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Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

JULY

4 Dodgeville Lodge No. 119, Brat Fry, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., public welcome. Proceeds go to Wisconsin Masonic Heritage Center. Dedication of Wisconsin Masonic Heritage Center at 2:00 p.m.

7 Masonic Brotherhood Council, Longest Breakfast (Tea) - Joint Worldwide Masonic Celebration, 8:30 a.m. See story on page 3.

14 Fundraiser for Tristan Loew, 3:30 p.m., Blue Hills Masonic Center, Rice Lake. See story on page 3.

14 Wisconsin, Utah concealed carry training 10:00 a.m., Tomah Masonic Center. Cost $100 per person attending, $15 of which will be donated to Veterans at the Tomah VA. Class is open to anyone and will run roughly 4 hours. All required documents, materials, passport photos and finger print cards are included. Photos and finger prints are not required in WI but are required for the UT application. Make reservations with District 5 Deputy James Kent, 715-834-7676, or district_deputy5@wisc-freemasonry.org.

15 Milwaukee Valley Scottish Rite Zoofari Picnic, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Adults $23, children $11. Contact Valley of Milwaukee Scottish Rite, 414-727-3154.

16 The 10th Annual Lake Country Masonic Golf Outing to benefit the “Pay it Forward” campaign of Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge No. 42. See story on page 8.

19-22 Wisconsin DeMolay Conclave at Edgewood College. For more info go to widemolay.org.

21 2nd Annual Zor Shriners Ride for motorcycles and classic cars. Contact Bro. Al at 608-487-1692 or email: zormidgets@gmail.com.

25 EAA Air Venture Master Mason Degree, Oshkosh Lodge No. 27, 204 Washington Ave., Oshkosh, dinner at 6:00 p.m., open lodge at 7:00 p.m. See story on page 2.

26-28 Youth Soccer Academy and All-Star Soccer games, UW-Whitewater. See story on page 5.

AUGUST

2 Shawano Lodge No. 170 dedication ceremony, Shawano Masonic Center, 2324 E. Richmond St., in Shawano. Social hour at 4:30 p.m. followed by a Unity Picnic at 5:30 p.m. in the Shawano Lodge Park in the rear of the building. Master Larry Sperberg will welcome everyone in the Lodge room at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Dedication Ceremony by Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert and the Grand Lodge Officers. See story on page 10.

4 Argyle Lodge No. 178, open air MM Degree, 10:00 a.m. at the Gant Farm, 19685 English Hollow Rd., Blanchardville. Bring a lawn chair, lunch available. Contact Bro. Karl Gant, 608-523-4714.

4 Manawa Lodge No. 82, Mustang Roundup, Mustangs only car show, Manawa Masonic Center, 520 N. Bridge St. (Hwy 110 and 22). No charge, but request food donations for local food pantry. Visit www.manawamasoniclodge.org/home/mustang-roundup for more information. Contact manawalodge@hotmail.com. Rain date Aug. 5.

4-5 Prairie du Chien Lodge No. 8, scholarship fund raiser, Saturday, from 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on Sunday, barbecued pulled pork and beef brisket sandwiches, catfish, chicken wings and beans, with potato salad or slaw on the side, corner of Blackhawk Ave. and Beaumont Rd., in downtown Prairie du Chien.

5 6th Annual Friends and Family Festival, Three Pillars Campus in Dousman. Noon to 3:00 p.m. Enjoy their famous chicken dinner, hamburgers, roasted corn, soda, beer and sno-cones. Many free events for the children, entertainment and raffles.

11 Second Annual 50 Bird Trap Shoot, Juneau Lodge No. 103. Registration from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., at Camp Douglas Sportsmen's Club, N8117 Keichinger Road, Camp Douglas. A 50-bird trap shoot, 16 yard and Lewis, plus merchandise shoot. Pay when you register. Lunch available. Contact Bro. Al Bartell at 608-565-7780 or ambart@tds.net.

12 Doric Lodge No. 356 Annual Chicken Dinner and 50th anniversary Open House, Noon – 2:00 p.m., Doric Masonic Center, 85 Stoughton Rd., Madison. Adults $10, 12 and under $5.00. RSVP by Aug. 7, to Bro. Ward Nottestad 608-423-3931.

13 Milwaukee Valley Scottish Rite, Teddy Bear Classic Golf Outing, Muskego Lakes Country Club, 14020 Loomis Rd, Muskego. Contact Bro. Tom Kohl at tkohl@boerke.com.

17-19 Job's Daughters Jamboree at Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake. Friday: registration: 1:00 p.m.; activities followed by 8:30 p.m. talent show. Saturday: Grand Bethel meeting and Miss Wisconsin Job's Daughters Pageant. Sunday: Church and Grand Bethel Installation. Contact Mom Dorothy Cigale for details at 414-481-1194 or email djcigale@gmail.com

18 Masonic Brotherhood Council Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Coffee Makes You Black, 2503 N. Teutonia Ave., Milwaukee. If new attendee contact Bro. Mark Truesdell at Mark.Truesdell@gmail.com.

18 Neosho Mayville Horicon Lodge No. 108, 11 Annual Lodge Picnic at Harnischeger Park,1:30 p.m., North Pavilion, West of Ashippun, Cty O, follow signs. All Masons and families are invited, potluck, lodge provides meat, buns and soda. RSVP: Scott Scharnell, sscharnell@netwurk.net. Organ Caper lottery at picnic. See page 7.

19 Olive Branch Lodge No. 6, 65th Annual Picnic, Noon, New Diggings, bring a dish to pass, meat and beverage will be furnished.

19 Beja Shriners motorcycle ride and show. Green Isle Park, Allouez. See story on page 19.

22 Zor – Madison Scottish Rite Golf/Dinner Outing, Kestrel Ridge Golf Club, Columbus. Shotgun start at 11:30 a.m., cash bar and silent auction at 4:30 p.m. and dinner at 5:30 p.m. Silent auction to benefit Childrens' Dyslexia Center and Zor Patient Transportation Fund. Come for golf and/or dinner. Contact Paul Hallingstad at 608-318-0412 or pdhpar@charter.net for details and sign up.

25 Third Annual Sportsmen's Shoot, Camp Douglas Lodge No. 272. Registration, rolls and coffee at 8:00 a.m., at Tomah-Warrens Sportsmen's Alliance, 26143 Broadway Ave, Warrens. A 50-target Skeet Shoot in morning at TWSA, and a 50-target Sporting Clays in the afternoon at Woods & Meadows hunting preserve in Warrens. $20 for skeet and $20 for sporting clays; pay when you register. Lunch provided at Woods & Meadows. Contact Bro. Chuck Huffman, Chairman, at 608-378-3325 or 608-315-0056 or trkhuff@aol.com, or Rolf Kurandt, Sec.-Treas. At 608-427-6542 or target@mwt.net.

26 2nd Annual Mosinee Masonic Lodge Car & Truck Show, River Park, Mosinee. Gates open at 8:00 a.m., award presentations at 3:00 p.m. $10 entry fee for show cars, spectators free. Cash raffle prizes. Proceeds benefit Wisconsin Honor Flight. For more information contact Bro. Kevin Sorenson, 715-581-0553 or sorensonkr@charter.net.

SEPTEMBER

8 Silas H. Shepherd Research Lodge No. 1843 Stated Communication, 9:00 a.m. coffee, 10:00 a.m. meeting, Henry S. Baird Lodge No.

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Nine Rivers Lodge No. 369 Receives Charter at Annual Communication

By Rich Rygh

Bro. Thomas E. Schwantes, Master of Warren Lodge No. 4, Potosi, and his officers opened the 168th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Wisconsin at 8:30 a.m., on Friday, June 1.

Senior Deacon Daniel Sedgwick retired and escorted Deputy Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert and the Grand Lodge Officers into the auditorium. The Deputy Grand Master was escorted to the East and introduced by Master Thomas E. Schwantes and received the Grand Honors.

Deputy Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert thanked the officers of Warren Lodge for the fine opening and asked the Grand Lodge Officers to take their seats.

Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin Bro. Davey L. White Jr. was escorted to the altar by the Senior Grand Deacon Donald W. Hensiak and introduced. The AC

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Nine Rivers Lodge Brethren read the newly presented charter. From left: Grand Master Davey L. White, Jr.; William Kessler, Senior Steward; H. Scott Paulson, Counselor; Deputy Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert; Tom Christiano, Master; William Reed, Junior Deacon; Junior Grand Warden William Beetcher, Trustee; and Dave Griffith, Junior Steward.

Photo by Rich Rygh

Grand Master Conducts Dodge County Cornerstone Ceremony

Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. explains some of the working tools of Freemasonry to the guests, on his left are Master R.J. Johnson, Deputy Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert and Past Grand Master James H. Olson.

Photo by Rich Rygh

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Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. and the Grand Lodge Officers conducted the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony for the Dodge County Masonic Center in Beaver Dam on May 27.

The center is located at 1212 DeClark St. and is the home of Dodge County Lodge No. 72.

Bro. R.J. Johnson, Master of the Lodge, welcomed everyone to the ceremony and Bro. Ray Mielke, Right Eminent Grand Commander, and the Grand Commandery, presented the flag and conducted the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Bro. Marvin Schilling gave the opening prayer.

Bro. R.J. Johnson congratulated the Brethren of the Lodge for the great job they have done transforming the building into a very attractive and functional Masonic Center. He especially thanked Bro. J. Patrick Storrs the architect for the project; Bro. Ray Mielke the driving force behind the renovation of the center, referred to as "Hiram the Builder", he worked 12 hour days for months toward completion of the center; and Bro. Mike Roddy who has spent countless hours working on the project.

The Mayor of Beaver Dam, Tom Kennedy, stated he appreciates

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On Our Cover

Grand Lodge Officers for 2012-2013. Front row (from left): Past Grand Master Davey L. White Jr.; Grand Treasurer John A. Benedict; Deputy Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik; Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert; Senior Grand Warden William Beetcher; Junior Grand Warden Franklin J. Struble; and Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM. Second row: District 1 Deputy Paul S. Huber; Senior Grand Deacon Donald W. Hensiak; Senior Grand Steward Scott E. Pedley; Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie; Grand Lecturer Kenneth C. Gorgen; Grand Tiler Travis M. Hand; Grand Marshal John C. Tilley; Grand Orator Keith D. Chamberlain, PGM; Junior Grand Steward Robert C. Strader; Junior Grand Deacon L. Arby Humphrey; and District 12 Deputy Patrick D. Cholka. Back row: District 2 Deputy Gary L. Stang; District 3 Deputy Joseph O. Barlow; District 4 Deputy Christian M. Hirthe; District 5 Deputy James M. Kent; District 6 Deputy Shawn W. Matthes; District 7 Deputy Dean A. Johnson; 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.

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The Grand Master's Message:

By Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin Brother Dennis V. Siewert

168th Annual Communication, Closing Message, Saturday, June 2, 2012

Past Grand Master, Davey L. White Jr., Past Grand Masters, Brethren All:

Some Past Grand Masters have said being a Grand Master is somewhat like owning a Boat. The two best days of ownership is when you buy it and when you sell it. However, the memories last a life time.

Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert

- I stand here – humble and proud.
- I stand here – not wanting to ramble
- I stand here – wanting to help this Fraternity go forward
- I stand here – wanting to find quality men for membership
- I stand here – wanting to see us take care of each other.
- I stand here – sad seeing Society dumbing everything down
- I stand here – wanting to see this Great Fraternity raise its standards
- I stand here – wanting to make us that prestigious organization of leaders.
- And personally I'm just happy to be standing here.

This year, there are no new programs or the First Annual Whatever's. The Strategic Planning Committee, formerly the PLO (Progressive Line Officers) and your Executive Committee are committed to bring improved and continuing service to the Craft. One goal is to keep improving the Annual Communication to an event that every Lodge wants to attend, rather than has to attend.

Grand Master's Pin

During this Annual Communication we have tried some different things and we will evaluate them. I have heard many comments. My favorite is, "We've never done it that way before." Sound familiar?

Here are a few suggestions I have for our Lodges:

√ Celebrate Masonic anniversaries in the lodges (25, 50, 60 years, and up). Ask that District Deputy to make a special presentation, especially at some public event sponsored by your Lodge.

Proper Protocol should be used at all times within the Lodge as in rising to speak, voting, etc. It's all in the cipher and if you need help call on your District Lecturer. Protocol says that if you have questions or problems they should be directed to the District Deputy. Questions for the Grand Master or members of the Executive Committee should go through the Grand Secretary and that would be extension ? ? ? – 807.

√ Let's dress for success. Jeans, shorts, flip flops, t-shirts, come on, I don't think so! Every Lodge member should at least wear a shirt and tie to Lodge. It would be my suggestion that tuxedos be worn for Degree Work. A used tux is often less expensive that a new sport coat. The type of wrapping on the outside of a box is a good indication of the value of what's in it. Proper attire makes a good impression on the Candidate that we are an upscale organization. That reality of an elitist organization, I was going to say perception, but it is a reality, will also build the character of your new member.

√ Celebrate our Diversity and being a multi-generational fraternity. It seems lately we hear more about adversity or conflict within a Lodge

√ Use the updated Wisconsin Masonic Handbook to build small event committees so more Brothers become involved in Lodge activities. The Handbook and many items are available, including a larger version of the Wisconsin Masonic Journal, on the Grand Lodge website. Try it you'll like it.

√ Our ritual makes us different from many other organizations. It tells the new member who and what we are. The Ritual is also part of the impression that the Candidate receives while taking the degrees of Freemasonry. Books should not be open during Lodge. All Degree Work should be done from memory never read. If a Lodge needs help with degree work consult with your District Lecturer.

√ Encourage members to become proficient in our ritual and enter the Grand Lodge Degree Competition. Our Worshipful Grand Lecturer, Ken Gorgen, has informed me that the Degree Competition will be May 11, 2013 at a place to be determined based on the entries.

√ Each Lodge should celebrate its Diversity. Harmony being the strength and support of all institutions more especially ours. Outside interests will never destroy this Fraternity. If it were to fall; it would be from internal strife among the Brothers. As Lodge Officers keep your Brothers ever mindful of their duties and obligations to each other.

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Masonic Soccer Camps and All-Star Games July 26-28

www.masonicsoccer.org

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Bro. Marvin Schilling receives Century Certificate

Bro. Marvin Schilling was honored by Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. at the reception following the cornerstone ceremony of the Beaver Dam Masonic Center on May 27. The Grand Master presented Bro. Schilling with his Century Certificate, in honor of his achieving 100 years of age. He was born Sept. 8, 1911 in Kiel, Wis. Bro. Schilling, a 67 year Mason, has served Dodge County Lodge No. 72 as Chaplain. He was raised in Oconto Falls Lodge No. 293 on Dec. 10, 1945. From left: Bro. R.J. Johnson, Master, Dodge County Lodge; Bro. Schilling; Past Grand Master James H. Olson; and Grand Master Davey L. White Jr.

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EAA Air Venture MM Degree July 25 in Oshkosh

Oshkosh Lodge No. 27 will host their annual EAA Air Venture Master Mason Degree on July 25 at the Oshkosh Masonic Center, 204 Washington Ave., Oshkosh.

The Degree will be presented by Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters.

Dinner is at 6:00 p.m., with lodge opening at 7:00 p.m. The cost is $15 and reservations must be made in advance at http://eaamm-degree.eventbrite.com/.

A shuttle service will be provided to and from the Gruenhagen Conference Center at UW-Oshkosh.

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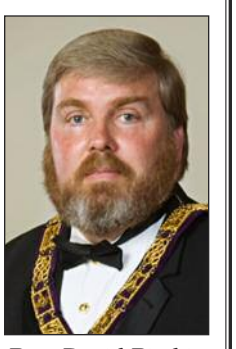
Thoughts for the Journey

By Reverend David R. Ritchie, Grand Chaplain

I know the names of stars. It sounds very romantic, but for our ancient Brothers knowing the names of stars was very practical. You didn't need to know the names of all of them, just a few, and when combined with a knowledge of the sun and moon the most amazing things were possible. You could tell time without a watch. You could tell your relative position on Earth. You could find directions without a magnetic compass. You could figure which month and approximately how far into that month you were. The wise were learned in astronomy, the study of the stars and heavenly bodies. It is one of the seven liberal arts and sciences which we, as Masons, should learn to improve ourselves in, yet we are losing our knowledge of astronomy.



Rev. David Ritchie
Grand Chaplain

I was reading the other day that due to attached garages, light domes over urban areas, and people no longer feeling safe outdoors after dark, that most people have stopped looking up. The average high school senior can not find the North star or the big dipper and most Americans have no idea which phase the moon is in. What was considered the most useful of knowledge, a century ago, is little thought of today.

For generations our fields were planted by when the full moon occurred, ships navigated across vast area by the stars, and great architectural projects were set up in conjunction with the heavenly bodies. Many of our lodges met on the full moon to allow the Brother on horseback or on foot some light to make his way home. Again by not taking the time to learn about this branch of science we are losing it.

Operative Masons and other learned men used the skies in so many ways. As example, place a staff or rod as near to vertical as you can on a level piece of ground. Starting as soon after sun up as possible make a mark at the far end of the shadow cast by the rod. Do this every half hour or so (approximate works fine). An arc is formed after mid day. In the temperate areas of the northern hemisphere, which includes most of North America and Europe, if you bisect that arc as near as possible true north is discovered. By looking back to the original rod, South is discovered and by bisecting your North/South line you find East and West, and formed right angles. The work could be checked that night by finding the North Star and where on the horizon the moon rose. So by use of the sun, moon, and stars, as well as, verticals, horizontals, and perpendiculars the craftsman could lay out his work.

Today we have clocks and watches that will lose less than a second during their lifetime. We have GPS units that will help us navigate within a few feet of our target. We have wonderfully accurate tools to lay out building projects, so why do we need to study astronomy? The answer is simple – beauty. Up to now we have discussed the practical use of this science, but there can be no denying the impact the heavens have upon the human mind and spirit. It is no mistake many law enforcement agencies and most emergency rooms keep moon charts to help them prepare for the full moon.

In a world where stress is the number one killer, and we find it impossible to relax. In a world where our creator somehow seems detached; we need to do what our ancient Brethren did. Look up.

