



Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

JULY

10 Milwaukee Valley Scottish Rite Zoofari Picnic, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., email pmisko@wsrf.org for reservations.

18 9th Annual Lake Country Masonic Golf Outing to benefit the "Pay it Forward" campaign of Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge No. 42 at Legend at Brandybrook in Wales. Registration/Lunch at 11:00 a.m., shotgun start at Noon. Banquet at 6:00 p.m. Contact Rob Rohloff 414-899-7381, Tom Ewald 262-201-4036, or Michael Radichel 414-861-6003.

28-30 Youth Soccer Academy and All-Star Soccer games, Middleton High School. See story on page 1.

AUGUST

1-6 The "Rod Paulsen Blood Drive". See story on page 2.

7 Three Pillars Friends and Family Day Noon-3:00 p.m.

8 Teddy Bear Classic VII, Muskego Lakes Country Club. Registration: 8:00 a.m., \$110.00 per Golfer, includes: cart, golf, lunch, beverages and banquet. Golf Ball Drop \$10 per ticket, prize \$1,500. Registration deadline is July 25. Contact Tom Kohl, 414-241-7070, email tkohl@boerke.com. Make checks Payable to Children's Dyslexia Center, Milwaukee.

13 Argyle Lodge No. 178 Open Air MM Degree, 10:00 a.m., Beautiful scenic valley on the Gant Farm, 19685 English Hollow Rd., Blanchardville, Wis. Please bring a lawn chair.

13 Wisconsin Commandery #1, Red Cross and Malta in full form. Registration at 8:00 a.m., starting at 9:00 a.m. McKinley Masonic Center, 4550 N. Pilgrim Rd., Brookfield. Contact Bro. Lyle Farrell at 414-520-8298 or email heidiandlyle@gmail.com.

21 Benton Lodge No. 268, 64th Annual Picnic, New Diggings, bring a dish to pass, meat and beverage will be furnished.

23 "Zor Shriners Ride 2011" sponsored by the The Zor Midgets Mini-Car Unit. See story on page 5.

25 The 3rd Annual Madison Area Combined Masonic, Scottish Rite, Zor Shrine Summer Steak Fry and Golf Outing at the Dodge Point Country Club, 1771 Cty. Hwy. YD, Mineral Point. Shotgun start for golf at 11:30 a.m., happy hour at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. If you don't play golf, just come for dinner.

27 Oregon Lodge No. 151 Open Air Lodge, Shinin' Times Valley, W3580 Dore Rd., Lyndon Station. Open at 10:00 a.m. Three MM Degrees will be conferred. Lunch will be served. Contact Bro. Jim "Bone" Goldsmith, 2drbone@gmail.com, 608-220-1924.

28 Mosinee Lodge No. 318 Car and Truck Show, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., River Park in Mosinee, For more Information: Contact Kevin Sorenson 715-581-0553 or sorensonkr@charter.net.

SEPTEMBER

15 Waucoma Lodge No. 90, Cooksville, 2nd Annual Fall Picnic, eat at 6:00 p.m., stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Informal attire is the rule of thumb.

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

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

24 Forest Lodge No. 130 will host a Ladies at the Table, Table Lodge in celebration of 150 years. The event is open to all active Masons and their ladies. A formal notice of the event will be posted in a future edition of the Masonic Journal.

25 Dousman Lodge No. 315, 10th Annual Lake Country Masonic Charities Golf Outing at the Western Lakes Country Club, W287 N1963 Oakton Rd., Pewaukee. For more information contact Bros. John Werner, 262-510-3121; Terry Brown, 414-429-5981; or Chuck Bayer, 262-490-2458. See story on page 8.

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

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

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

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

DECEMBER

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



Bro. Steve Conway honored for 65 years

Bro. Steve Conway Jr. was recently honored by Crandon Lodge No. 287 for 65 years of service to Masonry. Bro. Conway was raised on February 26, 1946 in Crandon Lodge. He served his Lodge as Master in 1950 and is currently the Chaplain. Bro. Conway was honored with a special meeting attended by his family and District Deputy Christopher Hirthe and Area Administrator Christian Hirthe. Bro Conway (left) is congratulated by Master Robert Riemer.

Submitted by Bro. John McCulloch, Junior Warden

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SUMMER 2011

173 Lodges Attend the 2011 Annual Communication

By Rich Rygh

Bro. James N. Davis, Master of Mineral Point Lodge No. 1, and his officers opened the 167th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Wisconsin at 8:30 a.m., on Friday, June 10. Senior Deacon Andrew Davis retired and escorted Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White Jr., and the Grand Lodge Officers into the auditorium. The Deputy Grand Master was escorted to the East and introduced by Master James Davis and received the Grand Honors.

Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin Bro. Joseph B. Harker was escorted to the altar by the Senior Deacon and introduced. Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. met the Grand Master at the altar and escorted him to the East through an Arch of Steel formation by the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Wisconsin. Grand Master Harker was introduced by the Deputy Grand Master and awarded the Grand Honors.

The Grand Lodge Officers assumed their stations and the flag was presented by the Knights Templar under the direction of Right Imminent Grand Commander Harold C. Peterson. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and the first verse of the National Anthem was sung after Bro. John Grinde sang the second verse.

Grand Master Harker declared the 167th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. open followed by a prayer by Grand Chaplain Donald Liff.

The preliminary report of the credentials committee confirmed 172 of the 183 lodges registered.

Past Grand Master Craig S. Campbell reported there was no unfinished business from last year.

The proceeding of the 166th Annual Communication were approved.

Past Grand Masters in attendance were introduced and received the Grand Honors followed by a response on their behalf by Past Grand Master Kingman D. Loomis.

Guests from other jurisdictions, heads of appendant bodies and Grand Master Earl M. Thomas III, of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, Inc., were introduced.

Grand Master Craig Davis of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M. gave the response on behalf of the visiting jurisdictions.

Grand Master Earl M. Thomas III, Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, Inc., was introduced. He brought the greetings of the Prince Hall Masons of Wisconsin.



Grand Lodge Officers for 2011-2012. Front row (from left): Past Grand Master Joseph B. Harker, Grand Treasurer John A. Benedict, Deputy Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert, Grand Master Davey L. White Jr., Senior Grand Warden Daniel L. Slavik, Junior Grand Warden William Beetcher, and Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM. Second row: District 1 Deputy Travis M. Hand, Senior Grand Deacon Franklin J. Struble, Senior Grand Steward L. Arby Humphrey, Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie, Grand Lecturer Kenneth C. Gorgen, Grand Tiler Ronnie C. Jaacks, Grand Marshal Jerry G. Potter, Grand Orator Keith D. Chamberlain, Junior Grand Steward Scott E. Pedley, Junior Grand Deacon Donald W. Hensiak and District 12 Deputy Robert Strader. Third row: District 2 Deputy Gary L. Stang, District 3 Deputy John C. Tilley, District 4 Deputy Christian M. Hirthe, District 5 Deputy James M. Kent, District 6 Deputy Travis J. Lehrer, District 7 Deputy Daniel M. Burkeland, District 8 Deputy Marc B. Steiber, District 9 Deputy Terrence R. Brown, District 10 Deputy John W. Krinke, and District 11 Deputy Wayne A. Budwick.

Photo by J. D. Photography

Marilyn DeWolf Passes After Long Illness

Marilyn DeWolf, age 58, wife of Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, passed away peacefully on June 27, 2011 after a long battle with cancer. They have one son, Bro. Andrew DeWolf his fiancé Kelly. In keeping with her wishes she was cremated. A memorial service will be held in the near future.

On Our Cover

The proudest Mason in Wisconsin, Bro Davey L. White Sr., stands in the East at the installation of officers of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Wisconsin and tries on the hat of the newly installed Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, his son, Bro. Davey L. White Jr. Bro. White Sr. is a Past Master and 41 year member of Warren Lodge No. 4, Potosi.

Photo by Rich Rygh

Grand Master Harker thanked his home Lodge, Mineral Point Lodge No. 1, for the fine opening.

The Grand Master reflected on the presiding officer at the installation last year, a Past Grand Master, having a little problem with the gavel, which has happened on numerous occasions. He stated the Past Potentates Association from Zor Shrine, seeing that happen, presented him with a new gavel. He thanked them for the gavel and stated he would not let a certain PGM use this one.

Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. gave the report from the nominating committee. He read the names of those proposed for election for the upcoming year. The report was received. The Grand Master declared the ballot open and asked the District Deputies to collect the ballots.

Bro. Robert Roth presented the report from the Resolutions

Committee. Eleven resolutions were submitted to the resolutions committee. All resolutions were reviewed as to form and procedure. All were passed on to the Jurisprudence Committee for review except No. 6 which consists of a series of excellent proposals dealing with esoteric work, that resolution was sent to the Esoteric Committee as required by Masonic Code. Resolution No. 11 was not approved as to form. The report was accepted.

PGM James Olson gave the report of the Jurisprudence Committee. Resolutions numbers 1, 2, 3 and 8 were approved as to form and legality. Numbers 4, 7 and 10 were approved to form but not legality. Number 9 and 11 were not approved to form or legality. Number 5 was approved as to form and legality, but the committee doubts the wisdom or the desirability of this resolu-

See AC on page 2.

Masonic Soccer Camps and All-Star Games July 28-30

All Mason's, families and friends are invited to join the All-Stars and Youth Campers for the 2011 Friday Night Cookout at 5:30 p.m., on July 29, during the 20th Anniversary Masonic Soccer Camps. The Cookout will be held at Fireman's Park in Middleton near the High School and is hosted by Middleton Lodge No. 180. The cost is just \$5.00 per person. All Former Committee and Foundation members are encouraged to attend. Reservations are required.

Saturday, July 30, everyone is invited to recognize the All-Stars and Youth Campers at the Recognition Breakfast to be held at Middleton High School at 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$15.00 per person and reservations are required.

Following the breakfast, support the teams by attending the 20th Anniversary Games at the Middleton High School soccer

field. The cost is just \$10.00 per person and includes admission to both games: the girls' game at 11:00 a.m. and the boys' game at 1:00 p.m.

Raffle tickets and souvenirs will be available. A raffle drawing will be held between the games. Concessions will be served by Middleton-Ionic Lodge No. 180.

For reservations for the cookout and breakfast contact Bro. David Tainter at dtainter@wi.rr.com or 262-689-2848.



The Grand Master's Message:

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

My Brothers, I am deeply honored and humbled by your vote of confidence. And while I have been elevated for a short time to the position of Grand Master, I assure you that I will always keep in mind that I am nothing more than a representative on your behalf. I further assure you that every decision made this year will be made with your best interests as well as those of our Craft in mind.

I would like to congratulate the elected and appointed officers who have been duly installed for the ensuing Masonic year. All Grand Lodge Officers will do their very best to uphold the duties of the office for which they have been installed, and on their behalf we would like to thank you all for your ongoing support.

The progressive line officers have been very busy preparing for the upcoming year and have worked diligently on your behalf to ensure that we move this great Fraternity forward while continuing to be leaders in educational programming. We are ready and excited to support the constituent lodges in all their endeavors. Please contact us as far in advance as possible in order that we might send representation to your events.

We also would like to extend our support to all appendant bodies as well as our youth organizations. Your success is our success, and working together as a team, there is no doubt that Masonry will prosper and reap the benefits of those successes.

Our fraternity is fortunate to have had the strong leadership of our Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters. Each and every one has shown the leadership, wisdom, concern and compassion it takes to be a great leader. They have laid a solid foundation for all future Grand Masters to build upon and for this we are truly grateful. I have personally had the honor to serve this great fraternity as a Grand Lodge officer under the guidance of 16 Grand Masters and each one of them has a special place in my heart. They have helped develop me into a better person, with a better outlook on life. I encourage all Brother Masons to take the time to thank them and have them share their wisdom and experiences with you. I know that I will be drawing on their knowledge throughout the upcoming year and I thank them in advance for being ready to assist as well as support us in all aspects of Masonry in Wisconsin. Thank you all.

The progressive line officers along with Most Worshipful Grand Master Joseph B. Harker held monthly meetings to prepare for the upcoming year. We worked diligently on nominations throughout the year and I feel we have assembled a great team of officers. There will be a lot of new faces along with many familiar ones. Please welcome your new Area Administrators, District Deputies, District Lecturers and Area Chaplains when they visit your respective lodges and give them the respect they deserve. They are there to work with you not against you.

During the course of the year we also met with Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer John Benedict as the expenditures committee prepared our yearly budget. We spent several months going through it line by line, in order to present a budget that was as close to actual operating expense and income as

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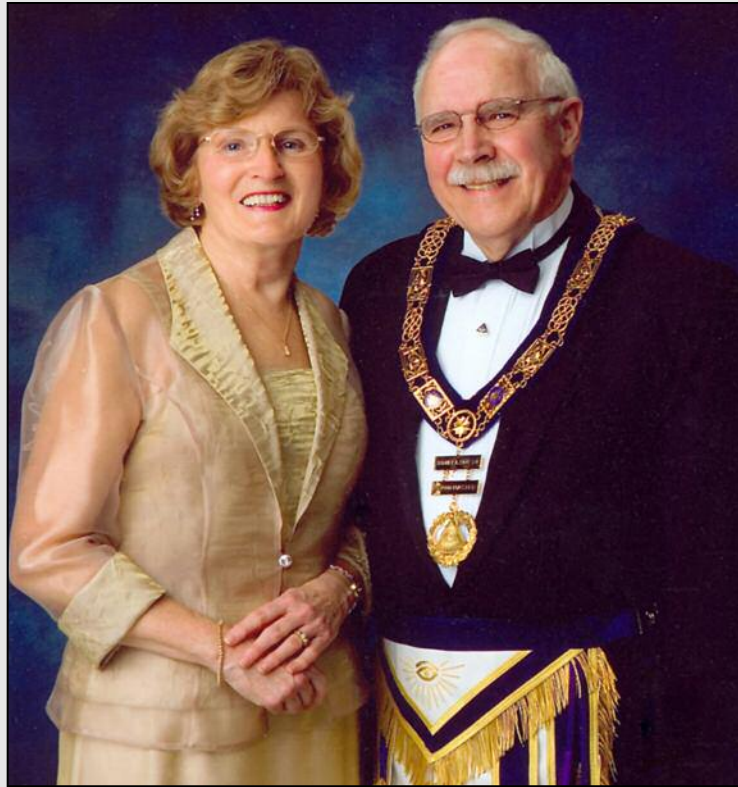


Davey L. White Jr. Grand Master



Grand Masters Pin 2011-2012

Blood Drive to Honor PGM Rodney Paulsen



PGM Rodney and Virginia Paulsen

As educators and parents, community events and activities have always been a priority for Past Grand Master Rodney A. Paulsen and his wife Virginia. Now it is their turn to champion a cause near and dear to their hearts, donating blood.

PGM Paulsen's commitment to this project is evident. He has been a blood donor for more than 50 years and actively supports its life-giving benefits through the blood drives sponsored by Masonic Lodges in Wisconsin.

Recently he was a beneficiary of his hard work – he received two blood transfusions while in the hospital. Anonymous donors helped save his life and he and Virginia are very grateful.

The "Rod Paulsen Blood Drive" will be held August 1 thru 6. There are many opportunities to be a donor:

Thursday, August 4 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Waukesha Masonic Center, 317 South St., Waukesha; Saturday, August 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Elkhorn Middle School; and August 1 through 6 at the Blood Center locations listed below.

