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William H. Barnes Named Director of Development for Our Masonic Charities

Emphasis to be placed on planned giving to enhance future funding

**By Bro. Bruce S. Sim, PGM
President, Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board**

DOUSMAN – The Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board had the challenge this year to fill the position of Director of Development for our Wisconsin Masonic Charities, which was vacated by Gary Beier last year.

An ad hoc committee was appointed to advertise, interview and recommend to the Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board (WMBAB) someone who could lead our charitable fund raising needs and expectations into the future through planned giving.

We are glad to announce that the WMBAB members have appointed William H. Barnes, a Brother of the Fraternity, to the position of Director of Development. His start date was March 1, 2006.

Brother Barnes has come to us with excellent credentials which fit into our focus of planned giving for our charities. His warm personality, his ability to develop new strategies and his successes at his previous positions has influenced our decision to hire him.

He was interviewed by the ad hoc committee, the Personnel Committee of the Grand Lodge and chairpersons of the various charities prior to his being hired. All those who took part in this the process were unanimously in favor of his hiring.

Bill will be employed with a fifty percent employment package for the first year. We felt that he should be

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Masonic Charities' Development Team

The new Director of Development for our Wisconsin Masonic Charities, Bro. William H. Barnes, met with Development Coordinator Erika Miller on Friday, March 3, his first day in the office after accepting the position March 1. The new development director brings a wealth of experience in planned giving to the Fraternity's development efforts. See story at left, and on page 4.

Ladies at the Table event to toast GM Magoon: Grand Master's Testimonial Dinner will be Saturday, May 6 in Appleton

**By Eugene R. Reece, Jr., P.M.
Worshipful Master
Appleton Lodge No. 349**

APPLETON – Appleton Lodge No. 349 will be hosting a "Ladies Table Lodge/Grand Master Testimonial" for the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin Roger L. Magoon, and our fellow brothers and their ladies.

The event will be held on Saturday, May 6 at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, 333 W. College Avenue, site of the 2005 Grand Lodge Annual Communication. The hotel is located in the heart of downtown Appleton.

Dinner will consist of a London Broil with all the fixings. Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a social hour for fellowship beginning at

5:00 p.m. Cost of dinner is \$17.00 per person.

Wives or significant others are invited to join us for an evening of toasting our ladies and our Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Masons should bring their favorite toasting glasses to enjoy and participate in the toasting ritual.

We ask that attendees make a reservation and payment for planning purposes in care of: Bro. Jim Hays, P. M., Secretary, Appleton Lodge No. 349, 39 Butte des Morts Ct., Appleton, WI 54914-4535.

As a convenience in making reservations, a clip-and-mail coupon is printed on [page 3](#).

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact Bro. Hays at 920-731-7355 or myself at 920-986-3145. *wmj*

The Grand Master's Message:

Communication: one of the most important words in the dictionary, and Masonry

**By Brother Roger L. Magoon
Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin**

I received a letter from one of our Masonic widows the other day who was quite upset with our fraternity, and rightfully so. Her husband had passed away quite suddenly and, as a result, she needed someone to guide, to console, to advise, or to just be there.

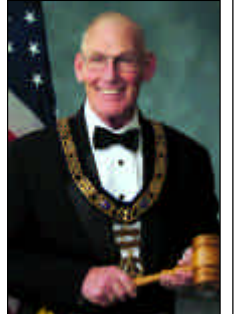
In a situation like this it is quite understandable that she could be very distraught. The funeral director had not asked her if her husband had belonged to any service or fraternal organizations, so there was nothing written in the obituary about his being a Mason. This brother did not go to lodge often, so when his obituary was in the paper his brothers did not realize he was a Mason. If there had been better communication on everyone's part, I am sure things would have been handled in a more compassionate way.

This unfortunate incident tells me there has to be a better way! Most of us know that we are to aid and assist our brothers and their families, and we do—if we are aware of the circumstances. But what if we don't know!

We need to give the name of a Lodge contact to the directors of the funeral homes in our communities so that if and when they discover a member of our great fraternity has passed, that person can be notified. It is very important at that time to try and get in touch with the family to see what we can do to help, if anything.

Another way to enhance communication is by having an active Lodge calling list. I have always believed in the 10% rule. If you have 100 members, you need 10 members calling; if you have 200 members, you should have 20 members calling. The callers should be making calls each month to keep in touch with their brothers who do not attend the lodge meeting regularly. Calls should be made to find out how the brothers and their family are doing, if there is anything that we as a lodge can do for them, and to keep them informed as to the activities in the lodge and try to encourage them to attend. Sometimes, that little something extra might make the difference.

Caring and sharing is one of the important parts of our Masonic teachings. We just can't "assume," we need to communicate. *wmj*



**Roger L. Magoon
Grand Master of Masons
in Wisconsin**

Brethren, this is a reminder that the 162nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin will take place June 2-3 at the Madison Masonic Center. Your lodge secretary has information regarding lodging and meal ticket purchase for representatives. Reserve lodging as soon as possible. See you in Madison June 2!



Annual Communication Plans Move Ahead for June 2-3 Event in Madison

Members of the Annual Communication Committee met at the Concourse Hotel and the Madison Masonic Center (above) on Sunday, February 5 to finalize plans for the 162nd Grand Lodge Annual Communication. This annual gathering of constituent lodge representatives and Grand Lodge officers will be held at these two facilities in Madison for 2006 and for the succeeding four years. This year's event also marks the switch from the second Monday and Tuesday in June format as in the past to the first Friday and Saturday in June. It will be June 2-3 this year.

Location for next five ACs to be Madison:

Grand Lodge AC Convenes in Madison for 2006 thru 2011

**By Wm. Stonecipher, Editor
Wisconsin Masonic Journal**

When Grand Master Roger Magoon raps the 162nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 2 in Madison, he will inaugurate the new Friday-Saturday format as approved by representatives at the 2005 annual communication.

In the past, Grand Lodge convened on the second Monday and Tuesday in June. This required lodge representatives, Grand Lodge Officers and others interested in attending to take two days off from work in order to attend. In today's workplace environment this proved to be a major disruption that often involved significant financial sacrifice to those attending.

The new first and second Friday and Saturday in June format will require that only one day of work, Friday, be missed. Further, it is planned that Grand Lodge close at the end of business on Saturday,

hopefully by noon, thereby allowing the two respective facilities involved to maximize the income potential from their normal income producing business operations such as wedding receptions, and graduation parties.