Start your day by watching the sun rise. The peace of watching the first rays shining through the fog as it lifts from the draws and valleys or shines through the mist on a northern lake bring thoughts and feelings of peace and harmony. A world awash in the silver and light gold of dawn. (For those on the east side of our state, get out of bed, and watch the sun come up over Lake Michigan. Absolute beauty.) A splash of beauty and a quiet cup of coffee instead of the blare of the alarm and the morning rush to start your day. The circadian rhythms of the day and of ourselves gearing up.

At the opposite end of the day the sun slowly slips from the sky painting the horizon red and orange while the purple of night creeps in behind. A natural reminder that as the rhythms of the day unwind and change so do we instinctively unwind.

As the sun sets the moon rises to govern the night. To watch the moon simply for its beauty is well worth the time. I am always left with a sense of age. The moon is probably the oldest thing we see. Trees which are centuries old are newly sprouted compared to the moon. To know that I look at the same moon that shone upon Salisbury plain at the building of Stonehenge or was reflected in the waters of the Nile at the building of the pyramids leaves me with such a feeling of history. Something grounded in time, something permanent.

And lastly the stars. To look into the depths of the night sky is to understand the wisdom and benevolence of the Supreme Architect. To look up at the infinite number of stars and to see their beauty and number is indeed a humbling experience but it should also remind us that he who created the heavens created us. And that I believe is the secret. In a complex, troublesome world we need to sometimes simply stop and stand still. Looking up we find the hand of the Supreme Architect and his benevolence upon us. The hand that created the beauty and peace of the heavens created and cares for us. A study well worth undertaking.

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Masonic Brotherhood Council Hosts Longest Breakfast (Tea)

The Masonic Brotherhood Council (Wisconsin Grand Lodge and Prince Hall) is hosting the Longest Breakfast (Tea) on July 7.

This is in conjunction with the Masonic Brothers of New Zealand, they are holding their Longest Tea on the same day.

The event originated in New Zealand and we decided to make it an international event. The Grand Lodge of New Zealand approved this event for us last year.

The Longest Breakfast will be held at the Elk's Club, 5555 W. Good Hope Road, Milwaukee starting at 8:30 a.m. The cost is $10.00 per person. There will be a donation (free will) container for anyone wishing to help support the Veteran's Day Parade in Milwaukee.

This event is open to all who want to participate.

Benefit for Tristan Loew July 14 at Blue Hills Masonic Center

There will be a fundraiser, July 14 at the Blue Hills Masonic Center in Rice Lake, to help Tristan Loew, son of Wendy and Senior Grand Deacon Franklin J. Struble, and his family cover the expenses incurred after he was diagnosed with advanced CML Leukemia.

After years of incorrect diagnosis it was discovered that Tristan's spleen was 5 times its normal size and the Leukemia was discovered. Tristan had been laid off from work and was uninsured the first month of treatment and hospital intensive care was costly and beyond the ability of the family to cope. This fundraiser is to help them with those expenses.

Tristan has since been able to obtain insurance.

The event will begin at 3:30 p.m. with a silent auction, a spaghetti dinner will start at 4:30 p.m. and the Pat Walters Band will play from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

The cost is $5 at the door with a free will donation for food and entertainment.

There will be a drawing for a Mathews Bow, Go Cart and other items.

Donations can be sent to Bro. Frank Struble, N488 Morningside Lane, Chetek, WI 54728. Phone 715-924-2142.

GM's Message from page 1

√ For the Lodge Officers: (The Lodge check list / audit)

- Many government agencies are looking for new tax revenue. We don't want to see Lodges lose their tax exempt status because of some oversight or filing a wrong form. It's happening right here in Wisconsin to some of our Lodges.
- Lodge Sec./Assist. Sec. need to upload Petition information into MORI once the Petition has been voted upon. Complete those member profiles.
- Masonic Memorial Services and Installation of Officers are Special Communications and must have formal minutes.

√ Lodges need to review and update their By-Laws. Back to those Legal issues.

√ Membership Retention, I have talked about it and will continue to do so. As Masons we are great builders of these Masonic Temples and we build moral edifices in our members. But you know what? We're not very good maintainers, look at some of our buildings, and look at the number of resignations or suspensions for non-payment of dues. If there are Brethren in arrears on dues, diligence must be done by the Lodge Membership Committee, not the Secretary, with a face-to-face meeting or phone call to the brother to check on his well-being. Before any Brother is suspended for nonpayment of dues a report from the Lodge Membership Committee must be spread on the minutes of the Lodge. A report of the Membership Committee's findings should be sent to the District Deputy to sign off on and see that the suspension is recorded on MORI.

I have a challenge for Wisconsin Freemasonry! Figures show that over the last five years, if we had learned to care for our Brothers and had half of the annual suspensions, resignations and the average number of new Master Masons, Wisconsin Freemasonry could have had five years of positive gains in membership. Remember no Brother should ever be suspended because he can't afford the dues.

√ The Lodge Charity Committee, the Master and the Wardens, are the first point of contact and must be the first to provide help to a Brother. If further help is needed, the Grand Lodge Service & Assistance Fund can be contacted. They will determine if an individual qualifies for help after the proper application has been made and reviewed by the Committee. MWPGM Bro. Keith Chamberlain is the key contact for the Service & Assistance Fund.

The Grand Lodge Pin this year consists of a top hat, a square and Compasses, and the words Diversity – Freemasons – Wisconsin. This pin symbolizes that the Freemasons of Wisconsin are very diverse. In Freemasonry think about all the different hats that are worn that signify Diversity. We all wear many hats throughout the day and during our lifetime. We should all celebrate and embrace that Diversity.

Each Grand Master makes some edicts during his term in office. Many of which are standard. One that will be made this year is that "When the current Grand Lodge of Wisconsin lapel pin is worn, it will be the only pin worn." Why? I believe our lapel pins are not campaign ribbons. When many pins are worn people say, "What are those?" When one pin is worn people ask, "What does that pin mean or represent?" A more definitive answer can be given. What are the consequences for not following the edict? Probably nothing, however protocol says that we should do it out of respect for the office. Think about it!

Thank you my Brothers for your confidence in me by electing me as your Grand Master or in the business world, the C.E.O. of the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Wisconsin. The C.E.O. is elected to govern, set the craft at work and give them proper instruction. I will do that to the best of my ability, with the help of the Grand Lodge Officers and more especially with support from the local Lodges. Thank you and may the Grand Architect of The universe bless each and every one of you.

Ask Hiram?

Question: I was going over the FC 1st section tonight and the text raised a question. In all three degrees, the WM orders the SD to take the candidate/brother to the SW to teach him to approach the altar.

The WM ends the order to the SD with the phrase ". . . body erect before the WM in the East." The SD repeats the request to the SW. But, the request for "body erect" is only given by the SW in the EA and is not in the other two, when it is explicitly given by the WM in all three.

What am I missing here or is this a possible mistake?

Brother Richard

Answer: You are not missing anything and I commend you on having a sharp eye. It is not a mistake, but the way the ritual was written. If you stop at the Grand Lodge office or see your district Lecturer, he can show you the same wording in the pure work.

We can only guess why our ritual writers did not follow through for the SW. I would like to think that it was done purposefully because the candidate has now gone through some Masonic education and understands the requirement without having the SW make a special end-of-sentence statement. After all, the candidate is now a just and upright Mason who can hold his head high and walk uprightly proud of his accomplishments.

Interpret it as you please, but it is correct as written.

Question: How is an EA or FC expected to wear the apron at a Memorial Service? Within the lodge we understand the significance of attire for each, but to the public it kind of looks like somebody forgot to tuck their shirt in . . . don't really care about appearance.

Brother Martin

Answer: The conducting of Memorial Services for a departed brother cannot be done without opening a special communication. This special communication can be held outside the lodge room and the normal location of the lodge building by direction of the Masonic Code. A special dispensation is not needed.

However the key word here is that it is an open lodge for conducting the services. Therefore, aprons are required. By code, these can only be white aprons; no others allowed.

The apron should be worn according to the Brother's degree. EAs with the top turned up, FCs with the top down and corner turned up, and MMs in the form of a square. Appearances are not important here from the standpoint of Masonic clothing. White symbolizes purity of life and conduct, and because all aprons are white, equality is also symbolized. If there are questions from the visitors about the different wearing of the aprons, be prepared to explain why. In the explanation, I would talk about purity, conduct, and equality. The different wearing styles can be explained by talking about the degree of education of each brother.

Question: When is the proper time (when visiting another lodge) to "advertise in lodge"? I am always concerned that I am breaking protocol when I announce one of my lodge events at another lodge.

Brother Todd

Answer: Great question. We would all like to push our home lodge's events when visiting. Usually a good time for this is at the end of the meeting before the lodge closes. It is not a good idea to announce something at the beginning when being introduce. Wait until the end for the Master to ask if there is any to come before the lodge before closing. This is a good time to get up, thank your host for a nice evening, and then tell a little about your lodge and one event. Do not tax the membership present with an entire calendar.

At meetings or special events, such as an MM degree or Table Lodges, you might want to say a few words and make your pitch. Whenever the Grand Master or his designated representative is present, it is proper protocol and courtesy to let the Officer speak last. If he speaks before you get your ad in, save your pitch for the refreshments afterwards.

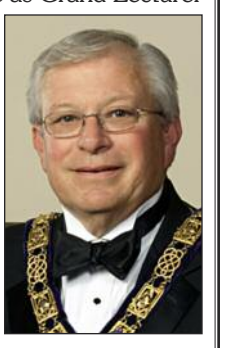
Please send your questions to askhiram@wisc-freemasonry.org or mail your question to the Grand Lodge Office, c/o Ask Hiram, 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 53118, and Bro. Hiram will receive them.

Notes From The Grand Lecturer

By Brother Kenneth C. Gorgen

My Brothers,

I am happy to report that our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Dennis Siewert has asked me to continue as Grand Lecturer for the upcoming year. I am delighted and honored to hold this position within Wisconsin Masonry. As in the past, I will continue to promote the ritual throughout the lodges along with a great team of District Lecturers.



Kenneth C. Gorgen
Grand Lecturer

The ritual competition is returning this year, and it would be great to have as many lodges as possible take part in the contest. Information will be coming to your lodge in September. When your lodge receives its entry form, fill it out and send it in to become part of a great competition and a lot of fun. Use your District Lecturers to hone the skills needed for the competition. We have four new District Lecturers this year. They are at your disposal along with your Grand Lecturer to help your lodge grow in ritual knowledge and proficiency. Please welcome them into your lodge:

Dist. #1	Bro. Scott Larson	Dist. #2	Bro. Harold Christensen
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Dist. #9	Bro. Brian Duoss	Dist. #10	Bro. J. Pat Storrs
Dist. #11	Bro. Ken Gorgen	Dist. #12	Bro. Charles Carroll

This is the second year of the three-year school of instruction plan which was developed by the Committee on Esoteric Work under the direction of Past Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. Think of this plan as going to school for three years and receiving a degree on the ritual work. Naturally, for this to work, the preceding year is almost a prerequisite for the next up and coming year. Strive to attend all of your lodge's schools of instruction and receive the complete course of learning and study.

This year your lecturer's will be covering the following work:

- Reception of a Grand Lodge Officer
- All rod work
- Due Guards and Signs
- FC Degree from opening to closing
- Balloting
- Flag Presentation and Retirement
- Purge and Taking up the Pass

As you can see, it is a full schedule and it will take about three hours to cover all of this material. It is important that your sitting officers of the lodge attend the school. Having Past Masters and other members present is a real plus. Before the end of summer, your District Lecturer will be contacting you for hosting a school. Please accommodate him.

An additional topic that would be great to teach in the school is how to use the cipher book. These books are given out to our newly made MMs, using them can be confusing. Take some time to review it. There is more to the cipher than just esoteric work. It covers everything from candidate preparation, arranging the Altar, suggested work for the officers, movements and positions, to diagrams in the back for moving around on the lodge room floor.

In July of 2009, I shared a vision with you on "Helping Lodges to be independent artisans of the ritual". This vision contained goals of working in the lodge without an open cipher, balloting without hesitation, proficiency on welcoming the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers, increasing the amount of members being able to give a lecture, and an increase in proficiency men and ritualists. Each year I see reports from the District Lecturers proving to me that we are making progress toward that vision and those goals. If your lodge has not made any progress since 2009, then your lodge is becoming old and obsolete and you need to take a hard look at your lodge's future in Masonry.

Please take time to think about the vision and these goals. Reflect on how they apply to you and to your Lodge. Are your members learning so that your lodge can be strong and live forever, or is it dying a slow death without any ritual activity?

As always, I welcome feedback and your questions. The sharing of your knowledge can be fun and interesting. Your input is always welcome and if we continue to discuss these things we will all increase in Masonic understanding and then my Brothers we will all see more Light.

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

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Henry S. Baird Lodge donates AED

Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174 recently donated a new AED device to the Door County Library/Miller Art Center in Sturgeon Bay. The funds to purchase the AED device come from the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, Medical Fund and Henry S. Baird Lodge No.174. The lodge used funds raised this last March at the 77th Annual Steamboat Dinner; so it is really donated by all the people that help make the annual Steamboat Dinner such a tremendous success! Pictured (from left): Bro. Tom Pinney, H. S. Baird Lodge Secretary/Treasurer; Dan Austad, Door County Board Chairman; and Rebecca Berger, Director of the Door County Library.

Submitted by Bro. Ed Klein, Senior Deacon

Bro. Herb Buchholz celebrates 100 years

Herb Buchholz, a Mason for 59 years (so far) and Past Master of Prairie View Lodge No. 95 in Ripon, turned 100 years old June 5. On Saturday, June 9, his daughter, Joann Ingram, held a birthday party in Herb's honor at Central Park Apartments in Ripon. Bro. Buchholz was born June 5, 1912 in Ripon, he was raised on April 18, 1953 and served the Lodge for many years as Secretary and Trustee. Several Masons attended the event including (from left): Bros. Larry Malchow, Past Master, Treasurer; Rick Coles, Master; Bruce Stephenson, Junior Warden; Loren Shaw, Past Master; Tim Aither, Senior Warden; Jim Barclay, Past Master, Tiler; and Kevan Nault, Secretary.

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

Blue Slipper Pin Available from Development Office

By Erika Miller
Development Officer

Thank you to all of the special individuals that supported the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Service and Assistance Fund by purchasing a Blue Slipper Pin.

Historically, the pin symbolized a Masonic connection and a reassurance that someone in the Fraternity would be standing by to lend a helping hand when needed. The Service and Assistance Fund continues to provide this reassurance today. The Fund is always ready for Brethren and their families in times of need.

If you should ever require the support of our Service and Assistance Fund, do not hesitate to contact your Lodge, and then the Board for assistance. Thank you again, to the donors and friends that support this important work.

Blue Slipper pins are currently available for purchase through the Development Office. Please contact Erika at: erika@wisc-freemasonry.org, or via telephone at: 262-965-2200, ext. 831 for ordering information.

"One good turn deserves another."

The Ant and the Dove
By Aesop

An Ant went to the bank of a river to quench its thirst, and being carried away by the rush of the stream, was on the point of drowning. A Dove sitting on a tree overhanging the water plucked a leaf and let it fall into the stream close to her. The Ant climbed onto it and floated in safety to the bank. Shortly afterwards a bird catcher came and stood under the tree, and laid his lime-twigs for the Dove, which sat in the branches. The Ant, perceiving his design, stung him in the foot. In pain the bird catcher threw down the twigs, and the noise made the Dove take wing. "One good turn deserves another."

Perhaps the Masonic Fraternity has never saved you from the rush of the river or the bird catcher's snare, but we have all been the recipient of an act of kindness at one time or another.

Should you ever feel the need to pay that kindness forward, support of your Wisconsin Masonic Charities is an excellent place to begin. All of our causes can use the support of gifts great and small. They need the support of friends now and in days ahead.

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Three Pillars CEO Bro. Mark Strautman Gives Presentation at National Conference

For Three Pillars' CEO Bro. Mark Strautman it started with the recognition that a significant shift in the senior living market was coming. With that understanding a new vision was born–a vision based on Bro. Strautman's unwavering commitment to meeting the needs of Three Pillars' residents and the community as a whole–a community to which Three Pillars is so closely embedded.

Bro. Strautman's vision was to create a distinct, hospitality based, short-term rehabilitation environment on the Three Pillars' campus called Hickory Suites. Now, a little more than a year after project completion, he was asked to present a best practice case study about the repositioning of wellness and rehabilitation services at The Environments on Aging National Conference in Orlando, Florida this past April.

Along with the featured architect on the project, Larry Schneider of Plunkeet Raysich Architects, Bro. Strautman outlined the competitive advantages of Three Pillars' new facility, the value added for Three Pillars' residents, the greater community outreach achieved, and the resulting reduction in employee health costs through this new model.

According to Bro. Strautman one of the challenges with this project was that, "Short-term rehab is a very different environment from that of a long-term care skilled nursing facility. Because of that we needed to create a different staff culture-we needed to shift our focus to hospitality and discharge. Our focus, and rightly so, in the past had always been creating a home-like environment for our residents. But this is different. Our goal with this service is for people to get well and stay well."

The success of Hickory Suites has resulted in an increased interest in the best practice model developed and implemented within the Three Pillars community. While this new approach is beneficial to Three Pillars, Bro. Strautman is quick to point out that, "At Three Pillars we will always be guided by what is best for our residents and our staff."

Three Pillars Senior Living Communities is a not-for-profit organization located in Dousman, Wis. and is supported by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. Three Pillars Senior Living Communities takes pride in meeting the social, physical, and spiritual needs of older adults by providing high quality senior housing and services.

For more information or to speak with Bro. Strautman please contact: Josh Van Den Berg, Director of Marketing and Public Relations at 262-965-7391.

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Wis. Masonic Youth Soccer Camp and All-Star Games

What is it?

It is a free youth soccer camp hosted by the Masons of Wisconsin. Kids attending the camp are middle school aged kids (11-13 yrs. old) from families with limited resources and are not able to afford soccer camps.

When we began the Wisconsin Masonic Youth Soccer Camp 4 years ago, we had no idea how much of an integral part of the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Program it would become.