Make it a lodge outing, carpool to a Drive or Donor Center. Bring your family, friends and community members with you.

To make an appointment go online at www.bcw.edu/donate/orRodPaulsen or call 1-877-232-4376, to reserve a time, especially if several are coming together. **Be sure to mention sponsor number #004915 and drive #DRV0108076.**

Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. Please bring a photo ID if possible.

Blood Center of Wisconsin Locations

Milwaukee - 638 N. 18th Street
Brown Deer - 5960 W. Brown Deer Road
Greenfield - 7210 W. Edgerton Avenue
Wauwatosa - 8733 W. Watertown Plank Road
Kenosha - 8064 39th Avenue
La Crosse - 1800 Jackson Street, Suite C
Manitowoc - 333 Reed Avenue
Marshfield - 508 N. Central Avenue, Suite 101
Racine - 1120 S. Sunnyslope Drive
Sheboygan - 1018 S. Taylor Drive
West Bend - 130 Valley Avenue
Waukesha - 2111 Springdale Road

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tion. This would require a significant Grand Lodge per capita increase in the neighborhood of about \$300,000 for the other members. It would also cause a significant increase in lodge dues. All five edicts issued by the Grand Master were approved as to form and legality. There were 24 bylaw changes and 91 special dispensations issued. There was one petition for the formation of a new Lodge named Nine Rivers Lodge. The report was accepted and approved.

Resolution No. 3 was presented by Junior Grand Warden Daniel L. Slavik, to designate Madison as the place to hold the Annual Communication for 2013. The motion passed.

Junior Grand Warden Slavik gave the Junior Grand Wardens report. The report is printed in the proceedings but had an important addendum to add. He thanked the Junior Wardens from the following Lodges for submitting their youth activities report: Waverly No. 51, Sun Prairie No. 143, Lake No. 189, Lafayette No. 265 and Wauwatosa No. 267.

The Junior Grand Warden read the following: Social media is becoming a predominant part of our personal life and Masonic activities we have moved from email and websites to communication tools such as Twitter, Facebook and blogs. When used correctly these tools can be great ways to communicate and promote the Lodge and Masonry in general. If not used correctly they can be a black eye to the individual and possibly the organization. As Junior Grand Warden and liaison to the youth groups I would like to remind you when it comes to tools such as Facebook, it is imperative that we act as Masons and not socialites. Law enforcement agencies scan profiles looking for adults with large numbers of youth as friends. Be sure that there is a specific reason for friending youth. There was one incident in particular that was brought to my attention where a girl felt she had to friend the adult as the only way to receive information on a different youth group and open events. Brothers, our youth should not be put in this position. If your lodge or appendant body uses social media as a communication tool my suggestion is to set up the page in the name of the organization and not a personal account. This will protect you and our youth while providing a continual form of communication when the originator is no longer in charge.

The Junior Grand Warden suggests that due to the fact that everyone does not use these tools, to not make them your only means of communication. The report was received.

Grand Master Harker stressed the importance of proper communication with youth. He urged the Brothers to take the message home See AC on page 10.

Thoughts for the Journey

By Reverend David R. Ritchie, Grand Chaplain

Sanctum Sanctorum or "Holy of Holies"

In our ritual, both the opening and closing as well as degree work, we mention a place called the Sanctum Sanctorum or "Holy of Holies". What is this place and why is this place so significant? Today the term "Sanctum" has a meaning of a private place or resting spot or a place of contemplation. The Sanctum Sanctorum was truly a very private place.

The Sanctum Sanctorum was the reason Solomon's Temple was built. It was the inner most room of the temple and very strictly guarded. It was reached by passing through the gates, and the courtyard, through the porch on which stood two pillars (J&B), into the vestibule, then into the Holy place or middle chamber and then finally to the doors of the inner chamber or "Holy of Holies". Inside of these doors was the Ark of the Covenant.

When Moses brought the commandments down from Mt. Sinai the stone tablets were laid in the Ark along with other reminders of the exodus from Egypt. The Ark was in essence a mobile temple which was necessary for a people wandering in a desert. The ark was seen as the place that the presence of God dwelt. Moses was then commanded to construct a tabernacle to house the Ark.

The Tabernacle was a large tent which could be moved. It was partitioned off into rooms by hanging curtains. One of these partitioned rooms served as the resting place of the Ark or "Holy of Holies".

Centuries later David, King of Israel, ordered the Tabernacle brought to Jerusalem, the seat of his government. It was his plan to build a permanent structure to house the Ark. David, however, was commanded that he should not build the temple but that his heir was to build it. That heir was Solomon, who enlisted the help of Hiram, King of Tyre. Tyre was a land rich in natural resources needed for building the temple and complete with skilled workman to aid in the building. To oversee the work Solomon brought in one Hiram, a widow's son.

When the temple was complete the Ark of the Covenant was brought into the Sanctum Sanctorum and there given its home. The inner chamber became the dwelling place for the presence of God. During the centuries that the Temple of Solomon stood only the High Priest entered the "Holy of Holies". Once each year he would enter, offer sacrifices, and utter the name of God for all the people of Israel. This was after weeks of preparation and purification. No one else dared enter the dwelling place in the presence of God. The other priests and Temple officers worshiped in the middle and outer chambers. The populace at large worshiped in the courtyard. Each gateway, each door, strictly guarded so that only those who had permission could pass by.

To stand in the Sanctum Sanctorum was to stand in God's presence. The inner chamber was why the Temple was constructed on Mt. Moriah.

Today we gather in a representation of that room, The three Great lights and the three lesser give the room its higher meaning. The light of the Grand Architect of the Universe shining on the East. Here we do our work, much like the High priest who offered sacrifice for all Israel, we work for the betterment of all mankind and of ourselves. From the Tiler guarding the outer door to the Master overseeing the work, that room, the inner chamber, the Sanctum Sanctorum should be very real to us as Masons. May your lodge room be that private place of rest and contemplation.

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Question: I would like to know anything about James Garfield Lodge No. 309. That was the lodge my grandfather belonged to and I cannot find any information about it, other than it was in Glendale. What was the lodge's address? Why did it dissolve? Where are its lodge records stored; I would like to access them and learn more about my grandfather. Any information would be appreciated!

Bro. Jason Williams
Damascus No. 290

Answer: Garfield Lodge was created on the north side of Milwaukee in early 1914 by H.R. Graham, Stanton May, Gustave Weis, George Stietz, Henry Paape, Herman Schulenberg, James Pieterston, and E.W. Sikes. It was named Garfield Lodge in honor of assassinated President James A. Garfield, who was also a Mason.

It received dispensation in June 1914 with its first Master being Henry Mayrand. The Grand Lodge chartered the lodge as Garfield Lodge No. 309 in June 1915. The name of the lodge was changed to James A. Garfield Lodge in March 1922. The first meeting of the Lodge was held in the basement of Auer Avenue Methodist Church on 24th and Auer. Later it moved to St. Paul's Mission House Guild Hall on 12th and Center Street.

October 1921 was when the Lodge moved to its newly constructed building on 27th and Chambers. The history of Garfield Lodge had its up and downs. In the 1920's it flourished by annually conferring over 200 degrees each year, but as the calendar rolled into the 1930's, the lodge was doing everything possible to keep from losing its building to the bank. Three lodges came to the rescue; Milwaukee Lodge, Hiram W. Sawyer Lodge, and James M. Hays Lodge. With these lodges becoming tenants and paying rent, bequests from members, and a life membership program, the Lodge was able to burn its mortgage in 1947.

In the 1940's and 50's, the lodge again flourished and was busy conferring many degrees. Saturday degree work was common with raising as many as six Master Masons in one day.

In 1969, the lodge purchased a one-third ownership interest in the Milwaukee/Hays/Garfield building located on Green Bay Avenue, in Glendale. As time passed, the Lodge struggled again. This time they did not recover. It surrendered its charter on September 1, 1999, and all of its members were transferred by the Grand Secretary, George Wallinger to James M. Hays Lodge No. 331. Bro. Richard Black was the Grand Master at this time.

Information in this answer and much historical information about Wisconsin lodges can be found in a two-volume publication by the Wisconsin Grand Lodge called *Forward Freemasonry*.

To learn more about your Grandfather, contact the secretary of Hays lodge. He might be able to help you gain access to records. Also, there might be records about

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Bro. John M. Krahn receives the Masonic Heroes Award from Grand Master Joseph B. Harker and congratulations from Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. at the 2011 Annual Communication. Bro. Krahn is a nine year member of Freemasons Lodge No. 363.

Photo by Rich Rygh

Bro. John Krahn Receives Masonic Heroes Award

On Memorial Day in 2009 Bro. John M. Krahn, an officer of the Elm Grove Police Department, was directing vehicles going to a parade through an intersection, when the warning lights and gates on the railroad line in the middle of the intersection activated. Traffic was moving very slowly and vehicles were trapped within the railroad gates. People began driving around the gates to get off of the tracks. As a lady in a minivan with her two year old son tried to get out of the way of the oncoming train, the wheels of her van became stuck between the tracks facing the train as it was approaching.

Officer Krahn ran toward the minivan shouting to the driver to get out of the vehicle. The train horn began sounding as Bro. Krahn reached the van. The ladies husband and father of the boy had been following them in another vehicle and also ran to assist and attempted to free the child.

Bro. Krahn opened the driver's door, unlocked her seatbelt and got her out of the vehicle. Then, risking his own life, with the train rapidly approaching, he went to assist the father in rescuing the young boy, still in his car seat. The imminent impact of the train only seconds away.

The 94-car train hit the minivan at 40 mph. The impact threw Bro. Krahn and the father 20

feet through the air, seriously injuring both men. The train pushed the minivan 200 feet down the tracks before the van broke free and was pushed aside. Miraculously the child was found in the back seat of the minivan unharmed.

Question: I have submitted corrections for the Multi Lettered Cipher many times. Are these corrections being used?

Bro. Wayne

Answer: The Grand Lecturer has received the corrections mentioned and some of the information may or may not be recorded into the new cipher. Because the Grand Secretary orders ciphers in large volumes, corrections might not be seen immediately. However, ordering new Multi Lettered ciphers is in process and some of the information has been incorporated.

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

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The father, mother and boy all survived the crash.

Bro. Krahn, among other injuries, suffered broken ribs, pelvis, and multiple leg fractures. He also suffered major nerve damage. He still remains on crutches after several surgeries and many hours of physical therapy. Walking still causes intense pain.

At the time of the accident he and his wife Cyndi had been married only seven months.

Bro. Krahn returned to work doing desk duty in April of 2010. He was optimistic he could return to duty. He recently realized, however, that full recovery wasn't going to happen and he left the Elm Grove Police Department.

Bro. Krahn's future remains very uncertain. He can get around on crutches and may be able to someday walk on his own.

Bro. John M. Krahn is certainly deserving of this Award, he is a man all Masons can be very proud to call Brother.

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NOTES FROM THE GRAND LECTURER

By Brother Kenneth C. Gorgen

My Brothers,

In most of the Wisconsin lodge's ritual, it is not until the Master Mason degree that the candidate is actually taught to reflect on his life, hopefully well spent, along with the fact that we are all mortal and as from dust we came to dust we must all return. However, in French and Scottish Rite Masonry, the candidate is confronted with this reality before being made a Mason by having to experience the Chamber of Reflection prior to any degree work.

A Chamber of reflection is a small room adjoining the Lodge. The candidate is enclosed for the purpose of indulging in serious meditations or reflections before any degree work commences. It is a most curious place of interest to Masons and non-masons alike. Author Dan Brown, a non-mason, introduces his readers to the Chamber of Reflection in his fictional book the "Lost Symbol". The Chamber and its contents is described by searchers looking for a room in the subbasement of the Capital building in Washington D.C. They find the room and upon entering are confronted with the following sight. He writes, "... but the light was enough to illuminate the shape of a pallid and ghostly face, staring back at them through lifeless sockets. "A human skull". There are various symbols and artifacts in the room, all of which have significance and meaning. If you are interested, the complete dialog is in chapter 36 on page 149.

The Chamber is a somber place. Its atmosphere is designed to create an awakening in the candidate or the shocking reality that he is about to undergo a different journey from any other journey he has taken in his life. Being alone in the Chamber is extremely important. As quoted from the Masonic Encyclopedia, "It is only in solitude that we can deeply reflect upon our present or future undertakings, and blackness, darkness, or solitariness, is ever a symbol of death. "A man who has undertaken a thing after mature reflection seldom turns back."

Wow! If we think about what that last paragraph says, the Chamber becomes the rude awakening that the journey about to be undertaken is going to be different, and not at all easy. In our own company of silence, our minds are stimulated by what all of this might mean. The symbols in the room and on the desk stimulate one's emotions, and if a candidate is strong enough to handle the seriousness of his thoughts at this time, he will proceed and hopefully be ever changed. If he is not serious, then it is time to leave and not return. If he came for material gain, his journey will be wasted and he should leave.

Think back to the time you first experienced the degrees in Masonry. Imagine the thoughts that the Chamber might stimulate in your mind. As a new candidate sitting at the desk in solitude you would feel anxious and exhilarated by this new and different experience; your thoughts would begin to focus entirely within the confines of this room and artifacts displayed. The outside world would be shut out. This is serious, and if I pass the test, what might await me. Of course, the reality of one's own mortality would be evident, and as a young and soon to be Entered Apprentice, these thoughts would be new and shocking and have never crossed your mind prior to this day.

You could be confronted with four questions to answer and reflect upon; three of them about your duty to God, yourself, and your fellowman. The last one would again reinforce your thoughts about your last hour arriving and the legacy you would leave behind. Sitting at the desk among the artifacts, your comfort level would be at a very low level. Time is critical to write your answers. Think, at this moment, in the next 60 seconds, how would you answer these questions?

As you look around the room, you will see an anagram; VITRIOT. As Carlos Antonio Martinez Jr. writes in the Anteroom or Chamber of Reflection; an omitted and indispensable part of our Ritual, "... he (the new candidate) remembers reading a particular word with three points between each letter: V:I:T:R:I:O:L: "At that time, our young initiate did not know its meaning . . .", but later, "... he will find its significance, that of visiting and knowing his Inner Side/Nature, and submitting to a Self-Examination of Conscience with which he must reflect over his actions and deeds, and, thus, discover his Internal Self or Hidden Stone, the Philosophers Stone of the Alchemists, the Rough Ashlar of the Free-Mason."

Think about being exposed to this prior to initiation. However, if you were initiated in Wisconsin and it was not Aurora Lodge, the opportunity to experience the Chamber of Reflection was not given. That does not stop you now from reflecting on the four questions listed earlier and answer them while thinking about your experiences before, during, and after receiving your degrees. Also, take time to reflect upon the new Masonic year that is just starting. Take time in solitude to recognize that time is of the essence, and again answer those four questions.

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

Feedback and questions are always welcome. Contact Grand Lecturer Ken Gorgen at jkgorgen@att.net or 262-691-0859

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Many of you have asked me what I am planning to do after 19+ years at Three Pillars.

