



Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

JULY 2014

- 3 Theodore Roosevelt No. 322, Brat Fry, 9:00 a.m., Festival Foods East, Green Bay.
- 4 Union Lodge No. 32 Annual Pork Sandwich Fest, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Evansville Masonic Center 104 W. Main St., Evansville.
- 4 Shawano Lodge No. 170, Bonduel July 4th Parade, 1:00 p.m. Meet at Shawano Masonic Center at 8:00 a.m.
- 11 West Allis Lodge No. 291, Masonic Youth Appreciation Night, 7:30 p.m., 7515 W. National Ave, West Allis. The event will be held outside and there will be games, team exercises, music, and a lot of bonding fun!! Please RSVP to Tamarakaddatz@yahoo.com no later than July 1.
- 12 River Falls Lodge No. 109, 6:30 p.m., open house and parade.
- 12 3rd Annual Collins-Spring Valley Masonic Lodge Golf Tournament, 3:00 p.m. registration. Hammond Golf Course, 458 Davis St. Hammond. Registration for a Foursome is \$120.00, or \$30.00 per individual player. Includes 9 holes of golf, golf cart, supper and prizes. Contact Bro. Jeremy Fussy jeremyfussy@yahoo.com or 715-977-0531.
- 12 Worthy Grand Matron/Worthy Grand Patron Party, Country Springs, Pewaukee, 11:00 a.m.
- 13 Scottish Rite Renfaire, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Bristol Renaissance Faire, 12550 120th St., Kenosha. All ages welcome. Contact Valley of Milwaukee Scottish Rite, 414-727-3151. For more information see page 30.
- 14 12th Annual Lake Country Masonic Golf Outing to benefit the "Pay it Forward" campaign of Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge No. 42. The Legend at Bristlecone, Hwy 16 & Jungbluth Road, Hartland. To sign up visit lcmgo.com.
- 15 Middleton-Ionoc Lodge No. 180, Family Picnic, Fireman's Park, 5:30 p.m.
- 19 Benefit for Bro. Butch Kopplin, 1:00-5:00 p.m., Pat's Oak Manor, 1805 15th Ave., South Milwaukee. See story on page 4.
- 19 The Broken Column Outdoor Master Mason Degrees, Three Pillars Campus, Dousman. 8:30 a.m. coffee and carbs., 9:00 a.m. open lodge. For more information contact Bro. Paul Tourville, paul.tourville@nextlevelpwm.com or 414-659-5205.
- 19 Port Washington Fish Day, Ozaukee Lodge No. 17, Port Washington Marina 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. "Worlds Largest One Day Outdoor Fish Fry" 50th Anniversary, www.portfishday.com.
- 20 All Masonic Picnic, 11:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Carson Park, Eau Claire, all Masons welcome. RSVP to Junior Grand Steward Gary L. Stang at garystang@gmail.com.
- 24-26 Youth Soccer Camp and All-Star Games at UW-Whitewater. See story on page 4.
- 26 Waukesha Lodge No. 37, "Festival of Meat" Table Lodge, 6:00 p.m.
- 26 Annual Hiram Lodge No. 50, Mallard's Game & Tailgate. Make reservations with Bro. Lyle Christian at 608-209-4312.
- 26 Grand Chapter OES, Exemplification, Marshfield, 1:00 p.m.
- 27 Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12, Delevan, Pancake Breakfast, 7:00 am.-noon.
- 29 District 9 Cookout and Meeting, eat at 6:00 p.m., 7:00-8:30 p.m. program, Jefferson Masonic Center.

30 Zor Shrine and Madison ASSR are sponsoring the 6th annual Golf-Dinner Outing at Kestrel Ridge Golf Club in Columbus on Wednesday, July 30, 2014. The event is open to all Masons and their friends. Further questions and sign up sheet can be obtained from Paul Hallingstad at 608-318-0412 or pdhpar@charter.net. Reservations must be made by July 16.

AUGUST 2014

- 1 Grand Chapter OES, Exemplification, Janesville, 7:00 p.m.
- 2 Grand Chapter OES, Exemplification, Lake Lodge, 1:00 p.m.
- 3 Grand Chapter OES, Friends and Family, Three Pillars.
- 3 Three Pillars Friends and Family Chicken Barbecue, Noon to 3:00 p.m., Three Pillars Campus in Dousman.
- 7 Shawano Lodge No. 170, 4th Annual Masonic Unity Picnic, 4:40-7:30 p.m. Shawano Masonic Center, 2425 E. Richmond St.
- 7-12 Grand Chapter OES Bus trip to the International Peace Garden, ND/Manitoba.
- 12 H.S. Baird Lodge No. 174, Sturgeon Bay, Annual Steak Fry and Fish Boil. 5:00 p.m. social hour; 6:00 p.m. dinner. Open to all Masonic affiliations, their friends and family. John Miles Park Pavilion, 14th and Egg Harbor Road, Sturgeon Bay. RSVP to Tom Pinney @ tompinney@charter.net or 920-493-3727.
- 16 Fifth Annual Sportsmen's Shoot, Camp Douglas Lodge 272. Registration, rolls, and coffee at 8:00 a.m. at Tomah-Warrens Sportsmen's Alliance, 26143 Broadway Ave., Warrens. A 25-target Five-Stand and 25-target Skeet Shoot in the morning at TWASA, followed by a 50-target Sporting Clays in the afternoon, at Woods and Meadow Hunting Preserve, N4335 Potter Rd., Warrens. \$20 for skeet and \$20 for sporting clays; pay when you register. Lunch provided at Woods and Meadow. Contact Bro. Chuck Huffman, at 608-378-3325 or 608-315-0056, or trkhuff@aol.com, or Bro. Leo Clark, Sec./Treas., at 608-372-5110 or 608-387-1412 or email CDL272sec@gmail.com.
- 16-17 Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges, Madison Concourse Hotel, West Dayton Street, Madison. Open to members of the Midwest Conference Jurisdiction. Contact Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, for details.
- 23 Grand Chapter OES, Tri-State Exchange in Minnesota
- 23 Freemasons Lodge No. 363, Lobster Fest, 1:00-5:00 p.m. Three Pillars Senior Living Communities, Dousman. Live Maine Lobsters, complete dinner \$25.00. See story on page 4.
- 30 Union Lodge No. 32, Brat Fry, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the local Piggly Wiggly store on Hwy 14, Evansville.

SEPTEMBER 2014

5-6 Warren Lodge No. 4, Potosi, Campout and Picnic, Grant River Recreational Area. Picnic Sept. 6, all Masons and families invited.

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Most Worshipful Bro. William Beetcher Installed as Grand Master for 2014-15



Grand Master Papa receives a very special card from his granddaughter Layla following his installation as Grand Master during the 170th Annual Communication in Madison.

Photo by Rich Rygh

By Rich Rygh

Bro. Peter Berklund, Master of Landmark Lodge No. 244 and his

On Our Cover

Chippewa Valley Chapter De-Molay, Eau Claire, presented the "Ceremony of Light" before the close of the 170th Annual Communication in Madison. The Brethren were very impressed by the fine quality of work exhibited by these young men. Kneeling at the Altar: Jason Lin. Standing (from left): Jon Beighley, Kendrick Tolar, Ben Tillotson, Michael Herrick, Chris Herrick, Jack Tillotson and Fritz Ausman.

Photo by Rich Rygh

officers opened the Lodge in public form on Friday, June 6 at 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of installing the 2014-15 Officers of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Wisconsin.

The Grand Commandery, Knights Templar presented the colors, followed by a tribute to the flag by Bro. John Miller, the Pledge of Allegiance led by Bro. Thomas Fedje and the singing of the Nation Anthem by the audience with organ music provided by organist Bro. James Stroebe.

Bro. Berklund turned the gavel over to Past Grand Master J.B. Van Hollen, Installing Grand Master. The Installing Grand Master was assisted by Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, Installing Marshal; Past Grand Mas-

ter Joseph B. Harker, Assistant Grand Marshal; and Past Grand Master John W. Wilke, Installing Grand Chaplain.

The officers were installed and presented with their collars by their ladies.

Grand Master William Beetcher was installed last. Before receiving the Grand Masters Charges he asked all Lodge Masters present to join him at the altar placing their hand on the shoulder of the Brother in front of them.

Grand Master Beetcher was installed, presented his collar by his Lady Pat and escorted to the East by Installing Marshal DeWolf under an arch of steel provided by the Grand Commandery. Music

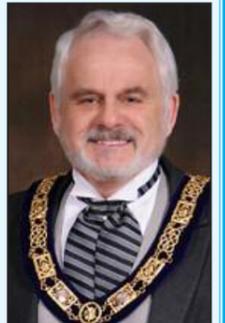
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The Grand Master's Message:

By Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin
Brother William Beetcher

LUMBER AND ASHLARS

As many of you may know, one of my great loves is woodworking, and it is a hobby that I have enjoyed for years. Because of this addiction, I am constantly working on our house — building, rebuilding or replacing something. Some time back I decided that the stairs in our basement needed replacing, so as I usually do, I set out to make the needed improvements. Normally, because of their use, stairs are built from a fairly hard, durable wood, such as Douglas fir or a manufactured lumber product; but fir usually finishes with a reddish tint to it, which we did not want, and manufactured lumber needs to be covered, usually with carpet, which also was not what we were looking for.



Grand Master
William Beetcher

Because of my love of woodworking, I have on hand a variety of lumber species typically found in northern Wisconsin; maple, oak, birch, pine and aspen, or "popple" as it is most commonly called in our part of the Northwoods. Aspen, unlike the others, it is not normally used in wood shops, but is a species very heavily used in the home construction business, which where the aspen I had was destined to go. After it was left to season for a year, I used it to frame up my garage, and when the garage was finished I had a considerable amount left over. Unfortunately, not having enough inside storage, I covered it and stored it outside for several years exposed to the elements. Knowing what happens to boards, especially aspen, when left to the elements, I had no idea what to expect when I uncovered them, and was not overly hopeful or optimistic that they would be usable. Uncovered, it resembled lumber only by its shape. Seeing this, I assumed that the planks were destined for the burn pile; but then I thought, "Well, might just as well run one through the planer and see what comes out the other end — nothing to lose except a little time".

After several passes, and to my great surprise — change. After the third pass or so, the true character of the wood started to emerge, transforming from a questionable piece of wood into a clean, solid plank with the most beautiful natural coloring one could imagine. Aspen, normally a wood with little noticeable grain in its unfinished state, started showing the early stages of "spaulting", a process that in its earliest stages changes the color of the wood without destroying its strength. This bland lumber had slowly transformed into beautiful planks patterned with shades of brown, blue, tan and even green, its inner beauty hidden from view waiting to be discovered. All that was needed was to plane them down to discover that inner beauty, finish them to protect from wear, with the end result being a set of beautiful, naturally finished stairs to enjoy for years to come; and all of this from lumber I almost discarded. Now every time we use those stairs, we are reminded of the beauty that nature, over a period of years, gave to those boards. To this day, it gives me cause to reflect how, based on their outward appearances, I almost threw them away without even trying to ascertain if they were of any use, totally ignorant of the beauty and strength that lay within.

As I was in my wood shop working on our stairs, a certain Masonic parallel between my project and the process of making a Mason came to mind. When a new candidate is introduced to the Lodge, few have any idea what kind of Mason this new Brother will become. Perhaps we even think, from outward appearances, this may not

See **Lumber and Ashlars** on page 3



Masters join Grand Master Elect William Beetcher as he receives the Grand Master's Charges

During the installation ceremony Grand Master William Beetcher asked each Master present to join him at the altar as he received the Grand Master's Charges. The Grand Master stated, "I asked the Lodge Masters to join me at the altar when I received the Grand Master's Charges. The purpose was twofold. First, the responsibilities and expectations placed on a Grand Master are considerable and demanding, and at our altar, I was asking for the understanding, support and assistance of every Mason across our State in the execution of those Charges and duties. Secondly, it was an acknowledgement that for our Fraternity to have a successful year, unity and teamwork are a necessity."

Photo by Rich Rygh



Glenn L. Humphrey Lodge visits Health Care Center

Glenn L. Humphrey Lodge No. 364 made a social visit to their Masonic Family at Three Pillars' Health Care Center on June 10. All enjoyed a wonderful social visit over coffee, juice, and donuts. The Lodge was proud to present Bro. Lowell Tainter (seated at head of the table) a 55 year membership certificate. Bro. Tainter was raised on May 18, 1959 in Ozaukee Lodge No. 17, Port Washington. He was Master of Ozaukee Lodge in 1965 and has served the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin in various capacities including Grand Tiler in 1993-1994.

Submitted by Duane Bunting, Secretary

Thoughts for the Journey

By Reverend David R. Ritchie, Grand Chaplain

When Masonry was forming an atheist was someone who did not practice Christianity.

Late in the enlightenment or shortly thereafter an atheist was someone who did not believe in the Abrahamic god. Meaning Muslims and Jews no longer were seen as atheists. As the 20th century progressed the term "atheist" evolved to mean "a person with no belief in a higher power." As Masons we welcome all men who believe in, "One All-powerful Creator" and believe in an afterlife.



Rev. David Ritchie
Grand Chaplain

Our Masonic forefathers used terms and stories they and almost all others were familiar with in putting together our gentle craft. All men had read the Bible and even the illiterate had heard the stories many times over, therefore our work is populated with stories, illustrations, examples, and ideas from Jewish and Christian faiths. They simply drew from a pool of common knowledge. They didn't use these examples to promote any one faith. I believe they never envisioned a time when society would be as mixed as it has become today.

As Masons we, again, welcome all men who believe in the "One All-powerful Creator." We are no longer a fraternity of just Christian or Jewish men. I am often asked, "If we accept all these men's faiths, in the interest of equality, why don't we remove the overtly Christian references?" There are a number of reasons.

First, there is nothing wrong with them being there. As Masons we should seek to be inclusive, not exclusive. We should strive to build upon our foundations not cut away at them. By including all men's faith we make ourselves stronger. Even when that means including ideas from the Bible.

Second, religions, faiths and denominations are all victims of fashion. Throughout their history all religions and denominations change and evolve. One form of worship becomes preferred over another. One type of reading or idea is highlighted or acted upon more readily. So what seems like pretty heavy dogma today was seen as a side note by our forefathers and may not be seen as anything major 25 or 50 years from now.

Third, the stories and ideas make sense in our work even to those who do not practice the same faith. A new Mason is told that the steps leading to his first entrance into the lodge are predicated on scripture. The lesson taught is still of value to all men whatever their belief. At the same time many of the stories and ideas are shared across a wide spectrum of beliefs. The golden rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," is found in Christian scripture. It is also found in the writings of almost every major religion, in almost identical wording. Taking into account the variances in translation most of these faiths are surprisingly similar in the ideas and wording on truth, honesty and charity. It doesn't matter where they come from the ideas are the same.

Fourth, our ritual is for us and not those outside of the craft. I hold my Brothers in high regard. I believe them to be intelligent, thoughtful men. I am often told that we must change our ritual because someone may take it the wrong way or someone may be offended. We were founded on the idea of bringing men together and sharing differing ideas. If a Brother has a question on wording or a Masonic idea then it goes back to the instructive tongue and the attentive ear. We are all charged to learn. If we do not understand then research it. A Brother recently asked me about "the ears of corn suspended near a waterford." He was actually upset because, "those people wouldn't have raised corn". To an American he is right. They did not raise maize or cob corn as we know it. In Europe and the Middle East "corn" is any grain. What probably hung there were sheaves of wheat or barley. Not three ears of field corn tied together by the husks.

Lastly, in society we are in the middle of a trend where well meaning people in an effort to make all things equal, remove all reference to a topic or idea. It does indeed make all things equal. If your side has nothing and my side has nothing then we are indeed equal. We both have nothing.

As a Mason I have a hard time with that concept. As Masons we are taught to gather ideas and concepts not cull them out. We are taught to include all and exclude none. As a Mason I do not have to accept your ideas, but I have to hear them out, give them due thought. In this way I build who I am. I learn about other's ideas and thoughts and I become a better man. Why would I want to rob a Brother of the opportunity to discuss and share dialogue about who we are? I would love to hear a Brother or group of Brothers from varying faiths discuss the beautiful "G" lecture or any other parts of our work.

I know that we can not discuss religion in lodge but we can discuss ideas. A man's faith and his spiritual nature will help form his ideas and bring new perspective to the discussion. There is no escaping the fact that our Masonic forefathers, the men who originally molded our gentle craft, were European Christians. Our work reflects that. Work that I find beautiful and enjoy sharing with all good men. All good men.

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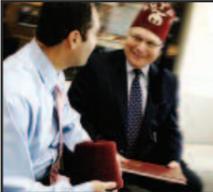
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170th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Wisconsin

By Rich Rygh

The 170th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Wisconsin was opened on June 5, at 8:30 a.m., by Bro. Parker Dow, Master, and the officers of Waterloo Lodge No. 63.

Senior Deacon Rick Stokes retired and escorted Deputy Grand Master William Beetcher and the Grand Lodge Officers into the auditorium. Deputy Grand Master Beetcher received the gavel from Bro. Parker Dow and asked the Grand Lodge Officers to take their stations.

Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik was escorted to the altar and introduced by Senior Grand Deacon L. Arby Humphrey. The Deputy Grand Master greeted Grand Master Slavik at the altar and escorted him to the East under an arch of steel provided by the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Wisconsin and right Eminent Commander Edward J. "Rusty" Mitchell.

Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik was awarded the Grand Honors and received the gavel.

Bro. Parker Dow presented the Grand Master with a large gavel on behalf of Waterloo Lodge. Bro. Dow said, "It is made of applewood because you are the apple of our eye."

The flag was presented by the Grand Commandery and placed on the dais. Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, played video of Bro. Richard "Red" Skelton giving the meaning of each word of the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by the Brethren. Bro. John Grinde sang the 4th verse of the National Anthem after which the Brethren joined in singing the first verse.

The Grand Master asked all WWII Veterans to stand and receive a round of applause. All veterans were then asked to stand and be recognized.

Grand Master Slavik declared the 170th Annual Communication open in ample form.

Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie provided a prayer, giving



Junior Grand Warden L. Arby Humphrey (right) and Junior Grand Deacon Robert C. Strader introduce the Grand Lodge Strategic Plan to the Brethren.

Bro. Arby says, "Wow Bob, have you noticed that bright light out there, it's blinding! What do you think that is?"

Bro. Bob explains, "That certainly is bright! Say, I know what it is - it's our future! The future's so bright - we gotta wear shades!"

Photo by Rich Rygh

thanks and asking for guidance in moving this gentle craft forward.

The Grand Secretary gave the preliminary report of the Credential Committee, 152 lodges are registered.

The report of unfinished business was provided by Past Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert. The report was printed in the pre-proceedings. He called the Brethren's attention to **Resolution 8-2013** from last year. (This resolution dealt with a moratorium of the Perpetual Membership Fund distributing funds to the Grand Lodge from the Perpetual Membership Fund from fiscal year 2013-2014 until May 30, 2017. The Grand Master moved to amend the resolution to change the dates to be effective for fiscal years 2014-2015 and end on May 30, 2018. This change can then be taken into consideration in the 2014-2015 budget. The resolution was adopted as amended.)

Past Grand Master Siewert said after reading some of the recaps, the resolution was very vague and subject to different interpretations. The resolution was proposed due to PMP fund balances at that time. It was later found that the fund was not being balanced monthly which made it appear to have a large deficit. He said the committee would like to offer two recommendations for the Brethren to vote on this morning. Number one he move to rescind Resolution 8-2013 as amended and printed in the minutes of the 169th Annual Communication. The motion was seconded and passed without discussion. Number two, he said the Unfinished Business Committee moves that the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer oversee the membership support team so that general accepted accounting practices are followed and that all accounts and funds are balanced monthly. These practices are to be included in the duties of the Grand Lodge Officers as specified in the Wis. Masonic Code and to be included in the membership support job descriptions. The motion was seconded and passed without discussion. This report of the Unfinished Business Committee was received.

The Grand Secretary stated the proceedings of the 169th Annual Communication have been

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NOTES FROM THE GRAND LECTURER By Brother Davey L. White Jr., PGM

Brethren,

We have just completed another successful Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin and the Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Daniel Slavik and his lady are to be commended and congratulated on a wonderful year. The Annual Communication went very smoothly and it was great to see everyone.

I personally look forward to the Annual Communication every year. I haven't missed one since MWPGM Jim Zimmerman was Grand Master. The reason that it is so special to me is because of all the Brothers from around the state that I get to meet. That's right it's you that make it special. I believe that the friendships made and the ones that are renewed show us all how important the tenant of Brotherly Love is to all of us. When I walk through the halls and the Lodge room before the Annual Communication starts, it makes me swell up with pride knowing that without this great Fraternity of ours, I wouldn't know over half the people that I do. I have had the opportunity to meet Brothers from all over the world and I cherish each memory. We all need to take a step back from time to time and think about the wonderful men, women and children that are a part of our lives because of Freemasonry. How they have touched our lives in so many ways. That's right as I said you make it special.

When I speak of the Annual Communication and how special it is to me, it brings back memories of my first one when MWPGM Jim Zimmerman was Grand Master. I must admit that I didn't spend much time in the session itself, I was in the room with the pure work learning the third section lecture of the MM degree. The reason that this was a special time for me wasn't just learning the ritual, it was the fact that a Brother Mason took the time to sit with me and help me learn. This formed a friendship that I cherish to this day. The Brother's name is Ray Childs from Prairie du Chien Lodge No. 8. He happened to be a District Lecturer at the time and he taught me so much more than just the Ritual. This is what I mean when I talk about Brotherly Love and Friendship.