As part of their camping experience the All-Stars work with and watch over the youth campers.

The Youth campers learn form the All-Stars and coaches. They learn more than just the game of soccer, they are also introduced to what it takes to succeed not only in soccer, but also in life. Of course, we also hope that the exposure to the Masons gives them an additional group of positive roll models as they learn what we as Masons do.

How it began

The Wisconsin Masonic Youth Camp began four years ago.

At the time we had stopped going to the Shrine Hospital and the Special Olympians were not able to participate in many of the areas where we had the All-Star camps and games. Also, The Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation was seen as a pass-through charity and was not eligible for many potential funds. This created a desire to expand the charitable aspects of the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation beyond just hosting the All-Star Camp and Games.

The Masonic Soccer Committee got together and discussed several possible options. Scholarships for college kids, scholarships to soccer camps, and sponsoring soccer clubs were a few of the thoughts.

Lightening struck, why don't we have our own soccer camp for kids who would not otherwise be able to attend soccer camp (which can be very costly). Better yet, hook them up with the best high school soccer players from all over the state. The following July we hosted the first Wisconsin Masonic Youth Soccer Camp.

The first year we invited 12 kids to join us at camp. We brought in a high school coach to run the soccer clinics. We also had two All-Stars come in a day early to work as assistant coaches.

In 2012, 24 youth campers are invited to attend. Six All-Stars will be there as assistant coaches and a high school coach will lead the soccer clinics.

Invitation

We again invite all Masons to join us at the following events as part of the 2012 Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Soccer program:

- Friday July 27 – Friday Night Cookout with Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert, 6:00 p.m. Starin Park – near UW-Whitewater
- Saturday July 28 – Recognition Breakfast, 8:00 a.m., UW-Whitewater Student Center
- Saturday July 28 – All-Star Games. Girls' game starts at 11:00 a.m. followed by the Boys' game at approximately 1:00 p.m.

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174, 31 S. Third Ave., Sturgeon Bay. Contact Bro. Dan Bast, Master, dbast@wi.rr.com or Lodge Secretary, secretary@silasshepherd.org.

20 Waucoma Lodge No. 90, Cooksville, 3rd Annual Fall Picnic, eat at 6:00 p.m., bring a dish to pass and a chair to sit on. Informal attire, ladies are invited.

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the involvement the Lodge has in the community. He said history reads that John Robinson, the first Mayor of Beaver Dam in 1856, was a charter member of Dodge County Lodge.

Bro. Eric Arthur gave a brief history on Freemasonry and Dodge County.

Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. conducted the cornerstone ceremony assisted by the Grand Lodge Officers. The Grand Master extended his appreciation to be asked to take part in this important day in Dodge County Lodge's history.

Deputy Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert applied the Square to the stone and found it square. Senior Grand Warden Daniel L. Slavik applied the Level to the stone and found it to be level. Junior Grand Warden William Beetcher found the stone to be plumb.

The Grand Master declared the stone to be well formed, true and trusty and correctly laid according to the rules of our craft. The elements of consecration: corn, wine and oil were were presented.

Past Grand Master John W. Wilke read the following oration written by Grand Orator Keith D. Chamberlain:

It has often been noted that no organization or edifice can stand the true test of time without staunch support of those who believe in its principles or inhabit its confines – such is the case with a Masonic Lodge.

Today, Dodge County Lodge No. 72 bears testament to this premise and all that Freemasonry envisions for those who embrace its worthwhile teachings.

As we gather to dedicate this building to our gentle craft and its place in this community, it should be realized that the men you see here today, and the ceremonies you are about to witness, represent but a single moment out of time in the rich history of Dodge County Lodge No. 72.

And, that in the writings which hold the story of this Lodge and the men who set its course and determined its direction, new pages will be written, memories will be made and within these walls lives will be changed for the better.

From humble beginnings at the Grand Lodge Session on June 10 of 1856 in Milwaukee, to the place in time we share here today, the founders of the Lodge as well as those who followed, have taken Freemasonry's teachings and made them their own, attaining knowledge, compassion and consideration for others along the way.

For you see, Freemasonry and all that it stands for is on display here today for all to see. From the physical structure that surrounds us, to the warmth, fellowship and genuine affection we hold for one another.

In keeping with the ancient Landmarks which anchor Freemasonry's vision for mankind and while shaping the character of the men who live by its Tenets, it is fervently hoped that laughter, love and goodwill will prevail within this building and that Dodge County Lodge No. 72 will continue to prosper with each passing year.

The Grand Master delivered the working tools to the architect, Bro. J. Patrick Storrs and builder Bro. Ray Mielke and thanked them for all their work.

Past Grand Master James H. Olson, who lead the committee on planning the day, reflected on how he became a Mason and a member of Dodge County Lodge. He extended his appreciation to Past Grand Master George A. Wallinger for being his mentor. Past Grand Master Olson said he looks forward to a strong future for Freemasonry in the community.

The Grand Master explained the implements of Freemasonry and their meaning and how Masonry is a way of life. He compared Masonry today to Masonry 150 years ago. Some things have changed, some have not, but the Tenets we live by remain the same: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. He also extended his appreciation to the ladies who make it possible for us to do what we do.

Several members of Dodge County Lodge were honored for their years of service. Honored for sixty years of service were: Bros. Edward Clapp, Jan. 22, 1949; Robert Keller, Feb. 25, 1952; Alfred Olson, Nov. 28, 1949; Marvin Schilling, Dec. 10, 1945; Melvin Tielens, April 9, 1949; and Albert Thornburgh, March 21, 1949. Bros. David Marvin, April 20, 1961; and George Wallinger, PGM, Dec. 2, 1961 were honored for fifty years.

Past Grand Master George A. Wallinger spoke on behalf of the Bros. receiving their service awards.

Master R.J. Johnson closed the Lodge and everyone went inside for fellowship and refreshment.

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Rhinelander "Walk for A Cure" Raises $7,232; $17,000 to Date

Participants in the 3rd annual "Walk for a Cure" (from left): Dave Imlah, Past Master, Rhinelander Lodge; Denilson Cunha, Rhinelander; Karen Rotter, Wausau; Peter Rotter, Wausau; Janet Knutson, Eagle River; Jake Seever, Kronenwetter; Barb Menting, Pride Eagle River; Brian DuPlayee, Tomahawk; Tyler Mackin, Tomahawk; Stephan Mackin, Tomahawk; Diane Likwarz, Tomahawk; Jenna Ritchie, Rhinelander; and Traci Kirkham, Monico. Kneeling: Nancy Diepenbrock and Quincy.

By Bro. Dave Imlah

The 3rd annual "Walk for a Cure", sponsored in part by Rhinelander Lodge No. 242, took place on May 19.

Twenty-two participants set out to attempt the 60 mile walk from the Rhinelander Masonic Center to the Masonic Center in Wausau. Participants gathered from across the Northwoods with just one goal, kick cancer out of everyone's lives and celebrate more birthdays.

In the end three walkers who started out in Rhinelander made it the entire distance to Wausau. They are Barb Menting and Janet Knutson of Eagle River and Denilson Cunha of Rhinelander.

This year the Walk set a new record by raising $7,232 which was donated to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Last year the Walk raised just over $3,000.

To date, the "Walk for a Cure" has raised more that $17,000.

Janesville Western Star Brethren Assist in Placing Flags on Veterans' Graves

Brethren of Janesville Western Lodge and their families assist the American Legion placing flags on graves. From left: Bros. Robert Hansen, Mike Perry, Lloyd Laskowski, Norm Burns, Tom Walton and Harry Jones. Not pictured but present were Bro. John Meek and other Brother's family members.

By Bro. Tom Walton

"Our Lodge is too small to be active in the Community!"

How many times have we heard that in our Lodge meetings? We sat down during one of our strategy meetings and said the same thing at Janesville Western Star Lodge No. 55. It seemed to get worse when we analyzed our membership numbers. Thirty two of our members have fifty years or more of service; sixteen live in Wisconsin but not in Janesville and eighteen live out of state. The title above said it all.

Then we let our imaginations run with a different strategy. Admitting that we are too small to "sponsor", we could still offer support to already existing efforts within the Community. Before long we had established seven different efforts and identified a "chair" for each of these efforts as a liaison from the Lodge.

One of these efforts is a Veterans Support Activity. One of our members, Bro. Norm Burns, is also quite involved with the American Legion. When he asked the American Legion how we could help them, they mentioned they could use some help placing flags on the veterans' graves in Oak Hill Cemetery. The call went out and seven members and six of their family members showed up to assist.

We met at 8:00 a.m. and were done by 9:30 a.m. There were Veterans groups, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, involved citizens, families and youth. It was a dark day, with heavy rains, thunder and lighting. As we started walking around in the pouring rain throughout the huge cemetery, the mood was jovial with new friendships being formed. As the flags started sprouting up all around, all of a sudden, it hit me hard, like it had done before at other times. As I stood in solitude listening to the rolling thunder, the crack of lightening and feeling the pouring rain and wind, the lives of these veterans all of sudden took on that special meaning. I found myself now in a different place, a somber place with the rain drops becoming mixed with salt as I just pondered what these Veterans had gone through for us.

It brought me back to realize just how lucky we are and how much we owe to others as we are taught in many of our Rituals. "Not enough members to do anything?" I don't think so. I would recommend to each and every Lodge in the State to seek out a Veterans Group (perhaps the American Legion is a good place to start) to work with and offer your services, nothing big, just a little help. I think you will find, just like our great Fraternity, you will get more out of it than you put into it.

I think we just started a new tradition at Janesville and by the way, we made many new friends along the way. Let the rest of the community know who we are and what we stand for.

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Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert Honored at Unity Reception

By Rich Rygh

Brethren and their ladies came together at the Leathem Smith Resort in Sturgeon Bay on June 16, to honor Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert.

This special event was a Masonic Unity Reception sponsored by the Masons of Northeast Wisconsin and the Peninsula Shrine Club and organized by Bro. Allen Kohn.

Bagpipers Keith Bagley and Richard Kohn of BEJA Shrine and drummer David Moe, Tripoli Shrine lead the entrance of the Grand Master. BEJA Potentate David Oshefsky conducted Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert under an arch of steel formed by the officers of the York Rite Grand Commandery.

The flag was presented by the BEJA Shrine Vets of Valor & Patriots.

Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, was the emcee for the evening, promising not to tell too many stories about the Grand Master if the Grand Master returned the favor.

Past York Rite Grand Commander Ray Mielke presented the Grand Master with a bib for when he travels around the state attending all the banquets. The bib contained four emblems, the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and the Knights Templar emblem over the heart.

After dinner entertainment was provided by a country gospel band, Parks Phillips & Company.

The Grand Master thanked everyone for being with him for the evening. He introduced his wife Nancy and his family. He thanked the Peninsula Shrine Club and more especially Bro. Allen Kohn, his wife Bonnie and Bro. Jay Herbst for all the work they did to organize the event. He also thanked the Scottish Rite and York Rite.

Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert thanks everyone for attending.

Photo by Bro. George Tincher

The Grand Master introduced Bro. Jamison Kifer, State Master Councilor of DeMolay and a Master Mason. He is also the youngest Knights Templar in the United States. Bro. Keifer thanked all those present who actively support the youth groups and congratulated the Grand Master and wished him the best on behalf of the members of DeMolay in Wisconsin.

Grand Secretary DeWolf left everyone with one thought, "When you were born you cried and the world rejoiced; live your life so that when you die the world cries and you rejoice."

See photos on page 13

Wisconsin Job's Daughters International Held in Appleton

By Dorothy Cigale

The Grand Session for the Wisconsin Job's Daughters International was held on May 18 -20 in Appleton.

Grand Guardian Mom Debbie Bruenig and Associate Grand Guardian Doug Moorhouse presided over the session. Business consisted of committee reports, legislation and election of new leaders.

On Friday evening many worthy Job's Daughters were awarded scholarships to further their educations.

The Job's Daughters Memorial Foundation of Wisconsin, Inc. awarded eleven $600.00 scholarships to the following girls: Karen Binder of Bethel #60; Meghan Cigale of Bethel #6; Lyla Goerl of Bethel #32; Kelly Harycki of Bethel #19; Marisa Leisten of Bethel #45; Jennifer Niggemeier of Bethel #53; Amanda Sabah of Bethel #32; Renee Simon of Bethel #29; Amy Slavik of Bethel #44; Brianne Unger of Bethel #44; and Alicia Wahlen of Bethel #22.

The Grand Guardian Council of Wisconsin awarded five (5) $600.00 scholarships to the following girls: Ariel Goerl of Bethel #32; Madeleine Harycki of Bethel #19; Courtney Ingraham of Bethel #77; Lauren Michelz of Bethel #35; and Jennifer Slavik of Bethel #44.

Mom Cindy Provencher of Bethel #19-West Allis and Dad Reggie Haskins of Bethel #78-Baraboo were installed as Grand Guardian and Associate Grand Guardian on Saturday evening. Job's Daughters in Wisconsin can look forward to another year of fun activities, competitions and promotional events.

Job's Daughters Grand Officers were installed in Appleton on May 19. Front row (from left): Wendy Muelling, Grand Marshal; Heather Gascoigne, Grand Guide; Elizabeth Freuck, Vice Grand Guardian; Cindy Provencher, Grand Guardian; Reggie Haskins. Associate Grand Guardian; Steve Breunig, Vice Associate Grand Guardian; Stan Perry, Grand Inner Guard; Shawn Athy, Grand Outer Guard. Second row: Phyllis Robison, Grand Secretary; Jay Andres, Grand Senior Custodian; Joyce Johnson, Grand 3rd Messenger; Jerry Schrankler, Grand Junior Custodian; Heidi Brokl, Grand 4th Messenger; Scott Kaczor, Grand Chaplain; Susan Weber, Grand Musician; Sheryl Bertram, Grand 1st Messenger; LoAnn DeBoer, Grand 2nd Messenger; Ann Haskins, Grand 5th Messenger; Charlene Sayre, Grand Librarian and Karen Rudolph, Grand Treasurer.

Email your submissions to wmjeditor@wisc-freemasonry.org.

Neosho Mayville Horicon Lodge No. 108 – Great Organ Caper

By Bro. Mac Gienke, Organist
Neosho Mayville Horicon Lodge No. 108

We just dedicated our new Masonic Center in Hustisford.

We inherited a beautiful Lowery church organ with the building.

As a result, we have a small Hammond spinet organ located in our old lodge building in Neosho. We received that organ as a gift from West Bend Lodge No. 138.

It's our intention to "regift" that organ to another Wisconsin lodge (you know, keep it in the family). There seems to be interest from several lodges nearby, I've found interest from Waupun, Prairie View, Manawa and recently from the Dodge County Lodge in Beaver Dam.

So here's the deal. Any lodge that has a genuine interest in receiving this Hammond Spinet Organ should send an official request to me. Since it's an electronic organ, the request should be sent electronically to a special e-mail address: macwhosit@gmail.com with a subject "Great Organ Caper". Provide your lodge name and number and a contact person (with an email address).

Each lodge will have one chance in a lottery type drawing to be held at our annual lodge picnic on Aug. 18, at 1:30 p.m. at Harnischeger Park, West of Ashippun. You do not need to be present to win, but out Master would really like to have you join us at that picnic.

If your lodge is the winner, you'll have to arrange to move the organ. However, one of our lodge Brothers (Emil Lazich) has offered to assist in this move, he's in the moving business (pianos).

Further information:

Suggested selection method: assign each interested lodge a number from 1 to 6, and roll a single dice.

I think that the Hammond is a "Composer" series Model 142. There was a model "N" on it but reviewing a dialog on a Hammond Q & A website revealed that the "N" doesn't fit. It is slightly wounded, it has one cracked leg.

There's a possibility that one additional spinet electronic organ (a small Lowery) may also be available in this caper. It's the one that was in our lodge before the Hammond.

So there may actually be two lodge organs available.

If we can have a traveling gavel, why not a traveling organ?

Email your lodge news to wmjeditor@wisc-freemasonry.org.

AARP Driver Safety Class Offered

The AARP Driver Safety course that helps drivers of all ages become more aware of changes that have occurred in cars, roadways and those changes due to aging is being offered to Wisconsin Lodges to help in their community service efforts.

The four hour class, taught by fully volunteer instructors, has no sales pitch and no advertising. To register for the class, or to inquire how your Lodge can offer this course, please call 608-655-4847 and ask for Bro. Mel Stark.

The Driver Safety course reviews some of the basic rules of the road. It is open to the public and there are no tests, no pass or fail.

During the months of July and August the course is available to present employees of a school system (educators, secretaries, and maintenance people alike). In November the class will be offered free to all veterans, current military and their families.