First of all, it may be nice to have a second cup of coffee without having to look at the clock! But really, I am planning to be able to spend more time with my family. My children live in the area and I have three grandchildren that have activities that I want to be able to attend. They are growing up too fast for me. I will be traveling to Iowa in July to visit my older sister and we will do some traveling together. It is going to be a time that I can catch up with some old friends that I haven't seen for years. Plus, I already have a couple of trips planned before the end of the year.

But I will certainly miss Three Pillars; especially the residents who greet me each day and those who remind me that "It's time to go home." Many of you have shared your joys and sorrows; which gave me an opportunity to give a big hug. (I will especially miss those.) You have all become like family to me. In my years here, I have helped many new residents move in and unfortunately grieved as some have passed away.

I am so honored to have been a staff member of an organization that continues to strive to serve its residents better each year. Those of you, who have never been here, please come and take a look for yourself. You will be surprised at what we have here. We have come a long way since I started and I am sure we are not done yet!!!

The time has come to say GOODBYE and "thank you" for all the memories.

Ice Cream Time is Back

Residents from Compass Point and Village on the Square are again enjoying ice cream treats every Thursday throughout the summer.



MASONWOODS

Harry Meyer, a resident at Mason Woods has an interesting hobby. He makes furniture from "bush willow". In the past years he has made chairs, settees, tables, baskets, magazine racks and trellis'.

This type of willow grows in wet areas and must be cut and used fresh so it will bend to the desired shape. Unfortunately, in the last several years there has been a decline in availability. This is due to road crews cutting back on this willow and diverting the water supply. Consequently, the crafting of this furniture has come to a standstill.

However, many of his family and friends have benefited from his expertise and are enjoying his works in their homes.



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By Bro. Todd Wohlert

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The steak fry is \$10 and you don't need to ride to join us.

Tickets and information are available by calling Bro. Al at 608-487-1692 or email zormidgets@gmail.com.

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Master Craig Carpenter with the Grand Master's Sesquicentennial certificate.

Those present retired to the Masonic Center for the Reconsecration Ceremony.

Master Craig Carpenter welcomed everyone and stated that the Brethren of Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128 are now desirous that their Lodge should be reconsecrated and the current officers ceremoniously reinstated for the purpose of this 150th anniversary celebration.

Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. and 12 Grand Lodge Officers entered the Lodge and according to ancient usage reconstituted the Brethren of the Lodge.

The Grand Master explained that to build an edifice certain basics must be met. The site, foundation and materials must be long lasting. The same is true of the men who will operate the Lodge. These men must be properly trained and trustworthy in their tasks. He explained the operative and speculative uses of the square, level and plumb. He also explained the symbolism of the corn, wine and oil used in the ceremony.

The officers of the Lodge took their oath of office and the Grand Master declared the Lodge reconstituted.

The Grand Master thanked the Lodge for the opportunity to be part of their celebration and wished them another 150 years.

A history of Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128 will appear in the September issue of *The Wisconsin Masonic Journal*.

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Wisconsin Masonic Charities Honors Widows

By Rich Rygh

The Wisconsin Masonic Charities hosted a "Widows at the Table Dinner" to honor the widows of our departed Brothers on May 24. The event was held in the Glenn L. Humphrey Room at the beautiful Village on the Square at the Three Pillars Senior Living Communities Campus in Dousman.

Director of Development Coordinator Erika Miller passed out red roses to each of the ladies present. Lady Mary Harker presented the ladies with her "Little Angel Pin".

Director of Development William Barnes and President of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Gary Beier welcomed the Ladies and explained Wisconsin Masonic Charities' part in subsidizing the Wisconsin Masonic Home. Bro. Beier extended his appreciation for the great support provided by the



Grand Master Joseph B. Harker explains his pleasure in being a part of the growth of the Three Pillars Senior Living Communities Campus.

Grand Master and the Grand Lodge as well as the many financial supporters throughout our Masonic Fraternity.

Grand Master Joseph B. Harker, Chairman of the Board of the Wisconsin Masonic Home told of what a pleasure it was to be a part of the Three Pillars building of Hickory Suites and the Wellness Center. He thanked Bro. Bill Barnes and Erika Miller for all their work in getting this event organized and said he hoped it would become a regular event.

Senior Grand Warden Dennis V. Siewert gave a talk on Masonic Charity and what it meant to him and his family. He lost his father in 1963 when he was only 17. His mother was left with no house, five kids and \$300. He told of the help received from the Masons in the community and how Masons

would come up and put a five, ten or even a twenty dollar bill in his pocket and ask him to see that his mother got it. Twenty dollars was a lot of money in the 1960s. At the time he didn't know anything about Masons or who these men were. He soon learned however, and became a Mason himself in 1973. His son is a sixth generation Mason and a Past Master.

Senior Grand Warden Siewert explained from first hand knowledge how Masonic Charity works and how Masons take care of their widows and orphans.

A Masonic widow's pin was presented to each of the widows by Bro. Bill Barnes. Grand Master Harker read an explanation of the meaning of the various symbols depicted on the pin.

All Grand Lodge officers and former Grand Lodge officers present were called to the front to observe a moment of silence in memory of our departed Brothers and Bro. Bill Barnes proposed a toast in their honor.

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

The Widow's Pin

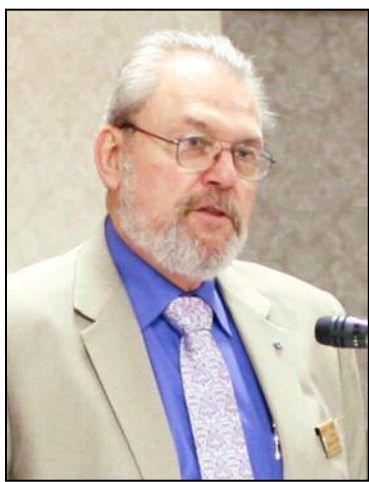


The symbols on this pin express some very important Masonic concepts.

The wreath which encircles the pin has always been the symbol of a victor, one who has won a prize. It denotes, in this instance, the successful Masonic life of our brother, your husband, through his service and devotion to the Craft and its ideals. The outline of the state of Wisconsin signifies that your husband's service to the Craft and to persons took place within the boundaries of Wisconsin.

The Square and Compasses with the "G" at the center has been the basic Masonic symbol for generations representing the Worshipful Master and the Craft. By this symbol Masons are taught to square their actions and to keep them within due bounds. Its inclusion is to remind us that your husband had pledged himself to the duties, obligations and high ideals of Freemasonry which he expressed by his life and relationships.

In the center of this pin there is a broken column. In ancient times a column or pillar was used to symbolize a prince, noble or other prominent leader. This was to symbolize that person as one who helped support, or hold up, the laws of the state or nation. A broken column, then, denotes a fallen or deceased individual who had been a valuable leader of his nation. In Masonry this broken column represents the untimely death of one who was a legendary leader of Masonry. It's symbolism today on this pin is that a strong supporter and practitioner of Masonic ideals has left us, but his influence and spirit remain alive in his family, friends, lodge and nation.



Senior Grand Warden Dennis V. Siewert explains Masonic Charity.



Director of Development Bro. William Barnes proposes a toast in memory of our departed Brothers.



Delores Sell-Fredrich receives an "Angel Pin" from Lady Mary Harker.

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By Bro. William Barnes
Director of Development

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Grand Lodge Officers for 2011-2012 are Installed



Most Worshipful Bro. Davey L. White Jr., takes the oath of office to become the Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin.

By Rich Rygh

Bro. Keith Turner, Master of Warren Lodge No. 4, Potosi, and his officers, opened the Grand Lodge for the installation of the Grand Officers for 2011-2012 on Friday evening, June 10.

The Grand Lodge officers entered the auditorium followed by Grand Master Joseph B. Harker escorted by his wife Mary. Grand Master Elect Davey L. White Jr. was escorted by his father Davey L. White Sr. and his twin brother, Bro. Danny White. His daughters Dana and Nicole placed the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses on the Altar.

The flag was presented by the Wisconsin Grand Commandery under the direction of Right Imminent Grand Commander Harold C. Peterson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Bro.

Robert Roth presented a toast to the flag on behalf of the Sojourners. Bro. Jim Sedgwick sang the National Anthem.

Bro. Turner turned the gavel over to PGM Keith D. Chamberlain, Installing Grand Master. PGM Chamberlain expressed how proud he was to see his very close friend and Brother installed as Grand Master. He appointed the Grand Master elect as Junior Grand Steward when he was Grand Master.

Installing Grand Chaplain Beecher Daniels, PGM, gave the prayer.

All Grand Lodge officers were installed with the exception of Senior Grand Warden Daniel L. Slavik who was attending his daughters graduation that evening.

Grand Master Davey L. White

Jr., was escorted to the East after his installation by Installing Grand Marshal Richard E. Black, PGM, under an Arch of Steel formed by the Wisconsin Grand Commandery.

The officers ladies sat in the chair of their spouses elected office until they were installed, upon which Assistant Installing Grand Marshal James H. Olson, PGM, introduced each lady and escorted her to the Altar to present the officer his collar.

A very proud Bro. Davey L. White Sr. was escorted to the East to accompany his son.

The Grand Master's hat was presented to him by his friends and Bros., Grand Marshal Jerry Potter and Grand Tiler Ronnie Jaacks. The Grand Master placed his hat on his fathers head.

The Grand Master introduced his wife Tammi, presented her with a bouquet of roses and thanked her for her understanding and support during his many years of service to the Fraternity.

The Grand Master thanked Warren Lodge No. 4, his home Lodge, for the opening.

He introduced each installing officer and explained how they

have helped him on his Masonic journey.

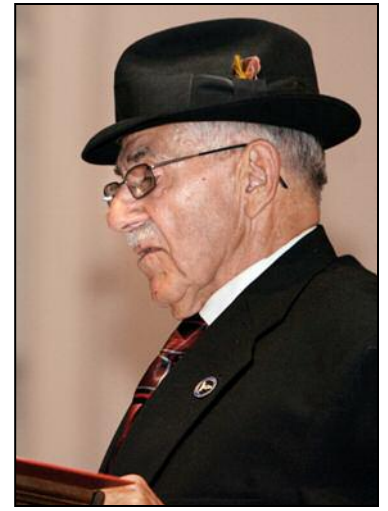
The Grand Master introduced Bro. Mark Strautman, CEO of Three Pillars and Mary Millard, Director of Fraternal Relations. He thanked them for the wonderful job they do and congratulated Mary on her upcoming retirement.

Grand Master White gave his address, thanking many people for their dedicated service and highlighting the many things the Masons in Wisconsin do. He also introduced a few changes coming up in the future.

He gave a special thank you to Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, for his friendship and guidance throughout the years. He also thanked him for bringing the technology used in the Grand Lodge to a new level.

He thanked his father and his mother, who passed away about a year ago, for their support and guidance. He thanked the many people dear to him who have done so much to make him who he is today and helped guide him on his journey to become Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin.

Potentate of Zor Shrine, Steve



Bro. Keith Turner, Master of Warren Lodge No. 4 opens the Lodge for installation.

Peterson presented the Grand Master his Grand Masters Fez.

The Bros. of Warren Lodge presented the Grand Master with a huge Mountain Dew bottle. Mountain Dew is his secret to staying awake on his many late night trips.

Bro. Jim "Jimbo the Clown" Herman presented the Grand Master with a commemorative plaque of his year as Grand Master.

PGM John W. Wilke presented the Grand Master with a beautiful shadow box displaying the pins of the 16 Grand Masters he has served under, arranged in the shape of the Masonic Emblem.

The Grand Master received many gifts from his family and his sister Rhonda, read a comment from each family member on what they would like to say to him that evening.

Deputy Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert closed the Lodge.

See more photos on page 17.



The Grand Master gets a hug from his daughters Dana and Nicole.

Photos by Rich Rygh

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possible. I again thank these Brothers for their hard work and dedication.

I am sure the progressive line officers will continue to meet monthly so we can continue to have the cohesiveness and programming that comes from a team effort. We all know more can be accomplished as a team than individually. I will also continue to hold monthly Skype conferences with the executive committee in order to address problems and concerns promptly and efficiently.

Our Most Worshipful Past Grand Master and Current Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf will again be conducting MORI Training during the upcoming year. He is always ready to assist the lodge secretaries and their assistants with any problems they may encounter while learning to navigate their way through the MORI system.

During this Masonic year, we will be implementing a Secretaries Training Seminar to be held in the Madison area on January 21 and 22, 2012. Please put this date on your calendar and plan on attending. The session will cover a wide variety of subjects and will be very useful to all who attend. In addition, we will be adding a section in the L.E.A. form to cover this training, with a large point total for participation in the event.

It is essential for lodge secretaries to participate in the training sessions offered by the Grand Lodge office staff. Continuing improvement in modern technology coupled with ever-changing government regulation has created a real need to offer this type of training to prepare our lodges for the future needs of our fraternity and society. I certainly hope you take advantage of this and any of the other programs offered by your Grand Lodge representatives. Your Grand Secretary is usually available during the normal business hours of the Grand Lodge office and will assist you in finding the answers to your questions.

The Grand Lodge Office staff consisting of Jan, Alicia, Cheryl, Erika and Bill are always ready to assist you or your lodge with questions, providing materials or awards, or pointing you in the right direction to get answers. We

have an excellent staff and each individual is extremely knowledgeable and patient. I have spent a great deal of time at the Grand Lodge office and logged many hours talking with them on the phone over the last 16 years. They have always provided me with the information I needed in a timely manner and I would like to thank them for all their help and assistance, it was greatly appreciated.

Our Director of Development Office personnel, consisting of Bro. Bill Barnes and Erika Miller stand ready to assist you with matching grant programs (and many others), letting you know what qualifies and the parameters you will need to operate within. Bro. Bill is a wealth of information and is willing to travel to your lodge and make presentations on these programs throughout the year.

Remember there are no stupid questions, they are all important to us.

The Wisconsin Masonic Home Inc. under the direction of Mark Strautman and his staff continues to be a shining example of what Masonry is about. The care and compassion shown the residents who reside there is second to none. The Board of Directors is to be applauded on their fine efforts also. They along with the staff have been very busy implementing the new by-law changes as well as handling continually changing government regulations. It truly is a very complex industry and I have enjoyed being on the board and learning more about it.

This last year we opened the new Hickory Suites Rehabilitation Center and the Health and Wellness Center on our campus. They are both state-of-the-art complexes and I encourage you to visit them when you're in the area. Please watch for upcoming festivities to be held on the campus and take the time to enjoy it's beautiful surroundings. The residents always enjoy sharing some time with visitors. This truly is one of our greatest charities and something we all can be proud of.

Our Wisconsin Masonic Foundation continues to look for and implement new programs. We all know about the AED program, which has been around for quite some time. Through our

efforts, the Masonic lodges and the Foundation have placed units in communities throughout the state, saving a number of lives by doing so. The Wisconsin Masonic Foundation has many matching grant programs available for the lodges to utilize and I encourage you to contact the foundation with any ideas you might have to see if they can assist you. It is a great way to become involved in your community and make a difference in the lives of many individuals. One of the new programs being implemented is the CPR anytime program which was kicked off in Richland Center earlier this year. I look forward to this program developing into a great success. Thanks to the board members for their hard work and innovative ideas.