On another topic, we had a resolution pertaining to changing the pure work that was laid over from last year. The resolution referred to the posting key and the EA 2nd section lecture where we explain the white leathren apron. It refers to the use of the words purity of life and conduct and gaining admission into the celestial lodge above or heaven. This resolution was defeated and I thought it deserved some explanation from the Esoteric side of things. We must first remember that we are not a religion and that we are not to discuss religion during our meetings. This is one of the first things we are told when we inquire about joining. Freemasonry has no theology or dogma, and does not profess anywhere to lead to salvation. We use these words to imprint on the mind how important good conduct and kind deeds are to the foundation of being a Freemason. We have a long history that we are sworn to uphold and not blemish or stain its reputation. I have gone back through many of my ciphers and monitors and we have used pretty much the same wording in all of them. I checked 1885, 1905, 1945 and the present. I believe this is why we have so many people interested in joining our Fraternity; we are the one constant thing that hasn't changed its values. We have not given in to the perception of "political correctness". We have stood strong through adversity and flourished when our country needed us the most and through it all we have had the same values handed down from generation to generation. It's something to be proud of my Brothers. I am very proud to say that I practice the same ritual and teachings as my great grandfather and my father.

Maybe I'm a little different?

Fraternally,
Davey L. White Jr.

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Grand Lecturer

Lumber and Ashlars from page 1

have been the best choice for him or us. All we have is the "Rough Ashlar", the Unknown, his true potential hidden. However, we bring him into the Fraternity, and metaphorically and symbolically, transform him in our "Masonic workshop". We confer the Degrees, recite the lectures and charges. We explain the use and meaning of the working tools, teach him our Tenants, the Cardinal Virtues, the obligations, the subjects that are the heart and soul of our fraternity; and through this process, we see our new Brother, similar to my lumber, go through the transformative process so familiar to us. His inner character starts to emerge, and soon the Rough Ashlar starts transforming into the Perfect Ashlar. He inquires and endeavors to understand the lessons of the Craft, seeking to understand our Masonic teachings and incorporate them into his own life. As he grows, he takes his place among us, doing as we all strive to do - continually building and strengthening that inner spiritual temple, becoming a better man, husband, and father, a better citizen; a role model, respected and admired by all who know him. In his turn, he becomes a "Master Craftsman", teaching others the lessons he was taught, he becomes one to whom others go for advice and counsel, a pillar in his lodge and our fraternity, a friend and Brother to all.

And this, my Brethren, is truly what our gentle Craft is about. Once again, as has happened countless times, it "takes the good man and makes him better", and throughout this development process, both he and our Fraternity are made stronger, more complete. To me, this is the true "Mystery" or Secret of our Fraternity - its ability to affect this type of transformation. Having experienced this in myself, and to see it happen in so many others is truly the "Mystery of Freemasonry" that we may never fully understand.

As we continue our Masonic Journey, let us continue to:

"Learn,
Subdue,
Improve . . ."

Fraternally,
William Beetcher
Grand Master



5th Annual Sportsmen's Shoot

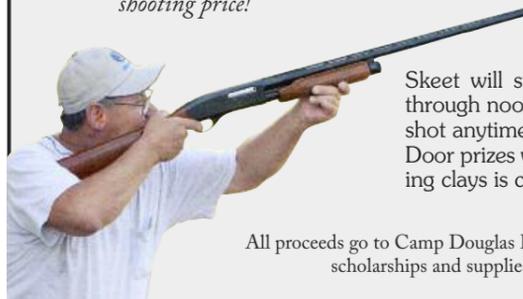
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Skeet will start at 8 a.m. and run through noon. Sporting clays can be shot anytime after skeet until 4 p.m. Door prizes will be drawn after sporting clays is complete.

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Freemasons Lodge Lobster Fest Coming to Three Pillars Aug. 23

Freemasons Lodge No. 363 is proud to announce their first ever Lobster Fest on Saturday, August 23 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Lobster Fest is open to the public, so bring your friends and family.

The host for the afternoon is the pride and joy of the Masonic Fraternity, Three Pillars Senior Living Communities in Dousman. A walking tour, as well as a bus tour, will be offered throughout the afternoon. As an opportunity to learn more about Three Pillars, a brief presentation will also take place for those who wish to attend.

Live Maine Lobsters will be flown in the day before the event and cooked on site. A lobster dinner includes: a whole Maine Lobster (approx. 1 1/4 pounds), potatoes, corn on the cob, and dessert. Soda, water, and coffee will also be available for purchase. A complete dinner is \$25.00. An

additional lobster, or one to go (live or cooked) is available for only \$15.00.

There will also be various auction items on hand.

Come for the food, stay for the

fellowship and learn more about Three Pillars.

For more information or to place your reservation, please go to: Eventbrite.com and look up Freemasons Lodge Lobster Fest.

Benefit for Bro. Walter Kopplin is July 19 in South Milwaukee

Friends and relatives of Bro. Walter (Butch) Kopplin III, are holding a benefit to help him and his family pay hospital and medical bills.

Bro. Komplin, a husband and father, has undergone extensive surgery to remove a cancerous tumor, requiring removal of a portion of his spine.

The event will be held Saturday, July 19 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at Pat's Oak Manor, 1805 15th Ave., South Milwaukee. It will feature food, raffles and silent auc-

tions. Grand prize is a Galaxy CD Jukebox. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

Come and support Bro. Kopplin, he is a 34 year member and Past Master of Lake Lodge No. 189 and has served the Grand Lodge as District Deputy and District Lecturer.

Donations may be made at any BMO Harris Bank payable to the Walter Kopplin Benefit Fund.

For more details and information on the benefit go to page 27.

All-Star Soccer Games July 26 in Whitewater



Action from the 2013 Boys' Masonic All-Star Soccer game. Photo by Rich Rygh

The 2014 Masonic All-Star Soccer Activities, July 24-26, will be held at the UW-Whitewater.

All-Star Soccer Activities begin on Thursday, July 24 with the youth camp registration. All-Star registration will be Friday, July 25.

We will again be hosting 24 middle school kids for the youth camp.

The Mason and Family cookout is Friday, July 25, at 5:30 p.m. at Starin Park in Whitewater. The cost is \$6.00.

The Recognition Banquet is Saturday morning, July 26, at 8:00 a.m., at the James Connor Uni-

versity Center, UW-Whitewater. Reservations are required. The cost is \$15.00 per person.

The All-Star Soccer Games which begin at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, bring together many of the best student soccer athletes in the state. Admission is \$10 for both games.

Support our athletes and become a committee member or sponsor. Contact Bro. David Tainter at 262-689-2848 or email dtainter@wi.rr.com.

See Girls' Team listings and how your lodge can participate on page 17.

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Warren Lodge No. 4 to Host Campout and Lodge Picnic

The Brethren of Warren Lodge No. 4, Potosi are planning the 1st annual Warren Lodge Campout and Lodge Picnic, Sept. 5 and 6 at the Grant River Recreational Area, for the express purpose of fellowship and fun. After a long winter and a busy summer the Brothers decided that a lazy evening listening to the river was something to look forward to.

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

view of the river and surrounding bluffs.

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

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

If camping isn't your thing lodg-

ing is available near by. The more Brothers and families the more fun.

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

There are a limited number of sites reserved but they will fill up fast. Both camper and tent sites are available. If you have any questions or wish reservations please contact Bro. Schelly Schoville, 608-732-0030 or Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie, Master, 608-482-3552.



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Summer 2014

Dear Brethren, Ladies, and Friends,

It's a wonderful time of year at Three Pillars for our residents. The grills are smoking regularly, there are picnics and parties, and the campus is buzzing with activity daily. If you haven't visited Three Pillars in the summer the coming months are a great opportunity to connect not only with our residents, but also with nature.

Our campuses in Dousman and Cecil offer wonderful opportunities to spend time outdoors and visit with residents. We also would be happy to host your group event, so if you're looking for space and catering for your next event contact me at ceo@threepillars.org to get started. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Challenges and Opportunities

My Brothers,

I thank you most humbly for the opportunity you have given me to serve you and to represent our great Fraternity as your Grand Master, for the coming year. And, I heartily thank and congratulate all of the Grand Lodge officers who will be also be serving our Jurisdiction this year. I truly look forward to working with you, and can guarantee the new Masonic Year before us will be a busy, productive, and I hope, an extremely rewarding one. I am very excited about our year and the opportunities it presents to all of us. To all the Past Grand Masters and Brothers who have served as friends and mentors over the last ten years, I thank you so much for your friendship, counsel and advice. What you have taught and exemplified, will serve me well this year.

During the Installation Ceremony last night, I asked the Lodge Masters to join me at the altar when I received the Grand Master's Charges. The purpose was twofold. First, the responsibilities and expectations placed on a Grand Master are considerable and demanding, and at our altar, I was asking for the understanding, support and assistance of every Mason across our State in the execution of those Charges and duties. Secondly, it was an acknowledgement that for our Fraternity to have a successful year, unity and teamwork are a necessity.

Success in our endeavors cannot be achieved by small pockets of individuals scattered throughout our State or by one Brother or a small group of Brothers, but only from the concentrated effort of all of us—refocused and rededicated toward a single goal. To move our Fraternity forward can only be reached through the active involvement of every Mason in our Jurisdiction, and this, my Brothers, is what I am asking of you. I am asking you to take up the challenge get involved and stay involved in your Lodges, get involved in your Districts, become involved in your Grand Lodge, take ownership of this grand and glorious thing called Freemasonry! Together, we can accomplish great things.

It is my firm belief that our Fraternity is on the cusp of great change. We have many issues and concerns facing us; and to be sure, they are not small, but neither are they insurmountable. I believe that we should not see them as problems, but look at them as challenges and opportunities, because that is what they are. The challenge - to revitalize our Fraternity; to revisit those values that our gentle Craft was founded on, to continue to study the teachings of Freemasonry, to reflect and rediscover its meaning in our own lives; in short, to re-invigorate our own love of the Craft, to regain the fire and passion.

So my Brothers - now is indeed the time to regain that fire and passion, now is the time to advance our Craft, now is the time to embrace the modern technologies, and use them to tell the world about Freemasonry and the values and traditions we hold so sacred - those time-honored concepts of Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love. It is time to move confidently into the 21st Century as a modern, vital institution, while at the same time retaining our Ancient Traditions, core values and principles. As we rediscover the beauty and expand our understanding of Ancient Craft Masonry, we must then share it with a world looking for the very essence of what Freemasonry is.

To address a challenge such as

this requires effort - considerable effort. Our Fraternity, like any business or organization, needs a guide or blueprint if it is to achieve its goals. In building or designing that guide - many things are required. It requires planning, it requires determination and it requires focus to name but a few. It will span many years and have many parts. In short, it will require a solid, vibrant, continually evolving strategic plan; a plan that can grow and adapt to meet the ever-changing needs of both our Fraternity and the world that we live in.

Over the last couple of years, the Strategic Planning Committee, consisting of the Grand Lodge Line Officers, Grand Secretary and the JPGMs have been working to develop a Strategic Plan that will meet these needs. There are two Brothers from this Committee I would especially like to thank for their guidance and assistance, and ask them to come forward up and give us a brief overview of our efforts to date—Right Worshipful Bro. Arby Humphrey and Worshipful Bro. Bob Strader. (See page 19.)

One of the greatest problems facing our Lodges is in the training and preparation of its officers, not only to assume the East, but also to serve in any place or station within our Lodges. Too many Brothers take the Master's chair with trepidation - not because they are not capable of serving as a Master - quite far from it. It comes from the feeling of being unprepared, or not fully understanding the responsibilities of such a great task. For too many of us, the route from the Northwest corner of the Master Mason Degree to the Master's Chair in the East is far too fast; but this my Brothers is reality, this has become the norm, and the really important question is how do we deal with it. The answer is almost obvious—by developing a training program "to assist in the preparation" of our leaders.

Last year, when serving as the Deputy Grand Master, my charge to the Grand Lodge Planning Committee was to start developing a multi-year officer training program, and this they have done magnificently. It was a very large task, and they spent many, many hours and more than one week-end reviewing reams of material from other Jurisdictions and condensing it down, adapting, creating and building a Leadership training program that will fit the needs of Wisconsin Masons. They have laid the foundation for what I believe will be one of the premier Masonic Leadership training programs in the nation.

The Wisconsin Masonic Leadership College we envision will be a three-year program that will teach, develop and enhance the leadership skills of our present and future Lodge officers, enabling them to guide and lead their Lodges more effectively. These Brothers did such an outstanding job that they will be continuing their work this year, but under the name of the Education Committee. Would all the members who have worked so hard on this project please stand? Thank you, my Brothers, for your dedication and hard work. As this project has been under the direction and guidance of our Senior Grand Deacon, WBro. Scott Pedley, I would like him to come forward and give us a brief overview of our college. (See page 12.)

I think few would argue that the greatest challenge facing our Lodges is membership recruitment and retention. We have all witnessed the decline in our numbers over the years and the clo-

sure of far too many Lodges. This we must stop and reverse. We must stop thinking decline and start thinking growth. It is time for us to look forward, it is time for us to refocus and rethink the way we "do business"; in other words, how do we grow and maintain a modern, relevant; but still traditional Freemasonry that has value and appeal to a new generation. If we become complacent and choose to ignore the membership challenge, we will become like so many of the other great fraternal organizations that are now only sad footnotes in history. This, we must not let happen.

Every year, hundreds of men eagerly join our ranks, men who are searching for the concepts, ideals and traditions that have always drawn men to our Fraternity. These are men turning back to time tested values; the values that we as Freemasons have taught, believed in and honored for centuries - the values that have sustained and improved us, and made us into the men and Masons that we are today. These are men looking for stability and traditional values. Men who will eagerly embrace both the opportunity to grow in our Fraternity, and the challenge to assist in its growth. At this moment in time, my Brothers, lies the opportunity, perhaps the greatest opportunity to grow and strengthen our Fraternity we have witnessed in several generations. It is an opportunity that we cannot afford to miss.

Within each of our Lodges, the challenge is to create a strong, progressive, personalized program designed to continually attract new members; and at the same time retain and reinvigorate our current membership. Such an effort will require a balanced three-pronged approach of recruitment, programming and retention. To use a metaphor, one can compare this approach to a three-legged stool - a simple, solid, functional piece of furniture; however, if any of the legs are missing that functionality changes dramatically. It goes, in right short order, from stable to unsteady. Similarly, if a lodge actively and simultaneously addresses recruitment, programming and retention, working on all three legs, the balance of the Lodge is solid, equal and even. However, if it spends too much time working on any one leg to the neglect of the others, our symbolic three-legged stool is off balance. Remove two legs, it can still perform, and is, in an awkward form, still a stool, but very unstable and practically non-functional; and its user, in this case our Lodge Brothers, become more worried about the three-legged stool, their Lodge, standing than functioning. Using this analogy, the logic of a three-pronged approach becomes obvious.

My Brothers, building your membership program is not something the Grand Lodge can do for you, but working together as partners and as a team, we can create programs and ideas to help tackle this challenge, and this is the focus and charge of the Membership Committee. As with the Planning Committee, this group of Brothers has worked diligently to build a framework to help our Lodges deal with the biggest challenge facing them. Would all the members who have worked on this project please stand? At this time, I would like to introduce WBro. Christian Hirthe, District Deputy Grand Master for the Fourth District to give a brief presentation on the status of our Membership Committee. (See page 17).

There is one last item that we are bringing forth for your consid-



Grand Master William Beetcher addresses the craft during the 170th annual Communication. Photo by Rich Rygh

eration, and it is something you have heard before. However, we feel it is of such importance and impact that we want to take the entire year to discuss and debate it. Simply stated, we are asking you to consider the idea of aligning the Lodge and the Grand Lodge year. Because this is something that will have an impact on every Mason in our Jurisdiction, I am directing our District Deputy Grand Masters to give detailed presentations at all of our Lodge, Area and District meetings, and for all of the Line officers to make it a topic of discussion at Masonic visitations. Brothers, I want you to analyze the concept, discuss its strengths and its weaknesses, and tell us what you think. If you see an area that could be a problem or if you have a better idea - please, tell us. Once you have heard the presentation at a District or a Lodge meeting, please contact any of the Grand Lodges officers, and let us know what you think. We want to know your concerns and feelings - positive or negative, and we want your input and feedback. If the feedback that you give us indicates that this is something you feel would be beneficial, a Resolution will be presented at next year's Annual Communication.

Brothers, I would like to take a few minutes and explain some points about my pin. This pin reflects a bit of my Masonic philosophical nature, and as many of my fellow Grand Lodge officers will tell you, I definitely have a philosophical side and more than a passing interest in symbolism. First, the design is based on the circle. The circle represents many things, one of course, being the sun; but to me it also represents the never ending, as it has no beginning and no end. We all know that our Masonic quest for self-improvement did have a beginning, but from the viewpoint of the never-ending, the circle tells me that the quest for improvement has no end; it is ongoing, forever, infinite.

From the opening in the Entered Apprentice Degree comes the query, "What came you here to do?" The Senior Warden, who answers not only for himself, but symbolically for all Freemasons, says, and to paraphrase a bit, "to Learn, to Subdue, to Improve". He not only answers the Master, but defines what should be the quest of every Freemason - the quest for more Light, more Truth, more Improvement. For myself, these words serve as a guide, they provide direction and focus; Masonically, they give purpose. These three words on the circle divided and united by the Square and Compass, the most significant and esoteric symbol we have, symbolize the infinite, never-ending search of every Freemason. In

the banner at the bottom is the word "Wisconsin", my home and my Masonic Jurisdiction, of which I am very proud.

Brothers, yesterday, June 6, was the 70th anniversary of D-Day, the Allied invasion of Europe. As a Veteran and the son of a World War Two Veteran, June 6, 1944 will always have a very special meaning for me, and this day should serve as a reminder of the bravery and sacrifice of all Veterans. This year a special pin has been made to honor the service of all Veterans. It is a pin that I hope all Wisconsin Veterans will wear with pride, not with the pride that breeds arrogance, but with that quiet, humble pride that comes from knowing that you had the opportunity to serve and protect our Nation and the high ideals and traditions upon which it was founded. And yes, the privilege and honor to say upon enlistment, "I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same;..." and did so with honor. I am personally handing out these pins, and would be deeply honored to present one to every Veteran present, so please come to the East at the close of the Annual Communication to receive one.

In closing, while we as a society and nation are moving with ever-increasing speed into a future of great change, our Fraternity still offers a place of refuge, of peace, of friendship to all who seek it. Our Lodges are a place where our Brothers can, for a time, put off the stresses of the modern world and reflect inwardly on those spiritual and moral values that refine our character and strengthen our soul; indeed, our Lodges truly are places "where the weary shall find rest". My Brothers, let us continue that legacy. Let us grow it even further so that future generations of Freemasons will look back at this time and say that this was the beginning of a Renaissance in Freemasonry, and give silent thanks to our generation for what we left for them as we thank our Founders for what they gave us. This legacy is the never-ending gift that the "Society of Freemasons" can offer the world. This is the legacy our forefathers left us; and this is the legacy we are obligated to pass on to future generations.

Now is the time for us to grow and strengthen our Fraternity; and while never forgetting the past, look to the future with great expectations, because surely it is a future full of promise, of hope and opportunity.

Brothers, as we continue our Masonic Journey, let us continue "to Learn, to Subdue, and to Improve..." Thank you.



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News Events from the Lodges



Chetek Lodge donates to youth trap team

The Blue Hills Shooting Stars Trap Team recently received a donation from the Chetek Lodge No. 277 in the amount of \$680. The Shooting Stars consist of 35 kids in grades 7 through 12 from Chetek-Weyerhaeuser, Cameron and Barron schools. The club is formed under the Scholastic Shooting Sports program, a National organization which promotes youth shooting sports. The future of this country lies in the hands of our youth. Standing (from left): Secretary Robert Lund, Junior Warden James Meacham, Senior Steward Bill Rhiger, Senior Warden Jim Esswein, Senior Grand Warden Franklin J. Struble, Master Alton Hodges, Past Master and Coach Chuck Harrison and Coach Mike Swick. Shooting Stars Trap Team, kneeling: Jacob Kovicka, Mitchell Sanborn, Mike Shore, Jacob Sanborn, Logan Sanborn and Zach Richter.

Submitted by Bro. Alton Hodges, Master



Bro. Frank Chesen honored

Bro. Frank Chesen (center), Junior Warden of Geneva Lodge No. 44 was recently honored for his many years of service to the fraternity. Bro. Chesen was raised on Aug. 30, 1946 in McHenry Lodge No. 158, McHenry III. From left: Bro. Keith Redell, Master; Bro. Chesen; and Senior Warden John Wozniak.

Submitted by Bro. Bob Grohall



Prairie View Lodge assists with "Concert on the Green"

Prairie View Lodge No. 95 manned the beverage tent for the weekly "Concert on the Green", as well as the brat fry on June 13 in Ripon. They will be doing this again August 8. The Brothers that worked (from left) are: Phil Wepner, Kevan Nault, Tim Aither, Peter Kasuboski, Wes O'Laire, Ray Colhouer, Bill Boutwell, Bruce Stephenson, Larry Malchow, Meade Grim and Ron Triemstra.