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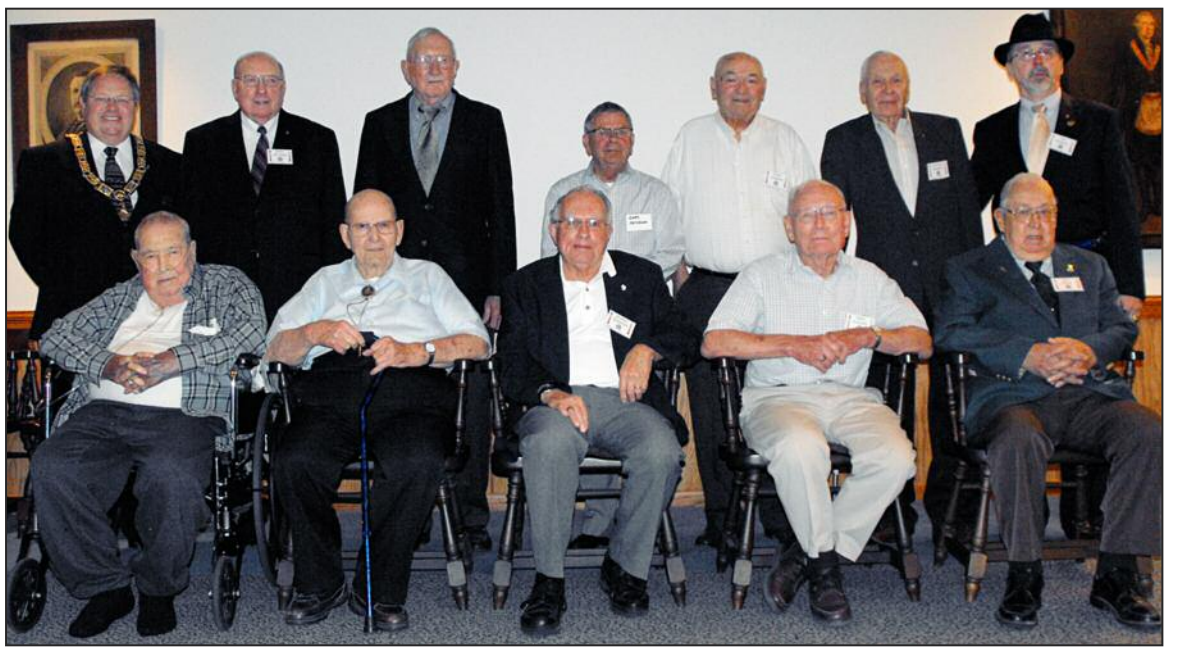
News Events from the Lodges

Bro. Burt Trok is Hancock Lodge's "Mason of the Year"

Bro. Burt Trok, Past Master and long time Mason of Ellsworth, was named "Mason of the Year" at the Hancock Lodge and Eastern Star Chapter Awards Banquet on May 18, at the Masonic Center in Ellsworth. Bros. (from left): Dan Sherry, chair of the event, John Reinkey, 50 year member, Dr. E. R. Jonas, last year's "Mason of the Year"and Brother Trok. In addition, Bro. Trok was recognized for marking 50 years of service and he and his wife were also celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer



Menomonie Lodge honors 50 year plus members

Menomonie Lodge No. 164 honored their members who have achieved 50 or more years of service on May 23 with a recognition dinner. Front row (from left): Bros. Robert Stratton, 51 yrs.; Galen Fox, 62 yrs.; Don Goodrich, 63 yrs.; Harry Zitelman, 62 yrs.; and Delbert Hagen, 53 yrs. Second row: District 2 Deputy Gary Stang; Bros. Gerald Hillman, 51 yrs.; Dale Hendricks, 54 yrs.; Gary Mathison, 51 yrs.; Dave Johnson, 52 yrs.; Laverne Graske, 57 yrs.; and Jim Harmer, Master. Unable to attend were: Bros. William Brave, 53 yrs.; Douglas Sherman, 62 yrs.; Carroll Brusen, 65 yrs.; Larry Stack, 54 yrs.; Erwin "Bud " Larson, 56 yrs.; Ken Drake, 61 yrs.' Wes Johnson, 64 yrs.; Keith Larson, 53 yrs.; Willard McMartin, 57 yrs.; and John Dale, 68 yrs.

Submitted by Bro. Randy Smeltzer

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Prairie du Chien Scholarship Fundraiser Aug. 4

Prairie du Chien Lodge No. 8 will be hosting a fundraiser for their scholarship fund at the corner of Blackhawk Avenue and Beaumont Road, in downtown Prairie du Chien, on Saturday, August 4 from 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 5.

They will be serving barbecued pulled pork and beef brisket sandwiches, catfish, chicken wings and beans, with potato salad or slaw on the side.

The meats are prepared by Grassroots BBQ.

Email your lodge news and photos to wmjeditor@wisc-freemasonry.org

Bro. James Carlson is "Mason of the Year"

Bro. Dale Brathol, Master of Collins-Spring Valley Lodge No. 192 presents the "Mason of the Year" award to Bro. James Karlson (right). Bro. Carlson was praised for his tireless efforts in managing lodge owned rental properties, and his commitment to assisting other lodges in ritual work.

Submitted by Bro Jay Custer, Secretary

Lake Country Masonic Golf Outing July 16

The 10th 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 16.

The event will be held at a new location, the Legend at Bristlecone, Hwy 16 & Jungbluth Road, Hartland.

This year's entry fee is $165 per person or $600 per foursome. This includes 18 holes of golf (cart included), on a private championship course; practice range & locker facilities available and putting green; lunch and on-course beverages; putting contest; hole-in-one prize a New Ford Mustang GT; hole prizes; raffles and silent auction.

Each team will receive a complimentary photograph.

Registration and lunch are at 10:30 a.m. Tee time for the shotgun start is 12 noon.

Dinner and awards are at 6:00 p.m. The cost of the dinner is $45 per person, $80 per couple.

Sponsorship opportunities are available: for more information, contact Contact Rob Rohloff 414-899-7381 (silent raffle), Tom Ewald 262-201-4036 (golf registration), or Tim Behling, 414-254-3060 (sponsorships) .

For more information and to sign up visit lcmgo.com

Collins-Spring Valley Masons fill sandboxes

Bro. Jeremy Fussy (left), Jay Custer and the Masons of Collins-Spring Valley Lodge No. 192 recently brightened the day for 15 families in southern St. Croix County by delivering sandbox sand. They were assisted by Jason Anderson of Anderson Building LLC and Kevin Bohn, Cemstone Ready Mix donated the sand. The highlight for this event was the joyful kids who rushed to the sandboxes to try out the fresh sand. The Lodge plans to make this an annual event. Freewill donations received toward the $2000 scholarship that is given annually on a rotating basis at Baldwin-Woodville, St. Croix Central, and Spring Valley High Schools.

Submitted by Bro. Jay Custer, Secretary

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News Events from the Lodges

Bro. Alton Hodges presents gavel

Bro. Alton Hodges, Junior Warden, Chetek Lodge No. 277, presents a friendship gavel he made to District 2 Deputy Gary Stang. The gavel is to be used on the east side of District 2 to promote visitation between the lodges. The District now has two friendship gavels and one traveling gavel. Bro. Alton's son, Bro. Andy Hodges, Master of Chetek Lodge, is on the left.

Photo by Rich Rygh

Bro. Bert Moore honored for 63 years of service

Bro. Bert Moore received a special visit on May 10, his 91st birthday,from his Brothers at Warren Lodge No. 4 including Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. The Brethren came to help him celebrate and to honor him for over 60 years of service to Freemasonry. The Grand Master congratulated him and presented him with his 60 year pin. Bro. Moore was raised on March 24, 1949 in W. W. Childs Lodge No. 295, Gays Mills. He affiliated with Warren Lodge No. 4 on Dec.15,1999. Bro. Moore is seated in front. Standing (left to right): Bros. Roger Sedgwick, Francis Reding, Ron Jaacks, Leonard Atkinson, Keith Turner and Grand Master White.

Submitted by Grand Master Davey L. White Jr.

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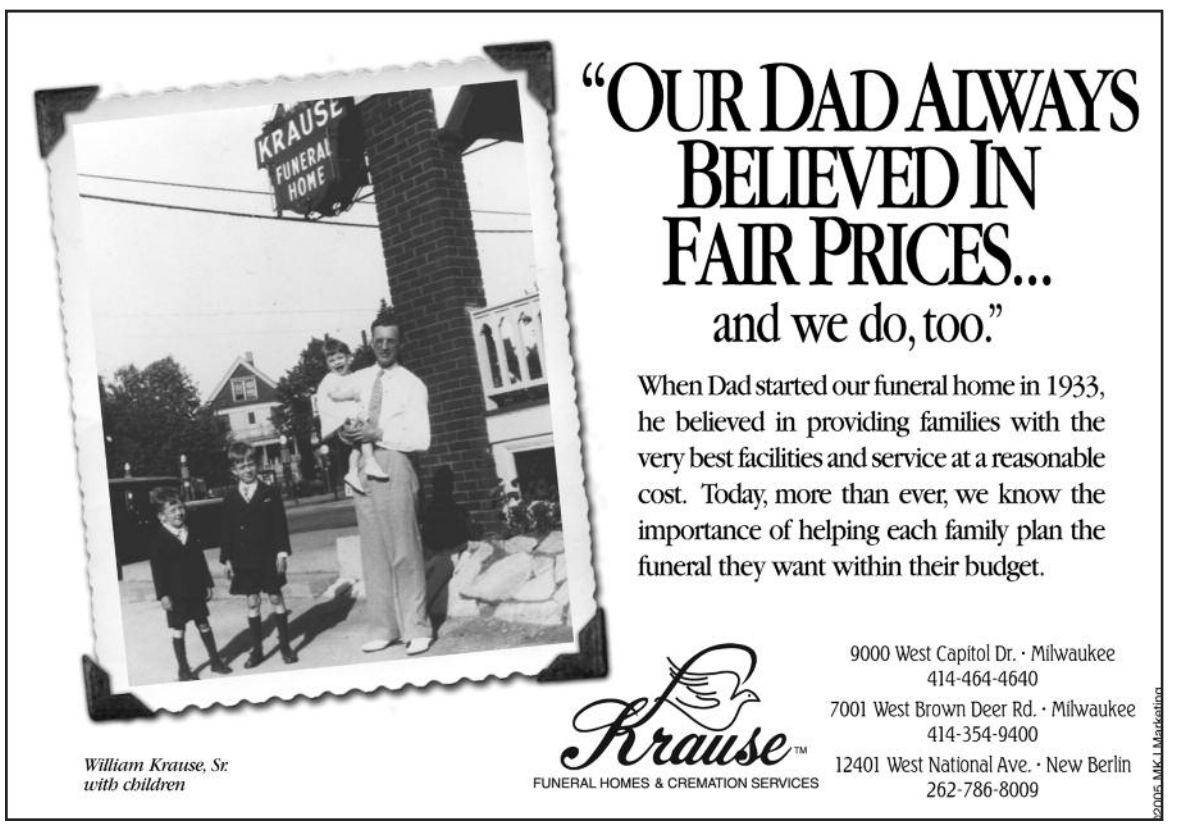

New Home for Shawano Lodge No. 170 to be Dedicated Aug. 2

Newly completed Shawano Masonic Center at 2324 E. Richmond St., Shawano.

The outdoor park makes an attractive gathering place for Brethren and other community groups.

Photos by Bro. George Tincher

The Brethren of Shawano Lodge No. 170 will host a dedication ceremony on Aug. 2 at their new Shawano Masonic Center, 2324 E. Richmond St., in Shawano.

There will be a social hour at 4:30 p.m. followed by a Unity Picnic at 5:30 p.m. in the Shawano Lodge Park in the rear of the building.

Master Larry Sperberg will welcome everyone in the Lodge room at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Dedication Ceremony by Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert and the Grand Lodge Officers.

Those wishing to attend should contact Bro. Larry Sperberg at larrysperberg@gmail.com or call 715-526-5477 or 715-881-0410.

Shawano Lodge No. 170 was chartered in 1868. After occupying several different spaces in Shawano they moved into and called their home 201½ S. Main Street. In its proud history, the Lodge has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to countless charitable purposes to strengthen the Shawano community and provide for the less fortunate.

At the turn of the century, however, it became apparent that the Lodge's location had become a deterrent to broadening membership and to encouraging involvement from the greater community. The membership recognized that its 90 plus year-old home had outlived its usefulness and was no longer financially feasible for the Brethren to maintain.

After careful study, strategic planning and difficult discussions, the membership determined a stable, affordable, accessible and welcoming gathering place for their home base was critical in order to provide the foundation on which the lodge could continue to grow its membership and conduct its good work.

The Brethren purchased a facility on 1.5 acres in the City of Shawano in 2010. Renovations commenced immediately to incorporate energy-efficient, handicap-accessible, and economically sustainable elements. Landscaping was undertaken to offer attractive indoor and outdoor gathering spaces both for the Shawano Masons and for use by other community groups.

The Brethren are deeply grateful to all who have made donations and given of their time and talent to assist the Lodge in carrying out its primary purpose in securing and readying this new facility. The benefits are already apparent from the Lodge's increased visibility and a renewed image as a community supporter. This is directly attributable to those who believed in the importance of this effort.

The investment made by the Brethren and those who have donated to this project will be seen in the Lodge's ability to offer a meaningful avenue of service to a growing membership who understand and support the tenets of Freemasonry.

The new Shawano Masonic Center provides the best opportunity for Freemasonry to thrive and increase the impact it has on the Shawano community well into the future.

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Dodge County Masonic Center Cornerstone Ceremony

Past Grand Master James H. Olson, member of Dodge County Lodge, reflects on how he became a Mason and the wonderful people his has met through the craft.

Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. turns the working tools over to Bro. J. Pat Storrs, architect and Bro. Ray "Hiram the Builder" Mielke.

See story on page one

Past Grand Master George A. Wallinger speaks on behalf of the service award recipients.

Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. declares the cornerstone to be well formed, true and trusty.

Secretary John Machkovech gives a tour of the lodge room.

Master R.J. Johnson welcomes guests.

The cornerstone which was recycled from the old building, originally laid in 1910.

Photos by Rich Rygh

Bros. honored for service to Freemasonry, Melvin Tielens, 60 yrs.; Albert Thornburgh, 60 yrs., George Wallinger 50 yrs.; Alfred Olson 60 yrs., and Robert Keller, 60 yrs.

Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. presents the Grand Master's Meritorious Masonic Service Award to Bro. Jerry Holz, a 58 year Mason, for all he has done for Masonry in Wisconsin.

Photos by Rich Rygh

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Grand Master was awarded the Grand Honors and escorted to the East by Deputy Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert.

The flag was presented by the Knights Templar under the direction of Right Eminent Grand Commander Ray Mielke. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and the first verse of the National Anthem was sung.

The Grand Master declared the 168th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. open followed by a prayer by Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie.

The preliminary report of the credentials committee confirmed 158 of the 182 lodges and one lodge under dispensation are registered.

Past Grand Master Joseph B. Harker reported there was no unfinished business from last year.

The proceedings of the 2011 167th Annual Communication were approved.

Past Grand Masters in attendance were introduced and received the Grand Honors.

Guests from other jurisdictions, Deputy Grand Master Charles E. Currie and Senior Grand Warden Minor King, of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, Inc. and heads of appendant bodies and were introduced.

The Grand Master asked the Brethren to remember in their prayers, Past Grand Masters Beecher Daniels and Dean Massey, who both recently lost their wives.

The Grand Master recognized the District Lectures, Area Administrators and Regional Chaplains for their assistance to the lodges throughout the year.

Past Grand Master Joseph B. Harker gave the response on behalf of the Past Grand Masters. He congratulated Grand Master White and his officers for the great work they have done over the past year. He extended the willingness of the Past Grand Masters to provide any help needed to the upcoming officers.

Grand Master Glenn Trautmann of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of New Jersey, gave the response on behalf of the visiting jurisdictions and thanked the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin for all the courtesies and hospitalities extended to them during their visit.

Grand Master Trautmann expressed what a great day it is to be a Freemason with all the young men knocking on our door to gain admission. He explained the success of the mentoring program in retaining members in New Jersey. Lodges using this program have reached an 80% retention rate. They are also remembering their older Brethren. There are 19 Grand Chaplains in New Jersey who are regularly visiting Brethren who are homebound or in the hospital due to age and illness.

In celebrating the 225th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, Grand Master Trautmann presented Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. a stein commissioned in Germany commemorating the anniversary.

The Grand Master recognized Bro. Rich Rygh for his work on the Wisconsin Masonic Journal.

The Grand Master stated they are going to do something a little different at the Annual communication this year. The Progressive Line Officers, now referred to as the Strategic Planning Committee have decided to implement some Masonic education into the proceedings to make the Annual Communication more interesting and fun, and so those attending will have some information to take back to their lodges.

Deputy Grand Master Charles E. Currie, Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, Inc., brought the greetings of the Prince Hall Brethren. He said he was asked to give a history of Prince Hall and referred to the history previously published in the Wisconsin Masonic Journal (March 2011), written by Junior Grand Deacon Donald Hensiak. He suggested the Brethren go back and read the article and he was here to put his seal on it. Deputy Grand Master Currie said the first Prince Hall Lodge in Wisconsin was William H. Brown No. 25 in Milwaukee in 1878, Chartered in Illinois. The Wisconsin Prince Hall Grand Lodge was established in June 29,1925.

Deputy Grand Master Siewert gave the report of the nominating committee which is printed in the pre-proceedings and moved for the acceptance of the report. The report was accepted.

The election of officers was conducted and the District Deputies collected the ballots.

Deputy Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert read the names of the living Past Grand Masters unable to attend the Annual Communication and asked the Brethren to keep them in their prayers. He also stated Bro. Mel Werch, owner of J.P. Luther Company in Berlin, Wis., who has served the Masons of Wisconsin for many years, passed away this morning at the age of 92. He was still working last Friday. J.P. Luther is open for business downstairs, run by the third generation.

The Grand Master declared the ballot closed.

Past Grand Master James H. Olson gave the report from the Resolutions Committee. He said the report is printed in the pre-proceedings. He thanked Past Grand Master George Wallinger and Jan Gorgen for all their help this year. Resolution 1 through 5 were approved as to form. Past Grand Master Olson called on the Chairman of the Esoteric Committee, Grand Lecturer Kenneth Gorgen, to address Resolution No. 6 which was laid over from last years Annual Communication. This proposal would make many changes in the esoteric work. The Grand Lecturer stated the Esoteric Committee reviewed the changes and some changes the committee would recommend and some they would not. He explained their opinions. He said because all changes are together in one resolution they would not recommend passage. It was recommended by the Resolutions Committee that this resolution again be referred to the Esoteric Committee with the request that they present an appropriate resolution for the next Annual Communication. The report was adopted.

Past Grand Master Olson asked the most senior Past Grand Master to approach the podium. Past Grand Master Charles E. White (1970) greeted Grand Master Davey L. White Jr., serving as Grand Master 42 years later.

Bro. Bob Roth reviewed the report of the Jurisprudence Committee which is printed in the pre-proceedings. He said all activities this year took place in conformity with code and permission of the Grand Master. The majority of the bylaw changes trended toward not going dark. Bro. Roth sated other items came up at their meeting yesterday which will be amended to his report. He stated they voted on a new Lodge Charter which will be granted this year. The committee reviewed the resolutions and called attention to Resolution No. 5 which would create a statute of limitations with respect to commencement of proceedings against a Bro. under the code. He stated that it is the unanimous recommendation that such a restraint against the Grand Master is not in the best interest of the craft. There are many circumstances when a problem is not discovered until several years after it occurred and the committee does not recommend the passage of Resolution No. 5. The Committee concurred with Past Grand Master Olson's report of the Resolutions Committee. Bro. Charles Carroll, Master of George Washington 1776 Lodge, asked that the dispensations portion of the report be amended to include a dispensation to host a lodge from another jurisdiction which dispensation they received recently. The Grand Master explained that the dispensation was granted after the pre-proceedings were printed. The addition of the amendment was adopted and the Resolutions Committee Report was accepted.

