington/Saukville School District at their School Board Meeting on July 13 in Port Washington. The check was presented on behalf of Ozaukee Lodge and the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation for an AED which will be placed inside the School Board District Office Building. Each of the District buildings and schools now have at least 1 AED, obtained through Ozaukee Lodge.

Submitted by Bro. Jon Ziegler

Oshkosh Masons participate in July 4th Parade

Six Members of Oshkosh Lodge No. 27 participated in the Oshkosh 4th of July parade. As the Brethren marched in the parade, they interacted with the parade watchers. They answered many questions posed by the spectators. This was an excellent opportunity for the Lodge to be involved in Civic events. Front row (from left): Senior Warden Derrick Hable, Bro. Fred Lilly, Junior Warden Joel Porst, and Bro. Jim Felda. Back row: Chaplain Mark Arend and Master Ron J. Montgomery.

Submitted by Bro. Donald Wood, Secretary

Clintonville Lodge Joins in Historical Society Celebration

The city of Clintonville Historical society celebrated a 40-year anniversary with displays and role-playing on July 8.

Clintonville Lodge No. 197 Past Masters Owen Nielson and Kevin Palmer (above) explained how Masonry played an important part in Clintonville history.

Past Master Danford Jesse (left) spent the day at the cemetery dressed and acting as D. J. Rohrer, one of the more important figures in the early days of the city.

Story and photos by Bro. George Tincher

Bro. Taylor is 50 year member

Bro. Thomas Taylor received his 50 year pin and certificate from Bro. Duane Monville, Master of the Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No.128 on June 17. Bro. Taylor was raised on May 18, 1965 in Mound Lodge No. 122, Taylorville, Illinois. He affiliated with Wisconsin Rapids Lodge on Feb. 2, 2009. He has served the lodge as Counselor.

Submitted by Bro. Scott Brehm, Junior Deacon

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News Events from the Lodges

Phillips Scholarship Golf Outing

Scratch Division Winners Jerry Petersen and Nick Panke receive their prize from Bro. Lee Handschke, Master.

Handicap Division Winner Kevin Johnson receives his prize from Bro. Lee Handschke, Master.

By Bro. Sam Opresik

The Eleventh Annual Masonic Scholarship Golf Outing was held June 27. This Golf Outing is sponsored by the Phillips Lodge No. 225 to support scholarships for graduating seniors from the Phillips, Park Falls (Chequamegon) and Prentice High Schools.

The Golf Outing kicked off with a 1:30 shot gun start at the Westwood Golf Course in Phillips. A picture perfect summer day greeted the record forty-six golfers. Three hole-in-one prizes were featured to liven up the competition. A Chevy Equinox sponsored by Wheel Way of Fifield, a Fairmount golf vacation sponsored by Price County Title and Superior Automation, and a Travis Mathews signature outfit and online shopping spree sponsored by Wollerman's Plumbing and Hansen HVAC.

There was a scratch and a handicap division. Each offered cash prizes for the top three teams. The winners for the Scratch Division were: first place, Nick Panke and Jerry Petersen; second place, Blake Pluemer and Kevin Jean; and third place, Jim Rutherford and Ed Jasurda.

The winners for the Handicap division were: first place, Jon Pesko and Kevin Johnson; second place, Glenn Seitz & Dave Niehoff; third place, Jim and Carole Litvinoff.

The Golf Outing concluded with the presentation of the prizes to the winners in each division, awarding the raffle and proxy prizes, and announcing the results of the silent auction. Shannon and Jon Kress at the Sand Trap Club House served a delicious lunch to close the Golf Outing.

Plans are already in progress for next year's Twelfth Annual Masonic Scholarship Golf Outing with a tentative date of June 25, 2016.

Bro. Al Huber is 50 year Mason

Junior Grand Steward Paul T. Tourville (left) presents Bro. Al Huber his 50 year pin and certificate at the Milton Lodge No. 161 Hillbilly Night on June 23. Bro. Huber was raised on April 20, 1965. He also a member of Waucoma Loge No. 90, Armistead-Bingham Lodge No. 1862 and New Glarus Lodge No. 310.

Submitted by Bro. Patrick Garvin, Senior Warden

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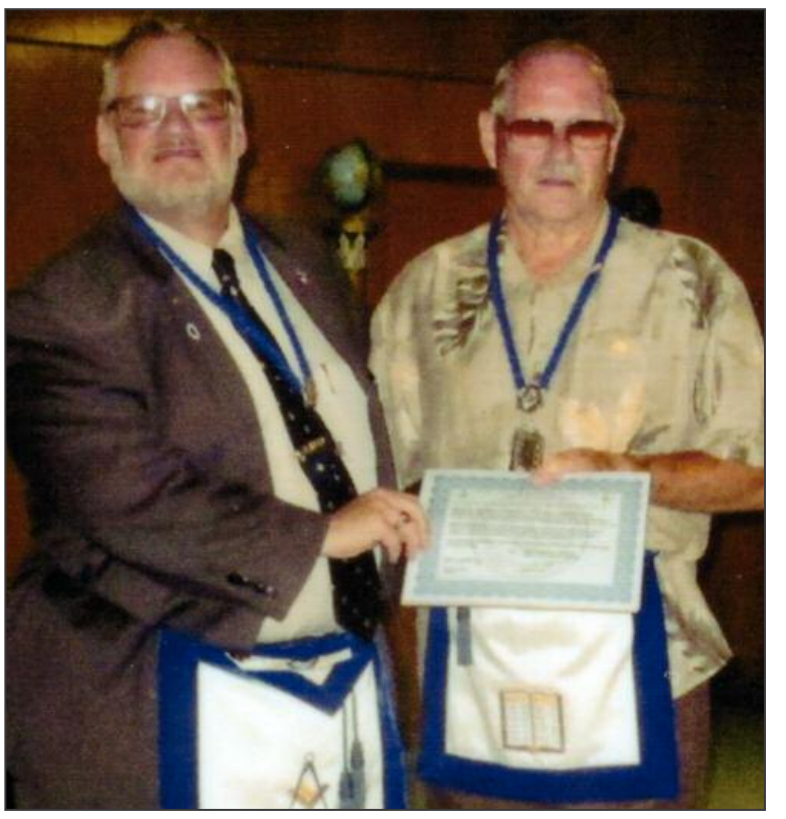
Dousman Lodge participates Derby Days

Dousman Lodge No. 315 participated in the Dousman Derby Days celebration by running a food tent on the park ground July 24-26. They featured their famous pulled pork barbecue, as well as hot dogs and chili dogs for those non-barbecue folks. This is an annual event which the Lodge has participated in since its beginning about 10 or so years ago. It is a great venue to get out into the public and let everyone know that they have an active and vibrant Masonic Lodge in their town and gives the members a forum to tell people who they are and what they do. Bros. John Quaden and Adam Herrera talk to one of the chefs of the evening, Bro. Dave Renly.

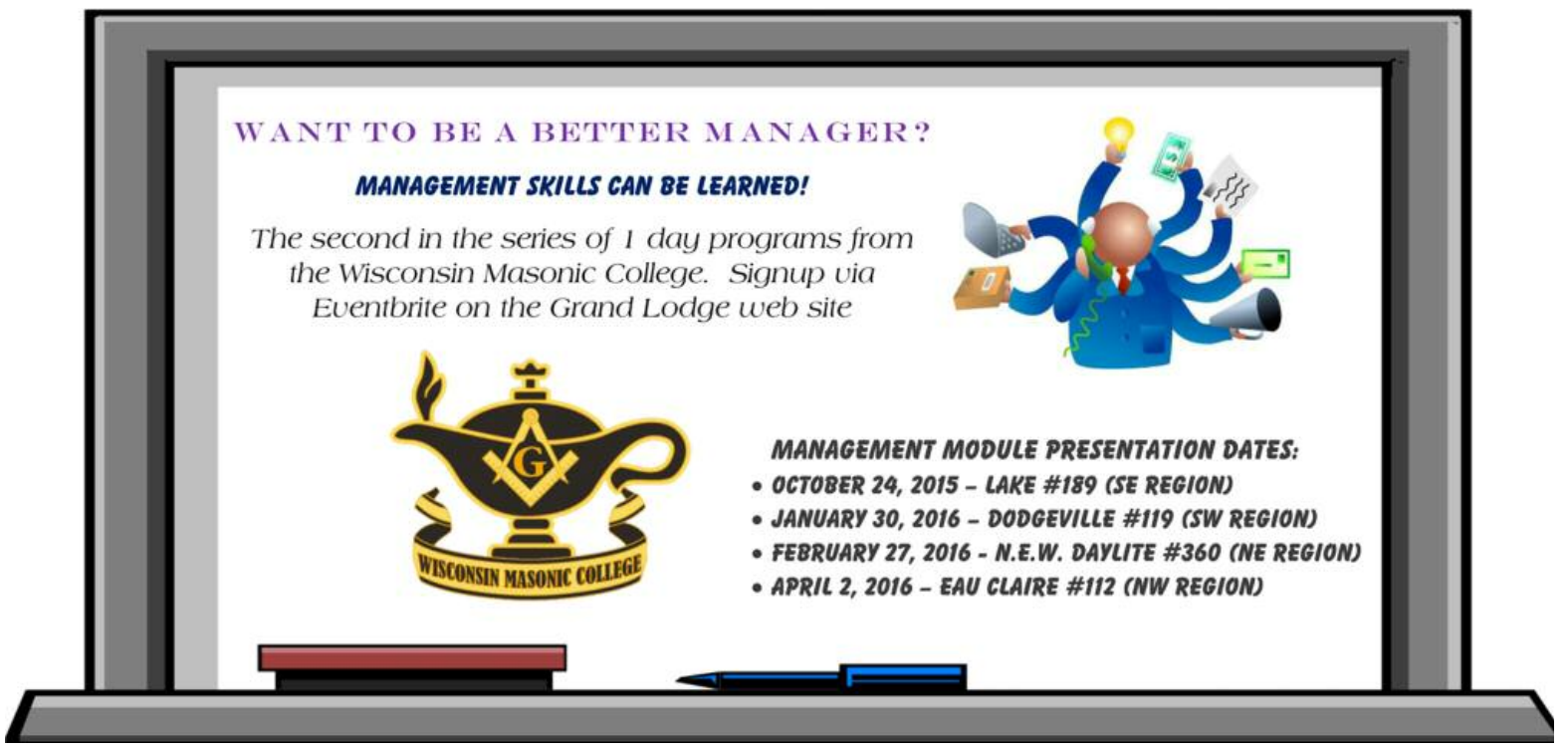
Submitted by Bro. Terry Brown, Senior Warden



Bro. Cornwell observes 50 years

Bro. Dalton Cornwell (right), a member of Durand-Pepin Lodge No. 149 and a resident of Bentonville, Arkansas, receives his 50 year certificate and pin from Bro. Scott Nelson in Bentonville Lodge No. 56. Bro. Cornwell was raised on June 5, 1965 in Eureka Lodge No. 75. LeRoy Minnesota. He is a plural member and Past Master in Bentonville Lodge.

Submitted by Bro. Dalton Cornwell



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Upcoming Date

Sept. 18 – 20
Vintage Festival

Sheyboygan Commandery

The Café is located on turn three, just east of Gate 4, of Road America, near Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin on Wisconsin Highway 67.

To Go or Not to Go

(to lodge tonight)

Oh Yeah . . . There's lodge tonight. Guess I forgot or . . . they'll never miss me or . . . I haven't been going so they'll probably not miss me.

Let me think. Why did I join Masonry? Because my father belonged, or my uncle, a friend or curiosity? It's an easy habit to get into (or out of) – going that is.

So my Brothers, are you a recently raised Mason? Or you've done your share in the chairs. Or it's boring. Whatever your reason (or excuse) we do appreciate your dues money; but much, much, more, we appreciate your company, your discussions. But maybe there's something good on TV; or your computer; or valuable time with your family keeps you home.

My priorities are: God, family, job, Masonry. I learned these from Past Grand Masters. I too, had had many compelling obligations, as do many other brothers: I had a full-time dental practice, chair of my church trustees and local arts council. Three kids in high school with their activities and programs. Oh yeah – and going through all the chairs in lodge for 10 years. Then I was appointed District Deputy. I saw others in the Grand Lodge, like Al Iding with a full-time law practice and three teenagers and George Wallinger, the CEO of a company while serving as Grand Master. They knew how to set their priorities and set an example for their beloved fraternity.

I personally, became legally blind with three kids in high school/college and could not work any longer or even drive. Yet I traveled for the Grand Lodge, and as Grand Master I spent an average of 4-5 days per week in Masonry. I did postpone my obligations of going through the chairs in the Scottish Rite, to continue that later.

I truly believe that Masonry will link you with some of the greatest men, not only of the past – great military leaders, creators, innovators, patriots and pioneers. Heritage, honor and respect are not just words of the past. Men of honor are among us today. A Mason thought highly enough of you to sign your petition and all in lodge voted to be your Brothers.