My Brothers I would like to talk a bit about some of the programs we will continue as well as those we will be introducing. As most of you know, my start in this fraternity began with my ability to learn the ritual. This year we will be introducing a three-year program to be instituted at our Schools of Instruction. We will be covering one degree per year along with some additional sections. I, as well as the progressive line officers, recognize the need to bring the integrity and importance of our ritual back to our Schools of Instruction. Without our ritual teachings and people like Bro. Ernie Hiegal, our fraternity would not be what it is today.

The Lodge Excellence Award has been revamped, and we have moved all required sections into one section making it easier to follow and understand. We also cleared up a few sections we felt were either too confusing or were being manipulated by some lodges. I would ask that within a few weeks after Annual Communication the Masters, Wardens and Secretaries look this up on the Grand Lodge website to either adjust your current year or plan your upcoming year. This award is a great tool for the Wardens to utilize and will make planning their individual year much easier. The Planning Committee will be putting together a chart, which will be available to keep track of your lodge's activities as the year progresses.

The Education Committee has been charged with putting together several

new programs. We ask that you contact one of the progressive line officers and schedule them to make a presentation at your District Meeting or special lodge function. We would also ask that you try to schedule an officer from outside your respective district as we feel it is imperative that progressive line officers travel to other districts and get to know brothers from across the state. Our goal is to put together programs that we can take to the Midwest Conference on Masonic Education to share with the other jurisdictions attending.

We will be continuing to partner with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons Inc. through our annual joint Table Lodge. They will be hosting the event this year so please watch the Wisconsin Masonic Journal for future details. We would also like to expand our joint efforts in the future and I look forward to working with Most Worshipful Earl M. Thomas III in accomplishing our goals.

During the course of our travels, we also picked up a few programs at the North American Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries that we thought were worthwhile and are continuing to explore ways to implement these programs in Wisconsin.

One of the goals we have set this year is to have our progressive line officers attempt to visit every lodge in the state during the upcoming year. We have all traveled to Lodges that tell us they haven't seen a Grand Lodge Officer for years. This will change. I work third shift and am limited to the distance I can travel on Sunday through Thursday nights. However, if given enough notice, we will arrange for one of the officers to attend your function. If you would like me to attend your function, I would encourage you to schedule it on Friday through Sunday and give me advance notice. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

I would encourage all officers of the lodges to take the Code Correspondence Course and become familiar with it, especially when it comes to our ritual. We should all know what is permissible and what is not. I am not a fan of the "It's easier to do it and ask for forgiveness than to

ask for permission" approach. If forced to, I will make an example of those violating our code in this manner.

I would like to address my pin for the year. It stands for the tenants of our fraternity. Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. These are the foundation of our Fraternity, and if practiced on a regular basis in our daily lives, become a way of life. Our ritual states that "By the exercise of brotherly love Masonry unites men from every country, sect and opinion and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance" I feel sometimes we forget that simple statement and how fortunate we are to belong to such a fine institution, where we have the opportunity to broaden our horizons and friendships.

To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but more particularly on Masons, who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection. My brothers it's time we realize our duty and obligation to take care of our brothers in need. There are several resolutions being presented this year concerning suspension for non-payment of dues and providing for our elderly members. Often we get so wrapped up in the dollars and cents of our own budgets and today's society that we forget it's our obligation to provide for our Brothers in need. And, if that means paying their dues, so be it.

Truth is something we should strive to practice at all times and that's why there is an all seeing eye at the top of the compasses . . . to remind us that although we may hide things from the eyes of men, our great creator is keeping an eye on us at all times.

You may have noticed that I thanked some people several times. This was not done by accident. They deserve every thank you they received.

In closing I would like to thank my wife Tammi. Without her this would have been very hard to accomplish. She stayed home with the kids, taking them to ball games and other functions so I could do what I thought I needed to do to accomplish this goal.

Thank You!
Fraternally,
Davey L. White Jr.

News Events from the Lodges



Wilmot Lodge Blood Drive is huge success

On May 31, the Brethren of Wilmot Lodge No. 241 hosted a very successful blood drive for the Blood Center of Wisconsin; collecting 31 units of blood, which exceeded their goal of 25 units. Because each unit collected is separated and used three different ways (as red blood cells, platelets, and plasma), these 31 units have the capacity to save 93 lives. Thank you to the Brethren, the Blood Center, and especially to the donors for a great event! Wilmot Brethren in the attached photo, behind the Blood Center of Wisconsin staff are (from left): Dave Ploss, Joe Garbacky, Stan Gorsuch and Mike Wood.

Submitted by Bro. Mike Wood, Master



Rhineland Lodge assists homeless

Rhineland Lodge No. 242 presented a \$100 check to the Northwoods Alliance for Temporary Housing (NATH) on June 2. Northwoods Alliance for Temporary Housing exists to provide safe housing and basic needs to homeless families and individuals within an atmosphere of encouragement, respect, dignity, and hope; while nurturing and promoting self-sufficiency and independent living. NATH will actively promote public awareness of homelessness by partnering with Northwood's resource agencies and educating the community. NATH has recently purchased a large, historic home which is located at 204 West Frederick St. in Rhineland, which is currently undergoing renovation to be used as a shelter. The donation made by the Masonic Lodge will be used to assist NATH in achieving their goals. Tammy Modic Director of NATH receives the check from Bro. Dave Imlah, Master of Rhineland Lodge.

Submitted by Bro. Dave Imlah, Master

Dousman Lodge Sponsors 10th Annual Golf Outing

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

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

Rescue Squad, support for the building and program expansion projects of the Wisconsin Masonic Home, and many other community support projects.

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

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

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

Wilmot Lodge Cancels Fourth Annual Ride

By Bro. Mike Wood

It is with deep regret that, due to a lack of response and participation, Wilmot Lodge No. 241 has voted to cancel it's Fourth Annual Benefit Ride and Family Fun Fair for Saturday, July 18.

This difficult decision is mitigated by our looking forward to and planning for a future endeavor to benefit our community.

Our sincere thanks to all of those whom have given us their time, effort, and support.

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



Ozaukee Lodge honors ladies

Ozaukee Lodge No. 17 honored their Ladies with a "Ladies at the Table" on May 14. Bro. Sid Arthur, Master, presented Pam Bannister with an Honorary Past Master's Certificate, posthumously honoring her late husband Junior Warden Ed Bannister III. She was also presented a Masonic Widows pin. Bro. Bannister's photo will be displayed with the other Past Masters of the Lodge. The meal for the evening had an Italian theme and was prepared by Bro. Erwin Wuehr and his lady Denise. There were 32 people in attendance.

Submitted by Bro Erwin Wuehr

Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge Hosts Lake Country Masonic Golf Outing

The 9th Annual Lake Country Masonic Golf Outing to benefit the "Pay it Forward" campaign of Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge No. 42 will be held on Monday, July 18.

The event is held at the exclusive championship golf course, The Legend at Brandybrook, in Wales.

This year's entry fee is \$165 per person or \$600 per four-some. This includes 18 holes of golf (cart included), on a private championship course; range & locker facilities available before your round; lunch before the round and on-course beverages; raffles, silent and live auction.

The field is limited to 144 players.

There are hole prizes for longest drive, longest putt, closest to the pin and more. There is a putting contest for a chance to win \$5,000 in cash and a hole-in-one prize of a new Ford Mustang GT Convertible. Each team will receive a complimentary photograph.

Registration and lunch are at 11:00 a.m. Tee time for the shotgun start is noon.

The evening will feature a beer/wine limited open bar and a banquet featuring a four course meal at 6:00 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$50 per person,

\$90 per couple.

Sponsorship opportunities are available: for more information, contact Contact Rob Rohloff 414-899-7381, Tom Ewald 262-201-4036, or Michael Radichel 414-861-6003.

There is still space available for interested parties to golf. Singles, two-somes, or three-somes will be matched up.

Visit www.lakecountrymasonicgolfouting.com for sponsorship details and registration form. You may register and pay fees online.

The event is open to all, including non-Masons. There will be special contests for women and men.

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News Events from the Lodges



Bro. Glen Clary honored for 50 years

Grand Inspector, Brad Andrukitis of the Grand Lodge of Maryland presented Bro. Glen Clary, a member of Juneau Lodge No 103, New Lisbon, his 50 Year Service Award. The presentation took place in Collington Lodge No. 230, Bowie, Maryland, of which Bro. Clary is a PM and member. He resides in Davidson, Maryland. Bro. Clary was raised in Juneau Lodge on June 25, 1960.

Submitted by Bro. Glen Clary



Clear Lake Lodge celebrates remodeling with open house

The Brethren of Clear Lake Lodge No. 230 invited the community of Clear Lake to an open house on May 21, to view the major remodeling recently completed at their downtown facility. Those attending were greeted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, Bro. Joseph B. Harker; Junior Grand Deacon Frank Struble, of Chetek; and Clear Lake Master Steve Ruble. The building received a face lift, "Bringing it back to its original splendor," said Grand Master Harker. Brethren who helped the lodge celebrate their open house (from left): Vern Engebretson, long time secretary of the lodge; Steve Ruble, Master; Most Worshipful Grand Master Harker; Junior Grand Deacon Frank Struble; Larry Riemenschneider of the Zor Divan and incoming Potentate; and Barry Ausen, President of the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer



Bro. Palisch achieves 65 years

Bro. Mark Steckel, Master, Mystic Tie Lodge No. 280, presented Bro. Clarence O. "Bud" Palisch his 65 year certificate and pin at his home on June 8. Bro. Bud was raised in North Star Lodge No. 23, St. Cloud, Minn. on Nov. 8, 1946. He affiliated with Mystic Tie Lodge in Ladysmith, on Sept. 25, 1981. His fellow Lodge Bros. are very proud of his achievement of 65 years of faithful service to the fraternity.

Submitted by Bill Howard Secretary/Treasurer

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Kegonsa Lodge honors 50 year members

By Rich Rygh

Bro. Robert Markham, Master of Kegonsa Lodge No. 73, Stoughton, welcomed 70 plus Brethren, family members and friends to a dinner honoring 25 and 50 year Masons on June 7.

All ladies present received a red carnation.

Grand Master Joseph B. Harker and Grand Tiler Frank Mayer were on hand for the occasion.

Grand Master Harker presented 50 year certificates, pins and cards to Bros. Donald Helmke, Edwin Nelson and David Skavlen.

Bro. Donald Helmke was raised on November 15, 1960; Bro.

Edwin Nelson was raised on June 6, 1961 and served the Lodge as Master in 1993; and Bro. David Skavlen was raised on February 21, 1961 and served as Master in 1968. The Brethren reflected on their Masonic history and thanked everyone for attending, especially the Grand Master.

Grand Master Harker, thanked the Brethren for the opportunity to serve as Grand Master this past year. He stressed the importance of membership and encouraged everyone to talk to those people you think would be good members and encourage them to join. The Grand Master

said, "There are a lot of people out there that each and everyone of you know, that in their heart and in their mind they have all of the attributes that would make them a good Mason or Eastern Star member, they just haven't asked you for that petition yet."

Master Robert Markham concluded the evening with a prayer.

Pictured front row (from left): Bros. Edwin Nelson, David Skavlen and Donald Helmke. Standing: Grand Master Joseph B. Harker and Kegonsa Lodge No. 73 Master Robert Markham.

Attend and Support Your Lodge!



Grand Master Harker presents the Grand Master's Meritorious Service Award to Bro. Henry Pynakker.

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and be sure your Brothers understand it.

Senior Grand Warden Dennis V. Siewert urged the Brethren to read his report which is printed in the pre-proceedings. He also offered an addendum to that report. He stated many people have asked him about his health. He said at the last Annual Communication he wasn't feeling well. On August 1 he went to the doctor and was diagnosed with stage four gastroesophageal cancer, he did 38 sessions of radiation 24 hours a day for five days on a chemo pump, one day in a chair in a chemo clinic and on Dec. 28, weighing 330 lbs. he underwent surgery where one third of his stomach was removed and relocated, his esophagus was rebuilt from parts of his stomach, his bowels taken thence and stretched, he had a hernia repaired and his gall bladder removed. He spent 18 days in the hospital followed by more chemotherapy. He said, "My Brothers as Freemasons I believe we have the largest support group, your concerns have overwhelmed me." He thanked everyone for their prayers and concerns and stated "I am now 110 lbs. lighter, cancer free and feeling good." The report was accepted.

District Deputy Scott Pedley presented the report of the District Deputies. He thanked the lodges for the many courtesies extended and reported on the many activities of the Deputies including District Meetings and lodge inspections. Email groups have been established in the Districts for regular communication between the lodges. The report was received.

Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. introduced his report as printed in the pre-proceedings and presented some of the highlights. He explained the amount of work a Deputy Grand Master has to do to prepare for the upcoming year and thanked Grand Master Harker for the many hours of help he has provided. He thanked Grand Treasurer John A. Benedict for his hard work with the budgets and insurance coverage and he extended his thanks to Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, who he said has been a source of inspiration, knowledge and friendship to him for the last 16 years. The report was received.

Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf gave the report of the tellers from the election as follows: Wisconsin Masonic Journal Board for a term of three years, PGM Keith Chamberlain; Benevolent Activities Board for three year terms, PGM John Wilke, Grand Master Joseph B. Harker and PGM Rodney Paulsen; Grand Trustee for a five year term, Bro. Steven Ritt; Grand Secretary, Michael A. DeWolf, PGM; Grand Treasurer, John A. Benedict; Junior Grand Warden, William Beecher; Senior Grand Warden, Daniel L. Slavik; Deputy Grand Master, Dennis V. Siewert; and Grand Master, Davey L. White Jr.

Grand Master Joseph B. Harker gave his report which is printed on page 13.

Report on Appeals and Grievances Committee was given by PGM Stephen D. Willett. There were no appeals. The Grand Master has followed the code and has expelled two Bros. for felony convictions. Neither expulsion was appealed. The report was adopted and the expulsions were confirmed.

The Grand Master presented Bro. John M. Krahn with the Masonic Heroes Award. It is an award which is seldom made, but deemed appropriate for this Brother. Bro. Krahn received a standing ovation. See story on page 3.

Bro. George Seghers, Executive Director of the George Washington Masonic Memorial thanked the Brethren for their financial support of the Memorial and PGM J.B. Van Hollen for his service on the board. Bro. Seghers presented the Grand Lodge with the new Memorial Crest to honor the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin for its \$1.00 per member support and a Certificate of Appreciation to Grand Master Harker for his support.

The Grand Master presented a 60 year award to Bro. Hugh C. Wyatt, a member of Baraboo Lodge No. 34. He was raised on June 13, 1951. Bro. Wyatt resides in Gloucester, Virginia.

The Brethren broke for lunch at noon and upon returning Grand Master Harker announced that because the communication was running behind schedule the afternoon breakout sessions will be delayed and possibly cancelled.

Upon reconvening Past Grand Master Joseph Rival of New Jersey presented a very stout gavel, which should certainly withstand any and all raps, to Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, who has on occasion been known to splinter the handles of a gavel or two.

PGM Keith Chamberlain presented Grand Master Harker with

a bound file of the Wisconsin Masonic Journals published while he was Grand Master.

Senior Warden Andy Hodges presented Grand Master Harker a new gavel from Chetek Lodge No. 277 and informed Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White Jr., there is a new gavel waiting for him when he visits their Lodge.