The Grand Master presents the Grand Master's Meritorious Masonic Service Award to his father, Bro. Davey L. White Sr.

The Grand Master acknowledged Bro. Tom Tourville for allowing the use of his banner in the East honoring our Armed Forces Personnel who have served.

Junior Grand Warden William Beetcher presented Resolution No. 3 to designate the place of holding the Annual Communication in 2014. The resolution passed.

District 12 Deputy Robert Strader gave the report of the District Deputies. The report was accepted.

Junior Grand Warden William Beetcher asked that the Junior Grand Wardens report printed in the pre-proceedings be received. He stated it was very rewarding to see our youth groups growing. The report was received.

Senior Grand Warden Daniel L. Slavik asked that the report of the Senior Grand Warden be received as printed in the pre-proceedings. It was accepted.

Deputy Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert referred the Brethren to his report which is printed in the pre-proceedings, he made reference to one aspect of his report which states that many issues that had to be dealt with over the last year were personality issues. He reminded the Bros. that we must all remember our obligations and the Tenets of our craft and we must show respect for our lodge officers through proper protocol. The report was accepted.

Bro. Randy Thorman was presented the the Secretary of the Year Award by Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM. (right). The award is given by the Grand Lodge office staff. Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. is on the left. Bro. Thorman is Secretary of Neosho Mayville Horicon Lodge No. 108.

Senior Grand Deacon Franklin J. Struble and Bro. Paul Tourville, gave a presentation on our Masonic Home our greatest charity in the State of Wisconsin. They outlined the mission of Three Pillars, and who we are, what we are not, what makes us special and ways Brethren can participate in Three Pillars. The Senior Grand Deacon stated that MasonWoods will continue to be part of our charity. Bro. Paul Tourville outlined how to give to Three Pillars and what can be given and the tax benefits.

The Grand Master extended the Grand Honors to the officers of the visiting jurisdictions as he previously neglected to do so.

Grand Master White introduced and thanked the officers of Warren Lodge No. 4 who opened this 168th Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. turned the gavel over to the Deputy Grand Master and presented his Grand Master's Report. The report is printed on page 15 of this issue of the Wisconsin Masonic Journal. The report was adopted.

Past Grand Master James H. Olson gave the report of Appeals and Grievances Committee on behalf of Past Grand Master Stephen D. Willett who was unable to be present. Two Brothers were suspended and later the suspension was lifted. All edicts issued by the Grand Master were approved. Two members were expelled for being convicted of a felony and the committee recommends approval of the expulsions. One appeal was requested and was denied. The report was approved.

The Grand Master presented the Grand Master's Meritorious Masonic Service Award to a Mason of 40 plus years, he has worked tirelessly his whole life, he always made time to stop by the lodge to lend a hand and he has a physical disability that he never let slow him down. The award was presented to Bro. Davey L. White Sr. our Grand Master's father. Deputy Grand Master Siewert extended the Grand Honors to Bro. White.

The Grand Secretary gave the results of the election: Grand Master, Dennis V. Siewert; Deputy Grand Master, Daniel L. Slavik; Senior Grand Warden, William Beetcher; Junior Grand Warden, Franklin J. Struble; Grand Treasurer, John A. Benedict; Grand Secretary, Michael A. DeWolf, PGM; Grand Trustee, 5 years, John P. Marra; Wisconsin Benevolent Activities Board, three year terms, Guy K. Gooding, John C. Tilley and Davey L. White Jr.; Wisconsin Masonic Journal Board, 1 year term, Stephen P. Ehle; and Wisconsin Masonic Journal Board, 3 year term, John A. Donaldson and Milton Helmer.

Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, referred his report which is presented in the pre-proceedings. He outlined the progress made this year in the renovation of the Grand Masonic Center, he stated it is now a place the Brethren can be proud of. The first Secretary Training Seminar was a success and will be repeated this January. He outlined the 990N postcard problems and stated the situation will be rectified after the Annual Communication. Grand Secretary DeWolf was elected Secretary/Treasurer for the Conference of Grand Secretaries which will bring a little more visibility to the State of Wisconsin. As usual if you need any help call 807. The report was accepted.

Grand Treasurer John A. Benedict asked for acceptance of the Expenditures Committee Report as printed in the pre-proceedings, it was accepted.

The Grand Treasurer covered some of the highlights in the Treasurer's Report as printed in the pre-proceedings. He said Service and Assistance paid out about $75,000, $25,000 was distributed to the youth committee and $71,000 of land funds were spent on the Grand Masonic Center. The report was accepted.

Grand Treasurer Benedict presented Resolution No. 2, to provide for a per capita tax remaining at $37.00. It was adopted.

The Grand Treasurer presented Resolution No. 1, to adopt the 2012-13 budget calling for $837,550 in expenditures. It was adopted.

The Grand Lodge was called informal to welcome our office staff to present the Secretary of the Year Award. Jan Gorgen, Alicia Darr and Cheryl Martin were welcomed and the Grand Master and Brethren expressed their appreciation for the wonderful job they do. The Secretary of the Year for 2012 was awarded to Bro. Randy Thorman of

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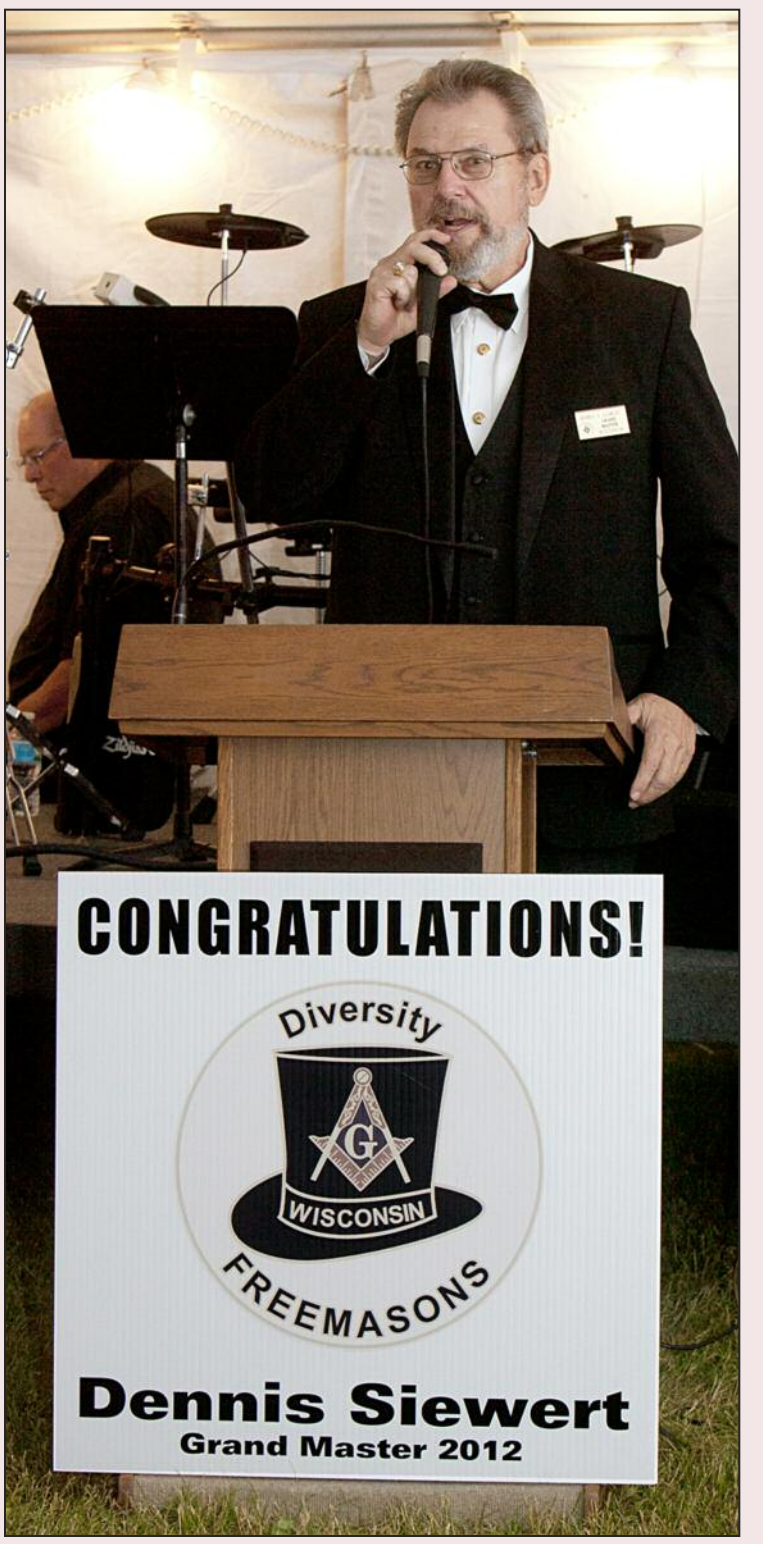
Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, introduces the Grand Master.



Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert introduces his family.

York Rite Past Grand Commander Ray Mielke presented the Grand Master with a bib adorned with Blue Lodge and York Rite Emblems.

BEJA Potentate David Oshefsky escorts Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert under an arch of steel provided by the York Rite Grand Commandery.

Bro. Allen Kohn (left) and Bro. Jay Herbst (right) organizers of the Masonic Unity Reception visit with the Grand Master at the close of the evening.

Photos by Rich Rygh

Bro. Keith Turner (left) was honored for 55 years of service to Freemasonry. He was raised on May 2, 1957 in Warren Lodge No. 4.

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Neosho Mayville Horicon Lodge No. 108. He was not present at this time to receive the award.

Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. called the craft from labor to refreshment. Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie gave the blessing.

The Grand Master called the Lodge to order after lunch.

Past Grand Master Roger L. Magoon and Bro. Keith Turner were honored for their years of service by the Grand Master. Past Grand Master Magoon was raised on May 15, 1963 in Neenah Lodge No. 349. Bro. Keith Turner was raised on May 2, 1957 in Warren Lodge No. 4.

Junior Grand Deacon Donald W. Hensiak referred to the report of the Wisconsin Benevolent Activities Board, Fraternal Relations Report and the Planning Reports that are printed in the pre-proceedings. He stated he would like to call attention to the exemplary job the Home Board did this year. The operating losses were reduced by $1 million. The reports were accepted.

Grand Master White thanked Bro. Hensiak for the excellent job he has done over the past 6 years as president of WMBAB.

Bro. Tom Tourville was recognized by the Grand Master for outstanding work he has done in the jurisdiction of Wisconsin and his work with DeMolay. Bro. Tourville offered the use of his banner in the East, honoring our armed forces personnel, for any lodge that wanted to use it.

Bros. Dwight Evans and Robert Barnett were honored by the Grand Master for the phenomenal job they have done in District 9 as Area Administrators. They have made over one hundred visits this year and didn't charge the Grand Lodge mileage for most of them.

Senior Grand Deacon Franklin J. Struble was called on to present the Three Pillars report which is printed in the pre-proceedings. He introduced Bro. Mark Strautman, the CEO of Three Pillars and asked that he be recognized for the exceptional job he has done this past year and asked that the report be received. The report was received.

The Grand Master presented the Grand Master's Meritorious Masonic Service Award to Bro. Jerry Holz, a 58 year Mason, for all he has done for Masonry in Wisconsin. Bro Holz offered this favorite toast: "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift and that is why we call it the present, so here is to the present."

Grand Orator Keith D. Chamberlain, PGM, referred to the report of the Service and Assistance Committee in the pre-proceeding. He said how pleased he is to serve on this committee and how rewarding it is at the end of the day to have helped those among us who have fallen on hard times. The report was received.

Grand Orator Chamberlain, also referred to the report of the Wisconsin Masonic Journal Board printed in the pre-proceedings. He expressed his appreciation to Bro. Rich Rygh, editor, for his work on the Journal. The report was received.

The Grand Master asked for a motion to accept all other reports printed in the pre-proceedings. A motion was made and seconded and passed.

Bro. George Braatz, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of North America, explained their four areas of service. He stated the MSA disaster relief last year distributed more than $400,000 in aid after natural disasters. In the hospital visitation program there are 183 certified coordinators and representatives that regularly visit 197 Veterans Administration Hospitals around the country. He recognized Past Grand Master Beecher Daniels, our MSA coordinator and hospital representatives, Laverne Storkson, Charles Wallens, Harry Smith and Tom Dowman. Bro. Braatz presented a plaque to the Grand Master in appreciation of the support of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

Bro. Peter Ramboldt of Morning Star Lodge No. 10 presented Resolution No. 4, to allow an Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft to attend various meetings and to clarify voting rites. He made a motion to adopt the resolution. After much discussion the resolution was defeated.

Past Grand Master Allen E. Iding referred to the report of the Foreign Relations committee and asked for its approval which would recognize the Grand Lodge of Tahiti. The report was adopted after which the Lodge was called informal until 8:30 Saturday morning.

The Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to order Saturday morning at 8:30.

Past Grand Master Carl J. Wussow brought a message from Aurora Lodge No. 30 one of the rarest lodges in the United States and our only German speaking lodge. The work is done in the Modified French Rite. He introduced Bro. Josef Pronnet, Master of the Lodge and he urged the Brethren to see him and schedule a visit to the Lodge. He also asked that anyone knowing someone who speaks German and is a Mason or interested in becoming a Mason to refer them to a member of Aurora Lodge.

Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, gave a report from the Credentials Committee. He said that 140 lodges are registered this morning and asked the lodges that haven't done so to please register.

Grand Orator Keith D. Chamberlain, PGM, gave a presentation on the Service and Assistance Board and how it works. It is over 168 years old. Initial requests much be made to the member's home lodge and goes through the Area Administrators and District Deputies to the Board. Each Lodge is supposed to have a charity committee consisting of the Master and Wardens. If the request is deemed worthy by the charity committee some form of assistance is strongly encouraged from the lodge prior to consideration from Service and Assistance. After the proper paperwork has been filled out, Service and Assistance will then take over. Requests are processed in a very short time, less than 30 days.

Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie presented the necrology report. A moment of silent prayer was observed in memory of our departed Bros. The report was accepted.

Grand Lecturer Kenneth Gorgen and The Grand Master presented the Degree Competition Awards. The Grand Lecturer stated "I have to tell you those were the two best second sections of the Master Mason Degree that I have ever seen put on." First place was presented to the District 9 Degree Team accepted by Bro. James Johnson, Oconomowoc Hartland Lodge No. 42. First runner-up was presented to a lodge that enters the competition every year, Washington Lodge No. 21. The Grand Lecturer said there will be a Degree Competition next year on May 11.

Past Grand Master John Wilke gave a presentation on the Charges. He charged the Brethren to read the Charges in Lodge. The Charges are in the Code Book, the Green Book and Anderson's Constitutions.

The Grand Master invited Bro. Randy Thorman to the East. Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf said we have

Past Grand Master Magoon receives his Masonic Service Award from Deputy Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert. He was raised on May 15, 1963 in Neenah Lodge No. 349.

long sought this opportunity and presented Bro. Thorman the Secretary of the Year Award from the Grand Lodge office staff.

Junior Grand Steward Scott E. Pedley gave his presentation on Conflict Resolution. He said we need harmony in our lives and urged the Brethren to remember the tenets of Friendship and Brotherly Love. One thing to ask yourself, he said is "Am I the one who is causing the conflict?" Resolving conflicts is everyone's responsibility not just the Master. He stated, "Sometimes we need to modify our personalities in order to get along with others." WBro. Pedley offered a quote from Will Rogers, "Good judgement comes from experience and a lot of that comes from bad judgement." He urged, don't forget our Masonic Principles. Don't make it complicated.

The Grand Master presented the Brethren of Nine Rivers Lodge their new charter. He expressed his pleasure in signing the new charter and stated how proud he is of this Lodge.

Grand Master Davey L. White Jr., Deputy Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert and WBro. David Tainter presented the Lodge Excellence Awards to qualifying lodges. The top three awards went to: Reedsburg Lodge No. 79, third place; Twin Cities Lodge No. 61, second place; and Warren Lodge No. 4, first place. WBro. David Tainter stated the rules for qualification were followed, and many lodges that did not qualify lost out because they did not fulfill the required areas, submitting budgets and conferring the degrees were the weakest points.

The Grand Master recognized the Grand Lodge officers retiring this year and presented them with a certificate of appreciation.

Deputy Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert and Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. make some leadership decisions during the Annual Communication.

Grand Orator Keith D. Chamberlain, PGM and Grand Secretary Michael DeWolf, PGM received a special thank you from the Grand Master for having been with him through his entire 17 years in Grand Lodge.

Grand Master White introduced Most Worshipful Bro. Jack Butler, Past Grand Master of Mason in Iowa, and noted he was indeed shorter than our Grand Master. Past Grand Master Butler asked the Brethren to stand, take one step to the left, take a deep breath and hold it to the count of three and let it out slowly. He informed the Brethren that they had heard a lot of speakers in the last two days, but he was the only one that brought them to their feet, moved them and took their breath away.

He asked how many Brethren were tuned to WIIFM. He explained that WIIFM is not a radio station in Potosi. It is the most common question asked when we talk about this great Fraternity, "What's in it for me?". He said the simple answer is, it is a way of life. You are a Mason 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year. Everywhere you go, everything you do, everything you say reflects upon you as a Mason and the Fraternity. Think about that.

He suggested when asked what we do, instead of saying we take good men and make them better, that we share some of the secrets. He suggested we tell them we will give them a little taste of Masonry in six short words. The first three word are what you are going to do and the last three words are what you are not going to do. The first three words are help, aid and assist. The second are cheat, wrong or defraud. Think of the character that actually describes. This describes the type of man most every man wants to spend his time with.