Submitted by Bro. Rick Coles



District Lecturer Richard Moen honored

District 7 Lecturer Richard H. Moen was presented an Honorary Membership in Oregon Lodge No. 151 on June 12. Bro. Moen attends many activities and degrees conferred in Oregon Lodge, located in District 9, and is always willing to help wherever needed. From left: Past Master James "Bone" Goldsmith, District Lecturer Moen and Bro. Scott Magnusson, Master of the Lodge.

Photo by Rich Rygh



Bro. Tankins honored for 60 years

Bro. Edwin Tankins recently received his certificate honoring him for 60 years of membership in the fraternity from District Deputy Grand Master D.H. Garbade Jr., of the 4th Masonic District of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina A.F.M. Bro. Tankins is a member of Hiram Lodge No. 50, Madison. He resides in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. Bro. Tankins was raised on Feb. 13, 1954.

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Bro. Cason is 60 year Mason

The members of Wilmot Lodge No. 241 presented Bro. Frank Cason with his 60 year certificate and pin on May 27. Bro. Cason, a veteran of WWII who recently participated in the Honor Flight, is also a Past Master of the Lodge. He was raised on May 6, 1954. From left: District 11 Deputy Michael Gorgen; Junior Grand Steward Ken Gorgen; Bro. Frank Cason, Bro. Todd Gorsuch, Master; District 11 Lecturer Bill Hahnfeldt.

Submitted by Bro. Bill Hahnfeldt



Ladies Appreciation Day at G.L. Humphrey Lodge

Bro. Arthur Pfitzinger (right), Master of Glenn L. Humphrey Lodge No. 364, greeted everyone at the Ladies Appreciation Day Brunch at Three Pillars in Dousman. Attendees enjoyed an excellent buffet as well as a presentation by Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefish (speaking). She spoke on women's views and her entrance into politics. Past Grand Master William E. Day gave a talk titled "God Made Women". Past Master Art Michelz offered a toast to all mothers, wives, daughters and sisters. Pat Ninman, Dodge County Sheriff, greeted guests and expressed her appreciation for the program. All 65 in the audience at the May 24 event went away with a smile on their face. Too often we forget that behind every good man is a woman!

Submitted by Bro. Duane Bunting, Secretary



Bro. Parker is 50 year Mason

Bro. Robert Parker was recently honored by Geneva Lodge for 50 years of service to Freemasonry. From left: Bro. Keith Redell, Master; Bro. Parker; and Senior Warden John Wozniak.

Submitted by Bro. Bob Grohall



Members representing 405 years of service honored

Keystone Lodge No. 263, Hayward, honored nine members with a combined 405 years in Masonry during a luncheon on May 17. It was a public ceremony. The awards were handed out individually by Bro. Kevin Fischer, Master, along with Deputy Grand Master William Beetcher. Front row (from left) Bros.: Don Neste, 40 Years; Tom Rodgers, 65 Years; Gail (Bud) Davis, 65 Years; Hal Helwig, 50 Years; and Ken Maki, 50 Years. Second row: District Deputy George Eisenmann; Master Kevin Fischer; Past Master Al Heinkel, 30 Years; Past Master Les Johnson, 35 Years; Bro. Mike Sawyer, 40 Years; Past Master and Secretary John Sigafus, 30 Years; Deputy Grand Master William Beetcher; and Area Administrator Gregg Olson. Bro. Tom Rodgers, a member of Dousman Lodge No. 315, was raised in Chippewa Falls Lodge No. 176 on Aug 30, 1949. He served as Master of Dousman Lodge in 1972. Both Bro. Bud Davis, raised on Aug. 11, 1949 and Bro. Hal Helwig, raised on Oct. 10, 1963, were raised in Keystone Lodge. Bro. Ken Maki was raised in Ewen Lodge No. 515, Ewen Michigan on Jan. 18, 1964.

Submitted by Bro. Kevin Fischer



Union Lodge Brat Frys

Union Lodge No. 32, Evansville, have recently put on a couple of fundraisers they call Brat Frys at the local Piggly Wiggly store in Evansville. Piggly Wiggly provides the booth and allows the Lodge to purchase what they need for the event at discounted prices. The fund raisers which are used to fund scholarships at the local high school have been very profitable. There will be another Brat Fry coming up on August 31 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Senior Deacon Gregg Peckham (left) and Secretary Dennis Lindsey prepare for customers.

Submitted by Bro. Tony Walls, Junior Warden

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Picnic at New Diggings Cemetery

Editor's note: This article was taken from the October 1964 issue of the Wisconsin Freemason, at that time the official publication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. Thank you to Bro. Joe Thompson, Past Master of Benton Lodge for providing me with a copy.

Benton Lodge No. 268 surrendered its charter and was reconsecrated as Olive Branch Lodge No. 6 at the New Diggings Annual Picnic on August 21, 2011 under Grand Master Davey L. White Jr.

This year's picnic will be held on August 17, at noon. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy the beautiful countryside.

This is a story from the picnic 50 years ago.

By Bro. Paul W. Grossenbach
Grand Secretary

Benton Lodge No. 268 F. & A.M. sponsored the annual Masonic family potluck picnic held at New Diggings Cemetery on Sunday, August 30, 1964.

This has become traditional with Benton Lodge and all the Masons who make the pilgrimage with their families to our New Diggings Masonic Cemetery in southwestern Wisconsin each year.

It's a landmark in the area and a part of the early history of our Wisconsin Masonic heritage. It is closely associated with old Olive Branch Lodge No. 6, now defunct, which was formed by the early lead and zinc miners who came to New Diggings seeking their fortune in the roaring forties.

The lead mine boom was on in the years 1840 to 1850 and great were the expectations of those who came to find a successful life here. New farms, homes, mines and businesses were springing up everywhere and the village of New Diggings became the hub of a thriving community. It became a typical frontier town with its business establishments, hotels, saloons and gambling houses.

Here, too, the Masonic Lodge found its place alongside the church and public school.

Mrs. Fremont Carter, in her book "New Diggings is an Old

Diggings, tells of the fraternal organizations which came into being during this period.

The Sons of Temperance, ironically as this may appear in a setting of saloons and gambling houses, rented the lodge room from our Olive Branch Lodge No. 6 for twenty-six dollars per year. Mrs. Carter also reports on authority of the minutes of Olive Branch Lodge that the fraternal Order of Odd fellows rented the Masonic Temple for its meeting place.

Into this community came folks of various religious persuasions and soon churches in which to worship their separate beliefs were built.

The Presbyterians established their church in about the year 1840 and the Methodists built in about the year 1848.

St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church was built in 1844 and now one hundred and twenty years later it is recognized as being worthy of most careful preservation for its historical and architectural interest by the United States Department of Interior.

The Primitive Methodist Church founded in the year 1842 is still serving the community.

Olive Branch Lodge No. 6, chartered June 10, 1845, was an active, thriving lodge in the roaring boom days of New Diggings. When the gold rush of 1849 was on in California the miners left New Diggings to find the pot of gold at the other end of the rainbow and New Diggings virtually became a ghost town. Olive Branch Lodge surrendered its charter on January 10, 1865, at a time when more of its men were away in the war between the states.

The Masonic Temple, however, the first to be built in Wisconsin, was acquired by the Grand Lodge and moved from its original site in the village to a lovely high knoll adjoining the small cemetery. It was restored and rededicated to the glory of God and Freemasonry on September 10, 1950.

At this time Grand Lodge also appropriated funds for the restora-



The chow line.

tion of the cemetery which had been the gift of Brother Robert S. Champion to Olive Branch Lodge.

It was the members of Benton Lodge No. 268 who had the foresight to recommend to Grand Lodge that the cemetery and Masonic Temple be restored as a memorial to those early pioneers who cradled Freemasonry in Wisconsin.

A bronze plaque affixed to a large granite boulder now commemorates this historical Masonic shrine.

Here to this beautiful, pastoral countryside Masons with their families foregather each year on the last Sunday in August to honor the memory of the founders of Olive Branch Lodge No. 6.

Attending from the Grand Lodge this year were: Lewis A. Stocking, Grand Master; Paul W. Grossenbach, Grand Secretary; Walter O. Helwig, Past Grand Master; Lewis A. Moore, Grand Treasurer Emeritus, and George J. Schreiber, Grand Pursuivant.

Present also were Brother Donald Dunlop, Deputy for the Order of DeMolay in Wisconsin, and the newly elected State Master Councilor, Jerry Kreitzman.

Following the potluck picnic luncheon, Brother Glenn Reese, Past Master of Benton Lodge, acting as toastmaster, presented the program.

Photos by
Bro. Allan Dale
Secretary of Geneva Lodge No. 44

The Grand Master and other members of the Grand Lodge were each called upon to speak.

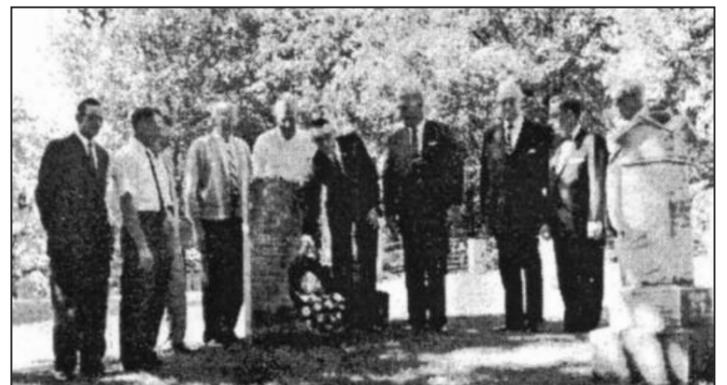
Jerry Kreitzman, State Master Councilor Order of DeMolay in Wisconsin, laid a wreath on the grave of Charles H. Gear, a Past

Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge, who died in the year 1851.

Pictures of the outing held on Sunday, August 30, presented herewith, tell the story of the good fellowship enjoyed.



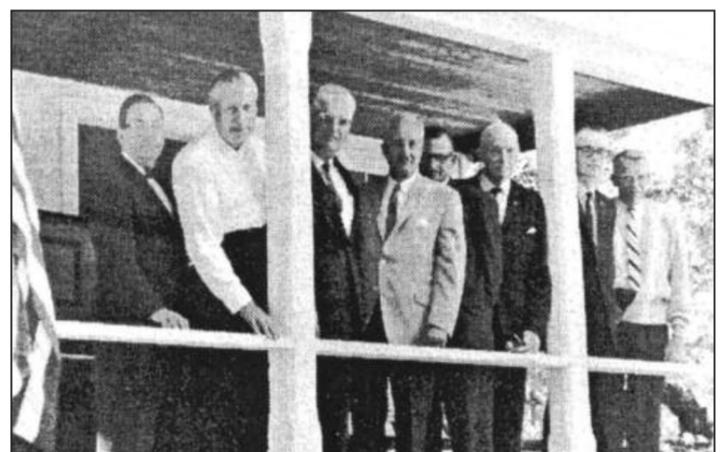
Without whom there would be no picnic-ladies of Benton Chapter No. 191 Order of the Eastern Star. Left to right: Miss Joyce Coulthard, Mrs. Wayne G. Bale, Mrs. Joseph H. Dawson, Mrs. Clayton B. Ewing, Mrs. Walter B. Hammer, Mrs. Frieda Vickers.



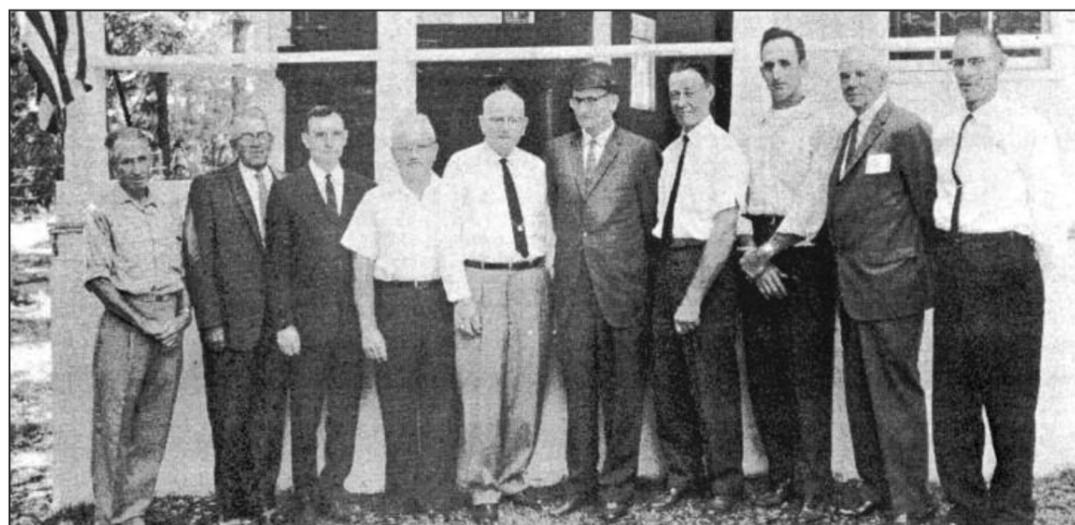
Laying wreath on grave of Charles Gear, Junior Grand Warden in 1848.



Grand Officers, wives and others at picnic table.



The speakers.



Officers of Benton Lodge. Left to right: J. Harold Buxton, Senior Warden; George D. Ayer, Treasurer; Malcolm O. French, Junior Warden; Clayton B. Ewing, Junior Deacon; Benjamin H. Pascoe, Acting Tiler; Walter B. Hammer, Worshipful Master; Joseph H. Dawson, Senior Deacon; Charles L. Vickers, Steward; Loran F. Beals, Chaplain and Trustee; Carl G. Kienzle, Steward.

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Bro. Josef F. Pronnet Receives Grand Master's Masonic Meritorious Service Award



Bro. Josef F. Pronnet receives the 2013-2014 Grand Master's Masonic Meritorious Service Award from Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik. The Award reads: Brother Josef F. Pronnet was raised a Master Mason in the State of Wisconsin on February 23, 1965 and is a member of Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge No. 261. He has dedicated his life to the promotion of the Masonic Fraternity and its ideals, spreading the tenets of Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love. His virtuous conduct and demeanor has brought credit and honor to himself and distinction to the Ancient Craft of Freemasonry.

Photo by Rich Rygh

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Top Lodge Excellence Award Winners

The top three Lodge Excellence Award winners were: Janesville-Western Star Lodge No. 55, third place; Freemasons Lodge No. 363, second place; and first place went to Warren Lodge No. 4. Front row (from left): District 10 Deputy David E. Tainter; Senior Warden LT Lichtfuss, Janesville Western Star Lodge; Master David Alderfer, Freemasons Lodge; Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie, Master, Warren Lodge; and Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik. Second row: District 9 Deputy Paul T. Tourville, District 12 Deputy Patrick D. Cholka and District 8 Deputy Marc. B. Steiber.

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Unity Lodge No. 367 Celebrates 10th Anniversary



Unity Lodge No. 367, Kenosha, celebrated its 10th anniversary on June 14, 10 years to the day after it was chartered on June 14, 2004. The Brethren celebrated with cake and an open house. Top photo: Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, and Bro. Bill Shelley, Master of the Lodge address the brethren, families and guests in attendance. Middle photo: Master Bill Shelley looks on as soon to be Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master Minor King, of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, Inc. is served a piece of anniversary cake by Grand Secretary DeWolf. The Brethren were honored guests at the event. Bottom photo: Deputy Grand Master Minor King and District 11 Lecturer Bill Hahnfeldt take a break from their conversation for a picture.

Submitted by Bro. Bill Shelley

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Wisconsin Masonic College Introduced to Develop Leaders in a Three Phase Program



Senior Grand Deacon Scott E. Pedley introduces the Wisconsin Masonic College at the 170th Annual Communication in Madison.

Presented by
Bro. Scott E. Pedley
Senior Grand Deacon

High performing teams that win championships do not succeed because of just being lucky.

It takes a skilled leader or group of motivators to get the ball rolling; basically there are skills to be developed. Few people are unconsciously competent and have the natural skills to lead. These skills are usually learned and The Wisconsin Masonic College is here to bridge that chasm of the unknown, to develop lodge leaders in a three phase program.

This program is dedicated to help Masons develop basic skills and to share some proven and practical tips for becoming an in-

entionally competent lodge leader.

The program is an ambitious three year journey to build and develop individual strengths: Year 1—Leadership, Year 2—Management and Year 3—Programming.

The Grand Lodge Planning Committee wants to make it clear that this program does not replace any current educational programs being provided by other Masonic organizations.

So, why is this needed?

Without Wisconsin lodges there is no Wisconsin Masonry. Successful blue lodges with dedicated successful leadership do it one Brother Mason and one community at a time.

Coming this year—Leadership

Leadership has been described as “A process of social influence in which one person can enlist the aid and support of others in the accomplishment of a common task”.

The 33rd President of the United States, Most Worshipful Brother Harry S. Truman understood a lot about influencing and leading. He also realized that taking responsibility was a piece of the leadership puzzle. He took responsibility when President and Brother Franklin Roosevelt died. One of his famous quotes about taking responsibility was “How far would Moses have gone if he had first taken a poll while in Egypt?”

This module will cover the traits of a successful leader and the use of those traits to lead your lodge to a higher level. You will learn about the following five factors and the importance to recognize them in yourself:

- A Quiet Resolution to Lead by Example

- The Strength of Character Required to Take Risks
- The Readiness to Share in the Risks as Well as the Rewards
- The Nerve to Face Adversity and Disappointment
- The Willingness to take Responsibility—THE BUCK STOPS HERE!

Coming next year—Management

Management can be described as “The art of getting things done through people.” Being a good manager means being a good organizer, and organizing is the gathering of the necessary resources together to achieve your goals.

To manage your plan successfully, a manager needs to be organized enough to measure results and make adjustments, as needed, to the initial plan. This applies even in situations where planning does not take place.

A really old trick is to push a potato into the car’s exhaust pipe. When the driver tries to start the car, it starts to turn over then shuts down because the potato keeps the gases from leaving the car. Because the gases can’t escape, the pistons can’t push them out of the cylinders and the entire engine stops. That is what disorganization does to the engine of group-effort.

In this module you will learn the aspects of a good manager and how to keep things in proper order. But the important thing to remember is that you as the leader of the lodge, whether in an elected or appointed position, need to know what you are expected to do, how to do it and how to manage those duties.

This is designed to introduce you

or remind you of not only servant-based leadership, but it will likely introduce you to the concept of opportunity-based leadership so that elected and appointed leaders can have an understanding and an acceptance of the fact that leadership at all levels of your lodge can become a healthy attribute for success.

Coming in year three—Programming

Planning is the process of thinking about and organizing the activities required to achieve a desired goal.

Planning and programming can be a trying task, especially if you’re new to the concept.

In this module, you will be steered away from doing last minute planning/programming. How to set a plan and the necessary steps for lodge programming will become obvious.

The results will be rewarding! Start your journey in 2014 with Leadership!

Effective Lodge Leadership comes in a set of three. There will be four (4) offerings of the Leadership Module in this new Masonic Year. They will be offered regionally for the ease of access for our Brethren throughout Wisconsin. Generally, the Leadership Module will occur in the Madison region, the Eau Claire region, the Green Bay region and the Milwaukee region.

Dates scheduled for the Leadership Workshop are as follows: Nov. 15, 2014; Jan. 31, 2015; Feb. 21, 2015; and March 14, 2015.

Locations will be published in the Wisconsin Masonic Journal.

In closing, your Grand Lodge Planning Committee, and more

especially our new Grand Master, challenge each and every Brother in Wisconsin to adopt an attitude of continual self-improvement as a lodge leader. One way to accomplish this would be to enroll in the Wisconsin Masonic College.



Scheduled Dates for the Leadership Workshops

- November 15, 2014
- January 31, 2015
- February 21, 2015
- March 14, 2015



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Final Sale at Van Brunt Hall Before Demolition



Auctioneer Nick Schaezel opens the auction at the entrance to Van Brunt Hall.

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By Kelsey Pangborn

For 109 years the Wisconsin Masonic Home, now Three Pillars, has been rooted in the Dousman community. They have served thousands, upon thousands of residents and their families during this time-many having lived in Van Brunt Hall. During the early years there was increasing demand for services on the campus. In 1923 the vision of caring for seniors by Three Pillars’ original benefactor, Bro. Willard Van Brunt, came to light with the opening of The Wisconsin Masonic Home. The home was fondly referred to as Van Brunt Hall after the death of Bro. Van Brunt in 1935.

Van Brunt Hall closed in 2006, supplanted by Three Pillars’ state-of-the-art catered living commu-

nity-Compass Point. In the six years following the closing of Van Brunt Three Pillars’ leadership conducted extensive analyses on future uses for the building. Due to age, construction type, and market demands an economically viable use could not be found. The most beneficial future use of the property was determined to be a return to its original buildable condition.

According to Three Pillars’ CEO, Bro. Mark Strautman, “As a not-for-profit organization all of our resources are invested back into our community and our programs. We have a responsibility to our residents, our donors, our staff, and this community to ensure the long-term stability of Three Pillars and the prudent use of our resources. We have

reached a point where Van Brunt has become a liability to our resources. We are now in the process of complete evacuation, building removal, and site restoration. We anticipate finishing this by the end of 2014.”