Beginning this year and extending through 2011 it is planned that our annual communication of constituent lodge representatives and Grand Lodge officers will be held at the Madison Masonic Center which located in the heart of our capital city at 301 Wisconsin Ave. at the corner with Johnson Street. During this same period the nearby Concourse Hotel will serve as the headquarters facility for the event.

These changes also reflect an emphasis on the part of Grand Lodge officers to economize where possible in the cost of this event, which is budgeted at just under \$130,900 for the 2005-2006 Grand Lodge fiscal year, down \$2,500 from last year.

This year all meals for lodge repre-

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Unused Kilbourn, Rusk Lodge items sold at auction

SOUTH MILWAUKEE – With professional dispatch, employees of Julie's Auction sold item after item of Masonic lodge paraphernalia of most every type and description to the highest bidder at South Milwaukee's South Shore Lodge on Monday, February 13, 2006.

The auction had begun at 6 p.m. but it wasn't until 7 that the editor arrived. The lodge room was packed with members of the Masonic Fraternity and the general public. Many appeared to be curious, while others seemed intent on finding a bargain.

On sale were unneeded lodge furnishings and paraphernalia left over from the former Kilbourn No. 3 of Milwaukee and Jeremiah Rusk No. 259 of South Milwaukee after the two merged on October 28, 2004, to form South Shore Lodge No. 3.

There were chairs, tables, book cases, old books galore, paintings, framed photographs of illustrious Masons, clocks, spittoons, an altar, pedestals and even a set of lantern slides and a projector. Many items were of value because of their historic appeal, other items because of their value as antiques.

The talk of the evening Masons was the incredible price fetched by a framed lease signed by Byron Kilbourn. This document was purchased an unknown buyer for \$190,000. Since the bidding was concluded before I arrived, it was necessary to piece the story together from several brothers. Hakes related that the framed lease, which was being held for the new owner to pick up after payment arrangements had been verified, was dated Oct. 24, 1859, and stated that Milwaukee Lodge could lease the lodge property from Byron Kilbourn for \$1 per year for 99-years. It was signed by Kilbourn, Jasper Vliet, Benj. Church and lodge members.

When asked why the lodge had decided to hold an auction, Trustee Don Hakes replied, "What we're trying to do is downsize (with the merger of the two lodges, Kilbourn and Rusk there was simply too much stuff left over)."

"We are also selling our building and planning to build a new Masonic Temple to house our three Masonic groups," Brother Hakes explained. J. M. Rusk Chapter 111 Royal Arch Masons, Kilbourn Council Royal and Select Masters, and South Shore Lodge all share the lodge. We're also planning a big hall for weddings."

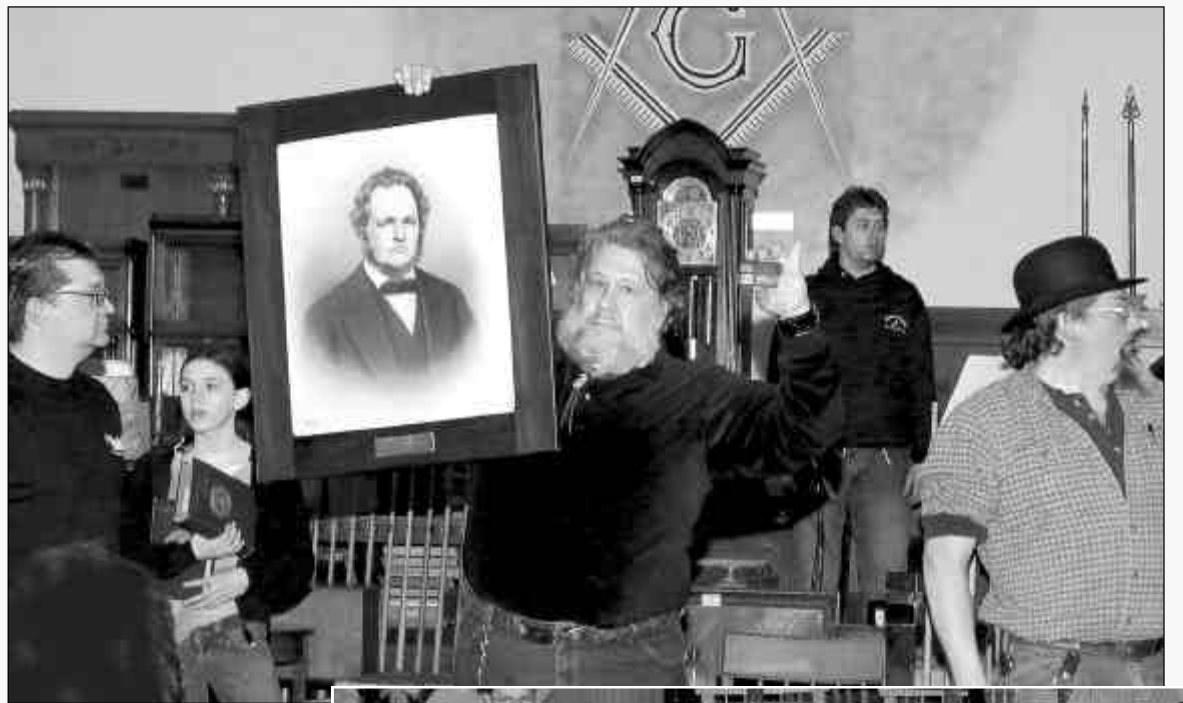
About selling so many Masonically significant items which many see as our fraternal heritage, he had this to say: "You know, when you downsize and move from one place to another, you've got to store it (which gets expensive) or sell it." South Shore Lodge decided to sell rather than store.

How much did they make from the sale? Trustee Hakes declined to say but noted that it was more than they thought it would be. He also said that some of the items were purchased by Masons and will be "eyes light" and not hidden away.

Not everything that was sold was valued as a treasure, however. "One man bought the computers and ripped the mother boards out of them and left the rest of the components in the back room of the lodge," Bro. Hakes related. "The day after the auction we found some picture frames outside the building with the pictures removed. Some of the frames were actually more valuable than the painting or photo they contained."

Everything went except for two desks and one cabinet, Trustee Hakes said. There were also some low value kitchen items and other assorted objects that no one wanted. These ended up being donated to a charitable resale shop.