Past Grand Master Butler stated, "Masonry is a life long pursuit, it is a way of life."

The final report of the Credentials Committee, given by the Grand Secretary showed the final tally of lodges registered at this Annual Communication is 158.

Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. said, "Love you all, God Bless you all and thank you for a wonderful trip." He then turned the gavel over to Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert.

The new Grand Lodge Officers took their respective places.

Grand Orator Keith B. Chamberlain, PGM, President of the Wisconsin Masonic Journal Board presented Past Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. a bound copy of the Journals from his year in office.

Past Grand Master Bruce S. Sim made the proclamation, he declared the Grand Lodge Officers duly installed.

The Grand Secretary presented Past Grand Master White with the Jewel of a Past Grand Master and officially introduced Past Grand Master Davey L. White Jr.

The Brethren of Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 322 presented the Grand Master an elegant light box containing a large version of his Grand Master's Pin, extended their best wishes and offered their help in any way he may need.

Grand Master Siewert gave his message to the Fraternity which is printed on page one of this issue of the Wisconsin Masonic Journal.

Deputy Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik closed the 168th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin.

Leadership Seminar in Chippewa Falls Sept. 15

A Lodge Leadership Seminar (formally known as the Wardens Workshop), sponsored by the Valley of Eau Claire Scottish Rite and the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, will be held on Saturday, September 15 at the Chippewa Masonic Center in Chippewa Falls.

The Seminar is designed to help prepare Lodge officers for the Master's chair and is open to all Masters, Wardens and Deacons. We will have a knowledgeable group of speakers/presenters covering Masonic topics such as: Lodge protocol and traditions; Grand Lodge and the District Team; the Master's and Secretary's duties and responsibilities; planning for your year in the East; discussion on the Masonic Code; and more.

More detailed letters will be sent out by Aug. 1 with a RSVP date of Sept. 1.

For further information, please contact Senior Grand Warden William Beetcher at wb_2014@wisc-freemasonry.org or 715-566-0350; or Junior Grand Deacon Arby Humphrey at lah_2017@wisc-freemasonry.org or 715-815-1032.

Annual Report of Grand Master Davey L. White Jr.

To our Past Grand Masters, Distinguished guests, Grand Lodge Officers and Brothers all:

I thank you for the opportunity to have served this Grand Jurisdiction as your Grand Master for the last twelve months. It truly has been an honorable and educational experience for me. I cannot begin to tell you what a humbling experience it is to serve as a Grand Master and represent some of the finest men and Masons that I have ever had the pleasure to meet in my forty nine years on this earth. I can only hope that you are as proud of me as I am of all of you. Your leadership and guidance, whether at the local Lodge level, a committee level, or a Grand Lodge level, has been an inspiration and a driving force for me throughout the years leading to my election as your Grand Master. Without the wisdom and guidance of each and every Mason I have had the pleasure to meet, none of this would have been possible. Thank You All.

At the start of my term, I wanted to continue to build on the team concept that Our Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Joe Harker started during his term in office. I knew from the start that I had big shoes to fill, but I knew that with the help of all of the Grand Lodge officers, it was an attainable goal. Your Grand Lodge officers should be commended for all their efforts. Please join me in giving them all a round of applause. We have worked as a team all year and I am proud to say that they have risen to the challenges and tasks put before them. They take the charges of their respective offices very seriously and I believe they have represented you and this Grand Jurisdiction of Wisconsin with honor and integrity as they performed all the various aspects of their respective offices. I could never have had such a successful year without the dedication of all of you.

I would like to at this time thank my lovely wife Tammi for supporting me and understanding how much this Fraternity and all my friendships mean to me. Without your help and involvement this journey would have been a much rougher path to travel and wouldn't have been as fulfilling as it has become. To my Family and friends I thank you all for your understanding when I wasn't able to attend birthday parties, weddings, anniversaries, baseball games, reunions, etc. over the last 17 years, more especially the last four years as an elected officer. To my Father Davey L. White Sr. and my Mother Donna White for providing a great example for me to follow and for always supporting me during the good times and the bad. I know that I had to learn everything the hard way and probably should have listened to your advice and council more often, but putting that petition in front of me when I turned 19 years old certainly had a big impact on my life. It truly has been one of the greatest moments in my life and has changed it for the better. To MWPGM Joe Harker, your friendship and guidance the last several years is something I will always cherish. Your willingness to share your experiences and help prepare me for this year will always be remembered. I only hope that I can someday repay you for practicing what Masonry is all about. To RWDGM, Dennis Valentine Siewert, your support this year is greatly appreciated. I always knew that you were there to assist me in any way possible and I pledge the same support for you during the upcoming year. To all the elected and appointed officers I pledge the same support for you in the upcoming years. I am only a phone call away. To the MWPGMs, your leadership throughout the years is to be commended. The Grand Lodge Officers realize how much work you all still do for the Fraternity and I am sure that will not change any time soon. Making yourselves available for the presiding Grand Master is something we all appreciate. Your collective wisdom and institutional memories is a real blessing when we call upon you. I must also thank the office staff, Jan, Alicia, Cheryl, and Erika. They have been a great help all year long. I have traveled to the Grand Lodge Office just about every week this year and their dedication to the Fraternity is phenomenal. Each and every question or task was taken care of immediately. You Brethren do not realize how fortunate you are to have these ladies working on your behalf. The office staff is also comprised of MWPGM Mike DeWolf our Grand Secretary and RW Grand Treasurer John Benedict. We as a Jurisdiction are very fortunate to have these two Brothers looking out for our Fraternity. They are always busy taking care of the day to day operations of Freemasonry in Wisconsin. Take a moment to thank them for the reduction in your insurance premiums and all the other concerns they take care of for us. No Grand Master can have a successful year without the help and knowledge of these two offices and I think we have two of the best.

This year I had the pleasure to represent the Jurisdiction of Wisconsin at several Annual Communications in other jurisdictions. My wife and I traveled to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, The Grand Lodge of Minnesota and The Grand Lodge of New York. It is very interesting observing how business is transacted in other jurisdictions. As a Grand Master it provides you with new ideas and opportunities that you can bring back and utilize in our jurisdiction. It also provides us an opportunity to foster new friendships and connections so we can work together in the upcoming years. Together we can all grow stronger and move this Fraternity in a positive direction.

I along with several Grand Lodge Line officers attended the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Inc. Over the years we have developed some great friendships with these Brothers. MWGM Earl Thomas lll and his officer's meet with us annually to discuss fraternal relations and discuss how we can better work together for the Fraternity we all hold so dear to our hearts. I believe we have made great progress over the years and I look forward to working together with their upcoming Grand masters. We also enjoyed a wonderful evening at the combined Table Lodge in March hosted by our Prince Hall Brothers. This event is something I recommend all Masons to attend. It is one of the most memorable events that you will ever have the privilege to attend.

I along with the RWDGM, RWSGW, RWJGW, MWPGM & GS, WSGD and our Ladies attended the North American Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries held in Atlanta Georgia this past February. This is a time to connect with your counterparts in other jurisdiction and discuss what is working and what's not. They also hold a variety of educational breakout sessions that we attend and gather information on new programs. They hold several breakouts at one time so we divide ourselves up so we can attend as many as possible. In the two years I've attended we've come back with a lot of ideas we hope to implement in the future. This is one of the most important conferences we attend every year.

The Grand Lodge Officers both past and present spent the months of November, December and January traveling to Lodge installations all over the State. I believe I had the pleasure to participate in over 30 Lodge installations. This is one of the most enjoyable duties your Grand Lodge Officers get to participate in during the course of the year. We thank all the officers for allowing us the privilege to participate in these events and for adjusting your schedules to accommodate our busy schedules. The kindness shown and the hospitality given to us is greatly appreciated. We also were honored to attend and participate in several anniversary celebrations and cornerstones for new Lodge Buildings and a church. The Anniversaries show our longevity in our communities and the new Lodge buildings show the start of a new chapter in the history of these Lodges. I'm proud to say that I believe Masonry in Wisconsin is solid and on the verge of having a positive increase in the next few years.

The Grand Lodge Officers implemented a new program this year that I first learned about in New Jersey. It' called the "Gold Collar Degree". It's used when the Grand Lodge Officers confer a degree on a member of one of the Grand Lodge Officers immediate Family. I'm proud to report that the first recipient of this degree was the son of our WJGS Scott Pedley, Brother David Pedley. It was held at the Olive Branch Lodge No. 6 in New Diggings. Congratulations to Brother David on receiving this honor. I look forward to more of these degrees in the future.

The Grand Lodge Executive Committee approved several programs this year that we all should be proud of. We implemented a program asking for and receiving full support for the E.S.G.R program. The employee support for the Guards and Reserves program is designed to support our Service Men who provide the opportunity for us to enjoy our lives as we know them.

We also implemented the Grand Lodge Birthday card program honoring our Brothers for their years of service on the day they were raised. A special Thank You goes out to the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation for helping and supporting this program. I have received a lot of positive feedback from the Brothers in our jurisdiction and our Brothers in Florida and Arizona.

I had the pleasure to appoint a special committee chaired by our MWPGM Keith D. Chamberlain to develop and implement plans for a new Masonic Museum in Dodgeville. He along with the members of the committee and members of the Dodgeville Lodge have put a considerable amount of time, energy, and money into this project. I am sure that this will be a shining light for Masonry in Wisconsin when it is completed. The present date for a dedication is July 4, 2012. I am honored to have been asked to preside over the dedication ceremony. I thank the MWGM Dennis V. Siewert for granting me this honor. I also had the pleasure of naming the museum. It will be called the Wisconsin Masonic Heritage Museum in Dodgeville. Special thanks to Bro. Tom Mueller for all his hard work and dedication on this project.

I also had several requests over the years for a memorial service for our Ladies. I charged the Grand Chaplain with developing a service dedicated to our Ladies. He put a great memorial service together and it is available for all Lodges to use if they wish.

The Three Pillars campus continues to be a shining light in our Masonic heritage. The Board of Directors led by the first and last President of the Board Frank Struble and guidance of the Chairman of the board MWPGM Al Iding has had a very productive year. They have finalized the bylaws of Three Pillars and have restored the CEO title to Bro. Mark Strautman. They removed the President of the Board title and went back to Chairman of the Board and Vice Chair. They also changed their calendar year to more closely resemble the Grand Lodge Year. I thank Brothers Frank and Al, The members of the WMBAB along with the home board members for their diligent work.

Grand Master Davey L. White Jr.

Our youth groups, DeMolay, Rainbow and Job's Daughters are moving in the right direction. I think we all realize the importance of our youth. They are definitely the future of our Fraternity. I would especially like to thank our MWPGM Al Iding who took over as the Executive Officer for DeMolay. With his guidance our Wisconsin DeMolay has opened new chapters within the State and ranked third in the world in positive growth for the year. Congratulations on a job well done.

I have approved many dispensations and bylaw changes over the course of the year. I thank the Lodges for submitting these dispensation requests in a timely manner and for including the sections of the code to which it pertains to. This makes our Job a lot easier. Most of the bylaw changes pertained to Lodges wishing to stay open all year. I commend these Lodges for having the insight to recognize the need to be active and noticed all year long. No one ever said Freemasonry was a part time commitment. It is a way of life. If you haven't reviewed your bylaws recently, please go through them and update them. Consider changing them to have at least one meeting per month all year.

Congratulations to the District 9 degree team for winning the Degree competition this year. They had members from several Lodges and came together to do a great job. Both teams participating put on degree that would be an honor for anyone to receive. Thanks to our WGL Ken Gorgen and the Esoteric committee for putting this all together. I commend you for your hard work, especially the judging aspect of it. You all did a great job.

The Progressive Line officers continued to meet once a month to continue planning for the future of Freemasonry in Wisconsin. They held most meetings by teleconference or Skype to keep costs down to a minimum. These meetings are essential to keeping the cohesiveness of our Grand Lodge Officers in tact . We need to continue to work together year after year, picking up where the previous Grand Master left off instead of reinventing the wheel every year. The Executive Committee also met by teleconference or Skype when needed to discuss any pertinent business that may have come before it. When we all work together, we become stronger. We need to continue to communicate if we are to move this Fraternity in the right direction.

We had one request for consolidation, which is still being worked on at this time.

We need to continue to be concerned about membership, not so much about the numbers but about the quality of our members and the retention of the members we bring in to it. Remember we take good men and make them better, not take bad men and make them good. If you look at the report, we are bringing in about as many Masons as are passing away. Where we are having the most trouble is with suspension for nonpayment of dues and resignations. We need to do a better job of giving our Brothers something to do and giving them what they are looking for when they join the Fraternity. I was recently at a GL annual communication where they had a break down by age of the number of suspensions for nonpayment of dues. The facts were alarming! I couldn't believe the number of Masons being suspended over the age of 75 years. We need to do a better job of making personal contacts with our Brothers and finding out what is really going on in their lives. We cannot let the almighty dollar alter what our principals teach us. It is our duty to take care of Brothers in need, period. There is no room for compromise.

I have a few recommendations that I would like to present to you for your consideration and adoption.

- I issued an edict this year requiring every Lodge to submit a report from the Lodge Trustees and the financial committees to be included with the Lodges annual financial report that is to be submitted to the Grand Secretary by February 15th of each year. These reports should be signed and dated by each committee member.
- I would like to require that all newly raised Master Masons be required to pass their Master Mason posting and have a card stating the same before being allowed to petition another appendant body.

I have dedicated this past year to the principles of Masonry, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. I believe everyone knows the meaning behind these simple tenants. If we continue to practice these tenants in our lives, communities and Lodges I believe our membership worries will take care of themselves.

I would like to leave you with a quote from Carl H. Claudy, FPS, "Take from Freemasonry its reputation and make it an organization striving for notice, competing for publicity, members, attention, with all the hundred and one distractions of modern life, and it becomes just 'one of the crowd'. And then it dies! Let it be silent, secret, reserved, dignified; keep it what it has always been, a mystery, a secret force for good in the world, an order which men cannot join save they be worthy – and it's power increases."

Respectfully and Fraternally Submitted,
Davey L. White Jr.

168th Annual Communication

The flag is presented at the opening of the Annual Communication by the Knights Templar under the direction of Right Eminent Grand Commander Ray Mielke.

Past Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. (right) turns the gavel over to Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert at the end of the Annual Communication.

Deputy Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik (left) and Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert prepare to close the Grand Lodge.

Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. calls for a vote during the 168th Annual Communication.

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Photos by Rich Rygh

Grand Lecturer Kenneth C. Gorgen presented the Awards for the 2012 Degree Competition held at the McKinley Masonic Center on March 31. The First runner-up Award was presented to Washington Lodge No. 21. Washington Lodge enters the competition every year. From left: Deputy Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert; Grand Master Davey L. White Jr.; Grand Lecturer Kenneth C. Gorgen; Charles Clarage, Secretary; Jake Lancelle, Junior Warden; and Joseph Chilcote, Master.

See more photos of the Annual Communication on page 25

Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, presents Past Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. his Past Grand Master's Pin.

Installation of 2012 Grand Lodge Officers

Most Worshipful Dennis V. Siewert is installed as Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin.

The Grand Master gives his grandaughter Morgan Valentine Siewert the "thumbs up" after she presents him with a hat.

By Rich Rygh

Bro. Barry Siewert, Past Master of Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 322, extended a welcome to everyone present for the installation of the Grand Lodge Officers for 2012, including his father Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert.

Grand Master Siewert's grandchildren, Morgan Siewert and Porter Siewert, daughter and son of Bro. Barry and Meghan Siewert, placed the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses on the altar for the opening.

Bro. Siewert opened the Grand Lodge assisted by: Bros. Michael Belongia, Christopher Young and Past Grand Master James J. Byrnes.

The flag was presented by Palestine Commandery No. 20, Green Bay. Past Grand Master James J. Byrnes and his Lady Alice presented a tribute to the flag on behalf of the National Sojourners.

Past Grand Master Byrnes gave the opening prayer.

Bro. Barry Siewert turned the gavel over to Past Grand Master Roger L. Magoon, Installing Grand Master.

The Installing Grand Master installed the officers assisted by Installing Grand Marshal Bruce S. Sim, PGM. The officer's collars were presented by their ladies.

Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert was escorted to the East by the Installing Marshal under an arch of steel provided by Palestine Commandery, where he was presented his collar by Lady Nancy Siewert. Bro. Blake Siewert, the Grand Master's son sang a solo accompanied by Bro. James Stoebe.

Installing Master Roger L. Magoon, PGM, thanked the Grand Master for the opportunity to serve as his Installing Grand Master. Paster Grand Master Magoon appointed the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge progressive line in 2005.

The Grand Master introduced youth group representatives from Rainbow, DeMolay and Job's Daughters. The representatives told of their experiences with the youth groups and why young ladies and men should join.

Grand Master Siewert introduced his family and special guests.

The Grand Master thanked everyone in attendance and all of those who assisted with the installation. He thanked Past Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. and all the Past Grand Masters for their guidance and counsel.

He introduced the "love of his life", and wife of 45 years, Nancy Siewert.

The Grand Master told of his bout with cancer and because of his wife Nancy, his family, the setting of short and long term goals and with the help of a friend, the late Marilyn DeWolf he survived.

He said all the support, prayers, cards and hospital visits were deeply appreciated.

He said I stand here today cancer free and take no medication, I had a great hospital staff in Green Bay.

Grand Master Siewert, said he would like to talk about legacy. He and his brothers and sisters lost their father very tragically in 1963. He said little did I know I would become a Master Mason. I have come to realize that throughout life I have had mentors who taught me some of life's lessons, gave advice, supported me and even became shareholders and co-signers in some of my business ventures. Many of these men were Master Masons who took their obligations very seriously.

He displayed many mementos from his and Nancy's fathers and grandfathers, he said these men were all great mentors.