As an organization Three Pillars has a history of developing and implementing innovative services. In the past eight years alone they opened Compass Point, a leading catered living community, one of the area’s leading rehabilitation buildings, Hickory Suites, and one of the communities finest wellness facilities, the Wellness Connection.

According to Bro. Strautman, “We will continue to listen to our residents and monitor the market demands as we chart a new chapter for our campus and this com-



A successful bidder leaves Van Brunt Hall with his treasurers.

munity. Providing for a quality buildable site, on a campus which is currently limited for that purpose, will ensure that we can remain innovative and responsive to future needs of our residents and the community.”

For more information about this

story or Three Pillars Senior Living Communities email Bro. Mark Strautman at mstrautman@threepillars.org.

See more photos on page 29

Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie's Necrology Report

To George Rivers

George, they called you to refreshments;
 You have labored many years.
 Your summons calls for Heaven
 Where there is no shedding tears.
 You always met us on the Level,
 and you left us on the Square:
 You always acted by the Plumb
 No matter when or where.
 You used a common Gavel
 to guard your thoughts and deeds.
 The Twenty-four inch gauge you
 used
 For some other fellows needs.
 You used the trowel to spread
 cement;
 That was your favorite tool!
 To unite us in society
 And practice the Golden Rule.
 The Lamb Skin and the Evergreen
 Are emblems you, no doubt,
 loved best
 So we are going to leave them with
 you
 When we lay you down to rest.
 I've known you almost thirty years.
 Since I first came to Cornell.
 I have found you true and trusty,
 A man that doth all things well.
 There will be no work on the
 Trestle Board
 In that happy holier land;
 For your soul will rest in that
 heavenly home-
 That house not made with hands.
 By climbing Jacob's Ladder George,
 We hope to reach your goal;
 But until we do, the Craft will Pray,
 "God, have Mercy on your Soul".

By Bro. Chas. Popple

This poem was written for Brother George Rivers of Cornell, Wisconsin by a brother on George's death. The poem appeared in the local paper between his obituary and a thank-you from the Rivers family for the help and prayers of the community. George was the Great Grandfather of our Grand Master's wife and lady, Laura Slavik.

This poem stands as a tribute to friendship as much as it honors a good man. What would induce a man to write of a man's life in Masonic terms? Why not laud his other accomplishments? It is because of friendship shared with a true brother, not just words, but true and lasting affection. As we take a moment from our labors let us remember the brothers who have went before us and let us remember the work they have done. At one time each of these good men was in darkness and was made better by the light. Each of these men then set forth to build and preserve our gentle craft. Not out of arrogance, pride, or hope of material reward. They toiled together, building friendships and forming true brotherly love with other men, with us, because somewhere a good man still toiled in the darkness needing to be brought to light.

Gone is the right hand of friendship and brotherly love. Gone is the voice that whispered good counsel. Gone is the instructive tongue that brought me to light. Gone is a brother and a friend.

Death has taken him. While his labors may not be finished, his temple stands complete. Adorned in his apron, spotless white, his working tools laid down, and the acacia beside him we have laid him to rest with fitting honors. His body we commend to the earth. His soul we commend unto his creator that he may enter the lodge eternal. Lastly we honor his memory in our hearts.

It is in our hearts that these men will be missed most. These were the men who signed our petitions, put on our degrees, gently taught us our work, and became our friends. These are men we may have known for a life time or just a few years. We may remember him for the way he flawlessly presented a lecture. We may remember him for the office he held within our lodge. We may remember him for his laugh or his gentle nature. We may remember him for showing us a true example of a good and gentle man. The heart and the acacia stand side by side. The acacia to remind us of the eternal nature of the soul and the heart that these men will live on in our memories.

We will of course remember his widow and the orphan. Striving to ease their pain and aid in their comfort. The vow he took to look after them has become ours. It is a duty we will not fail in. It is a duty we know our brothers will take up when our time is come.

The greatest respect we can pay our missing brother is to con-

tinue his work. Long he toiled in this gentle craft of ours. Much he gave of himself in our work. Let us now honor him by picking up his tools and passing them on to a new man in search of light. Let us continue to build upon the foundation he set for us. Each generation of Masons in their passing has strengthened that foundation and the next generation is called upon to build upon it. Each generation is called upon to lay one generation to rest and to bring the next to light by placing the working tools in their hands and teaching them their use. May the memories of our hearts be gladdened by the work continued, and the darkness of loss replaced by wisdom's light.

My brothers as you are able please raise and join in a moment of silence for the brothers, whose names are appended to this report and who now rest from their labors.

Let us pray:

Supreme Architect of the Universe, unto you we return our brothers. The column stands broken. Bless the things our brothers held dear, comfort both his wife and his children. Comfort us, O Gentle Creator, as we this day mourn and remember our brothers. Unto You, alone, is known the number of man's days. Yet it is the fate of all men and all things to be called from labor to eternal rest. Resting now under the sprig of acacia we know that our brothers shall enter that house not

made with hands but eternal in the heavens. We know that you shall be with the widow and orphan and we know that You shall be with us. Bless now our Gentle Craft as we resume our labors, building upon a foundation laid down through the generations and bless the memories shared and kept within our hearts of good men and better friends. Amen

Submitted
 David R. Ritchie
 Grand Chaplain

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Laura Slavik Hosts Luncheon During Annual Communication



Bro. Rob Lewis presents a program on wine tasting.



Ladies enjoy the wine and chocolates during the luncheon.

On Friday, June 6, while Wisconsin Masons were meeting at the Madison Masonic Center for Annual Communication, two buses were loaded and headed to the Zor Shrine Center for the Ladies Luncheon hosted by the Grand Master's Lady, Laura Slavik.

After introductions of visiting ladies from other jurisdictions,

lunch was served and Laura introduced Bro. Rob Lewis, member of Waterloo Lodge No. 63. Bro. Lewis is a winemaker and co-owner of Lewis Station Winery in Lake Mills. He presented the ladies with a wine tasting program by pairing 4 different wines with lunch. The ladies in attendance appreciated the lunch, wine, and chocolates!

Plan for the future. Remember to include the Wisconsin Masonic Charities in your will.

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Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik's Report

Good morning Brothers,

Let me begin by saying welcome to you. I would especially like to welcome our distinguished guests, many of whom have traveled great distances to be here with us today. I hope you enjoy our hospitality. I must thank all of you, particularly the Masters and Wardens, for taking time out of your busy schedules to be here this weekend to complete the work of your Grand Lodge.

There is nothing in this report that will require action by the delegates except for the acceptance of this report at its conclusion, so that it may be spread upon the minutes of this communication.

It is with a thankful heart that I stand here before you. I thank you for your confidence and support by allowing me the opportunity to serve you as your Grand Master. This has been a wonderful year.

My goal at the beginning of this Masonic year was to move this fraternity forward, not by leaps and bounds, but by small steps. I believe we have accomplished this. One such step was through the Nonpayment of Dues initiative. You have made the effort to reconnect with your fellow lodge Brothers. That in itself is the step forward we needed and reaffirms the actions we swore we would abide by in our obligation.

I have traveled from east to west and west to east again. These travels have been both literal and figurative. Literal travels: I have traveled from coast to coast, both in the state and across the continent. A detailed listing will be published in the proceedings. Figurative travels: I had the honor and privilege at the beginning of my Grand Master year of raising a young man that I know, to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Recently, I had the honor and privilege of leading a Masonic Memorial Service for a friend and brother from my lodge. If I did nothing else this year, I can say that I was there for these brothers.

As I traveled the state, I made an effort to attend functions and activities for our appendant bodies as well as our blue lodges. This includes, but is not limited to, the York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine, OES, Daughters of the Nile, and, of course, our youth groups. I would like to say thank you to all the Lodges and Worshipful Masters that invited me to preside at their installation of officers or present service awards.

Our travels out of state continue to benefit us all. From the lasting friendships to the free exchange of ideas; programs and information from these jurisdictions have made a difference in our state. Our retirees and snowbirds appreciate the visit from the Grand Master each year. It is important that we stay connected.

I received many thank you's from Brothers on the receipt of their Masonic birthday card from the Grand Lodge and our Charities office. This is but a small thing we do to say thank you. Additionally, Brothers that turn 100 years old receive a letter from the Grand Master to acknowledge this milestone.

Our Wisconsin Masonic Journal continues to be an outstanding publication. Brother Rich Rygh, Editor, and the Journal Board put together and publish 11 beautiful and informative issues each year. For those of you that can't wait to receive your issue in the mail, look online at our Grand Lodge website. There, you will find an expanded issue posted by the first of the month. Thank you to Brother Rich and the Board for their efforts on this magnificent publication. Keep up the good work.

This year has brought some very visible changes to the way we handle our business, and by doing so,

hopefully we interact with our brothers the way we said we would in our obligation. The implementation of Form 81 to address and follow proper procedures when considering suspending a brother for non-payment of dues worked well this first year. Suspensions dropped from an average of close to 300 per year to just 95. Of this 95, 40 were personally approved by me. The other 55 occurred in the beginning of the year before use of the form was adopted by this body. Not all forms that arrived on my desk were approved. Many of the forms were checked to ensure conformity to the code. Many forms were returned to lodges due to incomplete information or questionable answers. Many of these came back with more information and were approved. I can report that as Grand Master, I did not receive any letters from the families of deceased brothers asking why their father is still receiving dues notices. One of the upsides to this change is that I heard from several lodges saying they discovered brothers in need and they have taken the appropriate action to assist them. Other lodges said that they have no suspensions. When asked about it, they simply stated that they are in personal contact with all the brothers in the lodge on a regular basis. Thank you Brothers for living your obligation.

Last year at the 169th Annual Communication, you, the delegates, voted to change the way in which we handle petitions. As of this past January, copies of all petitions are now being sent to the Grand Lodge office for a background check and entry in to our membership software, MORI. Turnaround time on the petitions by the office staff have been exceptional. The office staff estimates that they have entered approximately 150 new petitions during this time frame. This is outstanding work by you, my brothers, to bring in new members.

At the same time as the change in the petition process, we introduced a new petition form. It looks similar to a style we used many years ago. The new format has more space to answer questions and it makes inquires to assist in the interview process. The new multi-page petition is the only legal form to use. Any older, single-page petition forms that you may have in your possession must be destroyed.

At the beginning of the year, I spoke about Social Media. My plan was to post on Facebook and to Tweet. While I started strong, it quickly faded due to time constraints. All was not lost. I would like to thank Worshipful Brother Rich Rygh from the Wisconsin Masonic Journal who stepped up and did many posts on Facebook as well as our Grand Secretary, MW Brother Michael A. DeWolf. Many lodges also posted pictures from their events.

For those of you that carry a smartphone, the Grand Secretary has created a mobile friendly webpage to assist you in accessing information posted on the Grand Lodge website. The address is m.wisc-freemasonry.org. Give it a try.

While we do not have a formal policy on the use of Social Media at this time, I would like to thank you for reminding your brothers to use the principles of the Square & Compass when posting online. What we post online is the same as what we say to one another in person. As Masons, we hold ourselves to a higher standard. This must be true in all facets of our lives.

Your Grand Lodge Officers are committed to the use of Social Media. Look for a continuing in-

crease in the use of Social Media in the years to come.

While your progressive line officers have been meeting regularly for many years to plan and develop continuity in programming, it has always been loosely structured. This is now different. Two years ago, the progressive line officers began to develop a formal Strategic Plan. The goal was to publish a formal roadmap of where your Grand Lodge is headed. Please be here tomorrow morning to hear more about the plan and some of its components. The plan is not complete, but is at a point that parts of it can be put into motion.

I made one Decision this year in addition to issuing several edicts. The edicts will expire at the end of my term, and some will be reissued. Complete details about the Decision, Edicts, and Special Dispensations were covered in the report of the Jurisprudence Committee earlier this morning. The decision that I made this year revolves around financial transparency and doing business with the Grand Lodge. It simply puts in protection for the Brother doing work for the Grand Lodge so that no one can later say that preferential treatment was given. This decision does NOT affect local Lodge operations. Lodge operations are covered by the Sarbanes-Oxley forms that the Lodge officers sign each year. I felt we needed extra safeguards at the Grand Lodge level. Your approval of the Jurisprudence Committee's report put this decision into the Wisconsin Masonic Code.

As an individual that came to masonry because of our youth groups, I know how important it is that we support them: Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls, and DeMolay. A big thank you to all the Lodges that sponsor a youth group in their building. As masonry is an important part of our lives, shouldn't we want our children to experience these same things? Our masonic youth groups are one of the best places for our children to learn important life lessons.

Your support of my Grand Master's appeal to benefit our youth is greatly appreciated. The funds you donated will provide monies to all three youth groups to assist them in their work.

Three Pillars, your Masonic home, continues to be one of the finest facilities in this state, if not all the nation. Under the leadership of Mark Strautman, CEO, and direction of the Wisconsin Masonic Home Board lead by Chairman Jeff Bryden, Three Pillars is a leader in the industry. Please take the time to visit the campuses, Dousman and Shawano Lake, and see what they have to offer you.

The old Van Brunt building is scheduled to be demolished this year. After many years of discussion between the Grand Lodge Trustees and the Wisconsin Masonic Home Board, I made the final decision and signed the paperwork to finish the deal that will bring down that building later this year. Thank you to all those involved over the years on this project. Currently, there is a sale of items from the building. Stop by the home in Dousman to see what is available for purchase.

I am proud to say that our relationship with our Brothers from Prince Hall is as strong as ever. As Grand Lodge officers for both jurisdictions, we meet annually to discuss and work on important issues. As Brothers, we come together regularly. This year was the 11th Annual Combined Table Lodge hosted by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Inc. The event was well attended as always. For those in the South-



Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik opens the 170th Annual Communication in Madison on June 5.

Photo by Rich Rygh

east part of the state, there is the Brotherhood Council that meets regularly in Milwaukee for breakfast and coffee. One of their activities is to provide donuts and coffee to the Veterans while they line up for the Veteran's Day parade in Milwaukee. It was an honor to assist them this year. And let's not forget that there is the lodge to lodge and brother to brother visitation occurring throughout the year.

There are so many people to thank this year. Please realize that it will be impossible for me to list everyone but I will do my best. Many have been mentioned throughout this report already.

Thank you to my officers for assisting and supporting me this year as we work to serve the brothers of this gentle craft. Most of the work of the Grand Lodge is done by our Committees and Boards – thank you to all who serve. Thank you to all of you, the lodge officers. You are the force of this fraternity. When you see the value in a program, things happen. When something is not working, you let us know how to fix it.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the Past Grand Masters. You have been my friends, my mentors, and tremendous resources to me all these years to make sure that I kept the craft first in all my actions. Thank you all. I look forward to joining the ranks of the Past Grand's.

Thank you to Most Worshipful Brother Michael A. DeWolf, our Grand Secretary. I doubt that this year would have gone as well as it did without your support and friendship. Words cannot express the appreciation for this year or the bonds of our friendship.

Finally, to my family. Thank you to my daughters Jennie and Amy. We were able to do this together for many years; first as a family while you were in Job's Daughters and then later as I advanced through the chairs in Grand Lodge. You were always there to help and support your mother and me.

To my wife Laura: I love you. Thank you for introducing me to the Masonic family. We have traveled far, given the opportunity to lead, and most importantly, have been blessed with many friends. This would have never happened if not for you and your love and support. How do I say thank you enough for this gift? You have been, are now, and will always be

a blessing to me.

I must say that the overall state of the craft is good and is improving day by day. The efforts made by you this year to reach out to all our Brothers and reconnect with them have made this a better state. The challenge now comes in the form of continuing this work every day! I am but one man in this great fraternity. I thank you for listening to what I had to say this year. I hope that you have enjoyed this year and learned something about yourself along the way. I know I have.

Let me close with these thoughts:

The quote that I have been reciting this year from Maya Angelou: "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Friendship, Morality, & Brotherly Love; the tenets of our fraternity. Live them every day.

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Friendship, Morality, & Brotherly Love.

Thank you my Brothers.

God bless and I will see you in Lodge.

ADDENDUM

My Brothers,

I missed two very important thank you's in my address. I need to acknowledge them at this time.

First – Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Dennis Siewert. You have been my friend, my mentor, my sounding block for these many years through the line. I thank you for all you have done to help me. We are the last of the Nobertine's.

Second – to my lodge, Waterloo No. 63. Thank you for the wonderful opening of Grand Lodge and for providing me the opportunity to become Grand Master. You have taught me so many things and have been a support since I joined the lodge. I don't think this journey would have occurred had I joined any other lodge. I thank you for all you have done for me.

Thank you my Brothers!



Youth Scholarships Presented at Grand Master's Reception



Karen Schoville, Rainbow for Girls scholarship winner, tells of her goals for the future.

Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik and his Lady Laura welcomed distinguished guests to the Grand Master's Reception at the the Madison Concourse on Thursday evening, June 5.

Grand Master Slavik said that this year instead of handing out table favors which everyone has collected over the years he decided to take the money and offer three scholarships to our Masonic youth. One each to a member of Job's Daughter's, Rainbow and DeMolay.

Karen Schoville received the scholarship for Rainbow for Girls. She is the Grand Worthy Advisor for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Wis. Karen is going to cosmetology and message therapy school and hopes to open her own business. She comes from a very Masonic family including grandfather, father, uncle, grandmother, aunt, cousin and mother. Her mother, Kristen Schoville is the immediate Past Worthy Grand Matron of the

Order of Eastern Star.

The scholarship for Job's Daughter's went to Kelly Engbring, she was unable to be present. She also comes from a Masonic family. Kelly is a Past Honored Queen of Sun Prairie Bethel and Past Grand Bethel Honored Queen of Wisconsin.



Kelly Engbring

She continues to be active in Job's Daughters in Minnesota where she is attending school. Kelly says, "Sometimes it's good to lead from the front, but also leading from the back can be just as effective. Being a good leader does not always mean standing in front and telling others what to do, but rather empowering others to do great things." She is attending Minnesota State University in Moorhead, Minnesota, majoring in Elementary Inclusive Education

with an emphasis on special education.

The DeMolay Scholarship was awarded to Matthew Rusecki, he was unable to be present as he is attending school at the University of New Mexico. He is a Past Master Councilor from Kenosha Chapter.



Matthew Rusecki

Matt sent along these words, "I would like to say that I have had some incredible experiences throughout my time in DeMolay, I will continue to carry out the virtues and principles I have learned in DeMolay throughout my life, furthermore I encourage each boy to attend Oatmeal Lake and Sweetheart Weekend which were some of the most enjoyable times. I have made some long lasting friendships which I will cherish forever."

The Grand Master proposed a toast "to our ladies". He said, "For without whom none of this would be possible, none of this would happen and none of us would be here. To the love of our lives, our ladies."

The Grand Master presented his Lady Laura with a beautiful ring in appreciation for her continued support. Laura stressed the importance the ladies play in supporting their husbands as they go out and do the work that they do. She said, "I want to personally from the bottom of my heart thank you for all that you do to support your gentlemen."

Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, introduced Bucky Badger and the University of Wisconsin Marching Band for the evening's entertainment.



Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik presents his lady Laura with a ring in appreciation for all her support.

Photos by Rich Rygh

Tylers of the 9 Assists Blind Riders

By Bro. Khristian E. Kay

The Masonic Motorcycle Club International's chapter "Tylers of the 9" a Wisconsin chapter of Masonic motorcycle enthusiasts recently assisted in the annual Wisconsin BOLD (Blind Outdoor Leisure Development) motorcycle ride providing rides for Visually Impaired Persons (VIPs).

BOLD of Wisconsin (www.wisconsinbold.com) is a Wisconsin Lions Club sponsored organization that allows for the blind and visually impaired to experience outdoor sports and leisure activities while developing their social and athletic skills. BOLD currently has 26 different summer and winter activities, ranging from downhill skiing, kayaking, hiking, rock climbing, bicycling as well as the annual motorcycle ride. Almost every other weekend some event is scheduled for the VIPs.

The "Tylers of the 9" (www.masonicbiker.com) is a local chapter of Masonic motorcycle enthusiasts from many different Masonic lodges throughout southeast Wisconsin who like to experience the joy of motorcycling in a fun and family orientated fashion.

"We are thrilled that you [Tylers] joined us this year, normally we have more VIPs than bikes so some people only get to ride half the time," said Dawn Wangard, BOLD volunteer and parent of a VIP. "This year we have over 40 bikes!"

Motorcycles of all makes and types are accompanied by riders just as diverse. A crowd favorite is the motorcycle with a sidecar that is painted as a cow complete with udders and which even has a horn that "moos."

Brian Graff director of the Tripoli Shrine Motor Corps and a participating Tyler of the 9 stated, "This is a great ride being able to



Tylers of the 9 Bros.: Khristian Kay, Brian Graff, Ralph Roussy and Paul Peacock with the Wangard family.

Submitted Photo

help people like this in such a simple way is just ... from the heart."

Many of the VIPs are returning riders who enjoy the pleasure of riding a motorcycle on the winding Wisconsin roads. The VIPs are generous with their accolades and sharing of their enthusiasm to be on a thundering motorcycle.

"The fact that you are willing to give of your time to allow us this little bit of pleasure is a tremendous thing," said Marty Hutchings, Program Director, "we are grateful for all of the bikers who showed up."