PGM Allan E. Iding informed the Brethren of a new Chapter of DeMolay recently instituted in Eau Claire and that DeMolay is again on the rise in Wisconsin. He presented Grand Master Joseph B. Harker, a Senior DeMolay from Capital Chapter in Platteville, a life time membership in the DeMolay Alumni Association.

District Deputy H. Scott Paulson informed the Grand Master how the District Deputies that have worked with him these past years have become a family. He therefore presented the Grand Master with a family portrait taken at a staff meeting in Belmont.

Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, presented the highlights of his report which was printed in the pre-proceedings. The Grand Lodge is moving forward in technology and the website is now managed fully in house. He stressed the importance of the many leads we receive from the website resulting in many new members. We now average 2.6 leads per day. He is planning a Jan. 21-22, 2012, statewide secretaries training seminar in Madison. This seminar will be a two day event and include legal information, finance, electronic minutes and many other topics. This topics will be presented by professionals in various fields and will provide very valuable information to the secretaries.

Grand Treasurer John A. Benedict gave the report of the Expenditures Committee and the Grand Treasurer's report. He highlighted some of the highlights of the Treasurer's Report printed in the pre-proceedings. He reported \$41,962 was received for new PMP memberships and the Service and Assistance Fund had a payout of almost \$55,000. The youth funds paid out just over \$27,000. The report was received. In the Treasurer's Report he stated things that happened this year affecting the budget were a drastic increase in group health coverage premium and there were five staff meetings this last budget year. There were also still some attorney fees from the Wisconsin Masonic Home bylaw changes.

The new budget will exceed our current expenses by only about one percent. The amount paid to each hospital for MSA support will go from \$300 to \$400.

Resolution No. 2 was presented by the Grand Treasurer. This resolution would provide for the per capita tax to remain in the amount of \$37. The resolution passed.

Resolution No. 1 was also presented by the Grand Treasurer



Grand Master Harker presents the Grand Master's Meritorious Service Award to Bro. Harold Christensen.

Bro. Robert Gorsuch gave the Grand Trustees Report which will be printed in full in the final proceedings. At the beginning of the fiscal year May 1, 2010 the Grand Lodge Marketable Securities Investments were \$8,764,000, on April 30, 2011 the assets had a value of \$9,932,000. The Grand Trustees transferred cash in the amount of \$376,000 during the fiscal year for Grand Lodge operations. The total return for the Grand Lodge investments for the fiscal year was 16.9% the equity portion had a total return of 22%, and the fixed income return was 4.9%. The report was accepted.

Senior Grand Steward Donald W. Hensiak stated the Report of the Wisconsin Benevolent Activities Board is printed in the pre-proceedings and asked for its approval. The report was approved. He introduced Bro. William Barnes, Director of Development. The Grand Master presented PGM George Wallinger with a plaque in appreciation for his years of service to the Benevolent Activities Board.

Bro. Gary Beier gave a report on behalf of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation. He referred to the report in the pre-proceedings. He introduced and explained the CPR Anytime program available to the lodges. He also referred to the success of the Project ADAM program and reported that 75% of the high schools in Wisconsin now have AEDs. The report was accepted.

Junior Grand Deacon Franklin Struble referred to the Wisconsin Masonic Home report printed in the pre-proceedings. He explained the new structure this year with the Grand Master serving as the chairman of the board and himself as the president. He reported on some great accomplishments this year, the opening of the new Hickory Suites and the Wellness Connection.

PGM Keith D. Chamberlain asked for the reports of the Service and Assistance Board and Wisconsin Masonic Journal Board be accepted as printed in the pre-proceedings. They were received.

Grand Master Harker presented the Grand Master's Meritorious Service Awards to Bros. Harold Christensen and Henry Pynakker. Bro. Christensen was raised on May 10, 1966. He is a member of New Richmond Lodge No. 195. He has served as District 2 Lecturer from 2000 to the present time. He has been secretary of his lodge since 2001. Bro. Pynakker was raised December 1, 1981 and is a member of Dousman Lodge No. 315, Glenn L. Humphrey Lodge No. 364, Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge No. 42 and Silas H. Shepherd Lodge No. 1843. He has served as an Area Administrator and as District Lecturer in District 9 since 2009.

PGM Beecher Daniels reported on the Masonic Service Association. He introduced the four representatives of the hospitals in the Wisconsin: Bros. Thomas Dowman, LaVerne Storkson, Harry Smith and Charles Wallens as the men who lead our Masonic volunteers. He made a request for any volunteer help available, even if only a few hours per month. The Grand Master presented a service certificate of appreciation to Bro. Steven C. Hanson for his many years for service to the veterans at the Tomah VAMC. Grand Master Harker also presented a distinguished service award to Bro. Charles Wallens for 10 years of service to MSA. PGM Beecher Daniels presented the Grand Master with an appreciation certificate for his support of the MSA. PGM Beecher Daniels was also presented a 10 year certificate of service from the Masonic Service Association of North America.

PGM Allan E. Iding moved the adoption of the report of the Foreign Relations Report as printed in the pre-proceedings. This report was adopted providing for the recognition of the National Grand Lodge of Azerbaijan, the Grand Lodge of Cyprus, The Sovereign Grand Lodge of Malta and the Grand Lodge of Slovakia.

Grand Chaplain Donald Liff presented the Necrology Report. We have lost 499 Brothers in the last year, including three Past Grand Masters.

Bro. Joseph Pronnet, Master of Aurora Lodge No. 30, gave a short talk on Aurora Lodge. The Lodge is a German speaking lodge, he invited Brothers to visit and experience their German ritual. He put out a challenge; if a Brother brings a German speaking individual to the Lodge that eventually becomes a member of the Lodge, Aurora Lodge will come to that Brother's lodge and present a degree.

Grand Master Harker thanked the Brethren that submitted resolutions to be considered at this Annual Communication. Several of those resolutions were not approved as to form or

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Nine Rivers Lodge received their charter under dispensation for one year, at which time if they meet the requirements, they will be presented with a permanent charter at the next Annual Communication. Nine Rivers Lodge is located in District 2 and will hold its first meeting at the Landmark Masonic Center, 109 United Way, Frederic, on July 11 at 7:30 p.m. They will be meeting around the district throughout the year. All Master Masons are most welcome to attend. Front row (from left): Past Grand Master Joseph B. Harker; James Parent; Mike Epson; Tom Christiano; Junior Grand Warden William Beecher, Master; Kevin LeQue; William Reed; H. Scott Paulson; and Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. Second row: William Kessler, Steven Schwartz, Larry Ganske, Senior Grand Deacon Franklin J. Struble, District 5 Deputy James Kent, District 2 Deputy Gary Stang and Rick Swan.

to approve a budget for 2011-2012 calling for expenditures of \$879,645. Past Grand Master Beecher Daniels, MSA Representative Wisconsin, called the Bros. attention to page 34 of the proceedings regarding the MSA dues and contributions. This reflects a decrease in the amount given from \$16,377 in the 2007-2008 budget year to \$8,550 for the proposed budget year. This money comes to the VA Hospitals to assist in the welfare of the veterans. We have four hospitals in this state. PGM Daniels made a motion to amend the resolution that the Grand Lodge maintain their support at the 2010-2011 level for 2011-2012 budget year which was \$12,150. The motion was seconded. Senior Grand Warden Dennis V. Siewert clarified that the amount shown in the budget goes to the national MSA. In Wisconsin we have increased what we give to each hospital from \$300 to \$400 per month. This money comes out of the Services and Assistance Fund. The amendment was defeated. There being no further discussion the original budget was then passed.

The lodge was called informal for the Grand Lodge office staff to present the Secretary of the Year Award. Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf introduced our office staff: Jan Gorgen, office manager, Alicia Darr, bookkeeper and Cheryl Martin (not able to be present). The ladies received a hearty round of applause. The ladies presented the fifth annual Secretary of the Year Award to Bro. Richard Rygh. He has been a member of Oregon Lodge No. 151 for 40 years, he served as Master in 1979, he has been the lodge secretary for 28 years and also served the Grand Lodge as an Area Administrator.

Editors Note: I was very honored and felt very humble in receiving this award from our Grand Lodge staff, I know there are many great secretaries in our lodges because as Editor of your *Wisconsin Masonic Journal* I work with many of them on a regular basis. I am not sure I deserve this award over the other secretaries but I truly appreciate the honor. Thank you.

The Grand Master extended his appreciation to the ladies in the office for all they do for us.

News Events from the Lodges



Bro. Hugh Wyatt receives 60 year award

Grand Master Joseph B. Harker presents a 60 Year Service Award to Bro. Hugh C. Wyatt, a member of Baraboo Lodge No. 34. The award was presented at the Annual Communication in Madison on June 10. He was raised on June 13, 1951. Bro. Wyatt resides in Gloucester, Virginia.

Photo by Rich Rygh



Keystone Lodge honors Brethren for years of service

Keystone Lodge No. 263, Hayward, held a public awards ceremony on May 12, for the purpose of honoring members that have achieved 25, 50 and 60 years of Masonic Service with a total of 235 Masonic Years. A catered lasagna dinner preceded the ceremony. Grand Master Joseph B. Harker presented the pins and certificates to the following Brethren (from left): Thomas Rondeau, 60 years, raised April 26, 1951, served as Master in 1973; Howard Morgan, 25 years, raised May 9, 1985; Thorvald Skar, 50 years, raised May 4, 1961, Ogilvie Lodge No. 326, Radisson; and Vern Inhoff, 50 years, raised March 31, 1960. Bro. Al Heinkel, Master is on the right. Bro George Phillips (unable to attend), was also honored for 50 years. He was raised on September 9, 1960.

Submitted by Bro. Kevin Fischer, Junior Warden



Bro. Dale Hinze honored for 50 years

Sheboygan Lodge No. 11 recently honored Bro. Dale Hinze with a dinner in honor of his 50 years of service to the Craft. Bro. Dale was raised on May 16, 1961. Pictured (from left): Carl Peterson, Master; David Hinze, Senior Grand Warden Dennis V. Siewert, Mark Hinze; Dale Hinze; Larry Hinze; Past Master Harold Peterson, Grand Commander Knights Templar; and District Deputy David Tainter.



Milton Lodge honors Bros. Bill Broeg and Bill Kayser

Milton Lodge No. 161 and Bro. Eli Glissendorf (center), Master, recently honored two Brothers. Bro Bill Broeg (left), received the "True Mason Award" and Bro. Bill Kayser was named "Mason of the Year". The Lodge would like to thank the many Brethren and guests that supported their Good Friday Fish Fry, providing profits of around \$3,500.

Submitted by Bro. Patrick Garvin, News Hawk



Bro. Orin Miller honored for 50 years

Daylite Lodge No. 360 Master Gerald S. Brebner (belatedly) presented a 50 year certificate and pin to Bro. Orin E. Miller, on May 12. Bro. Miller has been a Mason for 58 years. He received his Master Mason Degree on March 14, 1953, in Washington Lodge No. 21, Green Bay. It is hoped that Bro. Miller's 60 year certificate and pin will not take an extra eight years to present! Heartfelt congratulations to Orin and in 2013, Bro. Brebner has assured him that he will personally present his 60 year award without fail!

Submitted by Bro. Gerald Brebner, Master

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Tomah Lodge Celebrates Sesquicentennial with Rededication

By Rich Rygh

Brothers, families and friends gathered at the Tomah Masonic Center to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Tomah Lodge No. 132 on June 4.

An open house from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. was followed by a concert on the front lawn by the La Crosse and District Pipe and Drum Corp.

Bro. Jesse Long, Master of the Lodge and his officers opened the Lodge following the concert. He welcomed all present and turned the gavel over to the Grand Lodge officers for the rededication ceremony. Grand Marshal John Krinke uncovered the Lodge and Grand Master Joseph B. Harker conducted the rededication following a prayer by Past Grand Master John Wilke. WBro. Frank Mayer poured the corn, as an emblem of nourishment; WBro. Frank Struble poured the wine, an emblem of refreshment and WBro. Donald Hensiak poured the oil, as an emblem of joy.

The Grand Master again reminded the Brethren of how we meet, act and part and of the importance of remembering their obligations and the charges they received after each degree. Grand Master Harker introduced his officers and turned the gavel over to Master Jesse Long for the closing.

The Master introduced the officers of Tomah Lodge and closed the Lodge in public form.

Past Master Chaz Calhoun gave a very interesting PowerPoint presentation he prepared on the history of the Lodge.

Master Jesse Long introduced the Past Masters of the Lodge. He thanked everyone for attending and especially thanked the ladies. He said, "We have been consistent and strong for 150 years and we could not have done it without the ladies support."

Everyone retired to the dining room after the ceremony for a dinner prepared by the ladies of Lemonweir Chapter #158 O.E.S. of Mauston.

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A History of Tomah Lodge No. 132

Tomah Lodge No. 132 F. & A.M. traces its beginnings to the early months of 1861. Reverend Bro. Charles W. Kellogg and Bros. Noah Maltbie, A. B. Smith, J. P. Thompson, John Dodge and Enoch Baker petitioned the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin for permission to open and hold a Lodge of Master Masons in what was then the Village of Tomah. Permission was granted, and the Lodge was known as "Tomah Lodge, Under Dispensation".

The Grand Master appointed Rev. Kellogg as Master, Bro. Noah Maltbie as Senior Warden and Bro. A. B. Smith as Junior Warden.

The first meeting of Tomah Lodge, U.D., was held on April 19, 1861 in the upper story of a blacksmith shop on the rear of a lot that was also occupied by Warren's Bank. (this site is located at 1015 Superior Ave). At this meeting, Master Kellogg appointed the following Bros. as officers: John Dodge, Treasurer; J. P. Thompson, Secretary; W. H. Saunders, Senior Deacon; S. D. Powers, Junior Deacon and Enoch Baker, Tiler. There was great enthusiasm among the Brothers and at the meeting on May 17, 1861 five men had petitioned for membership and were elected to receive the three Degrees of Masonry.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin on June 11, 1861 a charter was granted and the Lodge was known as Tomah Lodge No. 132 F. & A. M. The first meeting of Tomah Lodge No. 132 took place on August 3, 1861.

During the early years, Tomah Lodge met in various places: Howard Hall, Merrill Hall, Beardsley Hall and the Odd Fellows Hall.

The Lodge prospered over the next 30 years and in 1892 erected a new Temple at what is now 904½ Superior Ave. The building was a joint venture by the Masons who owned the second



Tomah Masonic Center at 520 E. Saratoga St. in Tomah

Photo by Rich Rygh

story, and a Mr. W. H. Moore who owned the street level portion. The facade of the building was capped off by beautiful ornamental work and the words "Masonic Hall" were built into it. The first meeting was held in the new quarters on Sept. 14, 1892, and Grand Master Fred Ring, and other Grand Lodge officers dedicated the Temple on Sept. 30, 1892. Tomah Lodge occupied that location continuously until a new Lodge was erected on E. Saratoga St. The membership rolls of Tomah Lodge are replete with names of men who served and were influential in the formation and building of the City of Tomah.

In the late 1800s and early 1900s membership increased slowly but surely until the Depression years when there was a slight decline. As the nation's economy recovered, the membership again began to grow.

During the 1950s and 60s considerable renovation took place, as walls were paneled and carpeting was laid on the floors. In the early 1970's membership rose to 199 and the energy crisis skyrocketed fuel and heating costs. In the early 1980s, the members installed an insulated dropped ceiling and new fluorescent lighting to cut energy costs.