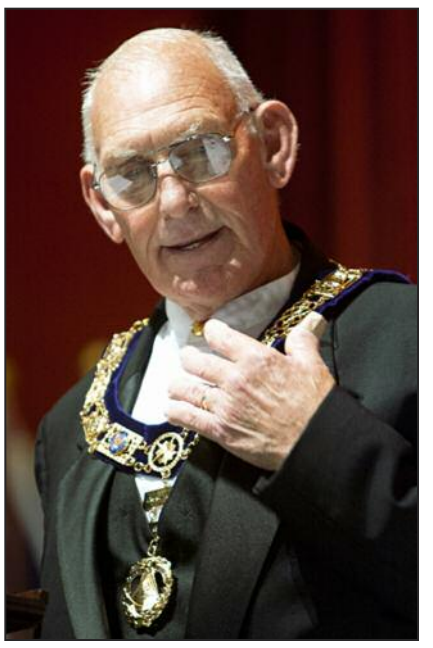
He said, "What do these men have in common with me and many in this room, they were all Master Masons and they all went through the same Masonic Degrees. Think about that, 175 years ago my great great grandfather went through the same degree work that I did."

The Grand Master said many people have asked him to describe this fraternity. He said 18 years ago he found a statement written by Robert G. Davis 33° that best describes it. "The mission of Freemasonry is to promote a way of life that binds like minded men in a worldwide brotherhood that transcends all religious, ethnic, cultural, social and educational differences; by teaching the great principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth; and, by the outward expression of these, through its fellowship, its compassion and its concern, to find ways in which to serve God, family, country, neighbors and self."

Grand Master Siewert thanked everyone who has supported him through this life's journey. He said, "I would charge the men gathered here to please consider, or continue to build your own Masonic Legacy. If not you,Who?"

The Grand Master's granddaughter, Morgan Siewert presented him with a hat to wear during his year as Grand Master.

Bro. David Oshefsky, Potentate of Beja Shrine presented the Grand Master with a Grand Master's Fez.



Installing Grand Master Roger L. Magoon, PGM, gives a little Masonic history on Grand Master Siewert.

Grandson Porter Donahue Siewert places the square and compasses on the altar prior to the opening by his father Bro. Barry Siewert.

See more photos of the installation on page 26

Photos by Rich Rygh

Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert escorts his Lady Nancy from the auditorium after the installation.

Stated Communications

for the Traveling Mason in Wisconsin

Adams
Adams Lodge No. 332
148 S. Grant • 608-403-1954 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark January & February

Albany
Albany Lodge No. 36
205 N. Water St. • 608-862-3227
Meet 3rd Wed., 7:00 p.m.
Dark July & August

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

Appleton
Waverly Lodge No. 51
315 S. Bluemound Dr.• 920-738-9220
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
www.waverly51.org • Meets All Year

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

Ashland
Ancient Landmark No. 210
220 Sixth Ave. West • 715-682-2909
1st Wed., 7 p.m., Dark Jan. & Feb.
ancientlandmarklodge210@gmail.com

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

Baraboo
Baraboo Lodge No. 34
108 Second Ave. • 608-477-3289
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

Barnes
Barnes Lodge No. 365
Cty. Hwy. N • 715-372-5425 (Sec)
Meet 2nd Tues. 7:00 p.m.
Dark January & February

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

Bayfield
Bayfield-Washburn Lodge No. 215
29 N. 2nd Street • 715-747-6965 (Sec)
Meet Monthly, 1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

Beaver Dam
Dodge County Lodge No. 72
Best Western Campus Inn, 815 Park Ave. • 920-885-2628 • 3rd Monday
7 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. Dark June-Aug.

Beloit
Morning Star Lodge No. 10
229 W. Grand Ave. • 608-362-0422
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
1st Wed. only in July & August

Berlin
Berlin Lodge No. 38
124 E. Huron St. • 920-361-9774
Meets 7 p.m. 2nd & 4th Weds. Jan.- Oct., and at 7 p.m. 2nd Wednesday, Nov. & Dec.
Dark July & August

Black Earth
Crescent Valley Lodge No. 97
1020 Mills St. • 608-795-4484 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Black River Falls
Black River Lodge No. 74
314 Main Street • 715-284-5667
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Bloomer
Bloomer Lodge No. 281
2122 16th Ave. • 715-568-5152
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark January & February

Bristol
Washburn Lodge No. 145
8102 - 199th Ave.
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

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

Brookfield
Elmbrook Lodge No. 354
4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-549-0923
Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Brookfield
McKinley Lodge No. 307
4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-784-4176
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Brookfield
Myron Reed No. 297
4550 N Pilgrim Rd. • 262-780-0176
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July and August

Burlington
Burlington Lodge No. 28
325 N. Kane St. • 262-763-6290
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

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

Camp Douglas
Camp Douglas Lodge No. 272
211 Main St. • 608-427-6542 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

Cecil
Mason-Woods Lodge No. 368
N6446 Emery Ansorge Rd • 715-745-2943 (Sec) • 1st & 3rd Tues., 10 a.m.
Dark January & February

Cedarburg
Victory Lodge No. 320
504 W. Grand Ave., Port Washington
262-375-2931 (Sec) • 2nd Mon. 6:30 p.m. • Dark July & August

Chetek
Chetek Lodge No. 277
216 Morrison St. • 715-924-4245 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Chippewa Falls
Chippewa Falls Lodge No. 176
650 Bridgewater Ave. • 715-723-6341
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Clear Lake
Clear Lake Lodge No. 230
411 Third Ave. • 715-263-3101
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Clintonville
Clintonville Lodge No. 197
N4435 Hwy D • 715-754-5250
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark January, February & March

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

Crandon
Crandon Lodge No. 287
118 S. Lake Ave. • 715-473-2741 (Sec)
Meet 2nd Tues. Apr.-June & Sept.-Dec.
Meets 4th Tues. Mar.-May & July-Oct.

Crivitz
Tri-County Daylite Lodge No. 218
918 Louisa St. • Sec. 715-854-2111
Meet 2nd Wednesday 10 a.m.
Meets All Year

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. 2nd St., 7 p.m. • 262-728-6556
Meet 2nd & 4th Mon. Jan.-June & Sept.-Nov., 4th Mon. July-Aug. 1st Mon. Dec.

Dodgeville
Dodgeville Lodge No. 119
200 W. Chapel St. • 608-574-9075
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

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

Dousman
Glen L. Humphrey Lodge No. 364
375 Hwy. 67 • 262-965-9417
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 • 715-891-0458
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. • 715-864-6813
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. • 715-273-5230
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark in July

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.
Meets 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 • 715-472-4174 (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.

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., www.roosevelt322.com

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

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.
Meets All Year

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

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.
Meets All Year

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

Kenosha
Kenosha Lodge No. 47
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 3rd Thurs., 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. • 608-782-1616
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. Lake Shore Dr. • 262-949-8523
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 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
227 S. Oak St. • 608-583-4303 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 8 p.m.
Meets All Year

Madison
Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 83
Visitors call ahead 608-438-1648
Weds., stated 2nd, guest/brother meet 4th.
www.franklin83.org • Dark July & August

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. • 608-831-8946
Meets 1st Mon. - 2nd Mon. if 1st is holiday wknd., 10 a.m. Meets All Year

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

Madison
Madison Lodge No. 5
301 Wisconsin Ave. • 262-903-3770
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark 1st Thursday July & August

Manawa
Manawa Lodge No. 82
520 N. Bridge St. • 920-596-0937
Meet 2nd & 4th Mon., Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., Dark 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 1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

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

Mauston
Northern Light Lodge No. 81
211 E. State St. • 608-548-4156
Meet 1st Thurs., Mauston, 3rd Thurs. rotates, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August

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

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

Mercer
Hurley Lodge No. 237
5079 N. Hwy. 51 • 715-904-0400
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark December thru March

Merrill
Virginia Falls Lodge No. 226
916½ E. Main St. • 715-675-3440
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

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

Middleton
Middleton-Ionic Lodge No. 180
7409 Franklin Ave. • 608-831-4418
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Milton
Milton Lodge No. 161
508 Vernal Avenue • 608-931-4656
Meets 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Milwaukee
Damascus Lodge No. 290
1235 E. Howard Ave. • 262-853-5631 (Sec) • Meet 2nd & 4th Tues., Dinner 6 p.m., Lodge at 7 • Dark July & August

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

Milwaukee
Freemasons Lodge No. 363
790 N. Van Buren St. • 414-425-5166
Meets 1st Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Milwaukee
James M. Hays Lodge No. 331
790 N. Van Buren• 414-774-0366 (Sec)
Meet 1st Mondays, 6:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Milwaukee
Lafayette Lodge No. 265
790 N. Van Buren St. • 414-541-7139
Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Milwaukee
Lake Lodge No. 189
1235 E. Howard Ave. • 414-744-4609
Meet Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

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

Milwaukee
Nathan Hale Lodge No. 350
790 N. Van Buren • 414-421-6493
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursday, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Mineral Point
Mineral Point Lodge No. 1
304 High St.
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark 1st Mon. Jan.-March & July-Sept.

Minocqua
Island City Lodge No. 330
7529 Hwy 51 South • 715-358-9640 (Sec.) • Meet 1st Wednesday, 10 a.m.
Meets All Year

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

Monroe
Smith Lodge No. 31
1613-1/2 Tenth St. • 608-558-9987 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Mosinee
Mosinee Lodge No. 318
607 13th St. • 715-693-0345 (Master)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Mukwonago
Laflin-St. James Lodge No. 247
206 S. Main St. • 262-392-9366
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Neenah
Appleton Lodge No. 349
241 E. Wisconsin Ave. • 920-731-7355
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Neenah/Menasha
Twin Cities Lodge No. 61
241 E. Wisconsin Ave. • 920-722-3611
Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark August & September

Neosho
Neosho-Mayville-Horicon No. 108
128 E. Anthony St., Hustisford
414-975-0516 • 1st & 3rd Tues. 7:30
Dark July & August

New Diggings
Olive Branch Lodge No. 6
26750 Cty. Rd. W • 608-965-3122 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark January & February

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

New Holstein
Calumet Lodge No. 172
2019 Washington St.• 920-894-2745 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Meets All Year

New Lisbon
Juneau Lodge No. 103
302 S. Adams St. • 608-547-7719 (Sec) • Meet 2nd Thurs. 7:30 p.m.
Dark January & February

New Richmond
New Richmond Lodge No. 195
119 E. 2nd St. • 715-246-2144
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Neosho
Neosho-Mayville-Horicon No. 108
315 E. Schuyler St. • 262-567-2354 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Oconomowoc
Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge 42
307 N. Lake Road • 262-567-9898
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Oconto
Pine Lodge No. 188
513 Superior Ave. • 920-604-2826
Meet 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark December & January

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

Lodge Listings are continued on page 19

Barneveld Lodge Assists with Baseball Park Improvements

Barneveld High School has made substantial improvements to the Barneveld Eagles' Baseball Park. Plans for new lights, bleachers and work on the field will bring about an improved facility for students to partake in America's favorite pastime for many years to come. The opening of a new concession stand and the use of a new sound system took place on May 29. The school's team has won six conference titles since 2003. The total cost of the project is estimated to be around $35,000, which the school needs to raise privately through fundraising. Bro. Dan Bowe recently presented a check for $400 on behalf of Barneveld Lodge No. 319 to help with the cost of the improvements. From left: Ed Carmody, Stu Hodgson, Bro. Dan Bowe, Steve Hellenbrand and Frank Straubhaar.

Submitted by Past Grand Master Joseph B. Harker and Bro. Jeff Schoenfeldt, Master

Proper Home Found for Historic Masonic Bible

Brethren of Forest Lodge with the Bible.

The Brethren of Forest Lodge No. 130 in Wausau were recently reminded in a unique way, that a deep, resounding respect for our most sacred of texts still exists among many, both inside and outside of our fraternity.

This past Memorial Day, Forest Lodge Brethren were preparing for their annual march in the parade when they were approached by Cory Tomczyk, president and owner of Industrial Recyclers of Wisconsin-IROW. The company provides shredding, recycling, and waste services to clients throughout central Wisconsin. Cory advised us his employees had found a Masonic Bible within materials sent to their facility for processing. A marriage certificate and other documents were also held within the Bible. Not wishing to destroy the sacred text, the employees set the Bible aside and informed Mr. Tomczyk of the find. The Brethren thanked Cory for his diligence and promised to stop in to pick up the Bible.

Upon examining the Bible and marriage certificate (dated 1873) contained therein, Bro. Jesse Furrer decided to research the names listed on the internet to see if any hits could be found. It did not take long to find that the marriage certificate belonged to Greenbury C. Baker and Mary E. Carter of Tuolumne County, California. Greenbury was influential in developing early pioneer trails and eventually a highway maintenance station in Tuolumne County in the late nineteenth century that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Baker and Carter families played key roles in the county's history. It is thought the Masonic Bible belonged to a direct descendent of Mr. Baker. While it is suspected that Greenbury C. Baker was also a Mason, verification is still pending.

Further research shows that East Belt-Tuolumne Lodge No. 8 is the surviving Masonic Lodge in Tuolumne County. The Grand Lodge of California was contacted and arrangements are being made to return the Masonic Bible to the Lodge for inclusion in a memorial library.

Due to the efforts of the staff at Industrial Recyclers of Wisconsin, Forest Lodge No.130, and The Grand Lodge of California a proper home has been found for this most sacred of texts and related documents.

Submitted by Bro. Jesse Furrer

Beja Shriners Motorcycle Ride and Show August 19

If you like to ride your motorcycle with a group, or show it, you can do either or both on Sunday, August 19.

Beja Shriners are sponsoring a motorcycle ride and show with all proceeds going to support the Shrine Hospitals for Children – Chicago and Twin Cities.

The ride leaves from Beja Shrine in Green Bay at 9:00 a.m. with registration starting at 7:30 a.m. It will include a beautiful ride through Door County ending at the show in Green Isle Park in Allouez.

For more information on the ride contact Mike Belanger at mikebelanger@yahoo.com or 920-883-9554.

The show starts at 9:00 a.m., at Green Isle Park, for those who would rather not participate in the ride and will run until 4:00 p.m.

Those who participate in the ride will have time to show their bikes at the show.

Green Isle Park is located at the corner of Green Ave. and East River Dr. in Allouez.

There will be live music by Cancel Tomorrow, food, refreshments, vendors, raffles and a silent auction.

Registration forms and more information is available at www.bejapotentate.com.

See posters in the Wisconsin Masonic Journal web edition at www.wisc-freemasonry.org.

Stated Communications (continued from page 18)

Omro
Omro Lodge No. 168
160 E. Main Street • 920-685-2798
Meet 2nd Monday, 7 p.m.
Dark January, February & March

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

Oregon
Oregon Lodge No. 151
201 Park St. • 608-835-9236 (Sec)
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, 2nd Tues., July-Aug., 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.
Meets All Year

Potosi
Warren Lodge No. 4
112 S. Main St. • 608-763-2221 (Sec)
Meets 1st Thursday, 6:30 p.m. lunch, 7:30 p.m. meeting. 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. • Meets All Year

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. • 715-262-5015 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sheboygan
Sheboygan Lodge No. 11
411 St. Clair Ave. • 920-457-3111
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.
Meets All Year

Shell Lake
Shell Lake /Spooner Lodge No. 221
28 Doboy Drive • 715-468-4424 (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 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

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

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

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

Stevens Point
Evergreen Lodge No. 93
2854 Church Street • 715-344-2447
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark January & February

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

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

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

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

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

Sussex
Lincoln Lodge No. 183
N64 W23624 Main St. • www.lincolnlodge.org
craigscampbell@wi.rr.com
2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m. Meets All Year

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

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

Viroqua
La Belle Lodge No. 84
118½ 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
105½ N. Main Street • 715-258-6198
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

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

Wausau
Forest Lodge No. 130
130 First Street • 715-845-5198
Meet 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. - last Monday of Dec.

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

Wauwatosa
Wisconsin Lodge No. 13
4315 N. 92nd St. • 262-939-2985 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June & July

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

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

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

West Bend
West Bend Lodge No. 138
301 N. University Dr. • 262-338-3112
Meet 2nd & 4th 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. • 414-979-1776
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 Fox River Rd. • 224-627-6731 (Master)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
2nd Tuesday only July & August

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

Wisconsin Dells
Dells Lodge No. 124
815 Oak St. • 608-254-8136
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.

Baraboo Lodge's "Take a Child Fishing Day"

By Rich Rygh

June 3 was a perfect day at the scenic Devil's Lake State Park near Baraboo, for Baraboo Lodge's "Take a Child Fishing and Family Picnic Day". The picnic was held in the White Oak Pavilion on the South Shore of Devils Lake which provides a majestic view of the bluffs. It was a special day at the park in which park stickers and fishing licenses were not required.

The cooperation of the fish however was not good. Fathers and grandfathers tried their best to assist the kids in catching a fish, but it was not to be.

Everyone had a very enjoyable day with good food, fun, and fellowship.

Brady Rist arrives at the park with his grandfather, Bro. Doug Bentley, Reedsburg Lodge No. 79, ready for some serious fishing.

Airi Rich enjoys some time on the beach.

Photos by Rich Rygh

Bro. Brian Rich, Master of Baraboo Lodge, helps his daughter Airi Rich bait her hook. Bro. Rich is recovering from back surgery.

Kayla Plouffe prepares her fishing equipment with the help of her grandfather, Bro. Richard Plouffe.

Brady Rist found the fish just weren't biting even with grandpa's expert help.

Kayla Plouffe (left) and Airi Rich enjoy fishing on scenic Devil's Lake.

Annual Communication Campout

Bro. Randy Thorman handles the grilling.

Enjoying the evening campfire, Bros. Randy Thorman, James Capper, Scott Scharnell and Bob Scharnell.

By Rich Rygh

The Brethren of Neosho Mayville Horicon Lodge No. 108 were camping out at Lake Farm Park near Madison during the Annual Communication.

The Brethren have made the camping an annual tradition ever since the Annual Communication was last held in Appleton. They meet on Thursday evening at the campground for some food and fellowship and are often joined by Dodge County Lodge and other Brethren on Friday evening. They often enjoy a little banjo entertainment by one of the Brothers.

Bro. Jeff Millikin, Master of the Lodge, says it has become a tradition the Brethren really enjoy.

Masonic emblem on tail light of motorhome.

Photos by Rich Rygh

Bros. Jim Lumsden (left) and Jeff Millikin give the battery cables on the motorhome some attention.