Editor's note: Lodges wishing to sell or dispose of lodge furnishings, paraphernalia or documents are required to first seek permission of the Grand Lodge Artifacts & Antiquities Committee before proceeding. This committee is empowered to review all items proposed for sale before they are sold and assess their significance and value to our Masonic heritage prior to disposal. *wmj*



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State DeMolay Selects New Sweetheart at Wisconsin Rapids Weekend Feb. 11



Masonic Youth Group Leaders at DeMolay Sweetheart Weekend

Pictured front row standing from the left are youth group leaders Kathy and Robert Lijewski, State DeMolay Executive Director; Job's Daughters Grand Bethel Honored Queen Abbey Schwartz; Eric Gross, DeMolay State Master Councilor; Meliora Kifer, Grand Worthy Advisor and Cheryl Grover, State Mother Advisor, Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Pictured in the back row are Rainbow for Girls Supreme Deputy Barb Foster, and Susan Faris, Grand Guardian and Leo Cigale, Associate Grand Guardian, International Order of Job's Daughters. The new DeMolay State Sweetheart for 2006 is Debby Oakes, who is next to Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin Roger Magoon.



2K6-7 Sweetheart Debby

Debby Oakes, Sweetheart of the newly formed West Bend DeMolay Chapter, won out over five other girls to be elected State DeMolay Sweetheart for 2006-2007. At left, above, Debby reacts as her selection was announced.

2K5-6 Sweetheart Haley

Haley Kordus, outgoing DeMolay State Sweetheart posed with State Master Councilor Eric Gross. Eric will also be leaving office soon. Haley, a member of Bethel 76 in Burlington, is attending UW-Whitewater. Master Councilor Gross is a member of Brookfield Chapter and is a senior at UW-Whitewater



Man-to-Mason/Shrine Days for Spring 2006

Events in Green Bay, Madison are April 29:

Saturday, April 29

Man-to-Mason/Shrine Day in Northeast Wisconsin, Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Center, 525 N. Taylor Street, Green Bay, in conjunction with Beja Shrine • (920) 498-1985.

Saturday, April 29

Man-to-Mason/Shrine Day in Southeast Wisconsin, West Allis Masonic Center, 7515 W. National Ave., West Allis Contact Tripoli Shrine at (414) 933-4700 for a Shrine petition and fees.

Note: Candidates for the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees must petition a Masonic Lodge in the normal manner or the streamlined process as permitted in the 2/1/2006 Grand Master's edict and pay the fees associated with the lodge they are petitioning.

Notes From The Grand Lecturer

By Brother Ronald H. Glaunert

A "Show of Respect" Reader Responds

Greetings! I was just perusing the February issue of the Masonic Journal and saw your column (I'm an Iowa Mason but with family roots in LaCrosse, Tomah and Baraboo).

I agree with you that some lodges in general and certain Masons in any lodge sometimes forget their Masonic protocol when addressing the Worshipful Master. As an 11-year Secretary (Bethel No. 319, Garner, Iowa) and four terms as Master (three lodges), however, I would say the blame falls on the WM. After all at his installation he takes a series of oaths and is charged with providing the leadership of his lodge, putting writing on the trestleboard, etc.

If a member or members are NOT respecting the office, than some of the blame goes to the WM for not demanding proper behavior. If side-liners are talking when others are addressing the WM, if someone rises without saluting the WM or if the Secretary is "running the Lodge" the WM is culpable, perhaps to a higher degree (no pun intended!) as he IS the WM!

The demeanor of a Lodge (and the successes/failures they incur) are a factor of whether a WM is indeed, a "Master." Of course Grand Lodge and its relevant committees has a hand in this by insuring Wardens are adequately trained so that when they reach the East they understand their role and responsibilities. Anyway, that's my two cents! Keep up the good work and remember in the words of Bro. Will Rogers, free advice is worth what you pay for it!" - Gerald A. Edgar, P. M.



Ronald H. Glaunert
Grand Lecturer

Brethren, your comments on any of my "Notes From the Grand Lecturer" column subjects are most welcome. Please forward your comments to the Grand Lecturer by phone at 608-788-4953, by USPS at 3177 S. 29th Street, La Crosse, WI 54601 or e-mail at <rglaunert@aol.com>.

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2006 Annual Communication Exhibit Space Available

The 162nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin will be held at the Madison Masonic Center in downtown Madison, Wisconsin on Friday and Saturday, June 2 and 3, 2006.

Persons or groups interested in obtaining display space to promote Masonic programs, social events, lodge activities, community involvement or commercial products should contact:

Scott Graske, Grand Masonic Center Administrator
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For space reservations phone toll-free in Wisconsin (800) 242-2307 or (262) 965-2200 out-of-state
E-mail <glo@wisc-freemasonry.org>

Plan now to reserve your space—and note whether electricity is needed. The exhibit area will be open for set-up on Thursday, June 1. Please respond no later than Friday, May 19 so that proper arrangements can be made.

Brethren

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in the life of your lodge
is part of being a Mason.

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Texas Hold'em Poker Benefit for Masonic Soccer Foundation in West Bend April 15

WEST BEND – The first ever NL-Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament to benefit the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation, Inc., will be held on Saturday, April 15 in West Bend.

Hosting the fund raising tourney is West Bend Lodge No. 138. The event will be held at the West Bend Masonic Center, 301 University Drive. The West Bend Masonic Center is located about 150 feet south of W. Washington Street (Hwy. 33) on the east side of University Drive. University is the first street west of the Hwy. 45 bypass. All proceeds will benefit the soccer foundation.

Organizing this fund raiser on behalf of the Masonic Soccer Foundation is Brother David Tainter, a longtime member of the soccer foundation, sponsor of the Wisconsin Masonic High School All-Star Soccer Games which are entering their 15th year.

Tainter, a member and Past Master of Ozaukee Lodge in Port Washington, has achieved great success in using the free Texas Hold'em poker tourney format as a fund raising method for his lodge's charitable endeavors and volunteered to head up a similar event for the soccer foundation.

"We hope this tournament will help with two Masonic needs," Brother Tainter said in a news release sent via e-mail last week.

"First, raise some additional funds of the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation, and second, get more non-masons into the lodge in West Bend."