We say we "Make a good man better". Our beautiful degree work starts that process, but we cannot do much more if you are not present after that.

Too busy? Not enough time?

If Brothers George Washington to Gerald Ford found time to attend lodge, can you? If Grand Masters Benjamin Franklin, Paul Revere, Andrew Jackson and Harry Truman found time to attend lodge, can you? If the two Mayo Brothers to the seven Ringling Brothers who found time to attend lodge, can you? (Six of the seven brothers sat in the chairs to raise their father in Baraboo Lodge.*) If astronaut Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin to Packers legend Bart Starr found time to attend lodge, can you?

My dad, a Mason, landed on Omaha Beach in Normandy, then was in the Battle of the Bulge. The man who signed by petition to join the Scottish Rite was a Marine who survived the battle on Iwo Jima. There he literally watched Bro. John Bradley, who was the last surviving member of the six servicemen who raised the American flag on Mt. Suribachi. They valued and respected freedom, fraternity and brotherhood, especially in the tough times.

So now, let me ask, are you part of the current generation? Are you being lulled into putting screens (TV, computer, iPhone, iPad, iEtc.) into your higher priorities? Does Freemasonry reinforce your faith (I assume you are involved in your church)? Does it strengthen your values towards faith, family and friends? Does it reinforce your principles in your work ethic? Has it helped you bond with men of high caliber who will be lifelong friends? Take some time to meditate and evaluate where you want your life and destiny to go.

Lastly, if a dentist who became blind, with three kids in high school then college, then simultaneously earned a Master's Degree and traveled for the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin found time, can you?

As Masons, we respect the values of friendship, morality and brotherhood. We hope we instill these values in you – to become part of your life. I've seen great movies and good Youtube videos over and over and get more out of them each time. The same goes for church, family and job; you always get more out of them each time you participate, whether actively or passively. Likewise, the profound words and values of our rituals give me more relevance to my life with each exposure to them. I also benefit so much when I have the ability to sit with men who share my principles and beliefs in life.

We really want to see you in lodge, Brother!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Jack C. Allord, DDS, MS
Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. in Wisconsin
Past Chair, Conf. of Grand Masters of Masons in North America

* http://freemasonry.bcy.ca/biography/ringling_bros/ringling_bros.html

Ivanhoe Commandery takes First Place in New York Competition

Ivanhoe Commandery #24, Milwaukee, winners of the Class C Drill Competition in Buffalo, New York on August 8. Front row (from left): SK's Dave Mahoney, Grand Commander; Jamison Kifer; Mike Clinnon; Lyle Hubbard; Jim Burton; Dan Gorecki; Clint Cagle, Eminent Commander; LeRoy Kifer, Drill Team Captain; Lyle Farrell; Lauren Handeland, Department Commander; Jim Janczak; Brian Hudy; and Ray Mielke.Back row: SK's Mick Olson, Scott Baron, Mike Fairbanks, Tim Kloss, Shawn Noble, Brad Bingheim, Mike Neldner, Charles Clarage, and Jim Myrhum.

By Bro. Jamison Kifer

Ivanhoe Commandery #24, Milwaukee, participated in the Drill Competition at the 66th Triennial of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America in Buffalo, New York on August 8. They competed against 4 Class C Teams from across the country and won with a score of 938 out of a possible 1,000 points.

The Sir Knights worked for almost 2 years on this specific drill routine since it was put out by Sir Knight Kenneth B. Fischer, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. This team of 14 Sir Knights, two Guides, two Alternates, and one Captain along with supporting Sir Knights and all of the families put many hours in to support this effort and it paid off very well for the team.

Grand Commander Dave Mahoney along with the now Past North Central Department Commander Lauren Handeland were with the Sir Knights at the competition and cheered them on throughout.

The 67th Triennial will be in August of 2018 in Indiana.

Grand Lodge Calendar

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Grand Master Franklin J. Struble's Listening Sessions

This year Grand Master Franklin J. Struble will be traveling around the state attending a number of listening sessions. These will be in a "town hall format". You bring the topic of your concerns, ideas, or goals and they will be discuss in a group.

Sept. 3 – 7:30 p.m.
Warren Lodge No. 4 Hosting
112 S. Main St., Potosi
Melody Lodge No. 2
Prairie du Chien Lodge No. 8
Fennimore Lodge No. 219

Sept. 14 – 7 p.m.
Rice Lake Lodge No. 234 Hosting
225 W. South St., Rice Lake
Shell Lake-Spooner Lodge No. 221
Landmark Lodge No. 244
Keystone Lodge No. 263
Chetek Lodge No. 277
Mystic Tie Lodge No. 280

Sept. 22 – 7 p.m.
Virginia Falls Lodge No. 226 Hosting
916 E. Main St., Merrill
Forest Lodge No. 130
Medford Lodge No. 217
Phillips Lodge No. 225
Antigo Lodge No. 231
Owen Lodge No. 317

Sept. 24 – 5:30 p.m.
Henry S. Baird No. 174 Hosting
31 S. 3rd Ave., Sturgeon Bay

Oct. 5 – 7 p.m.
Twin Cities Lodge No. 61 Hosting
241 E. Wisconsin Ave., Neenah
Appleton Lodge No. 349
Oshkosh Lodge No. 27
Waverly Lodge No. 51
Manawa Lodge No. 82
Omro Lodge No. 168
Winneconne Lodge No. 186

Oct. 6 – 5:30 p.m.
Sheboygan Lodge No. 11 Hosting
411 St. Clair Ave., Sheboygan
Ozaukee Lodge No. 17
Manitowoc Lodge No. 65
Cassia Lodge No. 167
Calumet Lodge No. 172
Perseverance 1836 No. 366

Oct. 8 – 7 p.m.
Lake Lodge No. 189 Hosting
1235 Howard Ave., Milwaukee
Damascus Lodge No. 290
South Shore Lodge No. 3
Wauwatosa Lodge No. 267
West Allis Lodge No. 291
Day Lite Lodge No. 58

Oct. 12 – 7:30 p.m.
Janesville-Western Star Hosting
2322 E. Milwaukee St., Janesville
Morning Star Lodge No. 10
Union Lodge No. 32
Albany Lodge No. 36
St. John's Lodge No. 57
Fulton Lodge No. 69
Waucoma Lodge No. 90
Bicknell Lodge No. 94
Oregon Lodge No. 151
Milton Lodge No. 161

Oct. 13 – 7:30 p.m.
Barneveld Lodge No. 319 Hosting
108 S. Jones St., Barneveld
Mineral Point Lodge No. 1
Franklin Lodge No. 16
Richland Lodge No. 66
Crescent Valley Lodge No. 97
Sauk Prairie No. 113
Dodgeville Lodge No. 119
Linden Lodge No. 206
New Glarus Lodge No. 310

Oct. 21 – 7 p.m.
La Crosse Masonic No. 90 Hosting
188 S. 8th St., La Crosse
Frontier-Badger Lodge No. 45
La Belle Lodge No. 84
Salem Lodge No. 125
Decora Lodge No. 177
Onalaska Masonic Lodge No. 214

Oct. 22 – 7 p.m.
Tomah Lodge No. 132 Hosting
520 E. Saratoga St., Tomah
Valley Lodge No. 60
Black River Lodge No. 74
Juneau Lodge No. 103
Camp Douglas No. 272
Merrillan Lodge No. 279

Nov. 3 – 7:30 p.m.
Chippewa Falls No. 176 Hosting
650 Bridgewater Ave., Chippewa Falls
Eau Claire Lodge No. 112
Durand-Pepin Lodge No. 49
Menomonie Lodge No. 164
Buffalo River Lodge No. 252
Bloomer Lodge No. 281
Sanctuary Lodge No. 347
George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351

Nov. 4 – 7 p.m.
Wisconsin Rapids No. 128 Hosting
2321 2nd Ave., Wisconsin Rapids
Evergreen Lodge No. 93
Waupaca Lodge No. 123
Marshfield Lodge No. 224
Mosinee Lodge No. 318

Nov. 5 – 7 p.m.
Fond du Lac No. 26 Hosting
500 W. Arndt St., Fond du Lac
Berlin Lodge No. 30
Waupun Lodge No. 48
Prairie View Lodge No. 95

Nov. 17 – 7:30 p.m.
Dousman Lodge No. 315 Hosting
214 N. Main St., Dousman
Glen L. Humphrey Lodge No. 364
Jefferson County Lodge No. 9
Waukesha Lodge No. 37
Oconomowoc-Hartland No. 42
Laflin-St. James No. 247

Jan. 5 – 7 p.m.
Neosho-Mayville-Horicon Lodge No. 108 Hosting
315 E. Anthony St., Hustisford
Hustisford Lodge No. 120
West Bend Lodge No. 138

Jan. 6 – 5:30 p.m.
Freemasons Lodge No. 363 Hosting
790 N. Van Buren St., Milwaukee
James M. Hays Lodge No. 331
Lafayette Lodge No. 265
Nathan Hale Lodge No. 350

Jan. 7 – 7:30 p.m.
McKinley Lodge No. 307 Hosting
4550 N. Pilgrim Rd., Brookfield
Elmbrook Lodge No. 354
Myron Reed Lodge No. 297
Lincoln Lodge No. 183
Ashlar Lodge No. 193

Jan. 8 – 7:30 p.m.
Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301 Hosting
4315 N. 92nd St., Wauwatosa
Independence Lodge No. 80
Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge No. 261
Wisconsin Lodge No. 13
Aurora Lodge No. 30
George Washington 1776 Lodge No. 337

Jan. 20 – 7 p.m.
Collins-Spring Valley Lodge No. 192 Hosting
790 Main St., Baldwin
St. Croix Lodge No. 56
Northwestern Lodge No. 105
River Falls Lodge No. 109
North Star Lodge No. 187
Hancock Lodge No. 229
Clear Lake Lodge No. 230

March 1 – 8 p.m.
Evening Star Lodge No. 64 Hosting
433 Wells St., Darlington
Olive Branch Lodge No. 6
Amicitia Lodge No. 25
Smith Lodge No. 31
Arygle Lodge No. 174

March 17 – 7:30 p.m.
Dells Lodge No. 34 Hosting
108 2nd St., Wisconsin Dells
Fort Winnebago Lodge No. 33
Baraboo Lodge No. 34
Quincy Lodge No. 71
Reedsburg Lodge No. 79
Montello Lodge No. 141

March 23 – 7:30 p.m.
Geneva Lodge No. 44 Hosting
335 S. Lakeshore Dr., Lake Geneva
Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12
Burlington Lodge No. 28
Wilmot Lodge No. 241

April 4 – 7 p.m.
Oconto Falls Lodge No. 293 Hosting
170 N. Washington, Oconto Falls
Shawano Lodge No. 170
Marinette Lodge No. 182
Pine Lodge No. 188
Clintonville Lodge No. 197
Tri-County Daylite Lodge No. 218
Mason Woods Lodge No. 368

April 5 – 6:30 p.m.
Theodore Roosevelt No. 322 Hosting
525 N. Taylor St., Green Bay
Washington Lodge No. 21
Des Peres Lodge No. 85
Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174
N.E.W. Daylite Lodge No. 360

April 11 – 7 p.m.
Columbus Lodge No. 75 Hosting
318 N. Ludington St., Columbus
Waupun Lodge No. 48
Waterloo Lodge No. 63
Dodge County Lodge No. 72
Sun Prairie Lodge No. 143
Poynette Lodge No. 173

April 12 – 7 p.m.
Kenosha Lodge No. 47 Hosting
4320 Washington Rd., Kenosha
Racine-Belle City Lodge No. 18
Washburn Lodge No. 145
Union Grove Lodge No. 288
Sunrise Lodge No. 359
Unity Lodge No. 367

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News Events from the Lodges

Bro. James Webb receives 50 Year Certificate and Pin

Pahrump Lodge No. 54, Pahrump, Nevada, as a courtesy for St. John's Lodge No. 57, Whitewater, presented Bro. James Webb his 50 Year membership certificate and pin on April 11. Brother Webb, a member of St. John's Lodge is a plural member of Pahrump Lodge. Bro. Webb and his Lady Dottie are both very active in various Masonic organizations in Nevada. Both belong to two Eastern Star Chapters, Stardust #32 in Pahrump and Mizpah #19 in Pioche. He has been Grand Representative of Connecticut in Nevada during the years of 2008 through 2010. Dottie was Grand Representative of Arizona in Nevada during the years of 2011 through 2013. Dottie was also Grand Martha of the Grand Chapter of Nevada from Oct. 2013 through September 2014. They are currently Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron a second time in Stardust Chapter #32 in Pahrump. Bro. Webb was raised in Brotherhood Lodge No. 986, Chicago, Illinois on March 19, 1965. From left: Bro. Mike Clark, Grand Education Officer & Deputy Grand Lecturer for Southern Nevada; Bro. Harry Smith, Marshall of Pahrump Lodge; Bro. James Webb, Past Master and 50 year recipient; and Bro. John Wherly, Master of Pahrump Lodge.