River Falls Masons renew their obligation

Members of River Falls Lodge No. 109 assembled at the request of their Master, Bro. Dave Hoffman to renew their Master Mason obligation. Bro. Warren Kozitza, one of the lodges newest members, assumed the position of the candidate at the altar while Lodge Proficiency Man Fred Benson gave the responsive obligation.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer

Get more information on our Masonic Charities at
www.freemasonry.org

Handgun Training & Fundraising Event

This class will include training to meet the requirements for concealed carry in Wisconsin & Utah and is open to anyone interested in receiving training in the law, and safe handgun handling. Included in the class is the required documentation, materials, finger print cards and passport photo to apply for concealed carry permits in Wisconsin and Utah. This class will be presented by Marcon Shooting School. Dan Marcon is a Navy Veteran, NRA instructor and range safety officer, certified to instruct Wis., Minn., Utah, Flor. & Ariz. CCW classes.

July 14, 2012

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Tomah Masonic Center, 520 E. Saratoga St., Tomah, Wis.

Who should attend: Anyone interested in applying for a concealed carry permit, learning more about the CCW law in Wis., Utah and safely handling firearms or other weapons.
Cost: $100 per person ($15 per person will be donated back to the District 5 drive for the Vet's). These funds will be used to purchase needed supplies for the resident veterans at the Tomah VA.

Please contact District Deputy Jim Kent if you plan on attending.
District_deputy5@wisc-freemasonry.org

New Master Masons

Bro. Dan Sebring raised in George Washington 1776 Lodge

On Tuesday June 5, the Brethren of George Washington 1776 Lodge No. 337, Whitefish Bay, conferred the Master Mason Degree on Bro. Dan Sebring. Front row (from left): Junior Grand Steward Robert Strader; Senior Warden Frank Nuernberger, PM; Master Chuck Carroll; Dan Sebring; Counselor Walt Smith, PM; Tiler Jim Roberts, PM; and Horace Palmer, PM; Second row: Dave Reber, PM; Junior Deacon Joe Fahrenkopf; Dick Marcus, PM; Junior Steward Brian Bromberek; Junior Warden Keith Sargent; Chaplain Otto G. Tesch III; and Senior Deacon Tyler Kristopeit. Back row: Senior Steward William Hutchins; Mark Truesdell, PM; George Burgess, PM; Dan Kleinhans; Phil Curry, PM; and Arnold Walker.

Submitted by Bro. Tyler Krisropeit

Bro. Gregory Dam is new MM in Dousman

Bro. Gregory Dams (left) is congratulated by Bro. Jim Johnson, Master, after he was raised in Dousman Lodge No 315 on June 5.

Submitted by District 9 Deputy Terry Brown

Bro. Ray Colhouer raised in Prairie View Lodge

Bro. Ray Colhouer was raised June 12 in Prairie View Lodge No. 95, Ripon. Front row (from left): Peter Kasuboski, Senior Steward; Ray Colhouer; Kevan Nault, Secretary; and Loren Shaw, Past Master. Second row: Wes O'Laire, Senior Deacon; Jim Barclay, Tiler; and Bill Boutwell, Junior Deacon. Third row: Tim Aither, Senior Warden; Rick Coles, Master; and Bruce Stephenson, Junior Warden. Back row: Wes Wassell, Organist; and Larry Malchow, Treasurer.

Submitted by Bro. Rick Coles, Master

Traveling Gavel

District 1
Superior Lodge No. 236
District 2
Chetek Lodge No. 277
District 3
Forest Lodge No. 130
District 4
Tri County Daylite Lodge No. 218
District 5
Frontier-Badger Lodge No. 45
District 6
Waverly Lodge No. 51
District 7
Commonwealth Lodge No. 325
District 8
Fennimore Lodge No. 219
District 9
Union Lodge No. 32
District 10
Cassia Lodge No. 167
District 11
Unity Lodge No. 367
District 12
Nathan Hale Lodge No. 350

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

Waupun Veterans represent lodge

Waupun Lodge No. 48 took part in the 2012 Waupun Memorial Day Parade. Veterans sharing in the festivities are Bros. Robert Taylor, Master, US Navy; Rolland Ruenger, US Navy; Kenneth Tessman, Past Master, US Army; and driver Richard Peters, Past Master, US Marine Corps.

Submitted by Bro. Richard Peters, Past Master

Email your Lodge News and Upcoming Events to
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Grand Lodge Office
c/o Ask Hiram
36275 Sunset Drive,
Dousman, WI 53118

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Tristan Loew Benefit

July 14, 3:30 p.m.

Blue Hills Masonic Center, Rice Lake

3:30 – 6:00 Silent Auction

4:30 – 6:00 Spaghetti Supper

6:30 – 10:30 Pat Walters Band

$5 at the door

Free will donation for food and entertainment

Tristan with wife Brooke and their daughter Kyla

This fundraiser is to help Tristan Loew, son of Wendy and Senior Grand Deacon Franklin J. Struble, and his family cover the expenses incurred after he was diagnosed with advanced CML Leukemia. After years of incorrect diagnosis it was discovered that Tristan's spleen was 5 times its normal size and the Leukemia was discovered. Tristan had been laid off from work and was uninsured the first month of treatment and hospital intensive care was costly and beyond the ability of the family to cope. This fundraiser is to help them with those expenses. Tristan has since been able to obtain insurance.

There will be a drawing for a Mathews Bow, Go Cart and other items.

Donations of items for the drawings and silent auction are still being sought.

Thanks to the Brothers of Blue Hills Lodge who donated the use of the Lodge Building and the Brothers of Valley Lodge No. 60 for their continued support!

Leadership is a family affair in River Falls

How many Masonic families can claim three brothers as Past Masters of a lodge? It might be nice to find out if any family in the state of Wisconsin can make that claim. The Hoffman family of River Falls has just that distinction. Their family alone has produced three Masters of River Falls Lodge No. 109. Pictured (from left): Dave Hoffman, current Master of the River Falls Lodge; Darl Hoffman, the boys' father; Dan Hoffman and Doug Hoffman, both Past Masters.

Submitted by Bro. Milt Helmer

Masonic Lodge Sportsmen's Shoot

August 25, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

50 Target Skeet at Tomah/Warrens Gun Club

50 Target Sporting Clays at Woods & Meadow

Skeet will start at 8 a.m. and run through noon. Sporting clays can be shot anytime after skeet until 4 p.m. Door prizes will be drawn after sporting clays is complete.

Cost: $20.00 skeet, $20.00 sporting clays, $10.00 optional Lewis

Lunch and drawing for door prizes is included in the shooting price

All proceeds go to Camp Douglas Lodge No. 272 to be used for scholarships and supplies for local schools.

Contacts:

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WOODS & MEADOW
Hunting Preserve & Sporting Clays

THE 10TH ANNUAL

The Legend at Bristlecone

LAKE COUNTRY MASONIC GOLF OUTING

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To Benefit the "Pay It Forward" Campaign of the Oconomowoc/Hartland Lodge #42 F & A.M.

DATE:
Monday, July 16, 2012

REGISTRATION/LUNCH:
10:30 am
(includes complementary practice range)

TEE TIME:
Shotgun Start
12:00 pm Noon

FORMAT:
Triple Six
(6 hole scramble, 6 hole shamble, 6 hole best ball)

GOLF ENTRY FEE:
$165/person
$600/foursome (Save $60)
GOLF ENTRY FEE includes dinner

DINNER & AWARDS
6:00 pm - Banquet Only
$45/person, $80/couple

RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION WITH WINE DRAWING

ALL NEW LOCATION!

Please join us at the Legend at Bristlecone in Hartland, Wisconsin.
HWY 16 & Jungbluth Road • Hartland, WI

This year's entry fee includes:

- 18 Holes of Golf with cart on a private Championship Course
- Complimentary practice range, locker facilities available & putting green
- Lunch and on-course beverages available
- Hole Prizes: Longest Drive, Longest Putt, Closest to the Pin & More!
- Putting Contest for a chance to win $5,000 in cash!
- Hole-in-One Prize to win a New Ford Mustang GT!
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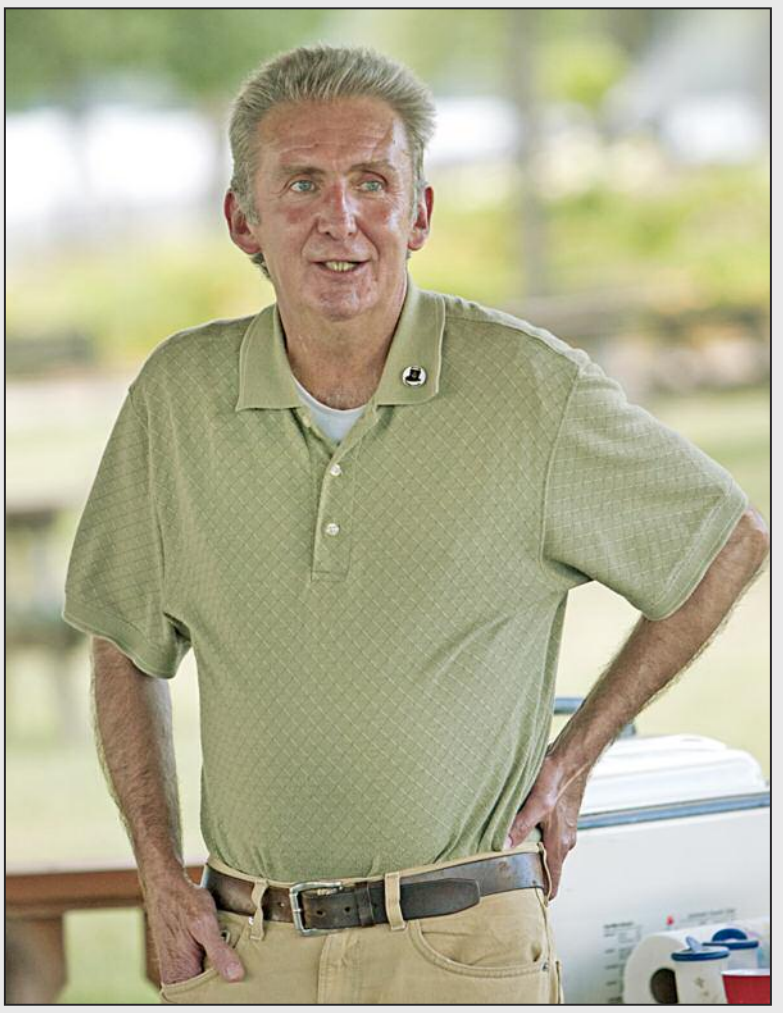

Bro. Mike Stoehr, Master of Prairie du Chien Lodge, welcomes everyone to the annual picnic.

Bro. Keith Turner (right) prepares the catfish, assisted by Past Master and Secretary Monte Steiber.

Prairie du Chien Lodge Annual Picnic

Brothers, their families and friends from the community enjoyed the Prairie du Chien Lodge No. 8 Annual Picnic on June 20.

The location was Lawler Park on St. Feriole Island along the Mississippi River. It was a quiet evening with a nice cool breeze coming off the River and few boats passing by.

Bro. Keith Turner, of Warren Lodge No. 4, Potosi served his renowned freshly caught catfish and everyone brought a dish to pass.

Tyler Sebranek and Lauren Steiber have a little fun at the drinking fountain.

Picnicers dish up their food. From left: Linda Christensen, Mary Atkinson, Logan Sebranek, Rev. Mike Christensen and Doug Copsey.

Kids enjoy playing in the park along the river. From left: Tyler Steiber, Tyler Sebranek, MacKenzie Sebranek and Cassie Frank.

A houseboat moves quietly along the river on a tranquil evening.

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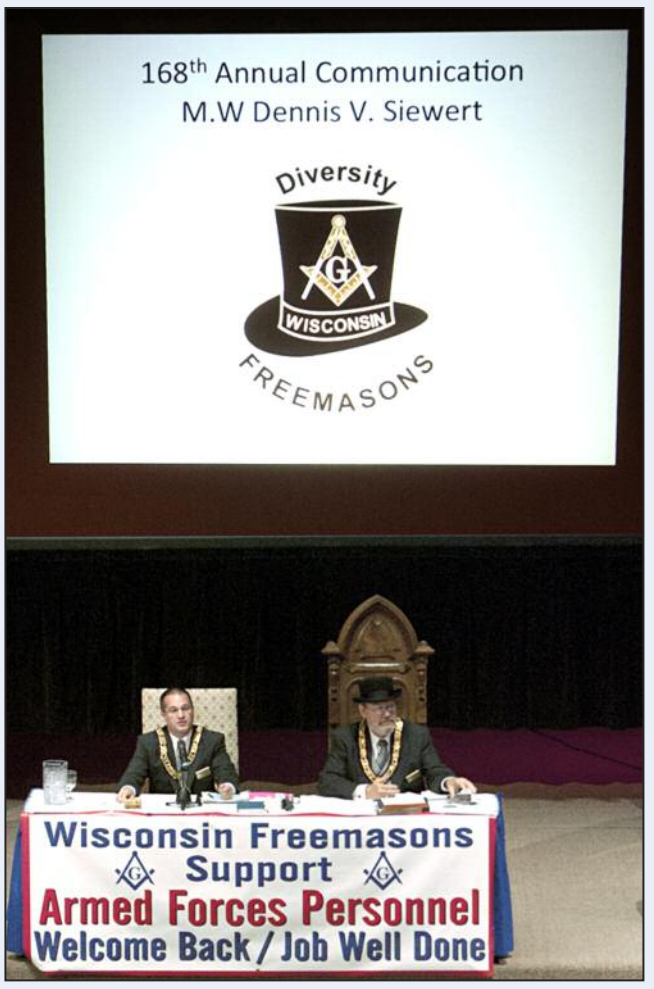
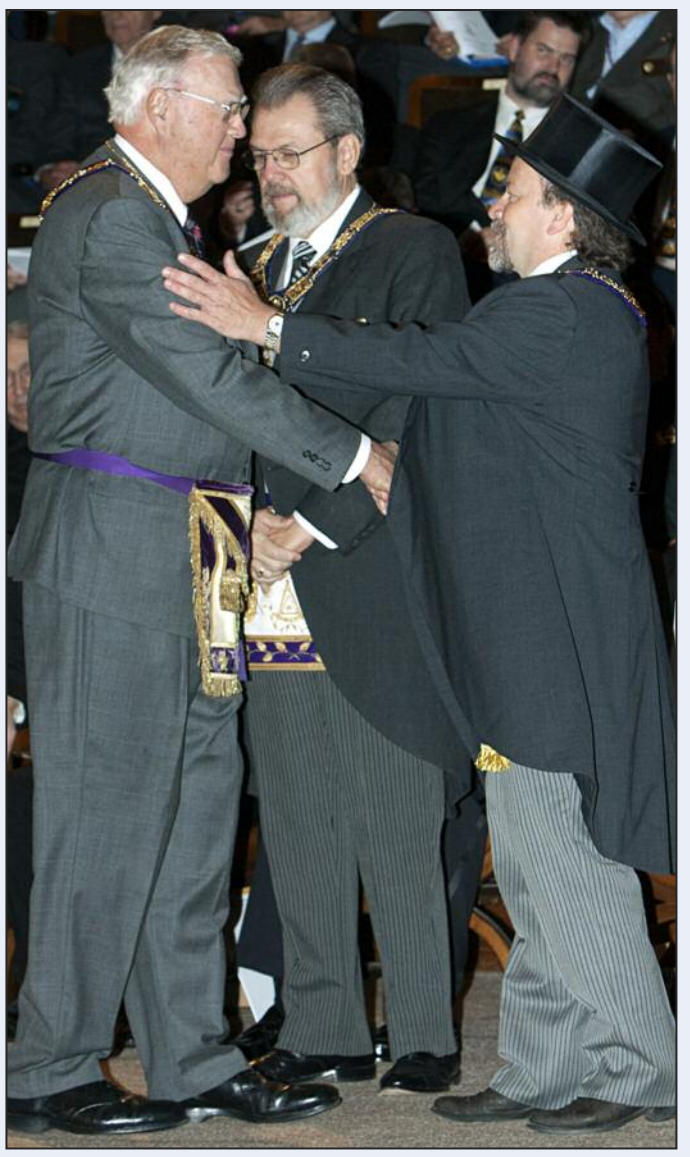


Deputy Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik and Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert assume their new offices.

Bro. Jack Butler, Past Grand Master of Masons in Iowa, gives an inspirational talk on "Masonry, what's in it for me?"



Past Grand Master Charles E. White (left) is greeted by Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. (right). Past Grand Master White presided over the Annual Communication in 1970, 42 years ago.

Grand Orator Keith D. Chamberlain, PGM, (lower right) President of the Masonic Service and Assistance Board gives a presentation on how the Board handles requests for assistance and how requests are to be handled by the lodges.

Brethren from Nine River Lodge No. 369 proudly display their new charter. First row (from left): Deputy Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert; Mike Elliot; District 2 Deputy Gary Stang, Chaplain; Kevin LeQue, Senior Deacon; William Kessler, Senior Steward; Scott Paulson, Counselor; Tom Christiano, Master; Junior Grand Warden William Beetcher, Trustee; and Grand Master Davey L. White Jr. Second row: Don Schwartz; Senior Grand Deacon Franklin J. Struble; District 5 Deputy James Kent; Steve Schwartz, Junior Warden; William Reed, Junior Deacon; Dave Griffith, Junior Steward; and Mike Epson, Secretary.

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Warren Lodge No. 4 Senior Deacon Daniel Segwick presents the Grand Lodge Officers at the opening of the Annual Communication.

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Grand Lodge Officers Installed

Installing Grand Chaplain James J. Byrnes, PGM, gives the opening prayer.

Bro. Barry Siewert opens the Grand Lodge.

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Deputy Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik receives his collar from his Lady Laura.

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The Grand Master holds up the citizenship paper of his great great grandfather dated Oct. 19, 1852, he became a Mason on April 2, 1838, 14 1/2 years before he became a citizen.

Past Grand Master James J. Byrnes and his Lady Alice present a tribute to the flag.

Dinner following the installation in the dining room of the Madison Masonic Center.