"The tournament is free, fun, and 100% legal," Bro. Tainter added.

Featured is a raffle with 'awesome' prizes; cash prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25; and of course, food and beverages, the sale of which raises the funds for the soccer foundation.

Since there is no admission or charge for entering the poker games and no money changes hands between winners and losers, the event avoids the gambling stigma. The event really is free. Come on down and enjoy the fun!

Registration is 1-2 p.m. The tournament begins at 2 p.m. To register or for more information contact Dave Tainter at 262-268-3091 or <poker4soccer@hotmail.com>.

Dev. Dir. Barnes a third generation Mason: Bro. Barnes brings experience in charitable giving & estate planning

By Wm. Stonecipher, Editor Wisconsin Masonic Journal

"My name is actually William H. Barnes II," said our new Director of Development during a first-day-on-the-job interview with the editor in the Masonic Charities Development office in Dousman March 3. Director Barnes related that he is a third generation member of the Fraternity and is named after his grandfather, a Master Mason in Indiana.

His father was a physician in Milwaukee and a Master Mason whose home lodge was in Terry, Montana where he was the only physician in town, Bro. Barnes continued. "He delivered me."

A Mason for five years, Brother Barnes is presently Sr. Warden in Marshfield Lodge No. 224. At 53, he has a BA in business plus a law degree and is an attorney, licensed to practice in Indiana and California, as well as a real estate broker.

Bro. Barnes specialized in estate planning and charitable giving law in Indiana prior to coming to Wisconsin. He maintains a relationship with the Marshfield Clinic where he has been responsible for all planned giving for the past six years. Prior to that he was with Associated Trust Company in Milwaukee and Johnson Trust Company in Kenosha.

"My expertise is gift planning," Bill added. "I can help individuals plan a gift from their estate or trust—a gift

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able to fit into the position very well by the end of the first year. It was essential to his previous employer, as well as to Bill, to complete certain obligations he has established with his current clients. This really goes to show his dedication to the position and his chosen vocation.

We all welcome Bro. Barnes to his new position with us and wish him the best in the future. He will be overseeing operations of the entire Development Office.

Working with him and continuing in her duties as Development Assistant will be Erika Miller, who has been a real asset in coordinating our charity office activities in the interim. She will be working with Bill and expanding her responsibilities as time allows. Thanks Erika. *umj*

that would provide them income, such as a gift annuity or gifts of real estate."

Professionally he is a member of the National Committee on Planned Giving, a 3,000-member organization for development professionals. His civic involvement includes serving as a member of the Ethics Committee of the Wood County Board of Supervisors.

"I really love the Craft," said Bro. Barnes, explaining that this is one of the major reasons he was attracted to apply for the position. "Masonry has meant so much to me because it is a system of morality, and I see charitable giving is an expression of our beliefs."

A major focus of his efforts with the Wisconsin Masonic Charities will be to put together a comprehensive program of philanthropy with an emphasis on planned giving.

In addition to his professional interests, Bro. Barnes said that he is a VFR (visual flight rules) qualified licensed private pilot and a HAM radio operator.

On the family side, Bro. Barnes related that he has a 20 year-old daughter attending the University of Minnesota. He noted that he will continue to reside in Auburndale, a small community near Marshfield.

"Part of what I'll be doing is visiting district meetings and lodges to explain charitable giving opportunities," the new development director explained, adding that he plans on making himself available at any time to groups and individuals to explain planned giving.

Drawing upon his experience as a professional estate planner, the new development director said, "I see myself as a facilitator by providing advice and helping donors do what they're already disposed to do. I talk a lot about tax law and see myself as a bridge between their professional advisors and the charity."

"As I arrive here I want to express my appreciation to Erika Miller for having done such a fine job in coordinating development office activities and that I am deeply appreciative of all the donors who have given in the past, and look forward to working with future donors."

In closing, he urged Fraternity members to consider placing our charities in their will or trust. *umj*



William H. Barnes II
Wis. Masonic Charities
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Badger Lodge No. 345 Officers

Officers were installed for the 2006 Masonic year on January 12, 2006. The officers in this photo are: First row, left to right: Monte Holman, Tiler; Jason Riseberg, Senior Warden; Harry Foust, Junior Warden; and Don Illif, Counselor. Back row: Ron Glaunert, Secretary/Treasurer; Ralph Jurjens, Jr., Worshipful Master; and Art Streitz, Chaplain. Missing from the photo are: Charles Rogers, Senior Deacon; Ron Com, Junior Deacon; Kevin Ronk, Senior Steward; and Ray Kline, Junior Steward.



2006 Officers of Appleton No. 349 - Grand Master Magoon's Home Lodge

Appleton Lodge No. 349, with special dispensation, held an open installation of officers on January 11, 2006, at Neenah, Wisconsin Masonic Temple. MWGM Roger Magoon was the Installing Master, Archie Mauk was the Installing Marshal. Pictured from left to right are: Ken Bales, Lodge Counselor; Roger Magoon, MWGM, Installing Master; behind him is Jeff Brewer, Area Administrator; Gene Reece, W.M.; behind him is Mike Haley, Chaplain; David Wade, S.W.; behind him is Bill Francis, Installing Team; Jim Hays, GT, Sec'y/Treasurer; behind him is Tim DeHart, P.M., Jr. Steward; and Dale McGlaughlin, Tiler.

-Submitted by Appleton Lodge Masonic News Hawk Kenneth A. Bales



Harold Jacobson Honored for 50 Years

Harold Jacobson was honored for his 50-year membership in the Masonic fraternity and was presented with a 50-Year certificate and pin. The presentation was held on February 15, 2006 at Collins Spring Valley Lodge No. 192. Pictured above from left to right are Worshipful Master Jay Custer, Harold Jacobson and David Jacobson (Harold's son).

MSA/MIC Offers Twain Award to Reward Public Awareness Efforts

SILVER SPRING, MD - Is Masonic public awareness important? Is Masonic awareness by our own members important? Is there any connection between our loss of Masonic identity, our lack of energy and enthusiasm for leading a Masonic way of life, and our dramatic loss of members?

Taking advantage of the Masonic Service Association/Masonic Information Center's unique positioning as a producer of Masonic information, the Conference of Grand Masters in 2004 asked the Masonic Information Center to look at the possibility of developing a National Masonic Public Awareness Program.