Submitted by Bro. Dale Olson

Brotherhood Council Serves Food at Veterans' Picnic

The Masonic Brotherhood Council cooked hamburgers and hot dogs for the veterans at the Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee at the July 4th picnic. It was a big success and the Masonic Brotherhood Council has been requested to serve at the 2016 4th of July picnic. All Brothers are welcome.

Submitted by Bro. Lowell Scott

Past Grand Master Joseph B. Harker grills the hamburgers.

Bro. Bill Shelley having a conversation with Bro. Jeff Woods of Prince Hall.

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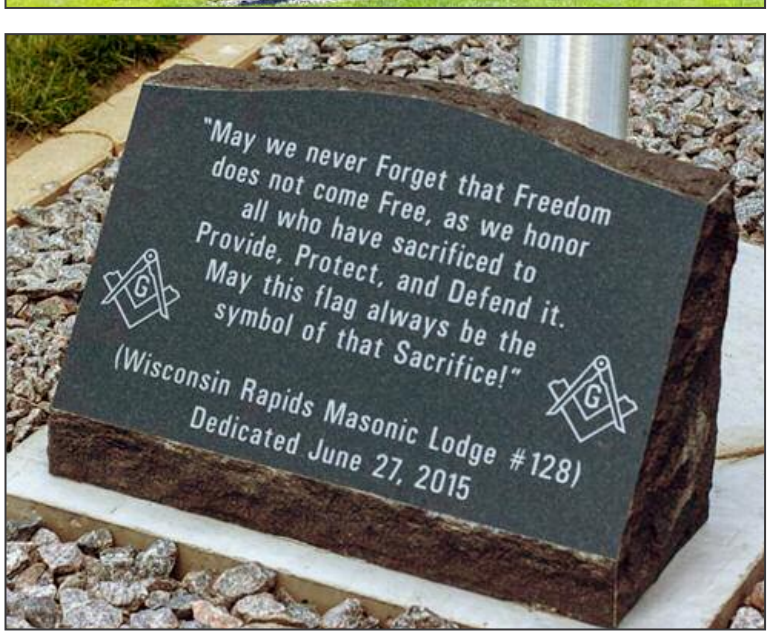

Flag pole dedication at Wis. Rapids

Brethren of the Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No.128 recently dedicated a new 30 foot flag pole to all of our veterans and to the services that protect our every day lives including fire, rescue and law enforcement. Grand Master Franklin J. Struble was one of several guest speakers for the event.

Submitted by Bro. Scott Brehm, photos by Jonathan Wood

River Falls Days Parade

Masons and appendant bodies were represented in the River Falls Days Parade on July 10th. From left: Stewart Lentz, Mike Elliott, Past Master; Master Dale Brathol, Michael Wilson, Past Master; and Bro. Bill Kessler of the Knights Templar.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer

Doctor and Brother Dan Sherry Still Very Active in Retirement

Bro. Dan Sherry proudly displays the Lodge Excellence Award earned when he was Master of Hancock Lodge No. 229 in Ellsworth.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer

By Bro. Milt Helmer

When Dr. and Bro. Dan Sherry decided to retire from family practice in Ellsworth after 32 years, he considered the thinking of Packer great Brett Favre who said "From my head up, I could continue, but from the neck down my body was saying no way."

With that in mind, Dr. Dan decided to bring his active practice to a close.

Bro. Dan Sherry got into medicine due to a love he had for a 10th grade biology class in Duluth, Minnesota. He went on to be a student teacher at Duluth Central High School and still has an abiding respect for the teaching profession.

He got his degree in Biology from the University of Minnesota Duluth and later completed the University of Minnesota Medical School. He still remembers being interviewed by the U of M and recalls one of the questions they asked. They inquired if he had other members of his family in the medical field. Bro. Sherry told them only one relative came to mind, a cousin was a doctor in WWI. Apparently they were concerned if a family member had influenced his decision to be a doctor, he just might wash out. He didn't.

As a young doctor, he found work in Lead, South Dakota, as the doctor for the Homestake Mine. When gold prices went down, the Mine could not afford to keep him on. A friend from Red Wing, Minnesota told him the Interstate Clinic, then part of the University of Minnesota system, was interested in opening a clinic in Ellsworth. His friend knew Bro. Sherry had experience doing just that, so in 1983 he packed up his young family and moved to Ellsworth.

Doctor Sherry is a rather unique man with a quiet, almost "under the radar" sense about him. He is one of those people who sits back and listens. As he says, "I know what I think about subjects, I just want to hear what others viewpoints are." By listening and learning he then makes informed decisions that are often very sound and well thought out. That has earned him a reputation from people who can't figure out what makes him tick. He likes it that way.

Community service

Besides his extremely loyal patients in his family practice, Bro. Sherry has racked up quite a record of service to his community. He is the Past President of Lions Club, Past Exalted Ruler of Elks Club in South Dakota and current Elk member in Red Wing. He is the Past President of Ellsworth Rod and Gun Club and Past President of the Ellsworth Chamber of Commerce. Almost lost in the Chamber's minute books is a notation that it was at his suggestion that they adopt the Chamber of Commerce name when his research showed the then, Ellsworth Commercial Club, did not have to officially be tied to the state or national chambers. That one suggestion alone helped launch a multi-year development of the Chamber as a driving force in the community.

Medical leadership

The medical profession values Dr. Sherry's thoughtful opinion and solid leadership as well. He has served for years on the Medical Society Board, in 1995 becoming president of the Family Academy of Physician for the board. In the 1990s UMD named him the distinguished Alumni Award.

With a twinkle in his eye and a wry grim he also added, "I am a part time member of the SIA (Sherry Intelligence Agency)"

In all seriousness, Dr. Dan says, "I was told that medicine is a full time mistress." Even now in retirement he is often called upon to help someone in emergency situations. "It happened at two separate meetings just this week," says Dr. Dan, who takes it all in stride.

Hobbies

You would think this busy man would not have time for anything but work, but he and some friends from town serve as civil war re-enactors. He is attached to the First Minnesota Battery I out of Fort Snelling, Minnesota. The group attends events and takes great delight in firing their civil war vintage cannons. In 1989 his detachment was in the movie "Glory". Dan was in the second line of northern infantry soldiers rushing the fort. He and others were also filmed as rebel soldiers, but only from the knees down. Hollywood was short of extras and had to make do with the extras they had. Producers even enlisted men on the street to finish the movie.

The Masons

Over a decade and a half ago, Bro. Sherry was invited by friend Clarke Knudsen to attend an oyster stew at the Hancock Lodge. Knudsen asked him if he would consider joining and he expressed an interest. He was not sure the lodge was interested in him, so he had almost forgot about the idea until a chance meeting on the street two years later with another friend, a Brother, who asked him if he was still interested. He replied, yes he was if the lodge still wanted him.

Bro. Dan Sherry has been a member for the last 14 years having risen in the ranks to serve as Worshipful Master in 2014.

Doctor Dan brought with him the same determination to fraternal commitment as his community and medical work.

He went on to join not only the Scottish Rite, but also the York Rite, because he wanted to compare the two amended bodies of the fraternity. The Scottish Rite is headquartered out of Eau Claire and the York Rite he joined was located in St. Paul. Keeping with his sense of service Bro. Dan also went on to join the Zor Shrine and was also the Minnesota Grand Commander of the Knights Templar and is past Grand Commander.

Today, Doctor Dan is involved in helping with the Knights 150th Anniversary being held in St. Paul. During his leadership years he also presided over strategic planning that is in place today. He says "It is a lot of travel and hard work, but it is worth it."

Dan Brings Home the Gold

During his year as head of the Hancock Lodge Brother Sherry continued the pattern of growth and development by winning the Gold Lodge Excellence Award, repeating the same feat accomplished by the lodges previous Master Steve Broton. Bro. Sherry admires the way the Brothers pull together as a team in Ellsworth saying "They are a good bunch of guys."

Bro. Dan finds the lodge a quiet place to escape the work-a-day world and spend time with men he trusts and respects.

Family

Bro. Dan's family is made up of his wife Ellen, who serves the Eastern Star in a leadership role; his three children, Emily, the oldest, who attended the UW- Eau Claire and lives in Boston; Melinda, who attended DePaul in Chicago and lives in Flagstaff, Arizona; and Wes who attended the UW-Eau Claire and lives in Madison. Bro. Sherry and his wife Ellen have 3 grandchildren.

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Memorial to Bro. Richard Hauri

Morning Star Lodge No. 10, Beloit, recently held a flag dedication in memory of the late Bro. Richard Hauri. Bro. Hauri was a 21 year veteran of the US Army and a 26 year Mason and above all a friend to everyone. He was a Past Master and he was the Lodge Secretary when he passed away in November of 2013. He was also a member of Smith Lodge No. 31, Monroe and a Bicknell Lodge No. 94, Brodhead, where he served as Master in 2006. Bro. Hauri also served as Area Administrator from 2000-2002. He is greatly missed. The flag is dedicated in his memory and it will be flown with pride for one year before it is retired to a display case. Bros. from left: Terry Williams, Duane Harvey, Paul Hormig, Norm Luellen and Tim Elliott.

Submitted by Bro. Jason Lentz, Secretary/Treasurer

Bro. Kreuser is 60 year Mason

Kenosha County Executive Bro. Jim Kreuser with his father Harold "Babe" Kreuser holding his father's 60th year certificate. Both Brothers are perpetual members of Unity Lodge No. 367 in Kenosha. Bro. Babe was raised in Southport Lodge No. 343 in Kenosha on Dec. 7, 1954. Southport Lodge merged with Unity Lodge in 2003. He served as Secretary in both lodges.

Submitted by Bro. Jim Kreuser

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News Events from the Lodges

Island City Lodge honors Brothers

Island City Lodge No. 330, in Minocqua, held a special Table Lodge on July 29 to recognize two members for their long service to the fraternity. Bro. Bill Hansen was presented with a pin, and certificate honoring him for 65 years of service to Masonry. The lodge also honored Bro. Bob Latzel for his 50 years of dedication to Masonry. Bro Hansen was raised in Marshfield Lodge No. 224 on July 5, 1950. Bro. Latzel was raised in Nathan Hale Lodge No. 350, Milwaukee, on Oct. 12, 1965. He affiliated with Island City Lodge on Sept. 26, 2001. He has served as Master of Nathan Hale Lodge, Dousman Lodge No. 315 and Island City Lodge. From left: Bro. Bob Latzel; Bro. Richard Gee, Master; and Bro. Bill Hansen.

Submitted by Bro. Dave Imlah

Bro. Fleming is 50 year Mason

Bro. James Fleming was honored for 50 years of service to Freemasonry by Manatee Lodge No. 31, Bradenton, Florida on Feb. 16, 2015. He was raised in Dousman Lodge No. 315 on Feb. 16, 1965. He is a member of Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge No. 42, Silas H. Shepherd Lodge No. 1843, and Dousman Lodge in Wisconsin. He is also a member of Palmetto Lodge No. 110 and Manatee Lodge in Florida. He served five times as Master of Oconomowoc Lodge No. 42 and twice as Master of Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge. He also served as Master of Silas H. Shepherd Lodge in 2005. He has served the Grand Lodge as Area Administrator and District Lecturer and has received several awards for his work in Freemasonry. He is a Past Worthy Patron of Eastern Star and active in the Sahib Shrine Club in Florida. Bro. Fleming and his Lady Donna proudly display the cake in his honor. Donna worked in the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Office, retiring in 1995.

Submitted by Bro. James Fleming

Henry S. Baird Lodge steak fry and fish boil

Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174, Sturgeon Bay, recently held its annual steak fry & fish boil. Well over 50 Masons, OES members and families attended the event held at the Door County Fairgrounds. This year both of the recipients of the Masonic/OES $1000 scholarships attended the dinner and we introduced them to the Masonic family. Lower left, Samantha Spohn, Sevastopol High School scholarship winner, with parents and mentors enjoyed the event.

Submitted by Bro. Ed Klein

Family, fellowship and fraternity

Family, fellowship, and fraternity was on display on July 4th in Baileys Harbor. The Peninsula Shrine Club Circus Wagon made its 2015 debut at the Baileys Harbor Independence Day Parade. This year's riders included a wonderful mix of all Masonic bodies. The list included: Bro. William Schaefer, Master of Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 74 and his son Steven Schaefer, Henry S. Baird's newest Master Mason. Bro. Rick Rodgers, Senior Warden of Henry S. Baird Lodge and current President of Peninsula Shrine Club. Beja Divan was represented by Bro. Rick Kohn, 1st Ceremonial Master and Past President of Peninsula Shrine Club. Bros. Arvid Alvin, Sam Seidita, and Jay Herbst, all Past Presidents were on board. Bro. Doug Sawyers represented Medinah Temple in Chicago. Bonnie Kohn, Past Worthy Matron, Honor Chapter #1 OES and Past Queen Daughters of the Nile and her daughter Sheryl Sawyers, Past Grand Worthy Advisor and Linda Kohn, line officer, Daughters of the Nile rounded out this distinguished group. Everyone on board had a wonderful time. This was a fitting tribute to the late Bro. Allen Kohn, the driving force behind the development, fabrication, and finishing of the wagon. All of your hours of hard work have not gone unnoticed and we all miss you.