In the early 1960s there were stirrings among the membership toward building a new Temple, but the nostalgia for the Superior

Ave. Temple prevailed, and no real progress was made.

In 1980 Bro. Le Verne Bigelow, Past Master of the Lodge, passed away and bequeathed a large part of his estate to the Lodge, stipulating that it could only be used to build a new Temple. In 1983 Bro. Alfred Roberts, also a Past Master of the Lodge, passed away and Lodge members were thrilled to learn that he had left the bulk of his estate to the Lodge, again with the provision that it could only be used to build a new Temple.

A building committee was formed, and a new Temple was constructed; beginning in 1986, with completion in 1987. Grand Master George Wallinger set the cornerstone in a ceremony on April 26, 1987.

Contractors did the exterior of the new building, plumbing, and electrical work. The Brethren did the bulk of the interior work and landscaping. Their wives and families often provided refreshments and hot meals during the construction.

Construction was under the direction of Bro. Elza Chase and Master Greg Hutchins. The Brothers built strong bonds of fraternal friendship during this period and these bonds continue today.

Although only men can become Masons, there is one instance of a lady who was designated an

honorary member of Tomah Lodge. Doris Boettcher, who worked with hammer and other tools alongside her husband, Ray, so impressed the Master of the Lodge, that in a presentation ceremony when the building was completed, she received a certificate with such a citation.

The building has been utilized by other Masonic organizations in addition to Tomah Lodge: The Order of Eastern Star Tomah Chapter #6, (until it disbanded in 2008) met there regularly, and now Mecca Shrine Club has its local offices in the building.

Tomah Lodge is involved in various community services. On the third Sunday of each month lodge members assist patients in wheelchairs to religious services at the Tomah V. A. Hospital. The Lodge holds various fund raisers in the building: pancake/sausage suppers, craft sales, and community suppers. Many area residents eagerly await the Lodge's annual Wild Game Feed. The Lodge also raises money for scholarships, youth activities, and other community services in Wisconsin.

This summary history is based upon research performed by Robert Metzfeld, Secretary of the Lodge who passed away just before the placing of the cornerstone of the current building, and other Tomah Masonic Lodge members, including the present Lodge Secretary, Bro. Johnston Bell.

Wisconsin Rapids Lodge Celebrates 150 Years

By Rich Rygh

Bro. Craig Carpenter, Master of Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128 welcomed Brethren, families and friends to their 150th Anniversary Luncheon Program on June 12 at the Mead Hotel in downtown Wisconsin Rapids.

The flag was presented by St. Omar Commandery #19 Knights Templar.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance the Master introduced Grand Master Davey L. White Jr., and other distinguished guests.

Past Master Theodore Lyons gave the invocation.

Wisconsin Rapids Mayor Mary Jo Carson congratulated the Lodge on 150 years of continuous service and said, "You have been here 150 years and have made such a difference in this community. Many of the founders of this community were Masons."

Master Craig Carpenter left the room and returned riding a Segway. He explained, "150 years ago our first Master, Bro. Steven J. Carpenter rode to lodge on horseback, 150 years later our present Master, Craig W. Carpenter (no relation to Bro. Steven) rides to lodge on a Segway. "We've come a long way." He went on to talk about the days of coming to lodge on horseback and in buggies and sleighs compared to our modern air conditioned cars. He said we have come from an era of candles and kerosene lamps lighting

our lodge rooms to the compact fluorescent bulbs of today; from a time when it would take days for a letter to travel across town to a time of instant communication using cell phones and text messaging.

Wisconsin Rapids Lodge was granted dispensation in 1860 and was chartered in 1861. It was chartered as Grand Rapids Lodge No. 128. At that time the city was divided, the east bank was called Grand Rapids and the west bank Centralia. The two communities merged in 1900, but it wasn't until 1920 that they chose the name Wisconsin Rapids. In 1921 the Lodge was renamed Wisconsin Rapids Lodge.

Everyone attending the dinner received a book and DVD on the history of the Lodge.

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

The Master introduced Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. The Grand Master thanked the Lodge for the opportunity to be there. He introduced his officers and Past Grand Master John W. Hein



Wisconsin Rapids Masonic Center at 2321 2nd Ave. So., in Wisconsin Rapids.

Photo by Rich Rygh

and his wife Dorajean.

The Grand Master said his message for the year is on the tenets of Masonry. Those tenets: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth were mentioned in the prayer at the opening of this program. He said, "We need to think about those simple tenets of Masonry. "There is a section in there that says by the exercise of Brotherly Love, Masonry unites men from every country sect and opinion and conciliates through friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance. "I think as I said at Grand Lodge just the

other day I think we take that for granted at times. "I think of all the people we meet that we wouldn't meet if it wasn't for Masonry."

Grand Master White stated that of course relief is also one of our tenets and this lodge looking at 150 years of existence has obviously practiced this tenet, they take care of their community. As the Mayor said, the members of the Lodge have been instrumental in building this community.

The Grand Master said Truth is something we should strive for. Be honest in all of your dealings. He said, "Masonry takes good

men and makes them better, that is what our focus is, we do a lot of charity, but that is a byproduct of what we believe in, it is a byproduct of the tenets we hold dear to our hearts, through our tenets is where our charity comes. "One of the greatest charities we have to offer is just our friendship and Brotherly Love, a simple handshake or a hug." He stated if we continue to practice these tenets we will certainly be around another 150 years.

The Grand Master presented

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legality and will not be considered. He encouraged those wanting to present a resolution at the next Annual Communication to start working on it immediately and to call the resolutions chairman for help.

Resolution No. 5 was presented by Bro. Tim Scheidell, Master, of Racine-Belle City Lodge No. 18. This resolution amends the code so that Brethren who have 50 years of membership or have reached 74 years of age on the anniversary date of their being raised shall pay neither dues or per capita tax thereafter. PGM James Olson stated that while this resolution was approved as to form and legality it is the recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee that it is neither wise or desirable. PGM DeWolf stated that although the intent of the resolution has merit the financial impact of it would be unpalatable. He said it is in our obligation as a Mason to take care of an individual Brother with financial problems and that this resolution would financially ruin us. Senior Grand Warden Dennis V. Siewert and other Brethren spoke in agreement that the lodges should take care of the dues of any member unable to pay. It was stated that a resolution similar to this is financially destroying rural lodges in the state of Georgia. The resolution was defeated.

Resolution No. 8 was presented by Washburn Lodge to amend the code to require that a plural lodge notify a primary lodge when a plural member is in the process of being suspended for non-payment of dues. PGM Carl J.



Past Grand Master Joseph B. Harker receives his Past Grand Master's Jewel from Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM.

Photo by Rich Rygh

Wussow asked that the Brethren review the last line of the resolution, he stated that the motion needs clarification. The resolution says "should extend the courtesy of notifying", it does not say within how many days or by what method the lodge should be notified. He said the motion is not clear, he suggested the resolution be modified by the presenter or defeated and brought back in a form that makes it more complete and more accurate. Other Brethren spoke in agreement of the necessity of clarification. There was no amendment made and the motion was defeated.

There was not enough time to include the breakout sessions planned for those Brothers who took

the afternoon. Grand Master Harker apologized to those Brothers who took the time to put the breakout sessions together.

The Grand Master introduced Brethren visiting from the Anglo American Lodge in England.

Bro. Jim Stoebe was thanked for stepping in when an organist was needed at the last minute. Bro. Stoebe is the Master of Elmbrook Lodge No. 354 and the organist for the Valley of Milwaukee Scottish Rite. He also thanked Bros. Curt Campagna and Pat Militzer for handling the sound.

The Grand Master called the Lodge informal to reconvene at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

The Grand Master called the Lodge to order at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning. He asked for a motion to approve all other reports printed in the pre-proceedings. The motion was made, seconded and passed.

Anniversary Awards were presented to Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301 for 100 years and Forest Lodge No. 130, Tomah Lodge No. 132 and Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128 for 150 years.

Grand Lecturer Kenneth Gorgen reported on the 2011 Degree Competition and presented the awards. First place went to Waukesha Lodge No. 37, second place went to West Bend Lodge No. 138 and third place went to Washington Lodge No. 21 Past Masters team. The Grand Master thanked the Lodges that participated.

The Lodge Excellence Awards were received by 125 lodges. Grand Master Harker thanked District Deputy David Tainter for all the time he spent going through and reviewing the applications for the LEA. District 4 Deputy Christopher Hirthe was commended for having had 100% of the Lodges in his district receiving the award. Waucoma Lodge No. 73, Cookville, placed third with 1140 points; Waukesha Lodge No. 37 placed second with 1316 points and Warren Lodge No. 4, Potosi, placed first with 1489 points.

Bro. Curt Campagna, President of the Grand Chapter of Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association of Wisconsin, accompanied by representatives from two local chapters gave an explanation of the Widows Sons organization. He explained their objective is to support the widows and orphans of Masons. Membership cards were presented to Grand Master Joseph B. Harker and Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White Jr., a well known motorcycle rider.

Grand Master Harker recognized the retiring Grand lodge Officers and thanked them for their many hours of service.

The final report of the Credentials Committee showed 173 out of 183 lodges in attendance.

Grand Master Harker thanked the members of Freemasons Lodge No. 363 and Mineral Point Lodge No. 1 for all they have done for him this past year.

Senior Grand Warden Dennis V. Siewert thanked the Grand Master on behalf of the Brethren for all he has done for the Masons of Wisconsin.

PGM Keith D. Chamberlain installed Senior Grand Warden Daniel L. Slavik. Grand Master Harker turned the gavel of the Grand Lodge of the State of Wisconsin over to our new Grand Master Davey L. White, Jr. and wished him success in the upcoming year.

Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. and the officers of the Grand Lodge assumed their respective stations to begin their new year.

The Grand Master turned the gavel back over to Grand Master Harker to finish some unfinished business. A charter, under dispensation, for 1 year was presented to the members of Nine Rivers Lodge. If they meet the requirements, they will be presented with a permanent charter at the next Annual Communication. Nine Rivers Lodge is located in District 2.

PGM Michael A. DeWolf presented PGM Joseph B. Harker his Past Grand Master's Jewel.

See the Grand Master's message on page one for Grand Master Davey L. White Jr.'s address to the craft.

A PowerPoint presentation honoring the Brothers and PGMs that helped Grand Master White over the last 16 years was shown.

The Grand Lodge was closed in due form by Deputy Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert.

After the close of Grand Lodge on Saturday, Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. and the Grand Lodge Officers retired for a staff meeting to begin orientation for new officers and begin planning the new year. Past Grand Master Joseph B. Harker, true to his "on the Level" philosophy and his belief, "A Grand Master should be ever mindful that though elevated for the time being above his fellows, that he was elevated by them and to them he will return", took off his coat and tie and began disassembling the video monitors and helping pack up the equipment in the East to be taken back to the Grand Masonic Center in Dousman.

See more photos from the Annual Communication on page 16.

Grand Master Joseph B. Harker's Annual Report

My Brothers, last June I was deeply humbled but honored to be elected and installed as your Grand Master, I remain equally humbled and honored today. It has been a privilege to serve OUR Grand Lodge these past twelve months as your Grand Master. Additionally, it was a joy to serve with these fine 2010-11 Grand Lodge Officers. To your Lodges we pledged our support, additionally; we pledged our support to York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine, Eastern Star, Amaranth, Daughters of the Nile, and other Masonic appendant bodies as well as our youth organizations. To that end, I or another Grand Lodge officer attended nearly every event for which we received timely notification. Your Grand Lodge Officers' approached this past year as a team that is in place to serve the Brothers, lodges and all Masonic affiliates of this great jurisdiction. I want you to know that we did our very best to uphold the duties of the office to which we were elected or appointed and installed. The work of all organizations is important and appreciated by us and all whom they served.

Before I go further into this report I must first publicly make some thank yous. First to my Lady Mary whom I counted on for a host of things these past 10 years, to numerous to mention. To my family and friends for understanding when I was not in attendance at birthdays, weddings, reunions, etc. over these past several years, especially the last couple of years. To my late parents John T. and Doris M. Harker, their involvement in Blue Lodge, Shrine, and Eastern Star provided me the background to want to join the Fraternity. To DGM Davey L. White Jr., your friendship and council I will treasure for the rest of my life. As you have always been there for me, I too will be there for you. To SGW Dennis Siewert, JGW Daniel Slavik, SGD William Beetcher, JGD Frank Struble, SGS Don Hensiak and JGS Arby Humphrey, I will be there for you as well. To GS Michael DeWolf, PGM and GT John Benedict, your dedication and service to our fraternity is without question an asset to all, and far too often taken for granted. To our GC, GL, GM, GT, each and every DD, AA, DL, DC your dedication and efforts are truly admirable. To Bro. Richard Rygh our Masonic Journal editor, thank you. To all Boards and Committees we thank you. We must thank our Past Grand Masters for their past leadership, assistance, and encouragement this past year. Last but certainly not least, we must thank our Grand Lodge Office staff of Jan, Alicia, Cheryl, Erika, and Bro. Bill. What a crew. I was in the Grand Lodge office several hours each week with rare exception and sometimes several days a week. I witnessed their dedication and efforts. MWBro. Mike, Grand Secretary along with Right Worshipful Bro. John, Grand Treasurer spent a considerable amount of time and energy negotiating very favorable terms of coverage and premium costs for our lodges and the Grand Lodge insurance protection including Grand Lodge employee health insurance benefits. These two Brothers were also tasked with maintaining our compliance of Government regulations. These two items required considerable time and effort. My Brothers, do you know how fortunate you and I are to have an office staff so capable and knowledgeable?

The past three years I have had the opportunity to travel to the North American Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries. This year your jurisdiction was represented by DGM, SGW, JGW, GS, and myself. This conference provides many opportunities to exchange information and ideas with other Grand Lodge Officers from various Jurisdictions. We learned many useful things from these men and the many informative breakout sessions that were offered. When time allowed, we sat in on portions of the Grand Secretary's conference and it is very apparent that we are so very lucky to have M.W.: Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, and Grand Secretary serving our jurisdiction.

I attended the Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Inc., Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin. In March we again enjoyed a sold-out (approx. 350 attendees) 8th Annual Combined Table Lodge. It is always a joy to be with these Brothers and I am looking forward to joining them again this coming Monday for their annual communication. Thank you MWBro. Earl.

My Lady Mary and I traveled to Toronto for the Imperial Shrine Annual Session in support of Baja, Tripoli and Zor Shriners. Thank you for including us. I traveled to Sioux City, Iowa, for the Midwest Shrine Association Summer Session with Zor Shriners. WB William Beetcher and I traveled to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for the Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges. We enjoyed our experience at the Scottish Rite Supreme Council Session in Philadelphia. I again had the pleasure to travel to Sioux City, Iowa, along with RW Bro. Davey and Bro. Jerry Potter

for the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, where we witnessed the installation of MWGM Bro. Craig Davis. Just recently my Lady and I traveled to Indianapolis for the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Your Grand Lodge Officers and I had the joy of officiating at or attending numerous Lodge installations, Masonic anniversary presentations, Lodge rededications and more especially degrees in the lodges this past year. Your Grand Lodge Officers always enjoy participating in these events. I thank the local Lodge officers for understanding and making adjustments in their plans to accommodate our sometimes tight schedules. I have compiled a spreadsheet listing nearly all of my travels and the events I attended. This list is available to any one who may care to see it when we break for lunch or you may wait for it to be printed in the proceedings of this annual communication. I did not keep track of the miles I traveled, the days I spent in the Grand Lodge office or at the Masonic Home.

The Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc., by-laws were modified in May of 2010. A major modification was to make the Grand Master the Chairman of the Board of Directors. This change resulted in many hours of time being spent by the Grand Master in learning the day to day needs of our largest Masonic Charity. It was an enjoyable and eye opening experience for which I am grateful. It is rewarding that during this year there have been two state conducted inspections of the skilled nursing facility that were passed with flying colors. The staff of our home is exceptional.

Three Pillars Campus opened its latest addition, the all new Hickory Suites Rehabilitation and Wellness Connection in Dousman. In conjunction with the Annual Three Pillars picnic on Sunday, August 1, 2010 a Cornerstone Ceremony was performed by the Grand Lodge officers. The Grand Opening of the Rehab unit was in December and Wellness Connection in January. The Rehabilitation portion of this addition provides 14 private beds and Wellness Connection provides for our residents and an outreach into the community for those 55 and older to participate in wellness programs. The "Caring to Grow" Capital Campaign continues to solicit donations. My Lady Mary and I thank the Grand Lodge Officers for presenting a resting bench at the entrance to the Wellness Connection in our honor. You will hear more about the Home later.

Membership continues to be an area in which we must concentrate our efforts. I firmly believe that we are raising more Master Masons per year than there are Master Masons passing away. Thus, one would think that we would be growing. However, there is an area where we must, at the Lodge level, do a better job and that is communicating with our Brothers, especially those whom for whatever reason choose to resign or simply stop paying dues. The Worshipful Master and/or Wardens should be (no must be) contacting these Brothers before they are suspended. I can not tell you how many former Brothers have told me they are too embarrassed to request to be reinstated. Maintain contact with Brothers that live both locally and outside your normally boundaries. A suggestion may be with a birthday card or Masonic anniversary card from the Lodge. I am proud to report that there were 102 new Perpetual Membership Plan programs purchased this year.

During the fall of 2009 your Expenditures Committee and Progressive Line Officers spent a great deal of time and effort to understand our operating expenses. We reviewed the way that our annual budget was prepared which we found was based on the previous year's budgets and not the actual expenditures. This was corrected and we prepared a budget based upon the actual expenses over the past 3 years. We are now completing the first year using this budgeting process and have discovered some areas for improvement. We found early on that we had not allowed for some unexpected expenses that occurred and we were forced to make adjustments. It disappoints me to report that we anticipate being slightly over budget. We will know for sure when the audit is completed in August or September.

The Wisconsin Masonic Journal funding increased to improve the paper quality in your printed publication. How many of you have gone to the Grand Lodge website to see the Masonic Journal?

We made necessary exterior and plumbing repairs to our Grand Lodge Office building but we did not spend the amount budgeted. Health insurance premiums and legal fees increased more than anticipated.

There were no requests for consolidations or mergers. We did authorize the conferral of all three degrees on a candidate in a single day. RW Davey White and I attended and assisted with

the Degrees. This Brother now resides in Colorado but will maintain his Wisconsin membership. A great success this year was the Fellowship Degree competition at the Madison Masonic Center. Thank you to the degree teams and most of all to our Grand Lecturer Ken Gorgen and the judges.

We had hoped that some of the youth groups would re-establish Assemblies, Bethels or Chapters but that did not happen. The good news is that this next year we could see maybe three DeMolay Chapters re-establish. It is proven that youth exposed to Masonry will directly or indirectly add to our membership. Your Grand Lodge through our investments and those of your Wisconsin Masonic Foundation continues to support Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters and DeMolay. During the past year Brother Al Iding, PGM, has been selected by the Grand Master of DeMolay International to serve the next three years as the Executive Officer for DeMolay of Wisconsin. Good luck in realizing your goals Brother Al.

Your Grand Lodge Executive Committee, as a team, began monthly meetings in June or more often as required to handle all issues or concerns that came before us. Most meetings were by teleconference or in conjunction with staff meetings. Additionally, I want you all to know that the progressive line officers have been meeting at least once each and every month for several years now to coordinate and address issues for the betterment of our fraternity. The position of Grand Master is not a ceremonial position but one that requires several years of experience and preparation. I strongly believe in team work as a team will accomplish much more than any one individual can accomplish by himself. Additionally, this approach truly prepares our officers to be adequately equipped for the responsibility of leading our fraternity and its charities. Thus, I trust that these two teams will continue to meet regularly.

I issued nearly 100 special dispensations for various reasons. I attended a stated communication of a lodge last September when the Master asked the Junior Warden how the plans were coming for their Past Masters' dinner at the end of the month. To which the JW rather sheepishly replied, "Worshipful Master, we have been dark, I forgot, I haven't done anything." My Brothers, we ask a new mason "What do you most desire?" Light! Why then do we go dark? Why do we do it? Just because that is the way it has always been done? For the farmers? How many farmers are here today? My Brothers it does not make sense to go dark! Change it up. Meet outdoors or in your lower level. You can request dispensation to move a meeting but you can not request dispensation to call a stated communication meeting, stated meetings occurrences and times must be in your bylaws. It is for this and requests for dispensations to hold special meetings to read and/or vote on a petition that I have asked Lodges to review their bylaws and consider meeting at least once per month each and every month of the year. Several lodges have changed or rewritten their bylaws. Some bylaws were last updated 50 or more years ago. It is my hope that all Lodges will review their bylaws to see if they are relevant today.

I have been asked repeatedly "How has your year been going or gone?" To which my answer is always "Our year is going or gone quite well." My Brothers, as I have said all year, this is "OUR" year. This is "OUR" fraternity. It is not my year. It is OUR Year. It is not what I would do in a single year that is going to make a difference but rather what we all have done, and will continue to do, that makes this fraternity the Greatest Fraternity in the World. My Brothers, as stated in the installation ceremony last year, "A Grand Master should be ever mindful that though elevated for the time being above his fellows, that he was elevated by them and to them he will return."

Never forget those three obligations you took at the Altar of Freemasonry and those charges given to you at the conclusion of each of your three degrees. Reference them often for if you do you can not help but be a better husband, father, son, brother, grandfather, grandson, uncle, nephew, etc. If you are that better person, you can not help but feel good about yourself, and thus you will be a better citizen.

You all know that at the closing of each and every meeting you hear those three simple little responses to the questions of how do we meet, act and part my Brothers. Those simple statements have meant a great deal to me ever since I joined Lodge. When you open your mind to it, there are any number of meanings in these little statements. However, as you know, one sticks out a little bit more to me. Let's try it!

How do we meet my Brothers? How act? And Part upon the Square!!! Thank you and may God Bless!!!

Tomah Lodge Celebrates 150 Years



Grand Master Joseph B. Harker performs the rededication ceremony with the assistance of (from left): WBro. Frank Mayer as Junior Grand Warden; WBro. Frank Struble as Senior Grand Warden, WBro. Donald Hensiak as Deputy Grand Master and Past Grand Master John Wilke (far right) as Chaplain.



At right: Grand Master Harker thanks Bro. Jesse Long, Master of Tomah Lodge, for the invitation to rededicate the Lodge Hall

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Past Master Chaz Calhoun gives a PowerPoint presentation he prepared on the history of Tomah Lodge No. 132.



The La Crosse and District Pipe and Drum Corp entertain Brethren, family and friends before the rededication of the Lodge by Grand Master Joseph B. Harker.



WBro. Donald W. Hensiak as Deputy Grand Master declares that the Lodge Hall meets with the approval of the Grand Lodge and that it is ready for rededication.



Senior Warden Donald Roscovius secures the Bible at the closing of the Lodge.

Photos by Rich Rygh

Wisconsin Rapids Sesquicentennial



Officers of Wisconsin Rapids Lodge (standing) are reinstated by the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers.

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Master Craig Carpenter welcomes everyone to the Lodge room for the reconsecration ceremony.



St. Omar Commandery #19 presents the flag.



Grand Master Davey L. White Jr., addresses the Brethren, families and friends at the anniversary banquet.

Photos
by
Rich Rygh



Deputy Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert informs the Grand Master that the members of the Lodge desire to be reconstituted. From left: WBro. L. Arby Humphrey as Junior Grand Warden, Deputy Grand Master Siewert, Grand Master Davey L. White Jr., and RWBro. William Beetcher as Senior Grand Warden.



Bro. Craig Carpenter, Master, rides in on his Segway.

2011 Annual Communication



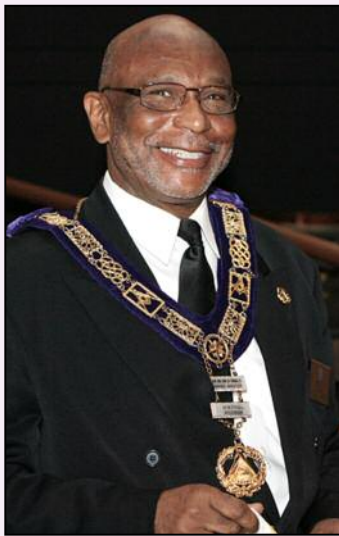
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At left: Most Worshipful Bro. Joseph H. Rival Jr., PGM of New Jersey, presented a very stout gavel which should certainly withstand any and all raps, to Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM.

Photos by Rich Rygh



Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. addresses the Brethren at the end of the Annual Communication.



At left: Grand Master Earl M. Thomas III, of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, Inc., addresses the Annual Communication.



At right: Deputy Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert closes the Annual Communication.



Alicia Darr (left) and Jan Gorgen present Bro. Richard Rygh, Secretary of Oregon Lodge No. 151, the Secretary of the Year Award. Photo by Bro. Curt Campagna



Grand Master Joseph B. Harker presents the first place Gold Lodge of Excellence Award to Brethren of Warren Lodge No. 4, Potosi. From left: Grand Marshall Jerry G. Potter; Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie; Dale Bird; Schelley Scoville; Grand Tiler Ronnie C. Jaaks; Tom Schwanties; Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White Jr.; Keith Turner, Master; and Grand Master Harker.



Grand Master Craig Davis of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M. presented Grand Master Harker with a cribbage board to be used in his retirement.



District Deputies present Grand Master Joseph B. Harker with the 2011 District Deputy family picture.

New Grand Lodge Officers Installed



Wisconsin Commandery forms an Arch of Steel as Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. is escorted to the East by Installing Grand Marshal Richard E. Black, PGM.



Installing Grand Master Keith D. Chamberlain welcomes the new Grand Master to the East.



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PGM John W. Wilke presented the Grand Master with a handsomely crafted shadow box displaying the pins of the 16 Grand Masters he has served under, arranged in the shape of the Masonic Emblem with the new Grand Master's Pin in the center.



The Grand Master introduces his wife Tammi and thanks her for her support and understanding.



Assistant Installing Grand Master James H. Olson, PGM, introduces Lady Ann Benedict before escorting her to the altar to present Grand Treasurer John A. Benedict with the jewel of his office.



Brethren of Warren Lodge No. 4 present the Grand Master with a giant Mountain Dew bottle.



2011 Annual Communication closes

Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. and Deputy Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert prepare to closed the 2011 Annual Communication in Madison on June 11.

Photo by Rich Rygh



District Deputy John Marra visits Florida Lodge

District Deputy John Marra recently visited Gulf Beach Lodge No. 291 F. & A.M. located in Madeira Beach, Florida. This was his second visit to this lodge and the Brethren there once again extended him a warm Masonic welcome. They shared a wonderful evening of Masonic fellowship. He presented Bro. Joe Finocchiaro, Master and several of his officers our current Grand Master's Pin as a token of our friendship. They in return honored Bro. Marra by presenting him with a Masonic plaque and pin. Master Joe Finocchiaro (left) and District Deputy Marra are in the front center of the photo.

Submitted by District Deputy John Marra



Rhinelanders "Walk for a Cure"

The 2nd Annual "Walk for a Cure", sponsored by Rhinelanders Lodge No. 242 was held on May 21. "Walk for a Cure" is a 60 mile walk from Rhinelanders to Wausau, the goal being to raise money for the Relay for Life, and the fight against cancer. The day of the walk started out with mist, and on and off rain. Nine hardy souls showed up to make the long trip to Wausau. While the poor weather may have affected the turn out, none the less the walk continued as planned. On the long trek to Wausau walkers faced occasional downpours of rain, and at one time hail but they continued on. Four participants finished the 60 mile walk in just over 16 hours. This year's walk raised a little over \$3,000 and was considered a big success. The 3rd Annual "Walk for a Cure" will be held on May 19, 2012 at 6 p.m., starting at the Masonic Center in Rhinelanders. More information will be made available online at www.rhinelanderslodge242.org. Photo shows participants ready to begin the walk.

Submitted by Bro. Dave Imlah



Damascus Lodge assists Second Harvest

The Nobles of Tripoli Shrine hold a massive Vidalia onion sale each year. The proceeds go to many of the Tripoli Shrine Charities. This year Bro. Pat Militzer, Past Master of Damascus Lodge No. 290, Greenfield, began yet another Damascus tradition. In keeping with one of our revered tenets — Charity; Damascus Lodge purchased \$1,000 worth of onions to donate to Second Harvest benefitting both Tripoli Shrine and Second Harvest. Pictured (from left): Brian Bertram; Tom Stach, Senior Deacon; Area Administrator Curt Campagna; Office Manager for Second Harvest; and Michael Fairbanks, Master.

Submitted by Bro. Michael Fairbanks, Master

Promote your Lodge Events

Send information on your upcoming Lodge events to *The Wisconsin Masonic Journal* to be included in the calendar.

Northwestern Lodge Hosts Spring Picnic

By Bro. Milt Helmer
Weather forced Northwestern Lodge No. 105, Prescott, indoors for their gala picnic to celebrate spring on June 15. The rainy weather did not dampen the spirits however. Newly installed District officials representing the Grand Lodge were present to help Northwestern Lodge celebrate.

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Heather Ewing, wife of Lodge Secretary, Bro. Jack Ewing, and their 9 1/2 month old son Bauer, wearing Jack's Masonic cap.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer



Bros. enjoy campout during AC

Several Brethern from Neosho-Mayville-Horicon Lodge No.108 enjoyed camping at Lake Farm Park, Thursday through Saturday, while in Madison for the Annual Communication. The highlight of the stay was a grilled steak dinner with baked potatoes, and a fresh salad. The Brethren enjoyed the fellowship and Bro. Mac Gienke even brought his banjo for a sing-along. Pictured are Senior Warden Jeff Millikin and Past Master Jim Capper.

Submitted by Past Master John Christenson, News Hawk



Tylers of the 9 members, friends and families assist at the SHARE facility. Front row: Brian Graff and Daughter Julie. Back row: Tom "PIR8" Tinney, Loren Salsman, Sheila Salsman, Exec Dir. SHARE Paulette Flynn, Paul "Napoleon Dynamite" Peacock, Jon Ziegler, Alyssa Sass, Tom Stachowiak, Associate member Brian "Tiny" Busch and Megan Fuller.