So the questions posed above became the subject of a year-long study, a study that resulted in a report titled, "It's About Time." A copy of that report is available on the website at www.msana.com.

One of the conclusions in this study is that any serious attempt at revitalizing our fraternity must begin with, and work through, our lodges. Thus, any realistic approach toward energizing our fraternity and renewing our commitment to a Masonic way of life requires lodge participation.

As a first step, in a long process of revitalization, the Masonic Information Center is very proud to announce a new award called the Twain Award to honor lodge achievement in Masonic awareness. Full details are available on the website at msana.com/twainaward.

The Twain Award is a serious initiative on the part of the Masonic Information Center to recognize those lodges already enhancing Masonic Awareness and to encourage others to begin to do the same. Good luck and best wishes!

In Service to the Craft

By Grand Chaplain Ray D. Heilborn

Sameness Is What Makes Us Different

In his famed comic strip "Pogo," the creator has Pogo say, "We have met the enemy and he is us!" The comic strip was referring to political problems and differences, but the basic truth of the statement remains with us today in so many ways.

So often we hear the phrases, "How can they think like that?" or, "What must they be thinking about? How can people be so far apart in their thought processes?"

My first and immediate answer is: because they are people! Human beings, for the most part are bipeds, that is we walk upright on two legs and after you take into consideration the obvious differences in height, girth and gender, we are all pretty much alike, physically.

Psychologically and philosophically is where our differences emerge. We have learned through intensive and continuing scientific study which portions of the human brain control such activities as speech, artistry, motion, emotional responses, balance, mental abilities and some general thinking processes. What we have not been able to establish is why that mass and those portions of that mass of gray matter between our ears do control all that it controls.

We know that our brain, which we identify as our mind, controls our nervous system and our body. We are affected by what we see, hear, smell, feel and experience. We are extremely sensitive to our surroundings and to those who surround us. We can pick up a book of fiction, begin reading it and get extremely angry at what happens to the characters in that book. Many times we sit down before our television sets, watch a movie and get tears in our eyes and lumps in our throats as we relate to the characters on the television screen.

Transport the above reactions and emotional responses, if you are able, to other cultures, other lands, other persons who are affected just as we are affected, by the same stimuli, who are moved by the same emotions, the same love of country, the same devotion to culture and to faith. There are people who love their families as we love our families. They feel the same pain we feel. They hunger as we hunger. They thirst as we thirst. They think, even as we think.

They may not think the same things we think. In fact, they cannot think as we think, because they do not see what we see, they do not hear what we hear, they do not experience what we experience. But they are every bit as much a part of the human race as are we.

Each and every culture seems to thrive on that in which it differs with others, but it is that difference which gives validity to that culture, just as it gives validity to ours. We must not only recognize, we must honor that difference. We do not believe we should be required to be like anyone else, therefore no one else should be required to be like us. Recognizing and appreciating that diversity is our only hope of ever finding lasting peace among all humanity.



Rev. Ray D. Heilborn
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Waukesha Commandery Presents Holy Land Pilgrimage to Rev. Roger Patton

Dispensation was received from S.K. Charles Kolbe, Grand Commander of the State of Wisconsin to wear our Templar uniforms to a church service for the purpose of presenting a certificate to Rev. Dr. Roger Patton, a recipient of a Holy Land Pilgrimage tour for 2006. This event took place on Sunday February 12, 2006, at the First Presbyterian Church in Waukesha. There were twelve Sir Knights present representing Wisconsin Commandery No. 1, Waukesha No. 23, Ivanhoe No. 24, Galilee No. 38 and Henry L. Palmer-Wauwatosa No. 51. Sir Knight Lawrence Presnell, Commander, P.G.C., presented the framed certificate to Rev. Patton after a short dissertation about the history of the Holy Land Pilgrimage program. The certificate was created by S.K. Homer Amagost on his computer.



Three Commanderies Hold Annual Inspection & Homecoming

The Sir Knights of Palestine, Manitowoc and Sheboygan Commanderies held a joint Annual Inspection and Homecoming dinner event on Saturday, January 21, 2006, in Green Bay at the Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Center. Two new Sir Knights were welcomed into Templary: Sir Knight Joe Chilote was Knighted Friday evening with a special Order of the Temple, and Sir Knight William Longston was Knighted Saturday afternoon at the Inspection. Congratulations to these new Knights Templars—and a Big Thank You to all the Sir Knights that assembled to perform these orders on these fine men.

- Submitted by Public Relations Chairman Larry Catellier, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery

Southwest Wisconsin York Rite Association - Important Dates to Remember -

- March 31** - Southwest Wisconsin York Rite Association Membership Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Evansville Masonic Center.
- April 13** - Most Illustrious Grand Master Parker W. Dow Officially Visits Platteville Council No.31 at 7:30 p.m. at the Platteville Masonic Center.
- April 22** - All Chapter R.A.M. Degrees, at Evansville Masonic Center. Coffee at 8:00 a.m. Degrees start at 8:30 a.m.
- April 23** - Gebal Council Annual Fireside Trip \$54.00 per person, Call Don Haugen for reservations.
- May 6** - Council R&SM Degrees and Commandery Red Cross and Malta Orders! at the Madison Masonic Center 8:00 a.m. start time!
- May 14** - Annual Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast by Platteville York Rite Bodies!
- June 2-3** - GRAND LODGE in Madison.
- June 10** - Commandery Order of the Temple at 9 a.m. starts at Janesville Masonic Center.
- June 14 to 17** - Grand York Rite Sessions, Green Bay.
- June 29** - Southwest Wisconsin York Rite Association Membership Meeting at Baraboo Masonic Center.
- August 31** - Southwest Wisconsin York Rite Association Membership Meeting at Milton Masonic Center.



T-shirt Gift for Sharon

At a recent Inspection, Sharon Handeland gave Marge Roycraft a birthday gift. The gift consisted of a Harley Davidson T-shirt and head band. On the back of the T-shirt were the words, "The top ten reasons to ride a Harley." If you would like to know why this gift was given, you will have to ask Marge, as Paul Harvey would say, for "The rest of the story."