Submitted by Bro. Steve Rabach

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Chetek Lodge Donates AED

Chetek Lodge No. 277 with matching funds from the Wisconsin Masonic Medical Foundation recently donated an AED to the Chetek United Methodist Church. The AED which is now mounted and operational in the hallway between the sanctuary and fellowship hall. From left: Bro. Burt Hamm, Chaplain; Pastor Carrie Hamm; Bros. James Esswein, Master; and Robert Lund, Secretary.

Submitted by Bro. Jim Esswein

OES Club Meetings

Southeast Area Club Coffee at 8:30 a.m., Meeting at 9 a.m.
Chapters: Bristol, Burlington, Kenosha, Racine and Union Grove
Oct.10, 2015-Bristol Chapter at Union Grove
Nov. 14, 2015-Burlington Chapter
Feb. 13, 2016-Racine Chapter
March 12, 2016-Union Grove Chapter
Apr. 9, 2016-Burlington Chapter –Pot Luck

Northwest Area Club Coffee at 10:30 a.m., Meeting at 11 a.m., potluck to follow.
Chapters: Chippewa, Northwest, Ellsworth, Frederic, Ladysmith, Willow River and Kinnickinnic
Oct. 10, 2015-Ellsworth
Nov. 14, 2015-Clear Lake
March 12, 2016-River Falls
Apr. 9, 2016-New Richmond

Triwaukee Area Club Meeting at 7 p.m.
Chapters: Acadia, Wauwatosa, Electa, Vega, Mukwonago, Oconomowoc-Hartland, Port Washington, Colgate, Golden Rule and West Allis
Sept. 11, 2015-Ozaukee Chapter, Port Washington (Fish Fry starting at 5 p.m.)
Oct. 9, 2015-Lila B Graser Chapter, Colgate
Nov. 11, 2015-Wauwatosa Chapter hosting at Colgate
Feb. 12, 2016-Electa Chapter hosting at Colgate
March 11, 2016-West Allis Chapter hosting at Colgate
Apr. 8, 2016-LaBelle Chapter, Mukwonago

Madison Area Tycopera Club Meeting at 7 p.m.
Chapters: Beloit, Evansville, Janesville, Jefferson, Lodi, Middleton, Oregon, Reedsburg, Sun Prairie and Wisconsin Dells
Sept. 18, 2015-Phoenix Chapter, Beloit
Oct. 16, 2015-Oregon Chapter, Oregon
Feb. 19, 2016-Janesville Chapter, Janesville
March 18, 2016-Martha Chapter, Jefferson
Apr. 17, 2016-Kilbourn Chapter, Wisconsin Dells

Western Stars Club Times listed below – All meetings at Sparta
Chapters: La Crosse, Mauston, Sparta, Viroqua, and Wisconsin Rapids
Sept. 11, 2015-Memorial Adency Irons – Noon
Oct. 28, 2015-Rainbow Chapter at Sparta 7 p.m.
Dec. 10, 2015-Potluck at Sparta 6:30 p.m.
Apr. 27, 2016-Sparta Chapter 7 p.m.

Sou'Westers Club 6 p.m. Potluck Prior to Host Chapter Meeting
Chapters: Argyle, Dodgeville, Linden, Platteville and Shullsburg
Tues., September 8, 2015-Miriam Chapter, Platteville – 7:30 p.m.
Tues., November 17, 2015-Dodgeville Chapter, Dodgeville
January 2016 No Meeting – Social Gathering TBD
Mon., March 14, 2016-Shullsburg Chapter, Shullsburg – 7:30 p.m.

Star Cruisers Service Club
Chapters: Appleton, Trillium, Fond du Lac, Green bay, Plymouth, Sheboygan, Shawano and Sturgeon Bay
Sept. 19, 2015 Mason Woods – 11am – Potluck
Dec. 12, 2015 Mason Woods – 11am – Potluck
March 12, 2016 Mason Woods – 11am – Potluck

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Welcome home Dad Mike Allen

August 15 was a special day for the Job's Daughters World of Wisconsin. They had a celebration to welcome home Dad Mike Allen, newly Junior Past Associate Supreme Guardian of Job's Daughters International. Over one hundred Jobies and adults stopped in at Lake Masonic Center to greet Dad Allen and express their appreciation for the wonderful job he did this past year traveling throughout the world, promoting and sharing his love for the Order and all of the Job's Daughters. A presentation by several girls, a special song, a slide show, a "roast" and a delicious picnic meal topped off this event.

Submitted by Dorothy Cigale, photo by Bro. Leo Cigale

Chippewa Valley DeMolay installs officers

The Officers of Chippewa Valley DeMolay Chapter, Eau Claire, were installed on June 20. Grand Master Franklin J. Struble attended the installation as a Senior DeMolay. Front row (from left): Hunter Lange, Jack Tillotson, Master Councilor Ben Tillotson, Jack Lin and Matt Szymoniak. Back row: Grand Marshal H. Scott Paulson, Grand Tiler Robert K. Lund, Senior Grand Steward Gary L. Stang and Legion of Honor and Senior DeMolay Franklin J. Struble.

Submitted by Bro. Larry Ganske

Soccer from page 1

was attended by over 200 people. Brethren from St. John's Lodge No. 57, and Bro. David Tainter prepared the food and Bro. J. Pat Storrs made smoothies for the group. Grand Master Franklin J. Struble welcomed the parents and athletes to the cookout and entertainment was provided by Glen Gerard, Master Magician and Professor Pinkerton.

Bro. David Tainter, Chairman of the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Committee, welcomed everyone to the Recognition Breakfast Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m., at the James Connor University Center. The All-Stars were recognized individually by teams and the college they were attending in the fall was announced. Bro. David Tainter, extended congratulations from the Masons of Wisconsin and presented each player with an All-Star Medal.

Past Grand Master Stanley R. Jagow gave a short history on how the Masonic All-Star Soccer Program began 24 years ago. He gave a very interesting talk on "Footprints you leave behind in life".

The girls' game began at 11:00 a.m. at UW–Whitewater Fiskum Field. The Gold Team, coached by Dan Millot, Rhinelander, and Jonny BeBeau, Ashland, outscored the Blue Team, coached by Brian Vetter, West Bend East, and Lucas Kollross, Schofield D. C. Everest, giving them a 3-2 victory. MVP was awarded to Jordyn Ostrowski of D. C, Everest. She will be attending Upper Iowa University.

The boys began at 1:00 p.m. with the Blue Team, coached by Kevin May, Oregon, and Corey Oakland, Racine Prairie School, posting a 3-2 victory over the Gold Team, coached by Herbert Dundun, Brookfield East, and Mike Marse, Delavan-Darien. Sean Reynolds, from Homestead High School, was named the MVP. He will be attending UW-Milwaukee.

If you would like to be a part of the Masonic soccer program for 2016 and become a committee member or sponsor contact Bro. David Tainter at 262-689-2848 or email dtainter@wi.rr.com.

Contributions can be made to the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation – Soccer Fund to help perpetuate the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Program, please contact Erika Miller at 262-965-2200, ext. 831, or erika@wisc-freemasonry.org.

See photos on page 22 and game action on pages 27 and 28 of the web edition at www.wisc-freemasonry.org.

Thoughts to Live By

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."

–Thomas A. Edison

News Events from the Lodges

Bro. Bennett receives 50 year certificate

Bro. Keith Maas (right), Past Master of Baraboo Lodge No. 34, recently presented Bro. Richard A. Bennett with his 50 year certificate and pin on behalf of Genoa Lodge No. 288, Genoa, Illinois. The presentation was made at Bro. Bennett's home north of Baraboo which is a museum of circus memorabilia. Bro. Bennett is a retired circus clown.

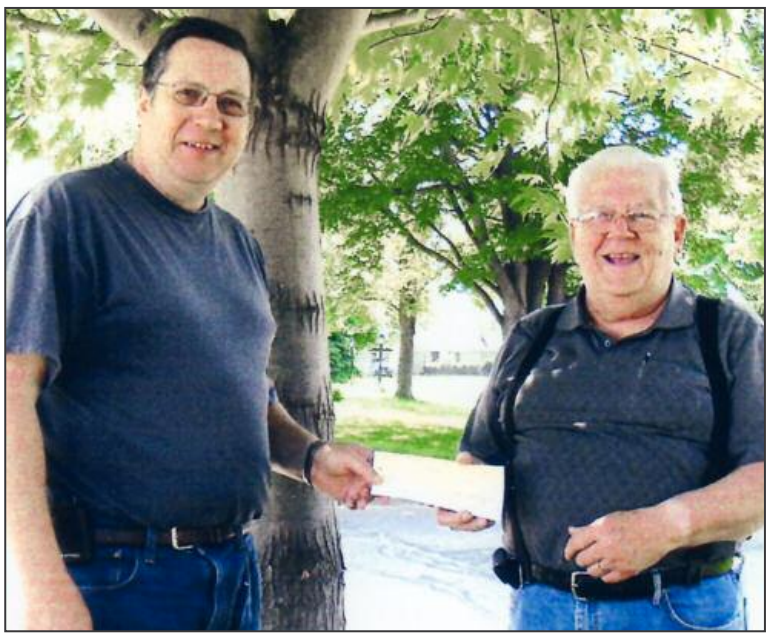
Submitted by Bro. Philip Maas, Past Master, Baraboo Lodge

Clear Lake Lodge Assists Local Fire Department

During the night on May 22, 1994 the Clear Lake Fire Department was struck by lighting and part of the building was destroyed and had to be rebuilt. A fundraiser by the community raised $12,983 for the Fire Department.

The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin has had a Matching Grants Program for many years. Vern Engebretson, a member of the Clear Lake Lodge No. 230, had previously obtained smaller matching funds for the Department. When he contacted the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin and told them the community had raised $12,983 he thought they would say they would not match that much, but instead they made sure they had the figures correct and they issued a check to the Clear Lake Fire Department for $25,966. This was the beginning of a $2,000 cap on the Matching Grants Program.

Every year the Fire Department has an Oyster Feed and they send a check to Clear Lake Lodge and the Lodge in turn sends it to the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation to be matched. There has been a total of $52,983 that the Foundation has now matched. The community wishes to thank the Clear Lake Fire Department for the money they have raised from the Oyster Feed, to the Clear Lake Lodge and the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Matching Grants Program.



Doug Fall (left), Treasurer of the Clear Lake Fire Department, is accepting another check from Bro. Vern Engebretson, Master of the Clear Lake Lodge.

Mystic Tie Lodge Awards Night

Brother Brian Miller, Master of Mystic Tie Lodge No. 280, Ladysmith, presented a special Members Award Night and meal on June 16. The meal was prepared and served by Bro. Miller, his wife Aliesha, and his daughter Brittani. O.E.S. member Margaret Jennerman made a rhubarb dessert, and also provided ice cream and toppings. Years of Service Certificates were presented to several Brethren. Top photo: Master Brian Miller presents a newly created Mystic Tie Lodge Masonic Achievement award Bro. Leon R. Warren (left). The award was also presented to Bro. James Schultz (not pictured). Bottom photo: a new Mason of the Year Award is presented to Secretary/Treasurer Bill Howard (right).

Submitted by Bro. Bill Howard

Three Brothers Raised during Broken Column Outdoor Master Mason Degree Conferral

District 9 Lecturer Brian Duoss (right) introduces three new Master Masons after presenting them with their aprons. From left: Jonathan Kooiman, Brian Miracle and David Wolfe.

Photo by Rich Rygh

By Rich Rygh

The second Broken Column Outdoor Master Mason Degree conferral at Three Pillars was held on July 18. The event was vision of Bro. Al Huber, and organized by Junior Grand Steward Paul T. Tourville. The Broken Column Degrees were named in memory of Bro. Tom Tourville and as a tribute to all the Brethren of our great fraternity who no longer answer when the rolls are called.

Junior Grand Steward Tourville welcomed everyone. He stated, "Today we are doing exactly what we do to honor the memory of our departed Brethren, we raise more Masons. The guys that join us are good and we crown them with Brotherhood today. That is what all of us need to be doing. It is good for us and for our families and it is good for them and their families, it is good for our communities and it is good for our country. This community needs Freemasonry to grow. My challenge for everyone in this room is, today, do something to identify the good and crown them with Brotherhood. It is time to make a difference and make this organization bigger. We deserve it, our departed Brethren deserve it and communities and country deserve it. I appreciate you all being here today."