BOLD celebrated its 17th year of the Motorcycle Ride on June 7. The weather was perfect and the camaraderie even more so.

"I've done this ride for several years now and have asked my Ma-

sonic Brethren to help out if they could, the Tylers of the 9 answered that summons," said BOLD veteran rider Khristian Kay, "it is an even greater reason to spend a day riding together."

The BOLD motorcycle ride is held every first Saturday in June. "We can never have too many bikes," states Steve Schneider BOLD Safety Director and Ski Guide Director.

Bikers interested in donating their time for a great ride should contact Walter "Gator" Krainer, Chairman of the BOLD Motorcycle Ride at 262.370.2811. Or visit www.facebook.com/wisconsinBOLD.

See photos on page 28

Lodge Excellence Award Winners

Lodge	No.	Master	Level
District 1			
Acacia-Itasca	329	Blair Cunningham	Silver
District 2			
River Falls	109	David F. Hoffman	Gold
Hancock	229	Steven Broton	Gold
George B. Wheeler	351	Kevin D. LeQue	Silver
St. Croix	56	Milton Cardoso	Silver
Landmark	244	Thomas Auer	Silver
Collins-Spring Valley	192	David Griffith	Silver
Chetek	277	Adam Hodges	Silver
Chippewa Falls	176	Lester C. Paulson	Silver
Northwestern	105	Dan Finley	Bronze
Sanctuary	347	Ross H. Johnson	Bronze
Eau Claire	112	Barret Olson	Bronze
New Richmond	195	Thomas White	Bronze
District 3			
Island City	330	David A Imlah Jr.	Gold
Eagle River	248	Jimmy Dakof	Bronze
District 4			
Theodore Roosevelt	322	Ray Pirus	Gold
Tri county Daylight	218	Robert Burmek	Silver
Hiram Fisher	222	Curt Jensen	Silver
Shawano	170	Larry L. Sperberg	Silver
Des Peres	85	Mark W.D. Rothe	Bronze
Crandon	287	John Gregg	Bronze
District 5			
La Crosse	190	Scott Hiser	Gold
District 6			
Oshkosh	27	Christopher Cochrane	Gold
Wisconsin Rapids	128	David Bergerson	Silver
Wautoma	148	David Leistra	Silver
Twin Cities	61	Ryan Rothenbach	Silver
Waverly	51	Kevin Reichenbach	Bronze
Appleton	349	Justin Gerlach	Bronze
District 7			
Social	180	Jeff Breunig	Gold
Middleton-Ionic	50	John J Najet	Silver
Columbus	75	William M. Lee Jr.	Silver
Waterloo	63	Parker W. Dow	Silver
District 8			
Warren	4	David R. Ritchie	Gold #1
Reedsburg	79	Richard Woolever	Silver
Richland	66	Larry Hallett	Bronze
Barneveld	319	Jeffrey Schoenfeldt	Bronze
Argyle	178	Marvin Engelke	Bronze
Melody	2	James Harvey	Bronze
District 9			
Janesville Western Star	55	Tom Walton	Gold #3
Oregon	151	James D. Goldsmith	Gold
Dousman	315	Duane Roehl	Gold
Oconomowoc/Hartland	42	Daniel E. Bast	Gold
Milton	161	James R. Gajdosik	Gold
Jefferson County	9	Charles Bergren	Silver
St. John's	57	Bruce Eshelman	Silver
Union	32	Richard Smith	Silver
Fulton	69	Adam T. Witt	DQ
Special Lodge Excellence Award of Understanding			
District 10			
West Bend	138	Darren M. Cooksey Sr.	Gold
Ozaukee	17	Mark Flack	Gold
Hartford	120	John A. Orth	Silver
Neosho-Mayville-Horicon	108	Mark Cameron	Silver
Cassia	167	David L. Elmer	Silver
Waupun	48	Robert Taylor	Silver
Dodge County	72	Michael Roddy	Silver
Sheboygan	11	Carl Peterson	Bronze
Berlin	38	George Doty	Bronze
District 11			
Lafin St. James	247	Robert Koch	Silver
District 12			
Freemasons	363	Paul T. Tourville	Gold #2
Lake	189	Brad Bingham	Gold
George Washington 1776	337	David A. Bowen	Silver
Henry L. Palmer	301	Steven Holmblad	Silver
James M. Hayes	331	Steven Rudie	Silver
Lafayette	265	Eric Innman	Silver
South Shore	3	Alan P. Edlebeck	Silver
Wauwatosa	267	Scott Muelling	Silver
Nathan Hale	350	George Weber	Bronze

News Events from the Lodges



50 year members honored in Jefferson

Bro. Herb Bloomer (left) and Bro. George Black (right) were honored for 50 years of service at the Jefferson County Lodge No. 9 awards night on June 16. The awards were presented by Bro. Curtis Bell, Master. Bro. Bloomer was raised on April 6, 1964 and served the Lodge as Master in 1969. Bro. Black was raised in Billings Lodge No. 139, Fort Atkinson on May 26, 1964 and served Billings Lodge as Master in 1982. He affiliated with Jefferson County Lodge on April 2, 1996.

Photo by Rich Rygh



Myron Reed Lodge assists veterans

Bro. Frederick J. Burgardt (left), representing Myron Reed Lodge No. 297, presented a check for \$1000 to Department Commander Ken Rynes for Camp American Legion. Camp American Legion is located in northern Wisconsin, it offers a place to recuperate and bond for veterans, active-duty service members and their families. The check was presented at the Spring Conference of the American Legion at the Elk's Club in Milwaukee on May 20.

Submitted by Bro. Frank Foti, Secretary - Photo by Julia Atkinson



Bro. Francis Wiser honored

Bro. Francis Wiser is honored at the Jefferson County Lodge No. 9 Awards Night. Master Curtis Bell (right) presents Bro. Wiser the Master's Commendation Award for the generous contribution he made to enable the Lodge to build a storage building on their property.

Photo by Rich Rygh

McKinley Lodge No. 307 Celebrates 100 Years with Reconsecration Ceremony

By Rich Rygh

Brethren and their families gathered at the Masonic Center in Brookfield on June 21 to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of McKinley Lodge No. 307.

The center opened at 1:00 p.m. for fellowship and a opportunity to view an impressive display of memorabilia on Bro. William McKinley, the 25th President of the United States. He served as President from March 4, 1897 until he was assassinated in Sept. of 1901. The display was brought and shared by Bro. Glenn Greenamyre from William McKinley Lodge No. 431 of Canton, Ohio, President McKinley's home lodge.

The Lodge was opened in public form by Bro. Ryan Mayrand, Master of the Lodge, Senior Warden Chris Goodwin, Junior Warden Andrew and Chaplain Thomas Hill.

Bro. Mayrand introduced District 11 Deputy Michael A. Gorgen who presented the following remarks written by Grand Orator Keith D. Chamberlain:

It has long been my belief that each Masonic Lodge is living entity. And while the building itself may present to the world a façade of stone, wood or steel, it contains within its walls the history and records of times and events past.

To fully understand this, one has only to sit quietly in an empty Lodge room. In quiet contemplation one can hear the laughter of its members, quiet thoughtful conversations, joyful exclamations of happiness and yes, even expressions of sadness and loss. Try it sometime, you'll be surprised what you learn, about yourself as well as our gentle craft.

We have come together today to celebrate the reconsecration of McKinley Lodge No. 307. Named after Freemason and President William McKinley, a dispensation was granted in May of 1914 by then Grand Master George B. Wheeler with a charter being issued in June.

Over time the Lodge would meet in a number of locations while experiencing steady growth, with the year of 1959 seeing

membership numbers reaching 1570. Additionally, long time member Carl W. Skoog would serve Wisconsin Freemasonry as Grand Master in 1974 and Grand Secretary from 1982 to 1988 and again in 1993.

While it is notable to give the respect due to these and other events, it is additionally important to note that this Lodge could not celebrate such a momentous time in it's history without all those who labored over the past 100 years to make it a viable and visible part of the community in which it resides. Not just those who would rise to high stations within the entire Masonic community, but also those who would lead within the Lodge through example and humility, for no man can lead without the support of committed individuals willing to follow.

As we celebrate the passing of 100 years in McKinley Lodge's rich history, it is essential that you as members of this Lodge take note of the future and the role you as an individual Freemason will play in it.

The next 100 years in McKinley Lodge's history will focus on a blend of the past as well as what lies ahead, each passing event adding to that living entity, those unspoken words best heard when sitting in contemplation in the quiet of an empty lodge room. Make the best of those moments for they will serve to define you as well as our craft as we move forward.

It is now my great pleasure and honor to introduce The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, Bro. William Beetcher who will preside over this reconsecration ceremony. Please join me in giving him Grand Masonic Honors on my mark.

At the request of the Brethren of McKinley Lodge Grand Master William Beetcher reconsecrated the lodge and reinstalled the officers in honor of their 100th Anniversary Celebration.

Grand Master Beetcher introduced his wife of 39 years, Pat.

He also introduced Past Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik and his lady Laura. The Brethren joined in

extending him the Grand Masonic Honors.

The Grand Master thanked Master Ryan Mayrand for the opportunity to celebrate this very special occasion with the Brethren of McKinley Lodge and returned the gavel.

Master Ryan Mayrand said McKinley Lodge presents two scholarships each year to students from Brookfield East and Brookfield Central High Schools. This year in celebration of their centennial year they are giving out an extra scholarship. He asked Thomas Putnam, the winner of the Centennial Scholarship, to approach the East and receive his check in the amount of \$2400.

The Master and Grand Master Beetcher presented one 55 and two 60 year service awards. See story and photo below.

Master's Appreciation Awards were presented to Bro. Jim Stone and Senior Grand Steward Kenneth C. Gorgen. Bro. Stone was honored for volunteering many hours to the Lodge on maintenance and improvement projects. WBro. Gorgen was honored for donating his time and culinary talents to provide the craft with refreshments.

Past Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik officially presented the Centennial Award to McKinley Lodge.

Secretary Brian Breitzmann read two 100th Anniversary Proclamations from the Wisconsin Senate and from Governor Scott Walker.

The officers of the Lodge presented the Lodge with a framed photo composite of the current officers to match the composite of the officers from 100 years ago.

The Master gave his remarks and thanked everyone for attending. He extended special thanks to all those that worked to make the day a success. He also thanked those who helped financially.

Grand Master Beetcher thanked the Lodge for the opportunity to attend.

Following the closing everyone assembled in the dining hall for a champagne toast and hors d'oeuvres.

See photos on page 22



McKinley Lodge honors 55 and 60 year members

McKinley Lodge No. 307 honored three Brothers for years of service at their Centennial Rededication Ceremony on June 21. Master Ryan Mayrand and Grand Master William Beetcher presented the awards. Bro. Wayne Hill was honored for 55 years. Bro. Hill was raised in James A. Garfield Lodge No. 309, Glendale, on June 5, 1959, he affiliated with McKinley Lodge on Feb. 28, 1969. He served the Lodge as Master in 1975. Bro. Arthur Heine was honored for 60 years. He was raised on Sept. 22, 1954. Bro. Sam Sotirin was honored for 60 years, was raised on Nov. 16, 1953 in South Shore Lodge No. 3. He affiliated with McKinley Lodge on Dec. 3, 2001. From left: Master Bryan Mayrand, Wayne Hill, Arthur Heine, Sam Sotirin and Grand Master William Beetcher.

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Bro. Robert Wyman is 50 year Mason

Bro. Robert Wyman's wife Toni pins his 50 year pin on his lapel. Bro. Wyman received his 50 year pin and certificate on June 3 from Waupun Lodge No. 48 with 30 Brethren and guests in attendance. Past Grand Master James H. Olson made the presentation. Bro. Wyman was raised on Feb. 18, 1964 and served the Lodge as Master in 1969.

Submitted by Bro. Richard Peters

Atrial Fibrillation Research Closer to Goal

A recently completed clinical trial has brought research done by Masonic Medical Research Laboratory one step closer to helping patients with atrial fibrillation.

The Masonic lab's research is an attempt to find a drug treatment for atrial fibrillation that is safe and effective – something that so far has been an unmet health need – said Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, executive director and director of research at the lab.

More than 2.7 million Americans have the condition, which essentially is a fluttering of the heart's upper chambers, according to Masonic lab. It's a common cause of strokes due to its tendency to create blood clots that can travel to the brain.

The Phase 2 clinical trial by Gilead Sciences found that patients taking a combination of two drugs—ranolazine and low-dose dronedarone – had fewer episodes of atrial fibrillation than those taking a placebo or one drug alone. The combination therapy was discovered by Masonic lab researchers who published their results in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology in 2010.

"I would say that it really does look like something that would significantly impact the management of atrial fibrillation," said electrophysiologist Dr. Thor Markwood of Central New York Cardiology. "I think the holy grail would be to find a procedure that can cure it and that would probably be better than medication."

But surgery only has a modest success rate and the most effective drug has toxic side effects, especially over the long term, making it a bad choice for younger patients in particular, Markwood said.

To receive federal Food and Drug Administration approval, the therapy still must go through Phase 3 clinical trials, which are expected to start later this year, according to the lab.

CNY Cardiology and the Mohawk Valley Heart Institute participated in the last clinical trial.



Membership Committee Report

By District 4 Deputy
Christian M. Hirthe

Good Morning!

Dictionary.com defines "membership" as:

- 1) The state of being a member, as of a society or club.
- 2) The status of a member
- 3) The total number of members belonging to an organization, society, etc.

Through membership we deliver on the ongoing expectations of "I" – of "me" – the individual. Through membership – "together" – we execute the visions and goals of our lodges, of our whole fraternity. Through membership – "as an opportunity" – we communicate and contribute to our communities and the world. It is a cycle – I, we, you (opening the doors), us (together). It is not a doomsday forecast; it is the wellspring of growth for the Fraternity.

This morning, my Brothers, you voted to create a standing Grand Lodge Membership Committee. The purpose of which is to make available ideas and programs for your use. When you reach into your Masonic toolbox, we want you to find useful and effective tools to enhance the value of Masonry to "I" (the existing Mason), to "You" (the prospective member), to share with "You" (the communities in which we live). The membership committee will strive to ensure these tools are useful and effective; that is they have been found to deliver results, whether home-grown or leveraged from existing programs in other Grand Jurisdictions.

What are the strategic objectives, that is, what do we aspire to accomplish through this committee?

- Create Attraction. Look what we can offer you!
- Maintain Excitement by Leveraging Member Talents!
 - This is not delivered through business meetings!
 - Know your Brothers talents and encourage them to assist you in growing your lodge.
- Deliver on Member's Expectations.

Short and Long Term goals set the direction and define the measurable by which we deliver on strategic objectives. Many of these objectives are metric based. We need to hold each other accountable for delivering results.

- 25,000 Masons by 2025.
- 90% of submitted petitions yield Master Masons.
- 2015+: 10% of new Masons are Veterans.
- Reduce NPDs by 20% per year.
- Ensure every Mason attends Lodge at least 4 times per year.

Some of these are BHAG's (big, hairy audacious goals). They are aspirational in nature and encourage us to reach for the stars; to dream big and not be afraid of failure. Think about your life experiences, chances are, the best results came from times of change and challenge. For example, when your young son or daughter is learning to play basketball do you set the rim at eye level or do you put it two feet above his/her head and say "you can do it!"?

Initial plans and actions items your Membership Committee has in place for 2014 include:

- Begin outlining a Wisconsin "Membership Development" program by leveraging useful and effective experiences from other Grand Jurisdictions. We don't want to reinvent the wheel, but adapt proven approaches for use by Wisconsin Masonry.
- Develop an "elevator speech." Can you explain Masonry in 30 seconds to an inquirer?
 - A pregnant pause is not an answer...it is a reason to stop listening.
 - Don't overdo it.
 - Quick, this is your moment!
- Tools for hosting a Friends Night or Open House
 - We want to assemble and make available planning tools and presentations for your use – you don't need to start from scratch when there are many good ideas, activities and documents that already exist and are proven to be successful throughout the state.
 - Leverage your Area Administrators and District Deputies to help you!
- Document Masonic Best Practices – these are the things we all claim we "know or should" do, but do we? Ensuring that our successive WM's have resource guides to direct their membership outreach programs.
- Conducting surveys! Are we meeting the expectations of our new members? We need to know the good, but even more important we have to acknowledge the opportunities and dedicate ourselves to improving our programs based on this critical feedback.

But, hold on Brothers we need your help!...

- **Be** excited, engaged and active full-time Masons inspiring your lodge to think and act differently!
- **Be committed** to host at least 1 Friend's night this year!
- **Drive value to deliver on expectations!** What are you personally doing to give the Fraternal experience our members are looking for?
- Did you have a great success? Share it with your District Team so we can help our fellow Lodge Brother's across the state.

We are remarkable men and we can achieve remarkable things through membership – I, we, you, us!

Thank you Brothers!

Girls' All-Star Soccer Teams Announced

The 2014 Masonic All-Star Soccer Girls' Teams have been announced.

The boys' and girls' teams are also available on the website at www.masonicsoccer.org.

Lodges are urged to recognize the players from your area. If any lodge would like a certificate to present to the players at a recognition night contact Bro. Dave Tainter at dtainter@wi.rr.com or 262-689-2848, and he will send a printed certificate to the lodge for presentation.

What your lodge can do:

- Hold a recognition event for the players from your area and invite the local media.
- Send a press release to your local media recognizing the Masonic All-Stars from your area.
- Purchase an ad in the games program recognizing your players.
- Place an ad in the local media congratulating your players
- Attend the Friday night cook out and meet the players and their families.
- Attend the All-Star Games and cheer on your players.

2014 Girls' Blue All-Star Team

Coaches: Robert Williams and Ben Lake

Zoie Bauer Grafton High School
 Keri Berkowitz Racine St. Catherine's High School
 Cassidy Blanchard Whitefish Bay High School
 Erin Corrigan. Whitefish Bay High School
 Shay Darga Homestead High School
 Jen Eberhardy Menomonee Falls High School
 Christina From Catholic Memorial High School
 Shannon Greeley Homestead High School
 Aly Kohanowski Muskego High School
 Aubrey Krahn Waukesha High School
 Devon Polk Racine St. Catherine's High School
 Kaylee Price Kenosha Christian Life High School
 Mikaela Sabinash Homestead High School
 Anna Smalley Menomonee Falls High School
 Katie Verheyen Kenosha Tremper High School
 Sarah Watts DSHA High School
 Megan Wolf Prairie School
 Oliva Wright DSHA High School

2014 Girls' Gold All-Star Team

Coaches: Lucan Kollross and Brady Mesenberg

Katie Alley Madison Memorial High School
 Hayley Bach Stoughton High School
 Anna Batley. Appleton North High School
 Elise Brown Madison West High School
 Lauren Delmastro Eau Claire Memorial High School
 Rylee Engelland Neenah High School
 Kelsey Gilmore DC Everest High School
 Nyssa Goeres Sauk Prairie High School
 Mackenzie Greisch Appleton North High School
 Jennifer Hoerter Steven's Point High School
 Ellen Jesse Middleton High School
 Tori Johnson. Ashland High School
 Dana McMorrow Kimberly High School
 Darin Molter Marshfield High School
 Sarah Mondschein Madison West High School
 Lauren Netzel Madison Edgewood High School
 Mali Theiss DC Everest High School

Address Changing?

Remember to notify your lodge Secretary or the Grand Lodge Office of your change of address.

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Promote Your Lodge Events

Advertise your Lodge's upcoming fund raising events in the Wisconsin Masonic Journal.

Contact Diane Igl at 262-965-3979 or email diane@wisc-freemasonry.org.

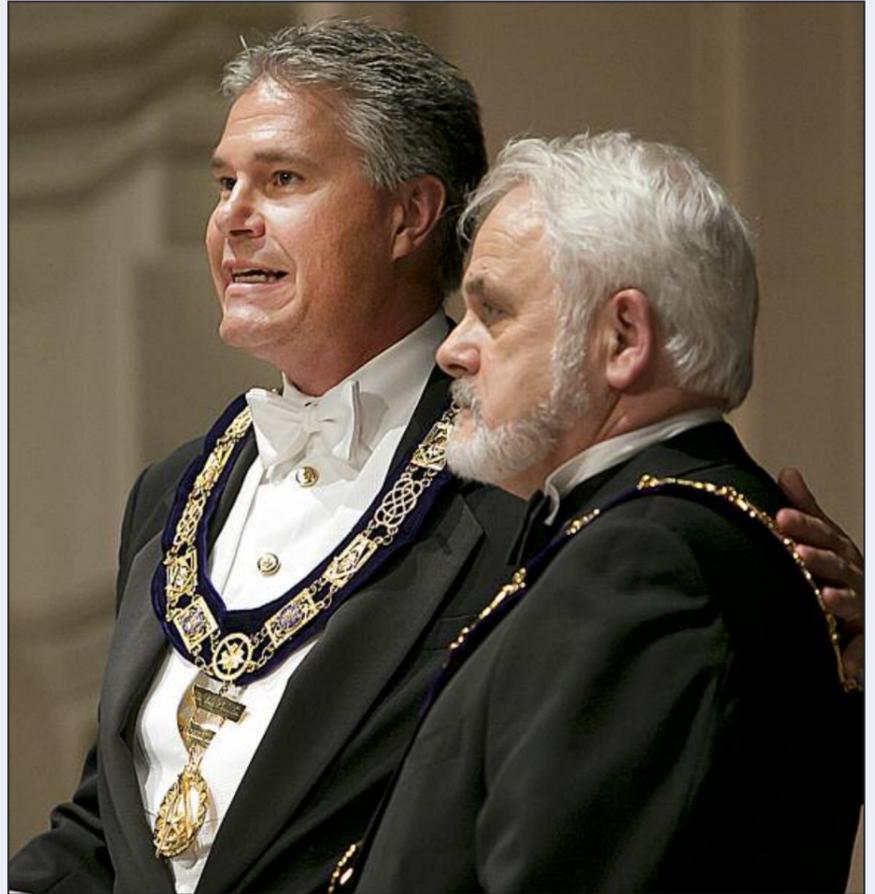
Send information on your upcoming lodge functions to be included in the Masonic Calendar to wmjeditor@wisc-freemasonry.org or mail to Wisconsin Masonic Journal, Rich Rygh, Editor, 5823 Madson Circle, Oregon, WI 53575.