Inspection/Homecoming for Racine, Kenosha & Burlington Commanderies - Bro. Khristin Elroy Kay Knighted

Sir Knights of Racine, Kenosha and Burlington Commanderies held a joint Annual Inspection and Homecoming dinner event on Saturday, February 4, 2006, at the Racine Masonic Center in Racine. Sir Knight Khristin Elroy Kay was welcomed into Templary. Pictured left to right: Khristin, Larry Catellier, Inspecting Grand Generalissimo, and Khristin's Lady Jo. Congratulations to this new Sir Knight Templar and his lady!

- Submission Notice -

When submitting pictures for your York Rite page, please identify all individuals shown and include complete information. Remember to answer the questions, "who, what, when and where" in your photo caption or story. Please include a self addressed envelope when requesting the return of a photo.



Ivanhoe No. 24 Homecoming William Tutaj Knighted

The Sir Knights of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 24 held their Homecoming and Inspection on February 11, 2006. The Order of the Temple was conferred on S.K. William (Bill) Tutaj. Pictured here are S.K. Bill Tutaj, his daughter Debbie, and S.K. Fred Roycraft, Deputy Grand Commander of Knights Templar State of Wisconsin. This also was S.K. Roycraft's last Inspection.



Charlotte Froelich Honored

At the Homecoming banquet for Wisconsin Commandery No. 1, S.K. Charles Kolbe presented a certificate of appreciation to Charlotte Froelich for her years of dedicated service to Masonry, and Commandery in particular. The program was started by S.K. Brian J. Hudy, Past Grand Commander, during his year in office. S.K. Charles Kolbe has chosen to continue this program into his year. Charlotte Froelich is the wife of S.K. Horst Froelich, Past Commander of Wisconsin Commandery No. 1 and the Chairman of the Grand Sessions Committee. -Submitted By Sir Knight Lauren Handeland

Easter Sunrise Services

• **Easter Sunrise Services** will begin promptly at 7 a.m. on Sunday, April 16 at the Humphrey Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 790 North Van Buren Street in Milwaukee. Presiding will be S.K. Roger Bloomfield, P.C. The Quadrant III Past Commanders Association invites you, your family, and friends to attend this impressive, outstanding and rewarding service to rededicate yourself, and in testimony of your Masonic affiliation.

The hour has been particularly arranged so you will have ample time to attend your regular church services. We are sure you will experience a most worthwhile and thrilling Easter message which will be inspirational and rewarding. Sir Knights: Templar uniform (without sword). Procession assembles in lounge at 6:45 a.m. sharp.

• The Wisconsin Chapter of Rose Croix is presenting the **Feast of the Paschal Lamb**, Sunday, April 9, 2006, at 3:00 p.m. and ALL are encouraged to attend this impressive ceremony. Sir Knights to be in Full Templar uniform but without sword. Then on Sunday morning they will conduct the services for the **"Rekindling of The Lights"** at the Easter Sunrise service.

This is a fine opportunity for the York Rite and Scottish Rite Bodies to come together, along with friends and families in a spirit of unity and cooperation, so we are looking forward to your participation. The Commanderies will again act as host, following the service, to a continental breakfast prepared and served by the Quadrant III Commanderies of Knights Templar.

All events to be held at the Humphrey Scottish Rite Center.

The Gavel Locator

Gavel, Gavel, Who's Got Your District's Traveling Gavel?

- District 1**
Shell Lake-Spooner Lodge 221
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Geo. B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351
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- District 7**
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- District 8**
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- District 9**
Columbus Lodge No. 75
- District 10**
Cassia Lodge No. 167
- District 11**
Kenosha Lodge No. 47
- District 12**
Nathan Hale Lodge No. 350

Editor's Note: Please check with the Master of the lodge listed before scheduling a trip to claim your district's Traveling Gavel. It may already have been claimed by another lodge! Don't forget to complete your Traveling Gavel possession reports and send them on to the Grand Lodge Office for inclusion in your Wisconsin Masonic Journal. Thanks for your cooperation. *Where's your gavel?*

Proper Paperwork Helps Trace Travels of Traveling Gavels

Brethren, keeping track of the travels of the Traveling Gavel within districts can be problematic. To ease the record keeping and trace the location of your district's gavel, please be sure to fill out one of the forms that accompany each district's gavel and mail them as directed.

It has come to the attention of the Editor that some lodges may not be opening the box and properly filling out one of the forms tucked therein. If there are no forms left, contact your Area Administrator, District Deputy of Grand Lodge office in Dousman and ask for more. *wmj*

Masonic Foundation Scholarship Reminder

By now all Lodges should have received their Masonic Foundation Matching Scholarship Program information packet.

The Wisconsin Masonic Foundation is pleased to offer a \$600 match this year. The deadline for matching funds checks is April 1, 2006. Please forward photographs of recipient students to: The Masonic Charities Development Office, 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 53118 Attn: Erika at any time. We look forward to your lodge's participation!



PGM Byrnes Greets DGM Moxey

PGM Jim Byrnes Makes Masonic Connection on Bahamas' Visit

NASSAU, BAHAMAS – Past Grand Master Jim Byrnes, representing Most Worshipful Grand Master Roger L. Magoon, is shown congratulating Right Worshipful Levonne Edgar Moxey after his installation as District Grand Master of the Bahamas (Scottish Constitution) in Nassau, the Bahamas, during a recent visit there.

More than three hundred members and guests from the Bahamas and Turks, Barbados, Jamaica, Florida, Ontario, Prince Hall, Quebec, Trinidad and Wisconsin attended the installation banquet.

A high note of the evening were comments given by His Excellency, Brother A.D. Hanna, Governor General for the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

Brothers Byrnes and Moxey are both members of Providence Lodge No. 928 in Nassau (Irish Constitution).

Wautoma Masonic Union Father's Day Antique, Classic Car/Truck Show Set

WAUTOMA – The Wautoma Masonic Union presents its 5th Annual Father's Day Antique Classic Car & Truck Show at Bird Creek Park in Wautoma on Father's Day, June 18.

Featured this year will be a \$500 cash prize for the "best of show" award which will be decided by the audience. This will be in addition to the first and second place awards in each class.

There will also be the \$2,000 cash raffle with 10 cash places on each ticket. Show time is 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you have an automobile or truck that is 20 years-old, you are invited to participate. For more information please contact Bro. Ed Anderson at (920) 293-4305 or by e-mail at <unioncarshow@vbe.com>.