Grand Lecturer Jerry A. Reick, Master of Freemasons Lodge No. 363, opened the lodge in due form and conferred the Master Mason Degrees on Bros. David Wolfe, Jefferson County Lodge No. 9; Jonathan Kooiman, Social Lodge No. 245; and Brian Miracle, Freemasons Lodge No. 363.

The lodge moved outside for the second section of the degrees. The Brethren walked over the footbridge of the Bark River, and past the flower gardens and fountains to a secluded area in the park along the edge of the woods. The Brethren returned to the lodge room for the third section.

Junior Grand Steward Tourville raised the Brothers and Grand Lecturer Reick gave the Historical Lecture. District 9 Lecturer Brian Duoss gave the charge and presented the Apron. The Bible was printed by Bro. Henry Pynakker.

Senior Grand Deacon Robert C. Strader welcomed the new Brothers on behalf of the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers.

The morning of degree work and good fellowship was followed by a lunch served by the Riverside Restaurant.

See photos on page 29

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Mary E. Church: Three Pillars and Order of the Eastern Star "Social Butterfly"

By Kelsey Pangborn
Communication Strategist
Three Pillars Senior Living Communities

Mary Elizabeth Church, who was raised in Walworth, Wis., has been active in Order of the Eastern Star for over 50 years, joining the Walworth Chapter #148 in October of 1956. With Masonry a prominent part of her upbringing, she couldn't imagine life without that valuable influence. Her father and grandfather, who worked hard to start a successful family business in the lumber industry, were both respected Masons. In addition, her mother, siblings, uncle, and other family members shared Masonic affiliation.

She always knew she'd join OES herself, but decided to take her time finishing school and starting a family before she did so. Like both of her parents, Mary attended Beloit College. After completing her nursing training at the Illinois Masonic Hospital in Chicago, she accepted her first nursing job in Sarasota, FL and later spent 40 years working at Harvard Memorial Hospital. It wasn't until she had her daughter, Marty, and decided to move back home, that she joined OES.

She's held many titles and filled numerous positions over the years, including Worthy Matron a handful of times. She has happy memories of serving on various Grand Chapter committees and volunteering wherever she could. Her primary Chapter at present, Phoenix #215 in Beloit, is dear to her heart, and she is currently a dual member and Treasurer of Dousman Rob Morris #257.

Throughout her years of involvement, Mary often visited the Wisconsin Masonic Home in Dousman, whether it was to visit Chapter members, attend a Service Club social, or partake in another special event. She was always an active volunteer in the Roasted Chicken events, where her job was to recruit volunteers and launder all aprons that they wore – not a small task! In adulthood, she fondly remembers attending the Cornerstone Ceremony celebrating the new addition to the Village on the Square and the dedication event for the Memorial Garden. Her involvement fostered a connection with the organization, and she always thought that it would be her home someday. In 2010, it finally became just that.

Mary is now in her sixth year living at Three Pillars Senior Living Communities and is as content as can be. She values the "family feel," where neighbors and staff feel like relatives. Back in her school years, her delightful personality and passion for interacting with others earned her the nickname "Social Butterfly," and the name still suits her today at Three Pillars.

"We all have our own individual apartment spaces, but there's so much more to the community," Mary explains. "We can entertain and socialize in so many different areas, and everywhere you go, there's a friend."

The social butterfly in her led to her serving on the Resident Council as Chair of the Dining Committee, joining activity groups, and becoming a proud founding member of the Three Pillars Singing Ambassadors Choir. Ever since listening to classical music on the Victrola all day on Sundays as a child, music has held a special place in her heart. She's enjoyed many trips to the opera and orchestra hall.

When she's not busy with activities at Three Pillars, she's socializing or catching a baseball game on TV (We Wisconsinites have to forgive her for the time she spent in Illinois that swayed her loyalty to Chicago teams.).

She enjoys hosting her daughter, Marty, for visits and is over the moon when her two grandchildren and great-grandchild come to town.

For Mary, special times with family, friends, and neighbors are what being a part of a community is all about. She feels grateful to be a part of it, and Three Pillars is fortunate to have her.

Mary Elizabeth Church has been active in Order of the Eastern Star for over 50 years.

Skunk Patrol Degree Conferred

Past Grand Master Stanley R. Jagow (right) confers the Skunk Patrol Degree during the Friends and Family Chicken Barbecue at Three Pillars Senior Living Communities.

Photo by Rich Rygh

By Natascha Bohmann
Chief Marketing & Communications Officer
Three Pillars Senior Living Communities

The Skunk Patrol held a 25th anniversary reunion gathering during Three Pillars' Annual Friends and Family Chicken Barbecue event on Aug. 2.

The Degree was presented during a special ceremony by Past Grand Master James A. Zimmerman; Bro. Carl Loving, Past District Deputy; and Past Grand Master Stanley R. Jagow.

Twenty-five new classmates were welcomed into the Patrol. Donations were collected and a total of $100 was donated to Three Pillars (Wisconsin Masonic Home).

The Skunk Patrol plans to continue reunions at the picnic, so mark your calendars for Sunday, Aug. 7, 2016!

Past Grand Master Stanley R. Jagow, founding member of the Skunk Patrol, presents Bro. Mark Strautman, Three Pillars President & CEO, with a donation.

Submitted by Natascha Bohmann

New emblems are available for $5.00 (including postage) from Stan Jagow at 375 State Road 67, Dousman, WI 53118. Degrees will only be held at Three Pillars in Dousman or MasonWoods in Cecil.

Annual picnic at New Diggings

Brothers families and friends gathered at the New Digging Annual Picnic hosted by Olive Branch Lodge No. 6 at the New Diggings Cemetery in southwestern Wis on Aug. 16. Everyone enjoyed good food and fellowship and a few words from Grand Master Franklin J. Struble who drove down from Chetek for the picnic. Bro. Sean Garde, Master of Olive Branch Lodge, who is leaving for Italy on Sept. 7, for two years to continue studying music, expressed his appreciation to the Brethren of Olive Branch for the opportunity to serve as Master and the fellowship he has enjoyed as a Mason. Front row: Kevin Bennett, Junior Grand Warden Scott E. Pedley, District 8 Deputy Grand Master David R. Ritchie, Past Master Bob Lewis and Past Master Glen Temperly. Back row: Past Master and Grand Trustee Joe Thompson, Grand Master Franklin J. Struble and Master of Olive Branch Lodge Sean Garde.

Photo by Rich Rygh

Dells Lodge brat cookout

Dells Lodge No. 78 held a brat cookout at Walmart in Lake Delton July 3-5. They were assisted by Baraboo Lodge No. 34, and Adams Lodge No. 332 . From left: Lady Juanita Plouffe, wife of Master Rick Plouffe; Wil Roelke, Senior Warden; Bill Wenburg; Rick Plouffe, Master; and Darrell Smith, Treasurer.

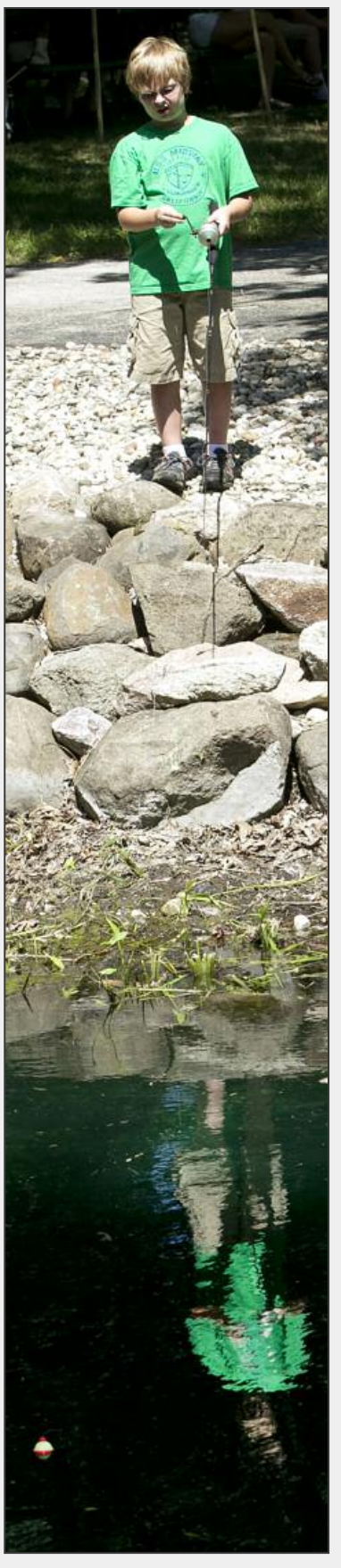
Submitted by Bro. Rick Plouffe

Great Food and Fun at Three Pillars Friends and Family Chicken Barbecue

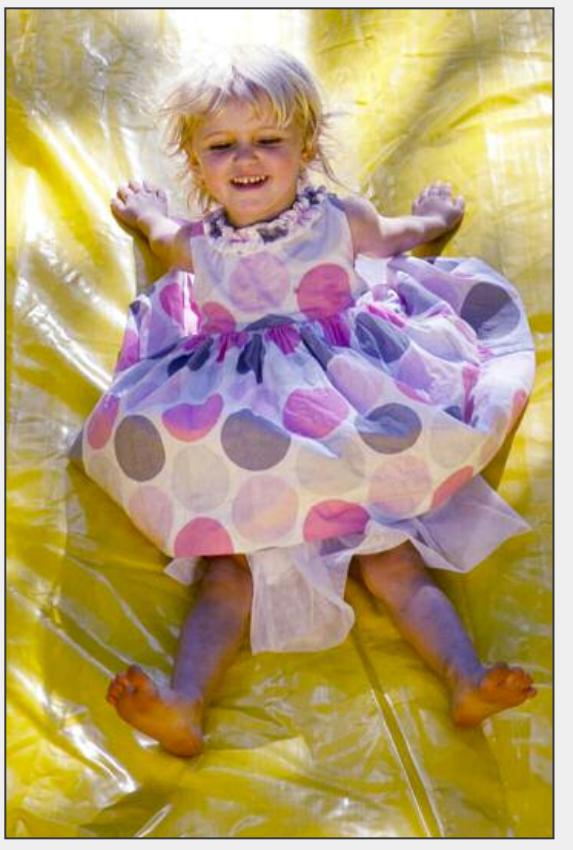
Volunteer workers serve the meals.

O.E.S. Grand Chaplain Ralph Papesh, Jessie Horedia and Ramiro Gonvalez prepare the chicken.

Finn Eriksen enjoys sitting on a restored antique John Deere Tractor.



A fun afternoon of fishing.



The bounce house slide was great fun.

Grand Master Franklin J. Struble visits with CEO Bro. Mark Strautman as Bro. Strautman prepares hamburgers.

Photos by Rich Rygh

Mary Ann Jagow directs the Sweet Adelines Choir.

Hidden Mysteries

By Bro. Bob Reinke
West Bend Lodge No. 138

Being a newly raised Master Mason, I have finally had time to look around me. I know all of the guys in my lodge, but really only KNOW a few. For the Feast of St. John, we conducted a table lodge. This was my first, and first truly Masonic event outside of our normal meetings. For me, it was an eye opener.

In our obligations, we mention the "hidden mysteries of Freemasonry". In the time I was working my way through my degrees, that part was lost on me. I always assumed it meant the secrets hidden in the holy writings, or documents that we had hidden deep in a warehouse somewhere. The more I studied, the more I found that these things don't exist. I kept thinking that my next degree would open up new doors to these mysteries. I was disappointed.

Sure, the brotherhood was enjoyable. The food was (is) good. I got to know people I would have never expected to befriend, but something was missing. So I started reading. Anything and everything Masonic I could. I started looking forward to joining the knights Templar, and doing even more research. Truly, I would see the light that has been promised to me for so long.

Then, at our humble table lodge, something clicked. We don't do them often, so we were all stumbling through a script. Our Junior Warden was ill, so I took over his speaking part, as well as doing Tiler duty. After the second toast, things started going a little more smoothly, and the stumbling smoothed out. There was great conversation, many laughs, and much food. After all this time, and many other meals with these guys, I felt something. Could THIS be the answer I was looking for?

After I got home, I thought about the night. When I woke up, something was different. I wanted to thank my Brothers for the enjoyable night of fellowship, but when I started typing, these words just started forming. It was amazing! I had a feeling rush over me, and the next thing I know, everything made sense. The hidden mystery was looking me in the face the entire time.

Many of you have been involved for so long, you take this for granted. it is a feeling that you have become accustomed to. That isn't a bad thing, but sometimes it is good to look back on it. For me, I am relishing in my new found "secret". I have found a new reason to love life. With all of the hatred and pain being spread across our land, it is good to have a refuge. Some solace in the fact that, as long as there is another Freemason in the world, I will not be alone.