Remember to allow time for reservations if needed.

Installation of Grand Lodge Officers



Installing Marshal, Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, introduces Grand Master Elect William Beetcher for Installation.



Installing Grand Master J.B. Van Hollen, PGM, introduces Grand Master William Beetcher.



The new Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, William Beetcher addresses the audience.

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Photos by
Rich Rygh



Deputy Grand Master Franklin J. Struble receives his collar from his lady Wendy.



The Grand Master receives a jar of one of his favorite snacks, cheese balls, from his grandson Raymond.



Grand Master William Beetcher, and his lady Pat exit the auditorium after the installation.

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As presented by Junior Grand Warden L. Arby Humphrey and Junior Grand Deacon Robert C. Strader

There have been countless books written on the history of Masonry. The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Strategic Planning Committee consists of the Grand Lodge progressive and elected officers. We have the exciting task of writing the book about our future. In an organization that essentially changes CEO's every year it is critical that we all come to consensus and have a shared vision and plan.

Strategic planning starts with the process of establishing a clear definition of the organizations Mission or "Purpose" and determining core values.

The process of developing a Mission Statement can be long and arduous, however we quickly came to agreement. A Mission statement is simply an organization's purpose. Our purpose is clear and we ask our candidates the same question in the examination for each of the three degrees. Perhaps you remember the question?

My Brothers - What is the purpose of Freemasonry?

To promote personal development by reinforcing moral principles, to assist those suffering unfortunate circumstances, and to foster friendship and cooperation among all people.

Our Mission, Vision, Goals and the actions we take in pursuit, can never conflict with our core values. In many organizations it takes a lot of effort and soul searching to identify and establish the core values. In our fraternity it was a simple task and I'll bet all of you can identify and recite our core values. You can say them with us if you wish.

Our Core Values include:

- Three Principle Tenets
- Brotherly Love
- Relief
- Truth

Three Spiritual Virtues:

- Faith
- Hope
- Charity

Four Cardinal Virtues:

- Temperance
- Fortitude
- Prudence
- Justice

In the book The Fifth Discipline author Peter Senge wrote "A challenging yet achievable vision embodies the tension between what an organization wants and what it can have."

Our Vision is:

"We will be the preeminent fraternity of choice for men of quality and vision who seek personal knowledge, moral growth and leadership development; ultimately improving the individual mason, his community and the world."

We defined three critical parts of our organization which we refer to as the voices of our organization. Those three key areas are:

- Our Fraternity
- Our Charities
- The Business or administration of our organization.

Next we identified strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats in each of the three areas.

Then we worked to develop broad overarching goals in each of the three areas and came to consensus on these goals. These goals will link the programs, objectives, and actions we roll out, and support, as we pursue our vision.

Our Overarching Fraternal Goals are:

- Grow Quality Membership
- Cultivate Leaders
- Improve Public Perception
- Increase Masonic Knowledge
- Improve Facilities Management Practices
- Strengthen Bonds with Appendant Bodies

You will hear much more about some of the objectives and programs that we rolled out this year and will roll out the next year to help us to achieve these goals. Every objective we take will have measurable success and process indicators clearly defined.

The Overarching Charity Goals are:

- Understand our Charitable Mission
- Optimize our Charitable Impact

Our Overarching Business Goals are:

- Increase Revenue
- Increase Financial Transparency
- Expand Communication Tools
- Embrace Value Based Cost Management

We're taking a methodical approach to all the overarching goals and are at different points of progress on each of them.

- First, document our concerns and be able to explain to all
- Articulate each overarching strategic goal
- Develop objectives that will drive us towards accomplishing that strategic goal while keeping in mind key measures we will use to measure our success
- Create the various action plans needed for each objective
- Analyze the cost and impact of each action plan
- Prioritize Objectives and Actions Plans and provide focus to the teams that will work on them
- Deploy the action plans as we've prioritized them
- Monitor the success measures, evaluate the results and adapt the plans if we don't achieve expected results.

As we deploy our plan, the Strategic Planning Committees role will be facilitate, evaluate, adjust and provide focus. The Grand Lodge Executive Team will champion programs and objectives. District Teams, Lodge Leadership Teams, our Grand Lodge Boards and Grand Lodge Committees will be the avenue and resource to put our plans into action. Effective leadership, two-way focus and effective support are keys to our success.

The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Strategic Plan is the roadmap to our future. We will arrive at our destination when not only our members but the people of Wisconsin as a whole recognize that "We are the preeminent fraternity of choice for men of quality and vision who seek personal knowledge, moral growth and leadership development; ultimately improving the individual mason, his community and the world."

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was provided by Aad Shrine Pipes and Drums.

First Lady Pat Beetcher presented the Grand Master with a hat to be worn during his year in the Grand East.

Installing Grand Master Van Hollen turned the gavel over to Grand Master William Beetcher.

The Grand Master thanked everyone for attending and sharing this very special evening with him and Pat. He said, "I feel very humbled and honored to be elected by my Brethren to serve them as Grand Master for the coming year."

The Grand Master said, "To move Wisconsin Freemasonry forward is not a goal that can be obtained by one Brother or a small group of Brothers. It can only be reached by the active involvement of every Mason in this jurisdiction. And this my Brothers is what I am asking of you. I am asking you to get involved and stay involved in your lodges, become involved in your district and become involved in your Grand Lodge."

The Grand Master thanked all those who made the evening possible and to all his mentors over the years. He especially thanked Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, for answering all his questions in the past and for answering the many questions he will have in the future. The Grand Master expressed his sincere appreciation to Past Grand Master J.B. Van Hollen for appointing him as Junior Grand Steward, seven years ago, giving him the opportunity to continue to serve his Brothers in this beloved Fraternity.

Grand Master Beetcher introduced his family and friends.

The Grand Master thanked his Lady Pat. He said, "Where would I be without you . . . you have supported and help me throughout my entire time in this fraternity especially these last 10 years during my service to the Grand Lodge. You have been my counselor and advisor; my proofreader, secretary; driver; and absolutely the best traveling companion I could ever hope for. You always make sure I have what I need, sometimes before I even know I need it. Without your help this journey would have been truly impossible, I cannot begin to express in words how much you mean to me and how I so deeply appreciate and love you and thank you for everything you have done."

Lady Pat was escorted to the East and the Grand Master presented her with a bouquet of white roses. He also asked his daughter Heather to approach the East. Pat is a master gardener and both of them being Norwegian like their coffee. The Grand Master asked Heather to find something suitable for Pat to thank her for her help. He said his daughter has a remarkable talent for finding the

right gift. Pat received a huge coffee cup full of garden seeds along with a lady troll as a garden decoration.

Potentate Ted Pavlovich, of Aad Shrine in Duluth, Minn., presented the Grand Master with an Aad Shrine Grand Master's Fez.

The Grand Master also received a handmade wooden gavel case from District Deputy Bill A. Davis of Terrace Bay Lodge No. 662, Thunder Bay, Ontario, on behalf of the Masons of Thunder Bay.

Grand Master Daniel J. Barenie of Indiana presented the Grand Master a picture of a lighthouse to guide him on his journeys.

Grand Master Papa also received cards and a package of cheese balls from two very special people, his grandchildren Raymond, age 6, and granddaughter Layla, age 4.

Bro. Daniel Anderson, the Grand Master's nephew, who lives on Kris Kringle Dr. in North Pole, Alaska, presented him with a gift on behalf of the Grand Master and Brethren of Alaska.

The Grand Master closed the lodge and everyone adjourned to the dining room for dinner.

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Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

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Contact Bro. Schelly Schoville 608-732-0030 or Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie, Master, 608-482-3552. See story on page 4.

- 6 Grand Chapter OES, Exemplification, Green Bay, 1:00 p.m.
- 6 Remembrance/ Widows Luncheon hosted by Wisconsin Masonic Charities, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 650 Bridgewater Ave, Chippewa Falls.
- 7 Grand Chapter OES, Picnic w/residents of Mason Woods.
- 13 Washburn Lodge No. 145, 150th Anniversary.
- 18 Waucoma Lodge No. 90, Cooksville, Annual Fall Picnic.
- 10 AARP Driver Safety Review for all drivers. 6:00 p.m. Middleton Masonic Center, 7409 Franklin Avenue., Middleton. AARP Members \$12, Non-members \$14. Call 608-831-2373.
- 18 Waucoma Lodge No. 90, Fall Picnic
- 23 Social Lodge No. 245, Cambridge, Recognition Night, Grand Master William Beetcher will attend. Cambridge Masonic Center, 105 S. Spring St.
- 26-28 Grand Lodge Staff Meeting, Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center, 1 North Main Street, Oshkosh.
- 29 13th Annual Hunters Night, 5:30 pm, at Target Bluff German Haus, Camp Douglas. Tickets \$60 per person. To reserve tickets, contact Camp Douglas Lodge No. 272, c/o Bro. Leo Clark, Sec./Treas., 15655 Hollow Road, Tomah, WI 54660 or call 608-372-5110 or 608-387-1412, email CDL272sec@gmail.com. Deadline for reservations is Sep. 15.

OCTOBER 2014

- 4 Valley of Eau Claire Scottish Reunion.
- 4 Grand Chapter OES Statewide Motorcycle Ride, Stoughton. Fundraiser for the Wounded Warrior Project.
- 6 Four Lakes Daylight Lodge No. 362, stated communication to be held at Oakwood Village, 10:00 a.m., 6201 Mineral Point Rd, Madison.
- 11 Warren Lodge No. 4, Potosi, Motorcycle Leaf Run and Public Cat fish fry. Start time and place TBA.
- 25 Grand Chapter OES, All State Halloween Party, place TBA. Fundraiser for our World of Youth Scholarship Fund.
- 25 Valley of Eau Claire Scottish Reunion.
- 29 District 12 Fall Meeting, hosted by West Allis Lodge No. 291, 7515 W. National Ave., West Allis.

NOVEMBER 2014

- 8 Hiram's Harvest Festival, Dinner, music, comedy and live auction. Dinner 5:00 p.m., show 7:00 p.m. Port Washington Masonic Center. All proceeds will benefit the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Soccer Program.
- 12 Valley of Madison Scottish Rite, Lodge Appreciation Dinner, Madison Masonic Center, 301 Wisconsin Ave.
- 14 Valley of Madison Scottish Rite, Lodge Appreciation Night. 6:00 p.m., Madison Masonic Center.
- 16 Kenosha Lodge No. 47 Rededication. More information coming. Contact Bro. Jim Matson at jmatson98@yahoo.com.

DECEMBER 2014

- 6 Grand Chapter OES, North All State Christmas Party, Baldwin, The Orchard.
- 14 Grand Chapter OES South All State Christmas Party, Wauwatosa, Alioto's.

JANUARY 2015

- 2-10 Grand Chapter OES Cruising with the Stars, WGM/WGP Cruise to the Southern Caribbean departing from San Juan, Puerto Rico.

- 23-25 Grand Lodge Winter Staff Meeting, Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center, 1 North Main Street, Oshkosh.

- 24 Unity Luncheon with Grand Lodge Officers, 12:00 p.m.-1:30p.m., Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center, 1 North Main Street, Oshkosh.

- 31 Lucky Lodge No. 13, Lake Lodge, Milwaukee. Fun event for OES Members to benefit the Wisconsin OES Foundation.

FEBRUARY 2015

- 21 Grand Chapter OES, Hearts and Wines of Wisconsin, Three Pillars. Fun event to benefit our WGM/WGP Project, American Diabetes Foundation and the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory.

- 28 Grand Chapter OES, Wisconsin/Illinois Exchange, Lake Lodge, Milwaukee.

MARCH 2015

- 17 Grand Chapter OES, St. Patrick's Day Party at Compass Point, Three Pillars.

- 27-29 Grand Chapter OES Bus trip to Roseville, Michigan for the Wisconsin/Michigan Exchange.

MAY 2015

- 17-22 Grand Chapter OES, Faith to Believe Grand Session at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center, Stevens Point. Official visit of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter.

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Grand Master William E. LeVeque of Michigan is received as a distinguished guest by Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik.

Photos by Rich Rygh

printed and distributed to the lodges, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters and select Masonic libraries throughout the United States. A motion was made to accept the proceedings. The motion was passed.

Grand Master Slavik and Deputy Grand Master Beetcher received the Past Grand Masters, visiting Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren from other jurisdictions and the Officers of our appendant bodies.

The Grand Master recognized the District Deputies and Area Administrators for their service.

Past Grand Master Bruce S. Sim gave the response on behalf of the Past Grand Masters. He thanked the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge for the courtesies extended to the Past Grand Masters during this session. He commended Grand Master Slavik on a year of inspiration, education, dedication and overall great fraternal relations among the members of the craft.

Grand Master of Maryland Gerald Piepiora gave the response for the visiting jurisdictions. He said it is an honor to be here and although he has visited Wisconsin many times he had not had an opportunity to attend and Annual Communication. He expressed the need for our Lodges and Grand Lodges to tell our communities who we are and what we stand for. He said we are on the crux of a very important time in the history of Masonry in the United States. He said, "As we are more active in our communities, our communities will better understand who we are and what we do and we will increase our membership dramatically over the next decade, I feel."

Grand Master Peipiora said this is a good and exciting time to be a Mason. We should look at the word "change" as something very exciting.

Deputy Grand Master Minor King, of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, Inc., brought the greetings of the Prince Hall Masons of Wisconsin. He thanked the Grand Master for the hospitality and also for the opportunity to dance with Bucky Badger at the Grand Master's Reception. He said the relationship between the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge is second to none, for which love and admiration are responsible.

Right Worshipful Grand Master Robert Bateman of Pennsylvania presented the Grand Master with a gift from the "City of Brotherly Love", Philadelphia and the Masons of Pennsylvania.

Bro. Jim "Jimbo the Clown" Herman presented Grand Master Slavik with a plaque commemorating his year as Grand Master and also a case for his white Masonic apron. Bro. Jimbo also presented Past Grand Master Beecher Daniels with a commemorative plaque.

Deputy Grand Master William Beetcher gave the report of the Nominations Committee and moved that it be received. The nominations committee report was received.

The Grand Master called for the election of officers, the District Deputies collected the ballots.

Grand Secretary DeWolf gave the report of the Resolutions Committee for Committee Chairman Grand Orator Keith D. Chamberlain, PGM, who was unable to be present. The report was printed in the pre-proceedings. In addition, not in the report, that will be further discussed by the Esoteric Committee is a laid over **Resolution 11-2013**, which involves the pure work. Slides will be on the screen to refresh everyone's memory. The report was received.

Grand Lecturer Davey L. White Jr., PGM, gave the report of the Esoteric Committee which was in the pre-proceedings. He thanked all the District Lecturers for a job well done this past year. **Resolution 11-2013** [To change the explanation of the lamb-skin apron in question 4 of the EA, FC & MM Examination Posting Keys (page 2 in each) as well as the Second Section of the EA Degree (the sentence spans lines 7-10)] was discussed by the Esoteric Committee. The committee after careful consideration and after discussion with the Grand Chaplain recommended the resolution be defeated. The report was received.

Resolution 11-2013 was presented and a motion made for adoption by Bro. Ryan Mayrand, Master of McKinley Lodge No. 307. After much discussion the resolution was defeated.

Past Grand Master James H. Olson gave the report of the Jurisprudence Committee representing Committee Chairman Bro. Robert Roth. The report was printed in the

pre-proceedings. All resolutions and committee reports were approved as to legal sufficiency. An amendment was made to the report that **Resolution No. 5-2014** must be laid over to the next Annual Communication and must be adopted by a 4/5 vote. Also there are 8 Resolutions and not 11. **Resolution No. 8-2013** would also require a 3/4 vote for approval. The report was received as amended.

Grand Master declared the ballot closed and asked that the ballots be counted.

Resolution No. 3-2014 was presented by Junior Grand Warden Donald W. Hensiak. He moved to approve the resolution to designate the time and place for the 2016 Annual Communication be held in Madison, Wis. The motion was seconded and passed without discussion.

Junior Grand Warden Hensiak asked that the Junior Warden's Report be received as printed in the pre-proceedings. He thanked the Junior Wardens that sent him their reports. He said he strongly suggests the lodges adopt or start a youth group. There are many new groups getting started in the state. The report was received.

Senior Grand Warden Franklin J. Struble called the Brethren's attention to his report printed in the pre-proceedings. He said it has been an honor to serve the Brethren this year. He said we learned some things this year and they are included in the report. It is important that we remember the lessons we learn. He thanked all the Brothers that participated with membership this year. The report was received.

Deputy Grand Master William Beetcher's report was printed in the pre-proceedings. He called the Brethren's attention to some personal reflections in paragraph 5. The report was received.

Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik gave his report which is printed on page 14 of this edition of the Wisconsin Masonic Journal. The report was received.

Past Grand Master James H. Olson gave the report of the Appeals and Grievances Committee. The duty of the committee is to review all Masonic trials and appeals and to review any expulsions or suspensions and to recommend what action should be taken on reviews and to then also consider petitions for restoration. Past Grand Master Olson



Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of North America George O. Braatz, PGM (center), presents Grand Master Slavik a plaque in appreciation for his support of the MSA. State Coordinator Roger L. Magoon, PGM, joins in the presentation.

reviewed all expulsions, appeals for restoration and Masonic trials over the last year. The report was adopted.

Grand Master Slavik presented Past Grand Master Joseph H. Rival Jr. of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey a plaque designating him an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. Past Grand Master Rival has been visiting and supporting the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin for over seven years. Grand Master Rival expressed his gratitude.

The Grand Secretary's report was included in the pre-proceedings. Grand Secretary DeWolf said this year we have started electronic reservations and the system has some hurdles that will be taken care of for next year. He said he welcomes constructive criticism. The Grand Secretary said we need to understand and remember that men join this organization for one reason, fraternal experiences. It is incumbent upon the Grand Lodge and each and every one of us to see that they get the fraternal experience that are looking for. He said we are moving forward and he appreciates the opportunity to work with the Brethren, a job which he takes very seriously. The report was received.

Grand Treasurer John A. Benedict asked that the report of the Expenditures Committee be received as printed in the pre-proceedings. He said this year's budget greatly benefited from Obamacare. Because of the insurance rate structure dealing with older people our health care rates dropped by 30 per cent. The report was received.

Grand Treasurer Benedict asked that the Treasurer's report as printed in the pre-proceedings be received. He said there are 3,310 Perpetual Members of which 1,300 have passed away. The dues and per capita for the deceased members will continue to be paid from the fund. The report was received.

Resolution No. 2-2014 was presented by the Grand Treasurer. He moved to approve the resolution to keep the per capita at \$37 per year. The motion was seconded and the resolution passed without discussion. The Grand Treasurer said it may be very possible that the Expenditures Committee will be asking for an increase next year for fiscal year, 2015-2016.

Grand Treasurer Benedict made a motion for approval



Bro. Ronald Kamp, Director of Development and Communications of the Cardiac Research Institute at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, presents Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik a live sculpture which is a replica of a sculpture in the lobby of the research center to recognize donations.

of **Resolution 1-2014**. To adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2014-2015 in the amount of \$896,325. He said the budget includes advertising expense as a line item together with social media. A \$20,000 line item is also included for possible new bookkeeping system. The motion was seconded and passed without discussion.

Grand Secretary DeWolf announced the results of the election of officers for 2014-2015: Grand Master, William Beetcher; Deputy Grand Master, Franklin J. Struble, Senior Grand Warden, Donald W. Hensiak; Junior Grand Warden, L. Arby Humphrey; Treasurer, John A. Benedict; Secretary, Michael A. DeWolf, PGM; Grand Trustee (5 year term), Joseph B. Harker, PGM; Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board (3 year term), Craig S. Campbell, PGM; Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board (3 year term), Jan F. Talaga; Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board (3 year term), John W. Wilke; and Wisconsin Masonic Journal Board (3 year term) Keith D. Chamberlain.

Following a break for lunch Grand Master Slavik introduced Grand Secretary Richard J. Elman, PGM, from the state of Indiana, for a presentation and demonstration on electronic voting. The advantage is to remove any ambiguity when voting is very close and to allow the Brethren to vote in private without any peer pressure. Several jurisdictions are now using this.

There is a voting device called a response card and a receiver that collects the votes. The software integrates with a Mac or PC for easy use. The response card is attached to a lanyard which the Brethren wear around their neck. The voting is fast and accurately displayed by numbers or percentages. When the vote is called, Brethren have 15 seconds to vote and the results are available instantly.