– Submitted by Bro. Ed Anderson
Wautoma Masonic Union

The 162nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin is June 2 & 3 in Madison. Serving as headquarters for this year's event is the Concourse Hotel which is located within 1-1/2 blocks of the Madison Masonic Center. Lodge representatives are urged to secure lodging as soon as possible. A limited number of rooms over and above those required by Grand Lodge Officers, their ladies and Distinguished Guests are available there.

Kabbalah Program Highlights April 18 Table Lodge Program at Sheboygan No. 11

SHEBOYGAN – Sheboygan Lodge No. 11 will hold a very special Table Lodge on Tuesday, April 18.

The program will feature a presentation pertaining to Freemasonry and the Kabbalah presented by Allan Iding, PGM; John Mitchell and Rick Gustafson.

Their presentation will take a careful look at many of the rites and rituals of Freemasonry reveals that there is indeed much kabbalistic influence to be found there.

Some of our rites have obvious kabbalistic influence and allusions to this esoteric science, such as the 28th degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite which is called: "The Knight of the Sun."

In other degrees, one might need to apply kabbalistic tools and techniques such as gematria and/or the Tree of Life to extract the hidden light from their structure.

The Table Lodge begins at 6:15 p.m., with the program beginning at 6:30. Dinner follows at 7:00. Dinner is \$15.

The table lodge is open to all EA, FC and Master Masons (men only). Attire is general business dress. Bring your toasting glasses.

Reservations are requested and are to be made with Bro. Rick Gustafson by phone at 920-458-5359 or by e-mail <rickgustafson@charter.net> by Sunday, April 16.

Sheboygan Lodge makes it home in the Historic Masonic Mansion located at 411 St. Clair Avenue on Sheboygan's east side

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Oregon Lodge No. 151 2006 Officers

Pictured front row from left to right are Senior Warden Kenneth Haugen; Worshipful Master Richard Richardson; Junior Warden Edward Showers; Junior Deacon Erwin Sholts. Second row are Treasurer Donald Haugen; Senior Deacon James Goldsmith; Chaplain Dennis Erfurth; Tiler Donald Halverson; Senior Steward Robert Markham; and Honorary Worshipful Master, Marvin Severson. –Submitted by Oregon News Hawk Ken Haugen

Middleton-Ionic & Melody Chapter OES display heritage at Middleton library

MIDDLETON – As part of the City of Middleton's Sesquicentennial Celebration, Middleton-Ionic Lodge No. 180 and Melody Chapter No. 150, Order of the Eastern Star, are presenting a combined historical display at the Middleton Public Library.

The purpose of this display is to promote public awareness of Freemasonry and the Eastern Star.

Middleton's first Masonic lodge, Middleton Lodge No. 180, was chartered in 1870. Melody Chapter No. 150, O.E.S., was chartered in 1905.

The display will include photographs, Masonic memorabilia, and many other interesting items.

Middleton-Ionic No. 180 and Melody Chapter No. 150's display can be viewed during normal library hours between May 2 and May 31.

Middleton-Ionic No. 180 and Melody Chapter No. 150 would like to invite and encourage all Masons and Star members visiting Middleton to stop in and have a look.



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Freemasons Lodge 2006 Officers

Freemasons Lodge No. 363 of Milwaukee held the installation of its 2006 officers on January 4, 2006. In the front row, left to right, are: William Coyle, Treasurer; Frank Bevsek, Senior Warden; Daniel Jorvig, Worshipful Master; Robert Roth, Junior Warden; and Michael Reindl, Secretary. In the second row: David Farkas, Junior Steward; Thomas Curtis, Junior Deacon; Ray Lane, P.M., Tiler; Jan Talaga, Senior Deacon; and David Miracle, Chaplain. In the third row: Thomas Gale, Senior Steward; Paul Laws, Organist; William DeLind, P.M., Counselor; Michael Kuglar, P.M., Trustee; and Robert Strader, P.M., Trustee.



St. Croix Past Masters Honored

Past Masters receiving accolades from the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin are, from left, David Kvames 1964, 1994; L.W. Schmit 2000; Stephen Frohlicher 1969; David Hendrickson 1980, 1989; Henry Paulson 1981, 1988; Worshipful Master John Davenport, 1990, 2005; Edward Kvames 1993; and Scott Paulson, 2001, 2003. All are Past Masters of St. Croix Lodge in Hudson. David Kvames of Hudson was honored recently by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Freemasons for 50 years of membership in the fraternity. John Davenport, Worshipful Master of Hudson's St. Croix Lodge, presented Kvames with a pin and a certificate acknowledging his tenure. David Kvames started as a Freemason in Walworth, Lodge 286, on October 9, 1955, and joined St. Croix Lodge in 1961. He was Master of St. Croix Lodge in 1964 and 1994, and served as lodge secretary for 32 years. He also has been active with Chapter and Council lodges in River Falls. Kvames' son, Edward, of Minneapolis was recognized for 25 years of membership, along with Kenneth Larson and Ruben Fermin, both of Hudson.



Eau Claire, Sanctuary and George B. Wheeler Lodges Combine Installations

An open Installation was held on December 7, 2005, for Eau Claire Lodge No. 112, Sanctuary Lodge No. 347 and George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351 was held at the Eau Claire Masonic Center. Pictured are the officers of Lodge 112. In the first row, left to right are: Grand Master Roger L. Magoon; Richard Hazelton, Junior Warden; Lyle Koerner, Worshipful Master; Tim Buckley, Senior Warden; George Money, Chaplin; Jeff Stevens, Senior Steward; Jerome Rundall, Junior Deacon and daughter Mielle; and Bill Beecher District 2 Deputy. Back Row: Harley Hogstrom, Secretary; Duane Badman, Trustee; Willard Young, Treasurer; Less Paulson, Tiler; Tom Stevens, Senior Deacon, and Rolland Nesbit, Junior Steward.

— Submitted by Masonic News Hawk Duane Badman, PM



2006 Kegonsa Lodge Officers Installed

Kegonsa Lodge No. 73 Officers for 2006 are pictured left to right: Howard Nelson, Senior Deacon; John Mackenzie, Senior Warden; Michael Heitke, Worshipful Master; Bob Markham, Junior Deacon; and Michael Lienau, Junior Warden. Not pictured are Don Diers, Chaplain, and Bill Steaffens, Secretary/Treasurer.