Bro. Roger Reas is 55 year Mason

Bro. Roger D. Reas (right) receives a 55 year certificate from Bro. Leon Handschke, Master of Phillips Lodge No. 225. Bro. Reas was raised in Park Falls Lodge No. 300 on Aug. 2, 1960. He served the Lodge as Master in 1969 and 1972. Park Falls Lodge merged with Phillips Lodge on May 16, 2009.

Submitted by Bro. David Dryer

Bro. Owens still skydiving at 89

Bro. Bill Owens a 58 year member of Glenn L .Humphrey Lodge No. 364 is still skydiving with his son-in-law Mike Hamby. Bro. Owens, 89 years young, jumped on Aug. 22 at Wisconsin Skydiving Center in Jefferson.

Photo by Bro. Miles Blodgett, Glenn L Humphrey Lodge

Check from Grand Master William Beetcher's Appeal Presented at Veterans Home at King

Bro. Tom Dowman, Masonic Service Association Representative for the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King, presents a check in the amount of $3500 to King staff from left: Amber Nikolai, Member and Public Relations Director; Nicholas Peskie, Donations Specialist; Tom Dowman; Shelley Jandt, Activities Supervisor; and Vicki Ponedel, Volunteer Coordinator.

By Bro. Tom Dowman

Bro. Tom Dowman, Masonic Service Association Representative for the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King, recently presented a check in the amount of $3500 to the King staff. The check represents a portion of more than $25,000 donated by Masons of Wisconsin in response to Past Grand Master William Beetcher's appeal for donations for the benefit of seven Wisconsin veterans institutions.

The funds will partly cover the cost of a weekly program ("Welcome Salute") at King which will introduce new Members (residents) to programs and facilities at the Home. Current Members, volunteers and administrative staff will assist with the program, which will be held in the Home Library and include refreshments, service recognition, meet and greet with Administration, a gift basket, individual and video tours of the campus and a question and answer period.

The Masons have been supplying funds for several years for a portion of the cost of monthly or quarterly orientations at King. These funds were donated in response to a special appeal conducted during Past Grand Master Rodney Paulsen's year as Grand Master. "Welcome Salute" represents an updated welcome for new members to the King campus.

District 6 Deputy Grand Master A. Christopher Gans (Waupaca Lodge No. 123), member of the Masonic Service Association Leadership Team at King, received the check and 8 cases of personal items (6 for King Veterans and 2 for a Homeless Veterans Program located on the King campus) designated for King on behalf of Lady Pat Beetcher's Charity Appeal for homemade and personal comfort items. These were presented at a Testimonial Dinner held in the Past Grand Master William Beetcher's and her honor at Eau Claire on May 2.

Other Brothers assisting with the MSA Leadership Team at King include Bro. Steve Labus (Oshkosh Lodge No. 27), Area Administrator Rick Yell (Oshkosh Lodge No.27) and John Ambrose (Oshkosh Lodge).

Questions concerning the program may be directed to MSA Representative Tom Dowman at 920-642-3330 or 920-303-1444, or any of the MSA Leadership Team members at King.

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IN HONOR OF OUR VETERANS

Veterans Day Parade and Dinner with our Ladies

November 7, 2015 is the annual Veterans Day Parade in Milwaukee. The Masonic Brotherhood Council will again be serving donuts, coffee, hot chocolate, etc. to the participants in the parade. We will begin serving them at 9:00 a.m., in front of Major Goolsby's at 4th and Kilbourn in downtown Milwaukee. We will then move to the corner of Mason and Prospect to watch the parade and honor our Vets. All are welcome to attend either or both functions. Come to honor our Vets and enjoy fellowship with brethren.

At 1800 hours (6:00 p.m.) we will assemble with our Ladies at Alioto's restaurant at 3041 N. Mayfair Road (highway 100 south of Burleigh) for dinner and brotherhood fellowship.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

Choice of entrée:

_____ Filet Mignon _____ Breaded Pork Chops

_____ Roast Duckling _____ Broiled Whitefish

Name _____ Phone Number

_____ Guest _____ Guest

_____ Guest _____

Guest _____

Cost $34.00 per person. Please make checks payable to Lowell Scott and mail with reservation to Lowell Scott P.O. Box 170416 Milwaukee, WI. 53217. Not later than October 30, 2015.

2015 All-Star Soccer at UW–Whitewater

Bro. David Tainter, Chairman of the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Committee welcomes everyone to the Recognition Breakfast.

Brian Lerch and Kelley Sullivan (right) along with the All-Stars had a very enjoyable afternoon on Friday working with the TOPSoccer youth.

See story on page 1 and action photos on pages 27 and 28

Past Grand Master Stanley R. Jagow addresses the All-Stars at the breakfast.

Coaches work with the All-Stars on Friday.

Glen Gerard, Master Magician, entertains the crowd.

All-Stars go through the breakfast line.

Photos by Rich Rygh

Bros. David Tainter and Pat Storrs prepare smoothies at the Masons and Family Cookout on Friday evening.

Bro. David Tainter hands out All-Star Medals to the girls' Blue Team Members.

District 9 Meeting at Milton is a Family Event

By Rich Rygh

Milton Lodge No. 161 hosted the District 9 Spring Meeting on July 11.

District 9 Deputy Grand Master James R. Gajdosik Jr. put together a very informative meeting, preceded by a picnic at Goodrich Park in Milton. Ladies and families were included. There was a 50/50 Raffle to benefit the Milton Food Pantry.

Deputy Grand Master Donald W. Hensiak spoke on growth and how the best ideas come from the lodges. He be urged the lodges to be innovative and creative and to let their District Deputy Grand Masters know what they are doing.

The Deputy Grand Master spoke on charity, the big national charities, statewide charities, lodge level charities and the most important charity which is Brother to Brother Charity. It is giving a Brother a ride to lodge or helping a Brother or widow with everyday needs. He stressed the importance of contacting every member of the lodge on a regular basis.

Deputy Grand Master Hensiak stated the Board of Service and Assistance is under utilized and could be helping many more Masons. He urged the Brothers to be on the look out for Brothers with financial needs and contact the Board for assistance.

Katie Jones gave a talk on Job's Daughters for girls from 10 to 20. A Chapter is getting started in Janesville. There is a informational meeting at the Janesville Masonic Center on Aug. 8 at 1:00 p.m. There is also a need for adults to step up and take leadership roles.

Bro. Jeff Lichtfuss, Master of Janesville Lodge No. 55, advised the Brethren of a Masonic their booth at the upcoming Rock County Fair to promote Masonic awareness. All Brethren are invited to participate.

District 9 Deputy Grand Master James R. Gajdosik Jr. asked several of the Brothers to give their "elevator speeches" and explain why they joined Freemasonry. The Brethren had a very informative discussion on what Masonry is and what it means to each individual.

District 9 Deputy Grand Master Gajdosik said one of his goals this year is to bring the lodges in the District together along with family and friends at events like this picnic.

Cori Olson gave a very informative talk on the Milton Historical Society Milton House and the Underground Railroad followed by a tour of the facility.

Nathan Rowland (foreground), Rebecca Schildge and Alicia Rowland enjoy some time in the park.

Mitch Behlke and Bonnie Haugen look over photos from the Milton Historical Society.

District 9 Deputy Grand Master James R. Gajdosik Jr. discusses "elevator speeches".

Bro. Jeff Lichtfuss informs the Brethren of the Masonic booth at the upcoming Rock County Fair.

Deputy Grand Master Donald W. Hensiak speaks on Brother to Brother charity within the lodges.

Jobies help at Racine County Dairy Breakfast

Racine County resumed their Dairy Breakfast on the farm, hosted by Ed and Dawn Noble (a Past Honored Queen from Bethel #76). Activities included self-guided farm tours, tractors, a petting zoo, children's games including a large sand box and live music from the "Soggy Prairie Boys". Totally unexpected was the birth of twin calves while the breakfast was going on. Approximately 2,500 people were served for breakfast while many others just attended the event for the tours and to observe a working farm. The Job's Daughters from Bethel #76 Burlington served food and helped with the activities. This was a great event for them to promote Job's Daughters in their community. From left: Angela Marinez, Ashton Campbell, Sarah Korducki, Dairy Breakfast Mascot, Cassidy Brawner, Payton Campbell and Jessica Korducki, Miss Wisconsin Job's Daughter 2014-2015.

Submitted by Dorothy Cigale

Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

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8:30 a.m. coffee and carbs, 9 a.m. meeting, 11 a.m. chili cook off and Badger Tailgate Party.

NOVEMBER 2015

7 Grand Warder Officer Reception, Roger Reukauf, Middleton.

7 The Masonic Brotherhood Council will again be serving donuts, coffee, etc., at the annual Milwaukee Veterans' Day Parade beginning at about 8:30 a.m.

8 Grand Sentinel Reception, J. Paul Trigleth, Wisconsin Dells.

12 Keystone Lodge No. 263, Third Annual Gun and iPad Raffle. 7 p.m. The rifle is a Tikka T3 Bolt Action 300 Win. Mag. Only 200 tickets are being sold at $10 each. Email keystonelodge263@gmail.com.

14 Hiram's Harvest Festival, benefiting the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Youth Soccer Program, watch for details.

14 Sheboygan Lodge No. 11, Pancake Breakfast, 9 a.m.–10:30 a.m. 2nd Saturday of each month. All Masons, their immediate families and friends are welcome, adults $5, children free. 411 St. Clair Ave., Sheboygan. RSVP Bro. Matt Elliott at specialopsk9unit@sbcglobal.net.

14 Grand Organist and Grand Electa Officer Reception: Jill Lotzow, Marcia Earl. Location to be determined.

15 Grand Adah Officer Reception, Mary Mock, Kenosha.

28 GR Party, Don Borgen, Marshfield.

DECEMBER 2015

5 Grand Chapter OES All Stated Christmas Party, Social at Noon, Party at 1 p.m. Location to be determined.

6-10 Christmas in Branson, Wisconsin OES 2015 Trip. Contact Marianne Totsch oestravelclub@gmail.com, 715-413-1488 for reservations or information

12 Wisconsin Conference for Masonic Unity Meeting, 9 a.m., Madison Masonic Center.

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JANUARY 2016

16 Secretary's Conference Madison Concourse & Governors Club, Madison Wis.

30 Wisconsin Masonic College, Management Module presentation. Hosted by Dodgeville Lodge No. 119. See page 12.

FEBRUARY 2016

21-23 Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America.

27 Wisconsin Masonic College, Management Module presentation. Hosted by N.E.W. Daylite Lodge No. 360 - Green Bay. See page 12.

APRIL 2016

2 Wisconsin Masonic College, Management Module presentation. Hosted by Eau Claire Lodge No. 112. See page 12.

MAY 2016

21 Armed Forces Outdoor MM Degree.

JUNE 2016

3-4 172nd Annual Communication in Madison.

New Master Masons

Bro. Jon Van Abel is new Master Mason in Prairie View Lodge

Bro. Jon Van Abel was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by Prairie View Lodge No. 95, Ripon, on August 11. Guests attending were Bros. Bill Schmidtz, Tom Williamson, and Dan Wohlfert from Wautoma Lodge No. 148, and Bro. Pat Storrs from West Bend Lodge No. 138. Brother Storrs assisted with the degree. Front row (from left): Bill Schmidtz, Ron Triemstra, Jon Van Abel, Larry Malchow, Phil Wepner and Kevan Nault. Second row: Tom Williamson, Rick Coles, Wes O'Laire, Rob Carriveau, Wes Wassell and Loren Shaw. Back row: Pat Storrs, Bill Boutwell, Bruce Stephenson, Meade Grim and Dan Wohlfert.

Submitted by Bro. Rick Coles

Bro. Andrew Braden is new MM

Hartford Lodge No. 120, along with the help of visiting Brothers from other lodges, raised Bro. Andrew Braden to the Master Mason Degree on July 20. From left: Past Grand Master Craig S. Campbell (who was instrumental in helping with the degree), Bro. Andrew Braden and Bro. Andrew Brandt, Master of Hartford Lodge.

Submitted by Bro. Allen Brandt

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New MM in Shell Lake-Spooner Lodge

Bro. Joe Althaus (right) is congratulated by Bro. Stephen Anderson, Master of Shell Lake-Spooner Lodge No. 221, on being raised to the Master Mason Degree on June 30.

Submitted by Bro. Stephen Anderson

Traveling Gavel

District 1
Keystone Lodge No. 236
District 2
River Falls Lodge No. 109
District 3
Virginia Falls Lodge No. 226
District 4
Theodore Roosevelt No. 322
District 5
Camp Douglas Lodge No. 272
District 6
Adams Lodge No. 332
District 7
Four Lakes Daylight No. 362
District 8
Franklin Lodge No. 16
District 9
Dousman Lodge No. 315
District 10
Omro Lodge No. 168
District 11
Waukesha Lodge No. 37
District 12
West Allis Lodge No. 291

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

Damascus Lodge No. 290

110th Anniversary

You are invited to help us celebrate our 110th Anniversary and honor the Past Masters of Damascus Lodge who have guided us.