The Grand Master introduced Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of North America George O. Braatz, PGM. He said the MSA was created in 1919 by the Grand Lodges of the United States for the purpose of doing a number of activities that was easier for one organization to do than for all the Grand Lodges to individually.

Bro. Braatz said there are basically three areas of work the MSA is engaged in. One is education, they do a lot of booklets, pamphlets and digests which are for sale on line. The most important and best known is the Short Talk Bulletin, a monthly publication that has been published for 90 years on a monthly basis. Bro. Braatz said he would like to thank Grand Chaplain David Ritchie who has been the author for one of the recent Bulletins.

The second area is disaster relief. When a Grand Lodge calls and notifies them of a disaster such as a tornado or hurricane they put out an appeal. They recently sent out a check to the Grand Lodge of the Philippines for an appeal. With that check they have surpassed \$10 million in response to disaster appeals. Every dollar that comes in for disaster relief goes out, there is nothing taken out for administration.

The third area is hospital visitation program. Masonic Volunteers visit veterans in every VA Hospital in the country. They sit with them, they provide services and perform a variety of tasks for our military veterans. He said the team of volunteers in Wisconsin have brought this program to a newer and higher level of service. Under the leadership of State Coordinator, Past Grand Master Roger L. Magoon, his team coordinates the activities at the VA medical centers and homes throughout Wisconsin. They plan and support entertainment, picnics and other events for our military veterans. The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin through their support make many of these activities possible.

Bro. Braatz asked Grand Master Slavik to join him at the podium. He said he just received from the printer a new updated Masonic Services Association hospital visitation brochure. He presented one to the Grand Master. This brochure which is distributed all over the country features a picture of Grand Master Slavik visiting a veteran at the

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Bro. Ryan Mayrand (left), Master of McKinley Lodge No. 307, receives a Centennial Certificate from Grand Master Slavik in honor of the Lodge's 100th Anniversary.

VA hospital in Milwaukee. Past Grand Master Braatz and Past Grand Master Magoon presented the Grand Master a plaque in appreciation for his support of the MSA.

Deputy Grand Master Beetcher reviewed the events for the installation that evening and asked all sitting Masters of the Lodges to please be present as he has a part for them.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until Saturday morning.

To begin the Saturday session Grand Master Slavik called in the representatives from the three youth groups to address the Brethren. Representatives were Wisconsin Job's Daughters Grand Honored Queen Erin Athy, Grand Worthy Advisor International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Wisconsin Karen Schoville and DeMolay State Master Councilor Mitch Beaudry. The youth leaders explained the history of their groups, the leadership skills they have learned, the life long friends they have made on their journeys. They expressed their need for the support of the Lodges and their appreciation for our youth leaders. New youth groups are forming, existing groups are growing and for this to continue it is very important for our Brethren to encourage their children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews to join. They expressed how much it means for them to have Brothers on the sidelines for their activities.

The Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to order. Junior Grand Warden Hensiak moved the report of Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board be received as printed in the pre-proceedings. The report was received.

Bro. Jeff Bryden, Chairman of the Board of the Wisconsin Masonic Home said they have hired their first development director to continue the work of the Masonic Home through charity. Funds are needed to grow and maintain their mission. He said Van Brunt Hall is in the process of coming down. There are no plans at this time for anything on that site.

Bro. Bryden stated they have the best management team they have ever had at the Home, responsible for the highest resident survey results ever. Bro. Bryden asked that the report of the Wisconsin Masonic Home be received and spread upon the minute of the Annual Communication. The report was received.

Wisconsin Masonic Journal Editor Bro. Rich Rygh, on behalf of Board President Grand Orator Keith D. Chamberlain, PGM, moved that the Wisconsin Masonic Journal Board report be received as printed in the pre-proceedings. The report was received. Bro. Rygh presented Grand Master Slavik with a bound copy of the Journals published during his year and thanked him for all his support.

Past Grand Master Siewert reported on the George Washington Memorial. He said we continue to support the memorial with a donation for each new Master Mason. We are also one of 17 states that support the memorial with our per capita tax. He said the Memorial is your heritage. The report was received.

Past Grand Master Allan E. Iding gave the report of the Foreign Relations Committee. He said the report is not in the pre-proceedings because the only request they have received came in after the May 26, 2014 deadline. The request came for the Grand Lodge of Montenegro which was formed in 2007. It has received the recommendation of the Commission on Information for Recognition. Past Grand Master Iding moved the report be adopted which has been submitted and the Grand Lodge of Montenegro be recognized. The report was received.

Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie gave the Necrology Report which is printed on page 13 of this edition of the Wisconsin Masonic Journal. He asked for a moment of silence for our departed Brothers and offered a prayer. He moved that the report be received. The report was received.

Grand Secretary DeWolf presented a slide show from photos sent from the lodges with their applications for the Spruce-Up Award. Twenty-two lodges received the Award. Grand Master Slavik called representatives from the lodges

down on the floor to be recognized and receive their checks.

Deputy Grand Master William Beetcher moved to approve **Resolution No. 4-2014**, to create a standing Grand Lodge Membership Committee. The motion was seconded and passed without discussion.

Resolution No. 5-2014 to add a Dedication Memorial to the Esoteric work was automatically laid over to the next Annual Communication as it needs to be reviewed by the Esoteric Committee and requires a change in the pure work.

Deputy Grand Master Beetcher moved to approve **Resolution No. 6-2014**, To consolidate the "Committee on Temple Plans and Financing" and the "Committee on Lodge Charters and Consolidations" to be named "Lodge Facilities, Charters and Consolidations Committee". The motion was seconded and approved without discussion.

Deputy Grand Master William Beetcher also moved to approve **Resolution No. 7-2014**, To consolidate the "Resolutions Committee" and the "Masonic Code Committee" to be named "Resolutions and Masonic Code Committee". This motion was also seconded and approved without discussion.

Grand Secretary DeWolf moved to approve **Resolution No. 8-2014**. This resolution requires that a Perpetual Membership must first be purchased in a Primary lodge. The resolution passed.

Grand Master Slavik asked for approval of all other reports printed in the pre-proceedings. A motion was made and seconded to approve the reports. The motion passed.

The Grand Master introduced Bro. Ronald Kamp, Director of Development and Communications of the Cardiac Research Institute at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory in Utica, New York. Bro. Kamp said the MMRL is beginning to position itself as being branded a national Masonic charity at the symbolic or blue lodge level.

He said, "The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory has flourished into an international renowned state of the art medical center, respected and referenced within the scientific and medical community worldwide for our research into cardiac arrhythmia, cardiovascular disease and sudden



Past Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik receives his Past Grand Master's Jewel from Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM.

Photos by Rich Rygh

cardiac death."

The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin joins with 11 other Grand Jurisdictions in supporting this research.

Bro. Kamp presented the Grand Master and Masons of Wisconsin a live sculpture which is a replica of a sculpture in the lobby of the research center to recognize donations.

Grand Master Slavik said we are giving an initial gift of \$5000 this year to the MMRL to help with research. We have also made a commitment to do matching grants from the lodges. He said if you have gifts you would like to put towards heart research, please work with the foundation as you have with scholarships and matching medical funds. There has been a commitment for \$5000 for each of the next two years. With the help of the lodges we can grow donations through our matching gifts fund. The Grand Master encouraged the lodges to help with this important research.

The Grand Master recognized Grand Tiler Raymond E. Mielke and Grand Chaplain David R. Ritchie, with a certificate of appreciation for joining him on his travels throughout the year. He also recognized Bros. Don Komplin, Dean Johnson, Mike Heitke, Jerry Roscoe, Jason Laramée and Ted Erickson with certificates of appreciation for all the work they do behind the scenes opening, setting up and maintaining the Masonic Center for the Annual Communication.

Grand Master Slavik and District 10 Deputy David Tainter recognized the Lodge Excellence Award Winners as Grand Secretary DeWolf read the names. The winners are on page 15 of this issue of the Wisconsin Masonic Journal. The top three winners this year were Janesville-Western Star Lodge No. 55, third place; Freemasons Lodge No. 363, second place; and first place went to Warren Lodge No. 4. District Deputy Tainter recognized District 9. Every lodge submitted their LEA application. Six did not qualify



Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik presented 150th Anniversary Certificates to (from left): Bro. John Kind, Wautoma Lodge No. 148; Bro. Jason Hayden, Durand-Pepin Lodge No. 149; and Sam Gascoigne, Washburn Lodge No. 145.

but still submitted the application. There were 64 lodges qualifying for the award, 15 submitted their application but did not qualify. Bro. Tainter said he feels the lodges that submitted the application but did not qualify deserve some recognition for doing so. They took the time to fill it out. He recognized Fulton Lodge No. 69, Edgerton, for doing so.

The Grand Master presented McKinley Lodge No. 307 a Centennial Certificate which was accepted by Bro. Ryan Mayrand, Master.

Wautoma Lodge No. 148, Durand-Pepin Lodge No. 149 and Washburn Lodge No. 145 were recognized and presented a Sesquicentennial Certificate for 150 years.

Grand Master Slavik recognized and presented a certificate of appreciation to retiring Grand Lodge Officers.

Grand Secretary DeWolf made the final report of the credentials committee showing 160 lodges represented. There were 149 Masters, 127 Senior Wardens and 115 Junior Wardens in attendance.

The Grand Secretary asked, if the lodges instead of receiving per diem checks would prefer to have a credit applied to their per capita as the Grand Lodge of Indiana does. He asked the Brethren to send him an email with their opinion and if there is enough interest he will pursue it.

The Grand Master asked for a vote. If the Brothers wanted to vote on receiving credit on there per capita tax instead of receiving a check now to vote yes or if they wanted to discuss it and vote later to vote no. The Brethren voted to discuss the topic and vote on it at a later time. The Grand Master said it would be brought up as a topic at the Fall District Meetings.

Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik approached each Grand Lodge Officer individually, gave them a hug and thanked them for their support and service to the Craft.

Grand Master Slavik turned the gavel over to Grand Master William Beetcher and said, "It is with great love and pleasure that I turn over the gavel of authority to you, wield it with wisdom, love, care and compassion. The Brothers are here to support you, guide them gently. May God bless you on your journey."

Grand Marshal Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, proclaimed the Grand Lodge Officers for 2014-15 installed.

The Grand Secretary presented Past Grand Master Slavik with his Past Grand Master's Jewel.

Grand Master Beetcher introduced a new Master Mason, Bro. Jacob Parmeter of Northwestern Lodge No. 105, Prescott. He was raised just three days ago and decided it was important to him to attend this Annual Communication. The Grand Master said this young man is our future and I am so glad to have him here.

Grand Master Beetcher gave his address to the craft which is printed on page 6 of this addition of the Wisconsin Masonic Journal. This address included presentations on Strategic Planning, The Wisconsin Masonic Leadership College and the status of our Membership Committee.

Grand Master Beetcher brought up one point of business he said was a little uncomfortable, but is something that needs to be clarified. He said, "We have been getting a lot of back channeling information and discussion on the situation with Grand Trustees . . . An issue arose that we had to deal with in regards to one of the Trustees and after much deliberation, consultation and thought, a decision was made and the issue was taken care of. Unfortunately the rest of the Grand Trustees resigned their positions as well, which was very sad because collectively they did a fantastic job for the fraternity. But the time had arrived when we thought it was time for a change. The change was made, we have a new elected Grand Trustee coming in and we have appointed Trustees in accordance with the code. The issue has been taken care of and at this time, at this time this is the end of the discussion . . . this matter is now closed."

The Grand Master declared the Lodge informal for a very impressive presentation of the DeMolay "Ceremony of Light" by the Chippewa Valley Chapter DeMolay of Eau Claire.

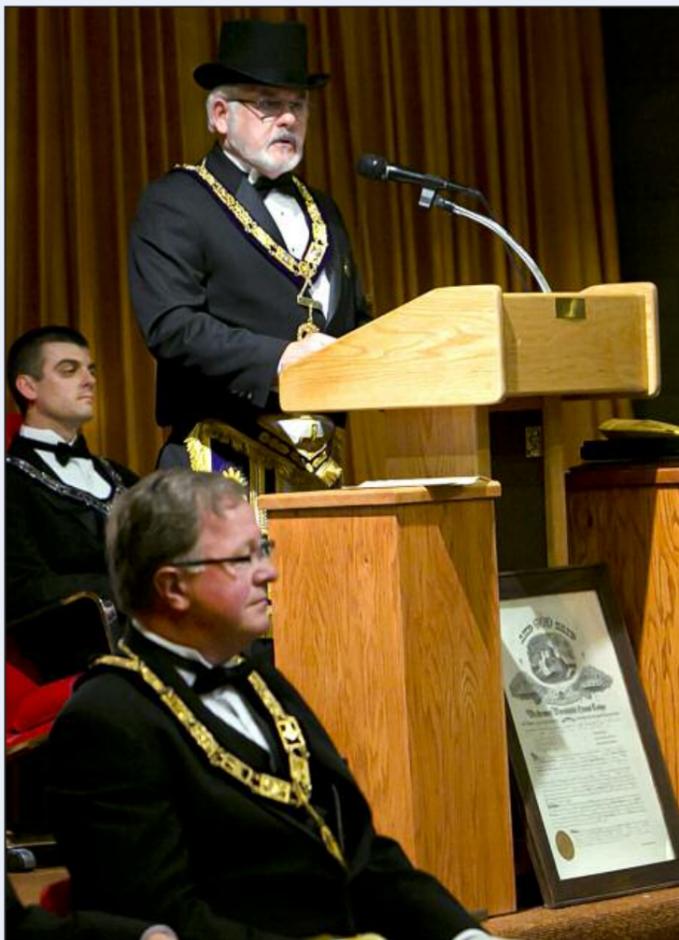
There being no further business this 170th Annual Communication was closed by the Grand Lodge Officers.

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McKinley Lodge Centennial Celebration



Grand Lodge Officers introduce themselves at the opening of the Reconsecration Ceremony.



Grand Master William Beetcher conducts the Reconsecration Ceremony Celebrating 100 years.



District 11 Deputy Michael A. Gorgen presents Grand Orator Keith D. Chamberlain's remarks.



Bro. Glenn Greenmyer (left) from William McKinley Lodge No. 431 of Canton, Ohio, displays a collection of memorabilia on Bro. William McKinley. Bro. Paul Orth views the display.

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Bro. Ryan Mayrand, Master presents Master's Appreciation Awards to Senior Grand Steward Kenneth C. Gorgen and Bro. Jim Stone.

Photos by Rich Rygh



Master Ryan Mayrand, on behalf of the officers of the Lodge, presents the Lodge with a framed photo composite of the current officers to match the composite of the officers from 100 years ago.

Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge No. 261 Celebrates 120 Years

By Rich Rygh

Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge No. 261 hosted an evening of fine dining, fellowship and entertainment in honor of their 120th Anniversary.

The event took place at the River Club in Mequon on June 22. Bro. Lowell Scott, Lodge Secretary and emcee introduced Bro. Eugene Marcus, Chaplain, for the invocation.

Grand Master William Beetcher was presented an honorary membership in Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge by Master Louis Plotkin. Bro. Scott presented the Grand Master with a pin from their 100th anniversary and the current 120th anniversary pin.

The Grand Master expressed his deep appreciation for the honorary membership.

Bro. Scott asked Grand Master Beetcher to assist in presenting Past Master Certificates and Past Masters Jewels to Past Masters Mark Pachefsky, Jason Freeman and Louis Plotkin.

All military veterans were asked to stand and be recognized and were asked to get their Veterans Pin from the Grand Master before leaving.

Magician David Seebach and his assistant Mary Rodgers presented a mystical program entitled the "Wonders of Magic".

See a history of Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge on page 30.



Magician David Seebach levitates his assistant Mary Rodgers.



First Lady Pat Beetcher takes part in a magic trick.

Photos by
Rich
Rygh



At right: Emcee Lowell Scott welcomes the Brethren and Ladies.



Bro. Scott announces the presentation of an Honorary Membership in Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge to Grand Master William Beetcher from Master Louis Plotkin, on right.



Master Louis Plotkin addresses the audience.



Magician David Seebach begins a new demonstration of magic.



Grand Council installation

Grand Master true to his word brings the Grand Lodge and the Grand York Rite Bodies together as he attends the Grand Session in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Pictured with Brother William Beetcher the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, is Companion and Brother Edward "Rusty" Mitchell after his Installation as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Wisconsin. It was indeed a pleasure for the York Rite to have the Grand Master in attendance.

Submitted and Photo by Bro. George Tincher



Defense of the Ruffians

Unity Lodge No. 167, Kenosha, hosted a reading of the Defense of the Ruffians on May 29. It was performed by Bros. Khristian Kay (left) and Bob Burgermeister. Members from several lodges attended.

Submitted by Bro. Bill Shelley



Bro. Marra visits Florida Lodge

Bro. John Marra (left), Village President of Williams Bay, Wis, poses with Bro. Travis Paladino who is the current Mayor of Madeira Beach, Florida. Bro. Marra met Bro. Paladino during his annual visit to Gulf Beach Lodge No. 291 in Madeira Beach. As usual he attended lodge and enjoyed a great night of fraternal bonding. Bro. Marra again presented our Grand Master's Pin to the Florida Brethren who always enjoy receiving them.

Submitted by Bro. John Marra

Attend and Support Your Lodge!

New Master Masons



Prairie View Lodge raises three new Master Masons

The Brethren of Prairie View Lodge No. 95, Ripon, have raised three new Master Masons in recent weeks. Front row (left to right): Bruce Stephenson, Master; Rob Cariveau, new MM; Meade Grim, new MM; Phil Wepner, new MM; District 10 Deputy Kyle Grahm; and Kevan Nault, Secretary. Second row: Wes O'Laire, Senior Warden; Past Master Tim Aither, Senior Deacon; Bill Boutwell, Junior Deacon; Past Master Larry Malchow, Treasurer; Past Master Wes Wassell, Organist; and Past Master Jim Barclay, Tiler. Back row: Peter Kasuboski, Senior Steward; Past Master Rick Coles, Chaplain and Counselor; Ray Colhouer, Junior Warden; and Past Master Ron Triemstra, Junior Steward.

Submitted by Past Master Rick Coles, Chaplain



Bro. Lawton is new MM at Northwestern Lodge

Northwestern Lodge No. 105, Prescott, welcomed a new Master Mason in ceremonies held on June 18. Bro. James Lawton was raised to the sublimed degree of a Master Mason. From left: Bro. Fred Benson, gave the third section lecture, Bro. Dan Finley, Master, conferred the degree; Bro. Jake Parmeter, posted the Bro. Lawton; District 2 Deputy Tom Christiano; new Bro. James Lawton; and Bro. Frank During, presided over the 2nd section and gave the charge.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer



District 9 Gavel

The District 9 Gavel is on the move. Left photo: Milton Lodge No. 161 Master Jim Gajdosik (right) delivers the gavel to Bro. Curt Bell, Master of Jefferson County Lodge No. 9, Jefferson, on June 2. Right photo: Master Curt Bell (right) of Jefferson County Lodge delivers the gavel to Adam Witt, Master of Fulton Lodge No. 69, Edgerton, on June 4.

Submitted by Area Administrator Noah Schultz

Installation of Grand Lodge Officers



Grand Marshal Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, introduces Senior Grand Warden Elect Donald W. Hensiak (left) and Junior Grand Warden Elect L. Arby Humphrey for installation.



Bro. John Berklund, Master of Landmark Lodge No. 244, Frederic, and his officers open the lodge for the installation.

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Grand Master William Beetcher receives his hat from his lady Pat.



Grand Deacons receive their collars. Junior Grand Deacon Robert C. Strader receives his from his lady Barb and on right, Senior Grand Deacon Scott E. Pedley receives his from his lady Ronda.



Bro. John Miller gives a tribute to the flag.



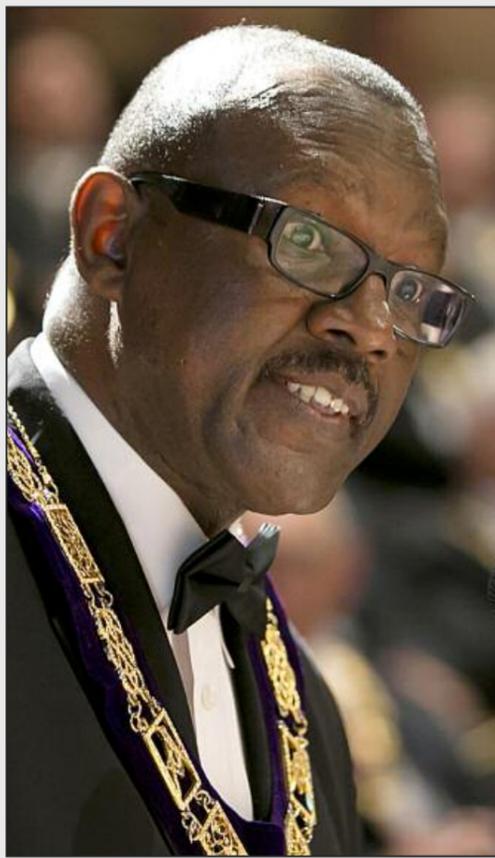
First Lady Pat Beetcher receives a special gift from the Grand Master and her daughter Heather.