Tylers of the 9 President's Ride Assists SHARE Community Food Center

By Brother Tom Tinney

The Widows Sons Kettle Moraine Chapter, Tylers of the 9, held their Presidents ride on June 4. The ride started from Cabela's in Richfield at 7:30 a.m. and rode down Silver Spring Dr., to the SHARE facility. The Tylers of the 9 Chapter holds two officer rides per year. This year chapter President Bro. Loren Salsman, chose to ride to and donate time to SHARE during their food sale.

SHARE is a non-profit food co-op, providing an economical solution in these trying times for low and middle income families. A majority of the food's cost reduction comes from using volunteer labor to sort, transport and store the food items. No State or government funds are used to support the organization. Over 200 Drop off points for food exist in the Milwaukee area using parking lot space donated by churches, community centers, etc.

The Tylers helped load food into cars, did product counts, moved carts and provided whatever other support the SHARE staff needed to make the sale a success. A number of the patrons inquired about our organization and we received very positive feedback about our efforts and Freemasonry in Wisconsin.

This SHARE organization is near and dear to Bro. Loren's heart, as his wife Sheila retired from there and now has a fund set up in her name, "Sheila Cares Food Fund". The fund benefits every community in Wisconsin by accepting donations so that each site can provide a full holiday meal to needy families. Sheila retired when she was diagnosed with ALS.

The Chapter members were assisted by wives, girlfriends and

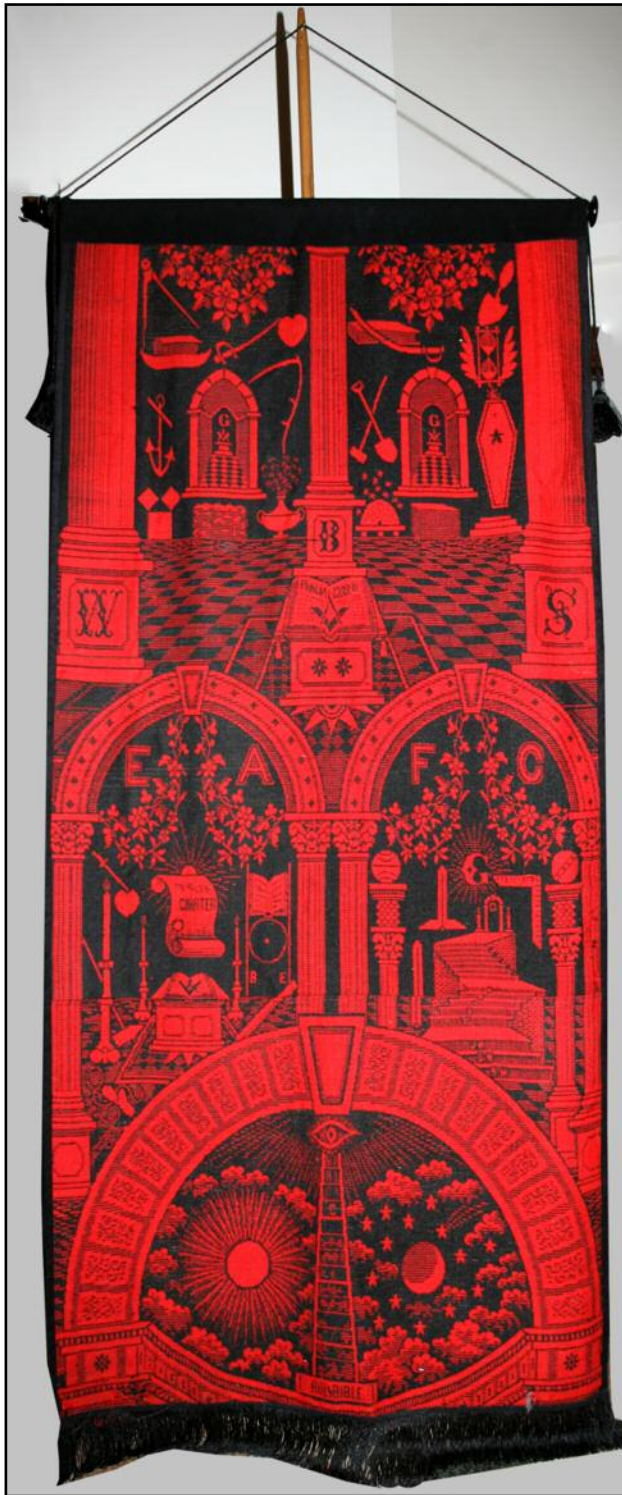
daughters. The Tylers include their families on many of their rides and events.

More information on SHARE can be found at www.sharewi.org. If you are interested in riding with like minded men and

want to join or form a chapter of the Widows Sons Masonic Riding Association, contact Brother Tom at tylersofthe9@yahoo.com.

Remember, Even On The Roughest Road, We Ride on The Level.

Masonic Carpet Available



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

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

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

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

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Above: Reedsburg Lodge No. 79 surrenders the Gavel to Dodgeville Lodge No. 119 at the Delton Sportsmen's Club during the Reedsburg Lodge BBQ and Target Shooting event held on May 19. In photo (from left): Jason Dallman and Doug Bentley, Master of Reedsburg Lodge surrender the gavel to Clarence Curtis, Mel Masters, and Keith Leitzinger of the Dodgeville Lodge. Joe Williamson (Reedsburg) is seen behind the Brothers.



At right: Bro. Doug Bentley instructs one of the novice shooters.



Grand Guardian Council installs leaders

Grand Guardian Council of Job's Daughters of Wisconsin installed its new leaders on May 21. Mom Debbie Breunig of Bethel #44, Sun Prairie (left) and Dad Doug Moorhouse of Bethel #77, Kenosha were installed as Grand Guardian and Associate Grand Guardian. Other elected officers installed were: Mom Cindy Provencher of Bethel #19, West Allis; Dad Reggie Haskins of Bethel #78, Baraboo; Mom Elizabeth Freuck of Bethel #2, Milwaukee; Dad Steve Breunig of Bethel #44, Sun Prairie; Mom Heather Gascoigne of Bethel #79, Bristol and Dad Stan Perry of Bethel #76, Burlington.

Photo by Russ Provencher

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Reedsburg Lodge's Annual BBQ and Shooting Event

By Bro. Douglas Bentley
Reedsburg Lodge No. 79 held their second annual BBQ and Target Shooting Event on May 19.

This year 47 people attended. This included 14 Masons from three lodges and 33 friends and family members. The goal of the event was to have FUN and do some shooting.

There was plenty of food, and in addition to shooting targets, people enjoyed playing horse-shoes and frisbee. There was a

great diversity of ages (11 months to 71 years) and of shooting skills (novice to expert).

The Reedsburg Lodge provided the food, targets, guns, and four instructors to work with youth and novice shooters. "We had seven youth shooters that had never touched any firearm before. "After working with the instructors the youngsters were breaking four out of 5 targets. "In addition we had a few wives and a couple men that took advantage of the instructors and had the same successful outcome," stated Master Doug Bentley.

The experienced and expert shooters had the option to shoot the ATA Trap course or the eight station Sporting Clays course.

The Reedsburg Lodge wishes to express it's thanks and appreciation to the Delton Sportsmen's Club for their support of this event. Without their facilities and cooperation the event would not have been possible.

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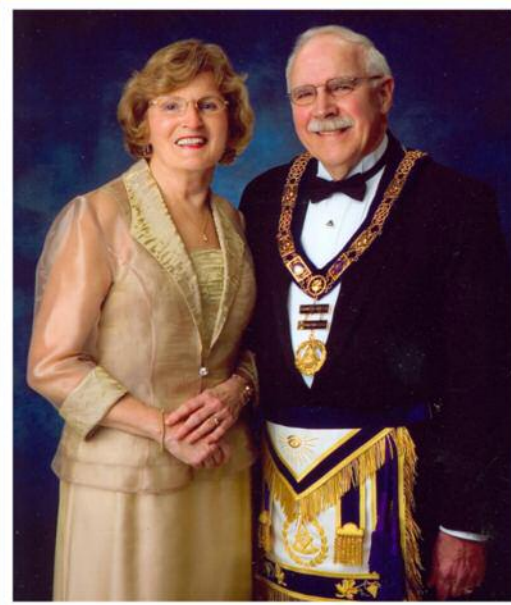
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As educators and parents, community events and activities have always been a priority for both Rod and Virginia. Now it is their turn to champion a cause near and dear to their hearts, donating blood. Rod's commitment to this project is evident. He has been a blood donor for more than 50 years and actively supports its life-giving benefits through the blood drives sponsored by Masonic Lodges in Wisconsin.

Recently Rod was a beneficiary of his hard work – he received two blood transfusions while in the hospital. Anonymous donors helped save his life and he and Virginia are very grateful. Help Rod as he gives back and champions for his Brothers, for his family, for his community ...Be a Hero, Save a Life...Donate Blood!

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La Crosse Lodge in Memorial Day Parade

Brethren of La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190 march in the La Crosse Memorial Day Parade. From left: Bruce Klubertanz, David O'Neill, Scott Hiser, Don Fiscus and Keith Williams.

Submitted by Bro. Todd Wohlert

Attend and Support Your Lodge!

Ozaukee Brethern Visit Kona Lodge in Hawaii

Three Bro. from Ozaukee Lodge No. 17 visited Kona Lodge, Kailua Kona, Hawaii, on their April Hawaiian vacation. Bros. Sid Arthur, Master; Milan Eric, Senior Deacon; and Jack Forbes attended the Lodge and presented their Senior Warden, Michael Baker with a "traveling gavel" handmade out of native Hawaiian koa wood by Bro. Jack Forbes. The three Brothers assisted in closing the Lodge in the Wisconsin ritual.

Submitted by Bro. Sid Arthur, Master

Bro. Falde's Annual White Ash Lake Fishing Contest



Winners in the annual Falde fishing contest were (from left): Jacob McFadden, Ellen Sherry, Bryce Kanell and Lily Dodge.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer

By Bro. Milt Helmer

It was a hot and sunny day on beautiful White Ash Lake at the Falde cabin on June 5, as kids and adults competed in a fishing contest.

Bro. Terry Falde and his wife

Noreen annually invite Masons, Star members and their families and guests to fish at their lake cabin and serve a delightful ham dinner with all the trimmings.

Bro. Terry Falde is a member of Hancock Lodge No. 229 and Northwestern Lodge No. 105.

The fishing outing corresponds with the Wisconsin's free day of fishing. A day when licenses are not needed to enjoy a day out on the water with family and friends. This year, the kids out fished the adults.

The event raised \$150 for the Hancock Lodge Masonic Scholarship Fund.

First place went to Bryce Kanell, Second place was Jacob McFadden and in third 3rd place was Lily Dodge. The kids received a tackle box of their choice.

The "Traveling Trophy" went to Ellen Sherry.

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Bro. Andy "Red Bear" Van Sickle sits on the porch of his early 1800s log cabin overlooking Shinin' Times Valley.

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Chippewa Falls

Chippewa Falls Lodge No. 176
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Dark July & August

Clear Lake

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Dark July & August

Clintonville

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Columbus

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Tri-County Daylite Lodge No. 218
918 Louisa St. • 715-854-3088
Meet 2nd Wednesday 10 a.m.
Dark January & February

Darlington

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

Delavan

Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12
1007 S. Second St. • 262-728-6556 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Dodgeville

Dodgeville Lodge No. 119
200 W. Chapel St. • 608-935-3548
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

Dousman

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

Dousman

Glen L. Humphrey Lodge No. 364
375 Hwy. 67 • 262-490-5497
Meet 2nd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.
Dark June

Durand

Durand-Pepin Lodge No. 149
203 W. Main St. • 715-672-8052 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Eagle River

Eagle River Lodge No. 248
610 E. Division • 715-891-6116
Meet 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Eau Claire

Eau Claire Lodge No. 112
616 Graham Ave. • 415-832-7759 (Sec.)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Eau Claire

George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351
616 Graham Ave. • 715-832-7759
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Eau Claire

Sanctuary Lodge No. 347
616 Graham Ave. • 715-835-1778
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Edgerton

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

Ellsworth

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

Evansville

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

Fennimore

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

Florence

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

Fond du Lac

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

Frederic

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

Friendship

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

Galesville

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

Glendale

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

Grafton

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

Green Bay

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

Green Bay

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

Green Bay

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

Green Bay

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

Greenfield

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

Hartford

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

Hayward

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

Hudson

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

Janesville

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

Jefferson

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

Kenosha

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

Kenosha

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

Kenosha

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

La Crosse

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

La Crosse

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

Ladysmith

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

Lake Geneva

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

Linden

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

Lodi

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

Lone Rock

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

Madison

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

Madison

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

Madison

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

Madison

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

Madison

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

Manitowoc

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

Marinette

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

Marshfield

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

Medford

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

Menomonie

New Master Masons



Bro. Matt Vandelac is new Master Mason

Keystone Lodge 263 recently raised their newest Master Mason, Bro. Matt Vandelac (left). He is congratulated by Master Al Heinkel. The lectures were done by Bro. Dennis Zajac, Bro. Paul Kuczynski gave the apron address and the Charge was given by Bro. Kevin Fischer. Submitted by Bro. Kevin Fischer, Junior Warden



Bro. Cayhill is new MM at Chippewa Falls

Bro. Mike Cayhill was recently raised in Chippewa Falls Lodge No. 176. Pictured (from left): Area Administrator Gary Stang, Mike Cayhill and Tom Stevens, Master.

Submitted by Area Administrator Gary Stang



Dousman Lodge No. 315 Presents:

The 10th Annual Lake Country Masonic Charities

Golf Outing

Sunday, September 25th

Western Lakes Golf Club

W287N1963 Oakton Rd. Pewaukee, WI, 262-691-0900

18 holes with cart, lunch, dinner, door prizes, putting contest, raffles, as well as live and silent auctions.

All for just \$100.00

Download Reservation forms:

<https://sites.google.com/site/dousmanmasoniclodge/>

Contact

**John Werner 262-510-5626 or
Terry Brown 414-429-5981**

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Onalaska

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

Oregon

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

Oshkosh

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

Owen

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

Palmyra

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

Pewaukee

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

Phillips

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

Platteville

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

Plymouth

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

Portage

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

Port Washington

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

Potosi

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

Poynette

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

Prairie du Chien

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

Prairie du Sac

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

Prescott

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

Racine

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

Reedsburg

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

Rhineland

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

Rice Lake

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

Richland Center

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

Ripon

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

River Falls

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

Shawano

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

Sheboygan

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

Shell Lake

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

Shullsburg

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

South Milwaukee

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

Sparta

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

Star Prairie

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

Stevens Point

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

Stoughton

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

Sturgeon Bay

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

Sun Prairie

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

Superior

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

Superior

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

Sussex

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

Tomah

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

Union Grove

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

Viroqua

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

Waterloo

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

Waukesha

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

Waupaca

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

Waupun

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

Wausau

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

Wautoma

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

Wauwatosa

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

Wauwatosa

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

West Allis

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

West Allis

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

West Allis

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

West Bend

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

West Salem

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

Whitefish Bay

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

Whitefish Bay

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

Whitewater

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

Wilmot

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

Winneconne

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

Wisconsin Dells

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

Wisconsin Rapids

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

Silas H. Shephard

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

Armistead-Bingham

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

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262-965-3979**