"Love one another with brotherly affection.
Outdo one another in showing honor."
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We look forward to honoring our Past, Present and Future. In celebration and fellowship we will be hosting a dinner on:

September 13th, 2015
at the Tripoli Shrine Center

5 p.m. Social Hour (Cash Bar) featuring a Barbershop Quartet
6 p.m. Dinner
After Dinner A Program with guest speaker
M.W. Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM

$25 per Attendee

Past Masters and any widows of Damascus Lodge are free to attend.

Register online with meal selection at:
http://dl290.brownpapertickets.com

Chetek Lodge Masonic Picnic

Chetek Lodge hosted their annual Masonic Picnic on August 15. Top photo: Grand Master Franklin J. Struble introduces his Lady Wendy to Chetek's newest Master Mason, Bro. Tom Nicolaides. Bottom photo: Chetek Lodge members and families enjoying the delicious barbecue chicken and conversation at the annual picnic.

Submitted by Bro. Jim Esswein, Master

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- Cardiovascular Disease is the number one killer of women in the United States
- 82% of Coronary Artery Disease deaths occur in people aged 65 or older and the leading cause of premature and permanent disability from work
- 1.5 million people have a heart attack every year in the United States

While at the same time, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory-Cardiac Research Institute:

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- Discovered numerous mutations responsible for Long QT syn drome, a life-threatening cardiac arrhythmia syndrome that first affects children in their teenage years
- Collaborates with leading pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies such as Gilead Sciences, AstraZeneca and Merck to identify drugs that may pose a danger to society and to facilitate FDA approval of new and effective drugs to treat heart disease.
- Discovered many of the mechanisms responsible for abnormal rhythms of the heart which lead to sudden cardiac deaths

All of this, and more are reasons that the Cardiac Research Center, a part of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory needs our support. Federal support for basic science research is diminishing, and the need to continue the groundbreaking efforts of the Center are great.

Please consider making a contribution from your Lodge to fund this important research. You could be assisting in saving the life of a family member, friend, stranger or member of the Masonic Family.

Every dollar (up to $5000) will be matched by the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation's Medical Fund, working towards our goal of contributing $10,000 annually for the next three years. Consider a fund raiser for this event. Promotional materials are available by calling Erika in the Development Office at: 262-965-2200, ext. 831.

Help the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Medical Fund extend its mission to this important program.

Annual Hubler and Koch Garden Party

Residents of Three Pillars attended the 3rd Annual Hubler and Koch Garden Party. The residents took a van to Bro. Roy and Cindy Hubler's home for lunch. Following lunch they boarded pontoon boats piloted by Bros. David Koch, Roy Hubler and Gabe Winzenried for a ride to the other side of Potter's Lake where they enjoyed desserts at the home of Bro. Rob and Linda Koch.

Submitted by Bro. Gabe Winzenried

Keystone Lodge captures gavel

Keystone Lodge No. 263, Hayward, captures the District 1 Traveling Gavel from Shell Lake-Spooner Lodge No. 221 on June 30. From left: Harlan Dodge, Blue Hills Lodge No. 234; Kevin Fischer, Counselor, Keystone Lodge; Shell Lake-Spooner Master Stephen Anderson; Keystone Secretary John Sigafus; and Keystone Junior Warden Chris Olson.

Submitted by Bro. Stephen Anderson

How Your Lodge Can Participate in the AED Matching Grants Program

The Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Medical Fund is still proudly supporting matching grants for the placement of Automatic External Defibrillators in schools and other public buildings. Since the cost of the units has come down over the years, we offer a dollar for dollar match of up to $800 per unit ($1600 total).

Grants that are considered part of Project ADAM (AEDs in Wisconsin High Schools) are pre-approved, while an AED placed in any other level of school or public building must be voted upon by the Board of Directors at their quarterly meeting.

In order to have a grant request considered, a Lodge must submit:

1) A letter defining the program-cost of the unit, whom it will serve, organization's impact on the community, etc. On Lodge letterhead.

2) A letter from the organization receiving the AED, stating that they do not have funds set aside in their budget for this type of purchase.

3) Up to $800 in matching funds, made payable to the: Wisconsin Masonic Foundation- Medical Fund.

This is still a very important program, and now is the time, if your Lodge has not participated. There are many places in Wisconsin communities that could benefit from this lifesaving equipment.

If your Lodge has already placed an AED(s), now is a great time to check back with them. Do they need to upgrade their unit? Do they need replacement pads and batteries? The Medical Fund can assist with matching grants for those efforts as well.

Contact Erika Miller, Development Officer, Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 53118 (262) 965-2200, ext. 831. Email erika@wisc-freemasonry.org.

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- The satisfaction of knowing that the remainder of the gift will go to support a Masonic Charity of your choice.

To receive a free brochure detailing the benefits of gift annuities please call Erika Miller at 262-965-2200 or email erika@wisc-freemasonry.org.

Adventure Rock

Kids had a great time on the Adventure Rock at the Three Pillars Friends and Family Picnic on Aug. 2.

Photo by Rich Rygh

Eau Claire Scottish Rite group meets to address membership

Commander in Chief William Beecher, Past Grand Master, of the Valley of Eau Claire Scottish Rite called a meeting July 18 to form a development plan to address diminishing membership and other issues. Bro. Milt Helmer ran the meeting and kept a firm hand on the rudder as the assembled group identified problems, isolated hindering factors and helping factors, and put together action plans. These plans are due for examination in September by the Valley Executive committee. Brothers (from left): Steve Prewitt, Jim Carlson, Arby Humphrey, Bill Beetcher, Paul Lenz, Don Schwartz, Gary Stang, Todd Wohlert, Steve Lasure, Lyle Koerner, Chris Roberts, and Jim Trowbridge. Lunch was provided and overseen by Eau Claire's legendary master cook, Everett Tillung. All were fed, watered, and properly bossed around.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer, story by District 5 Deputy Grand Master Todd A. Wohlert

Questions about Freemasonry?

Ask Hiram

askhiram@wiscfreemasonry.org.
or mail your question
Grand Lodge Office
c/o Ask Hiram
36275 Sunset Drive,
Dousman, WI 53118

Waucoma Lodge No. 90

Cooksville

ANNUAL FALL PICNIC

Thursday, September 17th
6 p.m.

Hamburgers, brats, soda, water, condiments, plates and utensils will be furnished. Bring as a dish to pass and a chair – arrive early for fellowship.

Family and Friends invited to attend.

For more information contact
PM Bob Barnett at 608-333-1717.

Boys' All-Star Soccer Action

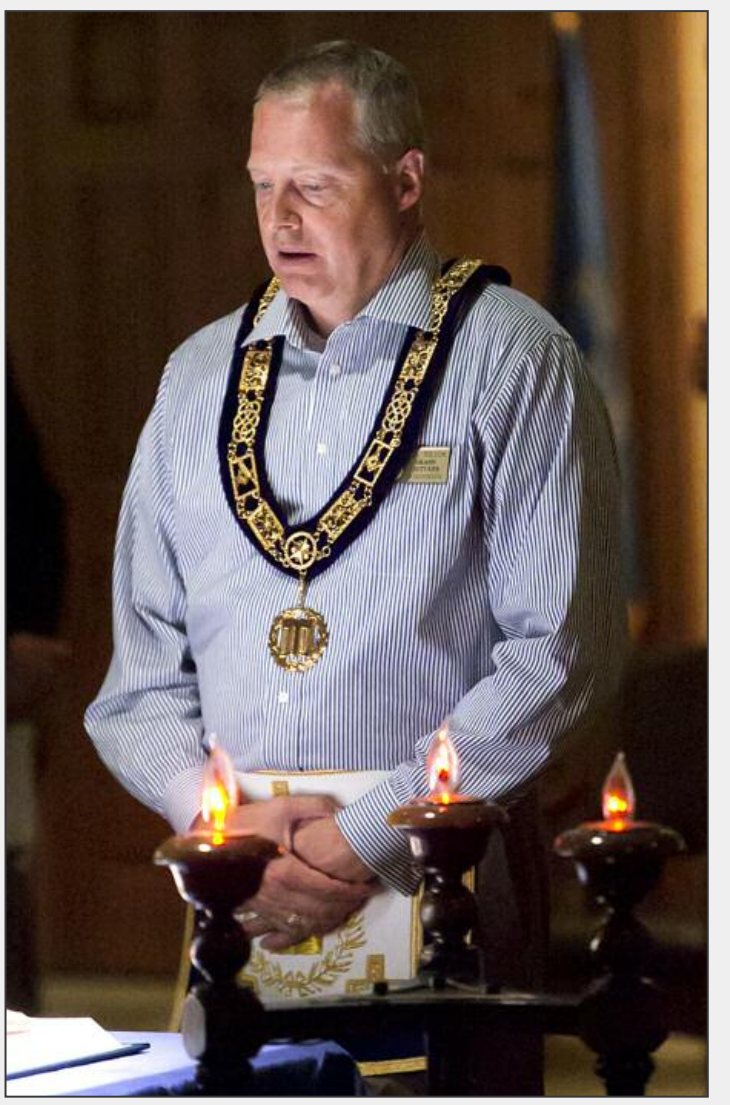
Photos by Rich Rygh

Girls' All-Star Soccer Action

Photos by Rich Rygh

Broken Column Outdoor Master Mason Degrees at Three Pillars

Junior Grand Steward Paul T. Tourville as King Solomon addresses craftsmen from left: Area Administrator Noah Schultz, Ray Radtke, Stephen Dake, Bill Kayser, District Deputy Grand Master James R. Gajdosik Jr. and District 9 Lecturer Brian Duoss.



Grand Lecturer Jerry A. Reick conferred all three degrees.

Second Craftsman Noah Schultz addresses King Solomon as Craftsman Bill Kayser looks on.

See story on page 18

Photos by Rich Rygh

Ruffians Ralph Behlke, Mike Mutter and Bob Barnett address Sea-faring man Al Huber (left).

The second section of the degrees took place outside amongst the trees on the Three Pillars Campus.

Job's Daughters New Officers

Bethel #2, Milwaukee

Bethel #60, Port Washington

Bethel #22, Racine

Bethel #32, Green Bay

Bethel #45, Plymouth

Bethel #35, Dousman

Bethel #19, Milwaukee

Bethel #44, Sun Prairie

Bethel #6, Milwaukee

Bethel #76, Burlington

Stated Communications

for the Mason Traveling in Wisconsin

Antigo
Antigo Lodge No. 231
645 7th Ave. • 715-275-3228
Meet 2nd Monday, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Albany
Albany Lodge No. 36
205 N. Water St. • 608-778-0802
Meet 3rd Wed., 7:00 p.m.
Dark July & August

Appleton
Waverly Lodge No. 51
315 S. Bluemound Dr. • 920-738-9220
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Argyle
Argyle Lodge No. 178
104 E. Milwaukee St. • 608-523-4714
Meet 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

Baldwin
Collins-Spring Valley Lodge 192
790 Main St. • 715-928-0001 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Baraboo
Baraboo Lodge No. 34
108 Second Ave. • 608-434-7720
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Barneveld
Barneveld Lodge No. 319
108 S. Jones St. • 608-445-0445 (Sec)
Meet 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Bayfield
Bayfield Washburn No. 215
27 2nd Street • 715-747-6965
Meet 1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

Beaver Dam
Dodge County Lodge No. 72
1212 DeClark St • 920-210-1412
Meet 1st Thurs. & 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

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

Black Earth
Crescent Valley Lodge No. 97
1020 Mills St. • 608-795-4484 (Sec)
Meet 1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Dark July & August

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

Bloomer
Bloomer Lodge No. 281
1617 Larson St. • 715-568-5152
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark January & February

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

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

Brookfield
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. • 262-210-9510
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

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

Camp Douglas
Camp Douglas Lodge No. 272
211 Main St. • 608-372-5110 or
608-387-1412, Meet 1st & 3rd
Thurs., 7:30 p.m. Meets All Year

Cecil
Mason-Woods Lodge No. 368
N6446 Emery Ansorge Rd
608-642-3692 (Sec) • 1st Tues., 10 a.m.
Dark January & February

Chetek
Chetek Lodge No. 277
216 Morrison St. • 715-642-3626 (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
PO Box 171, Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays,
7:30 p.m. Dark July & August

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

Crandon
Crandon Lodge No. 287
118 S. Lake Ave. • 715-616-2394 (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. • 715-854-2199
Meet 2nd Wednesday 10:00 a.m.
Meets All Year

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

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

Dodgeville
Dodgeville Lodge No. 119
200 W. Chapel St. • 608-935-2751
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

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

Dousman
Glen L. Humphrey Lodge No. 364
375 State Rd. 67 • 262-965-7360
Meet 2nd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.
Dark in June

Eagle River
Eagle River Lodge No. 248
610 E. Division • 715-891-3116
Meet 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Eau Claire
Eau Claire Lodge No. 112
616 Graham Ave. • 715-299-3001
2nd & 4th Tues., 6 p.m. fellowship, 7
p.m., Meeting. Dark July & Aug.