Photos by Rich Rygh

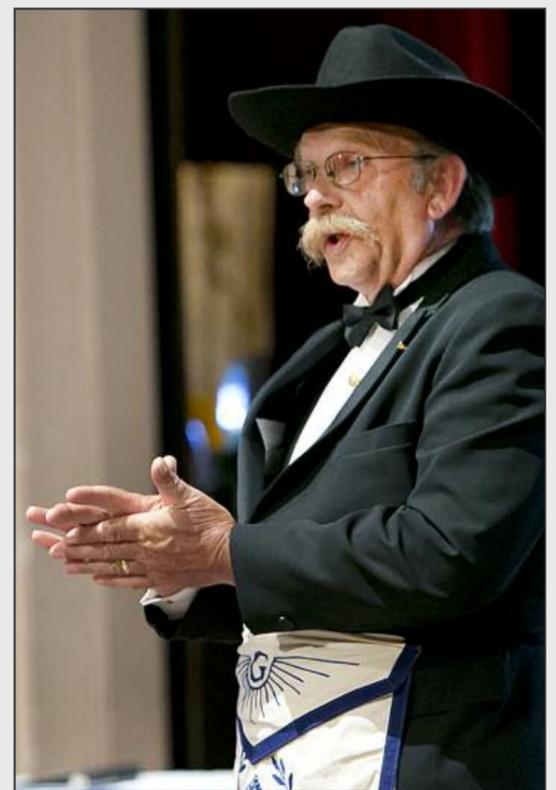
170th Annual Communication in Madison



Past Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert presents the Report of Unfinished Business from the 169th Annual Communication.



Deputy Grand Master Minor King, of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, Inc., brought the greetings of the Prince Hall Masons of Wisconsin.



Bro. Parker Dow, Master of Waterloo Lodge No. 63 and his officers open the 170th Annual Communication.

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Youth group representatives spoke on Saturday morning. From left: Wisconsin Job's Daughters Grand Honored Queen Erin Athy, Grand Worthy Advisor International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Wisconsin Karen Schoville, Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik and DeMolay State Master Councilor Mitch Beaudry.



Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik presents Past Grand Master Joseph H. Rival Jr. of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey a plaque designating him as an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.



Veterans line up to receive a special Masonic Veterans Pin from Grand Master William Beetcher at the close of the 170th Annual Communication. The Pin will be available throughout the year, but only from the Grand Master.



Grand Secretary Richard J. Elman, PGM, from the state of Indiana; gives a presentation and demonstration on electronic voting.

Photos by Rich Rygh



Bees are topic at Geneva friends and family night

How many bees live in a hive? This and other questions were answered by Bro. Arthur Karos (center), Bro. Rodney VanTassel (left) and Mr. Val Baumgartner at a recent Friends and Family night hosted by Geneva Lodge No. 44. Bro. Karos explained the importance of bees and hive maintenance. He brought along parts of a bee hive and explained their uses.

Submitted by Bro. Bob Grohall

Masonic Quotes

"We are going to do it this way, because it's never been done this way before."

– MWBro. Dennis V. Siewert, Past Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin.

Fundraising Benefit for Bro. Walter (Butch) Komplin III Past Master of Lake Lodge No. 189

By The Friends and Family of Butch

In April, Butch, a husband and father, had to undergo extensive surgery due to a cancerous tumor found on his spine, which required removing a portion of his spine. Proceeds of the benefit will go to Butch and his family to help with hospital and medical expenses.



- ⇒ Raffles (Miller Lite Washer Toss Game, Brad Keselowski Nascar Jacket, Miller Lite Football Grill and many more items).
- ⇒ Silent Auctions
- ⇒ 50/50 Raffles
- ⇒ Food will be available for purchase.

Grand Prize: Galaxy CD Jukebox

Holds 100 CDs

Jukebox is refurbished to give credits at the push of a button.

Tickets: \$5.00 ea. or 3 for \$10.00

Jukebox Donated by Reggie Amusements

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Time: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Donations made payable to the Walter Kopplin Benefit Fund are being accepted at any BMO Harris Bank location.

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Peggy Mick
Friend
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Judie Foss
Friend
414-588-1597

Chrissy Foss
Friend
414-305-6139



New DD visits Hancock Lodge

Newly installed District 2 Deputy Thomas Christiano (center) made one of his first lodge visits to Hancock Lodge No. 229, Ellsworth, on June 10. He received a Hancock Lodge pin from Senior Warden Frank Durning (right) and in turn the new District Deputy presented Bro. Dan Sherry (left) with the new Grand Masters pin from Grand Master William Beecher.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer



Fishing fun at Twin Cities

A little rain doesn't dampen the spirit when it comes to fishing. The Zuhrah Shriners joined hands with the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club to sponsor their annual trout pond at the Shriners Hospital for Children® in the Twin Cities recently. Zor Noble Bob Hering helps a patient handle a fish during the event.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer

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Tylers of the 9 Brethren Provide Rides for Visually Impaired



BOLD riders and VIPs on the open road.



Bros. Brian Graff and Khristian Kay with VIP Dylan.

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Bro. Brian Graff, Past Master of Dodge County Lodge No. 72, goes over final safety measures, Bro. Ralph Roussy in background.



Participating BOLD bikers and VIPs at Cambellsport.



Bro. Ralph Roussy of Daylite Lodge No. 358 and his VIP get ready to roll.



Bro. Kristian Kay, Master Henry L. Palmer No. 301 and Silas H. Shepherd Lodge No. 1843 rides off with his VIP.

Photos by Members of Tylers of the 9



McKinley captures gavel from Laflin-St. James

McKinley Lodge No. 307 traveled to Laflin-St. James Lodge No. 247 on June 10 to capture the traveling gavel. They brought Grand Lodge Officers with them. They also witnessed an Entered Apprentice examination. Front row (from left): Ted Kilpin, Senior Steward; Senior Grand Steward Kenneth C. Gorgen, 307; David Shamsi, EA; Joe Lewandowski, Junior Warden; District 11 Deputy Michael Gorgen, 307; and Andrew Meyers, Junior Warden, 307. Back row: Ryan Mayrand, Master, 307; Gabe Winzenried, Junior Deacon; Roy Hubler, Secretary/Treasurer; Patrick Richards, Senior Warden; Owen Williams, 63 year Mason; Rob Koch, Master; David Koch, Senior Deacon; and Dick Stevens, Tyler.

Submitted by Bro. Gabe Winzenried

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Traveling Gavel

District 1 Superior Lodge No. 236	District 7 Hiram Lodge No. 50
District 2 River Falls Lodge No. 109	District 8 Baraboo Lodge No. 34
District 3 Virginia Falls Lodge No. 226	District 9 Fulton Lodge No. 69
District 4 Mason-Woods Lodge No. 368	District 10 Omro Lodge No. 168
District 5 La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190	District 11 McKinley Lodge No. 307
District 6 Twin Cities Lodge No. 61	District 12 Aurora Lodge No. 30

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.

Van Brundt Hall Demolition Sale



The "Everything Must Go" sale June 14 at Van Brunt Hall to prepare for demolition of the building later this summer.

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At left: Auctioneer Nick Schaezel sells the interior doors with transoms.



A bidder waits for auctioneer to get to items of interest to him.



Interested people come and go during the auction.



At left: Auctions keep the interest of people looking for that special item, but can make for a long day for kids.

At right: Past Grand Master Joseph B. Harker visits with Hazel Leque, a resident of Three Pillars Senior Living Communities and Jill Smukowski, a resident of Dousman.

Photos by Rich Rygh



A History of Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge No. 261

Grand Master Alvin Alden issued a dispensation in February 1863 to a group of Masons in Milwaukee, known as Harmony Lodge. On June 10, 1863, 151 years ago, the Grand Lodge of the State of Wisconsin issued a charter to Harmony Lodge No. 142, a lodge of 30 members with Lawrence Phillips as Worshipful Master, David Adler as Senior Warden and Henry Friend as Junior Warden. The February 1889 issue of the Masonic Tidings said:

This is known as the Hebrew Lodge, its entire membership being composed of the "Chosen People". It has upon its roll very many of the prominent and wealthy business men of Milwaukee.

It remained active until June 14, 1892 when it surrendered its charter to the Grand Lodge and ceased to exist. The officers at the time of surrender were Forest B. Cowdrey, Worshipful Master, who a year later, would become the first Worshipful Master of the then new Milwaukee Lodge No. 261. The other officers were William A. Weinstock as Senior Warden and M. Dreyfus as Junior Warden.

In the fall of 1893, 19 Master Masons most of whom were former members of Harmony Lodge met to organize a new lodge. Early records show that the \$30.00 needed to submit to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin for the dispensation was loaned to the lodge by a member and later repaid. Working under the dispensation it received from Grand Lodge, Milwaukee Lodge could boast of 57 members when it received its charter from Grand Lodge on June 13, 1894, one hundred twenty years ago, with Forest Cowdrey as Worshipful Master.

Early meetings were held at the Odd Fellow Hall at North Water and East Mason Streets, in the "Brodhead Structure", which later would be the site of the First National Bank offices, a building still dominant in Downtown Milwaukee.

Ivanhoe Temple, on Tenth Street and Wisconsin Avenue, was the home of Milwaukee Lodge from 1898 until 1935 when the meeting site was moved to Garfield Temple at 27th and Chambers Streets.

During the same period of time, Harmony Lodge was resurrected.

In June 1895, N.M. Lando and 32 other Brothers petitioned Grand Lodge for restoration of the Harmony Lodge Charter. The old charter could not be restored after the lapse of 3 years, but a new charter was issued with the same name, Harmony Lodge, and number, 142, as the former lodge.

The new officers were Morris Mendelson as Worshipful Master, Louis Lachman as Senior Warden and Elias Aarons as Junior Warden. Their first meeting place was at the Masonic Temple Building, 2181 1/2 West Water Street, later known as Kilbourn Lodge Temple. They remained there until 1917 when the lodge moved to the new Kilbourn Lodge Temple at 827 N. 11th Street. In 1970, Harmony Lodge No. 142 moved to Silver Spring Temple in Whitefish Bay.

Milwaukee Lodge continued to prosper. In 1948, the 54th year, an anniversary celebration was recorded. The first Worshipful Master, Forest B., Cowdrey, was present along with his son Warren B. Cowdrey, Worshipful Master in 1921.

Fred Goodman, PM, received permission from Grand Lodge for his public installation in 1952 as Worshipful Master and the tradition persists to today. He also introduced the practice of officers wearing tuxedos because he felt it lent more dignity to the proceedings and designated the officers for the convenience of members and visitors.

By the early 1960's, Milwaukee Lodge was outgrowing its space and in cooperation James M. Hays Lodge, our PM William Luff undertook the construction of a new Masonic Temple at Green Bay and Range Line Roads in Glendale. Groundbreaking took place in April 1964 and 70 years after receiving its charter, Milwaukee Lodge No. 261 laid the cornerstone for the new temple which was dedicated on February 27, 1965. The first meeting was held the following week, on March 2, 1965.

In 1969 Milwaukee and Hays Lodges were joined by Garfield Lodge as an equal co-owner.

1970 marked the beginning of new relationships between Milwaukee Lodge No. 261 and Harmony Lodge No. 142 when the first joint dinner dance was held by the two lodges. From that begin-

ning, the merger of these two successful lodges proceeded and on January 8, 1983 Harmony Lodge No. 142 surrendered its second charter to the Grand Lodge in order to consolidate with Milwaukee Lodge No. 261. Grand Lodge regulations do not permit alterations to a charter so a new document had to be issued to incorporate the new name "Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge No. 261 F. & A. M."

The lodge remained at Milwaukee-Hays-Garfield Masonic Temple building until 2004 when the building was sold. Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge then began meeting at the Sheraton North Hotel, Green Bay and Brown Deer Roads. After a few years Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge tried a couple of other venues and finally ended up meeting at the Northwest Masonic Center located at 4315 N. 92nd Street, Milwaukee where it still meets.

A former governor of the State of Wisconsin was a member of Milwaukee Lodge. Both Milwaukee and Harmony Lodges, from their early beginnings to the present, can claim many civic, political and fraternal leaders. Our members have come from all walks of life, from all vocations and avocations.

With your assistance, Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge No. 261 will continue and prosper.

See 120th Anniversary of Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge on page 23.



Grand Master receives Fez

Grand Master William Beetcher received his Grand Master's Fez from Aar Shriners Potentate Ted A. Pavlovich during the installation of Grand Lodge Officers officers on June 6 in Madison.

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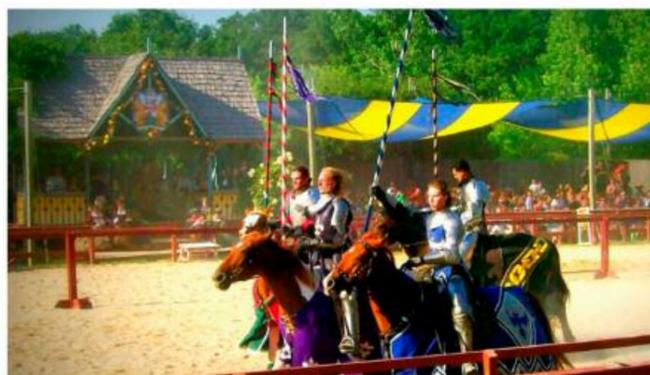
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WHEN
July 13th, 2014
10am — 7pm

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for the Mason Traveling in Wisconsin

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

Argyle

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

Baldwin

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

Baraboo

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

Barneveld

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

Bayfield

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

Beaver Dam

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

Beloit

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

Black Earth

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

Black River Falls

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

Bloomer

Bloomer Lodge No. 281
1516 Larson St. • 715-568-5152
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark January & February

Bristol

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

Brookfield

McKinley Lodge No. 307
4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-781-9907
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Camp Douglas

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

Cecil

Mason-Woods Lodge No. 368
N6446 Emery Ansonge Rd • 715-584-8187 (Sec) • 3rd Tues., 10 a.m.
Dark January & February

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. • 715-723-0306
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Columbus

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

Crandon

Crandon Lodge No. 287
118 S. Lake Ave. • 715-616-2394 (Sec)
Meet 2nd Tues. Apr.-June & Sept.-Dec.
Meets 4th Tues. Mar-May & July-Oct

Darlington

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

Dodgeville

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

Dousman

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

Dousman

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

Eagle River

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

Eau Claire

George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351
616 Graham Ave. • 715-832-8738
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Eau Claire

Sanctuary Lodge No. 347
616 Graham Ave. • 715-318-1214
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, dinner 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. Dark July & Aug

Edgerton

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

Ellsworth

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

Florence

Hiram D. Fisher Lodge No. 222
5143 N. Montgomery Lake Rd.,
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. • 920-922-5800
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July and August

Frederic

Landmark Lodge No. 244
109 United Way • 715-472-4174 (Sec).
Meet 2nd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Friendship

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

Galesville

Decora Lodge No. 177
231 S. Main St. • 608-539-5230
Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m.
Dark July & August & 1st Mon. Sept.

Green Bay

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

Green Bay

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

Green Bay

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

Green Bay

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

Hartford

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

Hayward

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

Hustisford

Neosho-Mayville-Horicon No. 108
128 E. Anthony St., Hustisford
920-212-0542 • 1st & 3rd Tues. 7:00
Dark July & August

Hudson

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

Iron River

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

Iron River

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

Janesville

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

Jefferson

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

Kenosha

Kenosha Lodge No. 47
4320 Washington Rd. • 262-287-9878
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Kenosha

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

Kenosha

Unity Lodge No. 367
118 8th Street So. • 262-657-5575
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark 3rd Thurs., July & August

La Crosse

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

La Crosse

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

Ladysmith

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

Lake Geneva

Geneva Lodge No. 44
335 S. Lake Shore Dr. • 262-949-8523
Meet 2nd 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. • 608-609-1027 (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

Commonwealth Lodge No. 325
301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-271-5574
3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Meets All Year

Madison

Doric Lodge No. 356
85 S. Stoughton Rd. • 608-839-4861
(Sec) • Meet 1st & 3rd Tues., 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Madison

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

Madison

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

Madison

Madison Lodge No. 5
301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-957-3068
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark 1st Thursday July & August

Manawa

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

Manitowoc

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

Marinette

Marinette Lodge No. 182
1610 Main St. • 715-735-3515
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. • 608-847-4134
Meet 1st Thurs., 2nd Thurs. rotates,
7:00 p.m. Meets All Year

Medford

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

Menomonie

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

Menomonie

Nine Rivers Lodge No. 369
N5729 - 410th St. • 715-864-6813
Meet 1st Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

Mercer

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

Merrill

Virginia Falls Lodge No. 226
916 1/2 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. • www.middle-
tonionic.org 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.
Dark 3rd Tues., July & August

Milton

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

Milwaukee

Freemasons Lodge No. 363
790 N. Van Buren St. • 414-659-5205
1st Wed., 5:30 p.m. Degrees 4th
Wed., 5:30 p.m. Meets All Year

Milwaukee

Lake Lodge No. 189
1235 E. Howard Ave. • 414-744-4609
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

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 • 414-522-9872
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursday, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Mineral Point

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

Minocqua

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

Mondovi

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

Monroe

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

Mukwonago

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

Neenah

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

Neenah/Menasha

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241 E. Wisconsin Ave. • 920-722-3611
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Dark June - Aug. Open after Labor Day

86th Grand Session of Wisconsin Job's Daughters International

By Dorothy Cigale

The 86th annual Grand Session for the Wisconsin Job's Daughters International was held on May 16-18 in Wisconsin Dells.

Grand Guardian Mom Beth Freuck and Associate Grand Guardian Steve Breunig presided over the session. Business consisted of committee reports, legislation and election of the new leaders.

On Friday evening many worthy Wisconsin Job's Daughters were awarded scholarships to help further their educations. The Job's Daughters Memorial Foundation of Wisconsin, Inc. awarded fourteen \$650.00 scholarships to the following girls: Amanda Sabah, Bethel #32; Briquel Frahm, Bethel #45; Jennifer Niggemeier, Bethel #3; Amy Slavik, Bethel #44; Laural Mosher, Bethel #22; Lauren Cigale, Bethel #6; Shana DeBoer, Bethel #27; Jordan Sayre, Bethel #76; Meghan Cigale, Bethel #6; Allie Andres, Bethel #3; Alaina Leisten, Bethel #45; Samantha Campagna, Bethel #6; Courtney Ingraham, Bethel #77; and Amber Inman, Bethel #6. The Grand Guardian Council of Wisconsin awarded four \$650.00 scholarships to the following girls: Emily Dyer, Bethel #76; Samantha Bachman, Bethel #78; Meagan Bertram, Bethel #6; and Madeline Westberg, Bethel #44.

Mom Heather Collier of Bethel #79, Bristol and Dad Keith Chipman of Bethel #53, Brookfield



Grand Officers attending the 86th annual Grand Session for the Wisconsin Job's Daughters International. Front row (from left): Phyllis Robison, Grand Secretary; Karen Rudolph, Grand Treasurer; Pam Wahlen, Grand Marshal; Joyce Johnson, Grand Guide; Wendy Muelling, Vice Grand Guardian; Heather Collier, Grand Guardian; Keith Chipman, Associate Grand Guardian; Shawn Athy, Vice Associate Grand Guardian; Jay Andres, Grand Inner Guard and Brad Bingheim, Grand Outer Guard. Back row: Anne L'Abbe, Grand 1st Messenger; Sue Niggemeier, Grand 3rd, Messenger; Bethel Metz, Grand Chaplain; Sally Eddy, Grand 4th Messenger; Mary Barber, Grand 2nd Messenger; Tara Schweninger, Grand 5th Messenger, Jeff Mosher, Grand Junior Custodian; Jay Sabah, Grand Librarian and Todd Campbell, Grand Senior Custodian.

Photo by Bro. Russ Provencher

were installed as Grand Guardian and Associate Grand Guardian on Saturday evening. Attending the weekend was Grand Master Daniel L. Slavik. Junior Grand Warden Donald W. Hensiak and Right Eminent Grand Com-

mander Edward "Rusty" Mitchell were in attendance on Friday. June Potts, Grand Royal Matron of the Grand Court, Order of the Amaranth, Worthy Grand Matron Kris Schoville, Worthy Grand Patron Craig Wepprecht and other

Eastern Star Officers, Grand Worthy Advisor Karen Schoville and DeMolay State Master Councilor Mitch Beaudry represented various Masonic organizations at the Installation on Saturday.

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Meets All Year

Waukesha

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

Waupaca

Waupaca Lodge No. 123
105½ N. Main Street • 715-258-6198
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Waupun

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

Wautoma

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

Wauwatosa

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

Wauwatosa

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

West Allis

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

West Bend

West Bend Lodge No. 138
301 N. University Dr. • 262-338-3112
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, 7:00 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

Whitewater

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

Wilmot

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

Winneconne

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

Wisconsin Dells

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

Wisconsin Rapids

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

Silas H. Shepherd

Lodge of Research No. 1843
307 N. Lake Rd., Oconomowoc • 262-893-1106
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To list your lodge contact
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THE 12TH ANNUAL

The Legend
at Bristlecone

DATE:
Monday, July 14, 2014

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

TEE TIME:
Shotgun Start
12:00 pm Noon

FORMAT:
Scramble

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

GOLF ENTRY FEE
includes lunch, golf cart, and dinner

COCKTAILS
5:00 pm

DINNER & AWARDS
6:00 pm - Banquet Only
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