Eau Claire
George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351
616 Graham Ave. • 715-559-2721
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Eau Claire
Sanctuary Lodge No. 347
616 Graham Ave. • 715-318-1214
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.
Dark Maundy Thurs., 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

Florence
Hiram D. Fisher Lodge No. 222
5143 N. Montgomery Lake Rd..
906-282-2625, Meet 2nd Wed.,
6:30 p.m. Meets All Year

Fond du Lac
Fond du Lac Lodge No. 26
500 W. Arndt St. • 920-922-5800
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July and August

Franklin
South Shore Lodge No. 3
9023 S. 27th St. • 414-840-3393
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 pm
Dark July & August

Frederic
Landmark Lodge No. 244
109 United Way • 414-559-3491
Meet 2nd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

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

Galesville
Decora Lodge No. 177
231 S. Main St. • 608-539-5230
Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & Aug. & 1st Mon. Sept. & June

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

Green Bay
N.E.W. Daylite Lodge No. 360
525 N. Taylor St. • 920-371-8441
Meet 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m.
Dark July & August

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

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

Hartford
Hartford Lodge No. 120
147 N. Rural St. • 262-366-5464
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

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

Hustisford
Neosho-Mayville-Horicon No. 108
128 E. Anthony St., Hustisford
414-975-0516 • 1st & 3rd Tues. 7:00
Dark July & August

Hudson
St. Croix Lodge No. 56
209 Locust Street • 651-210-7697
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Iron River
Ancient Landmark No. 210
7575 West Mill St. • 715-685-4426
1st Wed., 7 p.m., Meets All Year
bmarriott7@gmail.com

Iron River
Barnes Lodge No. 365
7575 West Mill St. • 715-372-5425
Meet 2nd Tues. 7:00 p.m.
Dark January & February

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

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

Kenosha
Kenosha Lodge No. 47
115 56th St. • 262-287-9878
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

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

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

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

La Crosse
Frontier-Badger Lodge No. 45
118 S. 8th St. • 608-782-1616
Meet 2nd & 4th Thurs., Dinner, 6 pm,
Meeting 7 p.m. Dark July & August

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. Lake Shore Dr. • 262-723-2981
2nd Tue stated, 4th Tues. social. 6 p.m.
dinner (call) 7 p.m. Meet., Dark July & Aug.

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. • 608-477-7102
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 p.m.
Dark July & August

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

Madison
Commonwealth Lodge No. 325
301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-212-9053
3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Meets All Year

Madison
Doric Lodge No. 356
85 S. Stoughton Rd. • 608-241-4751
(Sec), Meet 1st & 3rd Tues., 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

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

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

Madison
Madison Lodge No. 5
301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-347-6667
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark 1st Thursday July & August

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

Manitowoc
Manitowoc Lodge No. 65
810 Chicago St. • 920-553-7144 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.
Meets All Year

Marinette
Marinette Lodge No. 182
1610 Main St. • 715-923-9397
Meet 1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Marshfield
Marshfield Lodge No. 224
402 W. 4th St. • 715-384-8646
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Medford
Medford Lodge No. 217
150 S. Seventh St. • 715-748-6909
Meet 2nd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark January & February

Menomonee Falls
Lincoln Lodge No. 183
N86 W16856 Appleton Ave.• 414-354-
6765, 2nd Tues., 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Menomonie
Menomonie Lodge No. 164
N5729 - 410th St. • 715-235-2667
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Mercer
Hurley Lodge No. 237
5189 N. Harper • 715-904-0400
Meet 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.
Dark December thru March

Merrill
Virginia Falls Lodge No. 226
916½ E. Main St. • 715-536-0020 (Sec.)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Merrillan
Merrillan Lodge No. 279
105 S. Main Street • 715-333-5643 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark January, February & March

Middleton
Middleton-Ionic Lodge No. 180
7409 Franklin Ave. • www.middle
tonionic.org 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.
Dark 3rd Tues., July & August

Milton
Milton Lodge No. 161
508 Vernal Avenue • 608-931-4656
Meets 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

Milwaukee
Damascus Lodge No. 290
1235 E. Howard Ave. DL290.org
Meet 2nd Tues., 4 th Tues. Social, RSVP 6
p.m. dinner - 7 p.m. meet. Meets All Year

Milwaukee
Freemasons Lodge No. 363
790 N. Van Buren St. • 414-588-8567
1st Wed., 5:30 p.m. Degrees 4th Wed.,
5:30 p.m. Meets All Year

Milwaukee
Lake Lodge No. 189
1235 E. Howard Ave. • 414-744-4609
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark on Holidays

Milwaukee
Milwaukee-Harmony No. 261
4315 N. 92nd St. • 414-961-1133
1st & 3rd Tues. 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Milwaukee
Nathan Hale Lodge No. 350
790 N. Van Buren • 262-522-9872
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursday, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Mineral Point
Mineral Point Lodge No. 1
304 High St. • 608-604-7510
Call for meeting nights
Dark 3rd Mon. July-Sept. & Oct.- Dec.

Minocqua
Island City Lodge No. 330
7529 Hwy 51 South • 715-277-2810
(Sec.) • Meet 1st Wednesday, 10 a.m.
Meets All Year

Mondovi
Buffalo River Lodge No. 252
245 S. Franklin • 715-797-3261 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Monroe
Smith Lodge No. 31
1613-1/2 Tenth St. • 608-329-4641
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
Dark 3rd Thurs. June & July & August

Mosinee
Mosinee Lodge No. 318
271 S. Rangeline Rd. • 715-693-2007
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June July & August

Mukwonago
Laflin-St. James Lodge No. 247
206 S. Main St. • 262-642-8717
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
Dark July & August

Neenah
Appleton Lodge No. 349
241 E. Wisconsin Ave. • 920-725-4896
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Neenah/Menasha
Twin Cities Lodge No. 61
241 E. Wisconsin Ave. • 920-722-3611
Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark June - Aug. Open after Labor Day

Neosho
Neosho-Mayville-Horicon No. 108
315 E. Anthony St., Hustisford • 262-818-
1374, 1st & 3rd Tues, 7:00 p.m.
Dark July & August

New Diggings
Olive Branch Lodge No. 6
26750 Cty. Rd. W • 608-965-3122
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

New Glarus
New Glarus Lodge No. 310
207 6th Avenue • 608-527-2583 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

New Richmond
New Richmond Lodge No. 195
119 E. 2nd St. • 615-304-0977
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Oconomowoc
Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge 42
375 State Rd. 67, Dousman • 262-367-
2390, Meet 1st & 3rd Wed., 7:30 p.m.
3rd Wed., July & August

Oconto
Pine Lodge No. 188
513 Superior Ave. • 920-835-3366
Meet 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark December & January

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

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

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

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

Oshkosh
Oshkosh Lodge No. 27
204 Washington Ave. • 920-385-1034
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Owen
Owen Lodge No. 317
713 W. Third St. • 715-229-9150 (Sec.)
Meets 1st Monday at 7:30 p.m. & 3rd
Mon. at 11 a.m. • Dark July & August

Phillips
Phillips Lodge No. 225
137 N. Lake Ave.•715-762-4043, 7:30 p.m.
1st Mon., Dec.-Feb.; 1st & 3rd Mon.
Mar.-May; 3rd Mon., June-Sept.

Platteville
Melody Lodge No. 2
783 Enterprise Drive • 608-732-8625
Meet 1st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Meets All Year

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

Portage
Fort Winnebago Lodge No. 33
111 W. Conant Street • 608-697-2968
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.
Dark 4th Tuesday, July & Aug.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rhinelander
Rhinelander Lodge No. 242
23 E. Davenport St. • 715-362-3080
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark January & February

Lodge Listings are continued on page 32

Freemasonry Continues to be at Work in Our World Today

The efforts of Freemasonry are alive and well in 2015, as this story reported by the Grand Lodge of Ohio shows:

Recently a young couple began a new chapter in their lives. Having secured new jobs, they loaded up a moving van, hitched their car to the back, and left northwest Ohio for Tucson, Arizona.

Things went well until they reached Albuquerque, New Mexico, where they stopped overnight. They awoke the next morning to discover that their moving van and car had disappeared.

They called the local police to report the theft and then the young man's mother and stepfather back in Ohio. Everything they had was in that van and car, but they had insurance. They needed to get to Tucson for work, so they rented a car and headed on down the highway.

The police found their car and van. The car's rear window was smashed in and both were empty of their belongings. The couple was at a loss as to what they were going to do once they got to Tucson. They had neither friends nor family there, neither did they know how long it would take for the insurance company to respond.

The young man's stepfather is a Freemason, Master of his Lodge, in fact. So he called the Grand Lodge office late on Friday afternoon, asking for help. In turn, a call was placed to Arizona's Grand Secretary and then to the Junior Grand Deacon, who resides in Tucson.

Within an hour of the young couple arriving at their new apartment that same day, the Freemasons of Tucson arrived with an air mattress, sheets, towels, pots, pans, dishes, kitchen table with chairs and a TV.

Freemasonry is very much an extended family.

(The Ohio Beacon, Spring 2015, publication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.)

District 8 gavel at Linden Lodge

Franklin Lodge No. 16, Lone Rock, delivered the District 8 Gavel to Linden Lodge No. 206 on July 14. Bro. Glenn Langfoss, Master, receives the Gavel from Bro. Rolland Spencer, Secretary of Franklin Lodge.

Submitted by Area Administrator Andrew Davis

District 9 gavel is at Dousman

Glenn L Humphrey Lodge No. 364 delivered the District 9 Traveling Gavel to Dousman Lodge No. 315 on August 18. From left: Kevin Saenz, Master, Dousman Lodge; Duane Bunting, Secretary; Marc Momsen, Treasurer, and Al Berg Senior Steward from Glenn L. Humphrey.

Submitted from Bro. Duane Bunting

Ashlar Meetings at Social Lodge

District 7 Lecturer Richard Moen conducts Weekend Ashlar Meetings on second and fourth Saturday evenings each month.

He has developed a program to help newly made Masons learn more about the craft. It is also a great opportunity for more experienced Masons to learn as well.

The meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are hosted by Social Lodge No. 245, 105 Spring St./County Road B, Cambridge.

La Crosse Masonic Center Lunches

The La Crosse Masonic Center has a lodge lunch the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month.

Cost is $7 for all you can eat soup, sandwiches, and desserts.

All Masons and guests welcome.

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

Richland Center
Richland Lodge No. 66
290 W. Union St. • 608-604-7797 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

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

River Falls
River Falls Lodge No. 109
122 E. Walnut St. • 715-338-8281 (Sec.)
Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Shell Lake
Shell Lake /Spooner Lodge No. 221
28 Doboy Drive • 715-671-0051
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
July & August

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

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

Stevens Point
Evergreen Lodge No. 93
1756 Dixon St. • 715-572-3981
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

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

Sun Prairie
Sun Prairie Lodge No. 143
152 N. Bird St. • 608-320-9582
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Superior
Acacia-Itasca Lodge No. 329
3117 N. 21 St .• 218-390-6646
Meet 1st & 3rd Fridays, 7:00 p.m.
Dark July & August

Superior
Superior Lodge No. 236
1503 Belknap St .• 218-590-0537
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

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

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

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
105½ N. Main Street • 715-258-6198
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

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

Wausau
Forest Lodge No. 130
130 First Street • 715-845-5198
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Wautoma
Wautoma Lodge No. 148
203 S. Scott St. • 920-787-1614 (Sec.)
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:00 p.m.
Dark January and February

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

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

West Allis
Day-lite Lodge No. 358
7515 W. National Ave. • 414-257-9450 Meet
1st & 3rd Mondays
Dark July & August

West Allis
Wauwatosa Lodge No. 267
7515 W. National Ave. • 262-662-9934
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

West Bend
West Bend Lodge No. 138
301 N. University Dr. • 262-323-6532
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

West Salem
Salem Lodge No. 125
101 W. Hamilton St. • 608-786-0930 (Sec)
Meets 4th Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Dark July & August

Whitefish Bay
Aurora Lodge No. 30
517 E. Beaumont Ave. • 414-422-0669
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Whitefish Bay
Geo. Washington 1776 Lodge No. 337
517 E. Beaumont Ave. • 414-979-1776
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Whitewater
St. John's Lodge No. 57
226 W. Main Street • 262-510-1049
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

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

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

Wisconsin Dells
Dells Lodge No. 124
815 Oak St. • 608-254-7012
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark January & February

Wisconsin Rapids
Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128
2321 2nd Ave. So. • 715-421-9669
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.
Dark July & August

Silas H. Shepherd
Lodge of Research No. 1843
Oconomowoc • 262-391-5716
2nd Saturday • March, June, Sept., Dec.
Call for meeting location

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