Master Raises Grandson

Worshipful Master Ray Paynter of Mineral Point Lodge No. 1 Raised his Grandson Joshua to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Pictured left to right are: Mark Paynter, Ray Paynter, Joshua Paynter, and Kevin Paynter. Kevin is Joshua's father. Mark and Kevin are the sons of W.M. Ray Paynter.

West Bend Hosts Annual Brotherhood Event



West Bend Masons, Moose & Knights of Columbus Gather for Annual Brotherhood Night

The annual Brotherhood Night involving West Bend's fraternal organizations—the Moose, Knights of Columbus and West Bend Masonic Lodge—was held on Thursday, February 23 at West Bend Lodge No. 138. The West Bend Masons inaugurated the event more than 30 years ago and it has been a popular event ever since. The three groups take turns hosting the event. Guest speaker (top) for the program this year was Brother J. B. Van Hollen, one of two primary election candidates for State Attorney General on the Republican Party ticket. Van Hollen spoke on how his membership in a fraternal organization such as those represented, and putting into practice the principles they represent, makes him a better man and public servant. A dinner followed in the High Twelve Room. Brothers Jim Borchert, Don Clement, Gordy Covill and Bill Kirchner sampled the fare. About 40 men attended.



Wisconsin Soldier Connects With Oklahoma Masons in Atlanta Airport

When Army Reserve Staff Sergeant Scott Stonecipher (front and center) arrived in Atlanta on his journey home to Wisconsin for a two-week leave from duty in Iraq, he had no idea that he would cross paths with members of the renowned Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team. SSG Stonecipher, a member of West Bend Lodge No. 138, was honored with a special song of protection by the group's singer and was presented with a buffalo bone and horn neck amulet as a remembrance of the occasion. Pictured with Brother Stonecipher were degree team members James Harjo, Butch and Roley McIntosh (Creek); Jim Lambert (Keetoowah); Kenny Wilburn, Baron Buisby and Ron Chrismyers (Cherokee); Bob Archiquette (Oneida); Joseph Lynch (Apache). Tully Choate (Choctaw); Kenny Lewis (Sycamore); and Cap Ulrey (Ottawa).
- Photo courtesy of SSG Scott Stonecipher



A Special and Unique Honor, Mason-to-Mason

The handmade neck piece is fashioned of seeds and beads made from the bones and horn of buffalo, and glass. Brother Stonecipher felt deeply honored to receive this unique gift which is part of the personal native dress of one of the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team. The postcard shows degree team members in their full tribal regalia as they would appear when conferring a degree. Stonecipher met the Oklahoma Masons on his trip from Kuwait to Milwaukee while on leave from duty in Iraq.

State Mason forges bond while on leave from Iraq: Brothers are where you find them, even the Atlanta Airport

**By SSG Scott Stonecipher
32nd Brigade, 2/127th BAT.
C CO. US Army Reserve
Member, West Bend Lodge
No. 138, West Bend, Wis.**

Deployed with the US Army in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III since August 2005, I finally made it to my much anticipated two-week leave date of March 11. Ahead of me were 36 hours and 7,500 miles of travel back home to Kewaskum to be with my family in Wisconsin.

The first leg of the trip included the usual military, "go there, stand here, shut up, sit down, sign this, sign this again," type of official customs' stuff.

Once we were finally aboard the MD-11 aircraft for the flight out of Kuwait, I tucked myself into a first row seat (nothing in front of me so I can stretch out) between two soldiers of rank similar to my own E-6 Staff Sergeant status.

I noticed that the fellow to my left bore the insignia of a Master Mason on his ring, and he noticed mine. I learned that he hailed from a Prince Hall lodge in Japan, and was currently the W.M. of a new lodge in Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, some distance from Camp Navistar where I am stationed. We watched the sun rise in the East as we talked during our trip from East to West. He was an altogether nice fellow and we shared good conversation, two strangers brought together as Brothers in the Masonic Fraternity.

Once we landed in Atlanta, Georgia—my first time on US soil since August 2005—and made my way through military customs (the same basic procedure as before), I found myself with a few hours to myself before my final flight to Milwaukee's Mitchell International where my family was waiting.

As I wandered the concourse watching people, I noticed a tall older fellow sporting a cap emblazoned with the Square and Compasses. As I made my way over to him I noticed that he was not alone. I lost count at twelve! I had found myself in the midst of the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team.

These Brothers hailed from Delta Lodge No. 425 in Tulsa, Oklahoma and were returning home from doing degree work at a lodge in Atlanta.

One by one I was introduced to a vivacious bunch consisting of Native Americans and Brothers representing Apache, Creek, Cherokee, Choctaw, Keetoowah, Oneida, Ottawa and Sycamore peoples. What a NEAT bunch I have found!

We talked, took photos, shook hands, and they bestowed upon me many pins, coins, photos, and a magnificent handmade buffalo bone and bead neck piece.

In return I was excited to tell them of my Grandfather and Grandmother (Vern and Margaret Morris), their Masonic involvement, and their home in Arizona where I was able to see first-hand examples of Native American culture and heritage in the Southwest.

I risked the wrath of the US Army by donning the neck piece while in my Army uniform for some photos with my brothers. It was worth it!

After a bit more talking it was decided that since their singer was with them, and not presently doing anything, that they would honor me with a song of protection written specifically for Desert Storm soldiers. So there we were, right in the middle of a bustling Atlanta airport concourse, receiving a true warrior's blessing.

At this point I need to mention that although there were hundreds of people all about us hurrying about their business, everyone appeared to stop what they were doing to listen whether out of curiosity or respect. What a gift!

We parted company with another round of proper handshakes and well-wishes since they had a boarding gate to get to, and I needed a cup of coffee and time to reflect upon the wonder of this chance encounter between Brothers before catching my flight to Milwaukee and my waiting family. *wmj*

Editor's note: The preceding account of my son Scott's experience is written as it happened. Staff Sergeant Stonecipher is the leader of a squad assigned to patrolling a section of highway on the main supply route from Kuwait into Iraq. Scott was greatly impressed and deeply moved by this experience shared between men who were bonded one to another by the fraternal ties that unite Masons wherever they may be encountered.

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sentatives and guests will be at the Madison Masonic Center on Friday and Saturday.

All Grand Lodge events will take place at the Madison Masonic Center, including meals on Friday and Saturday morning. At this time it is planned that the opening Grand Lodge session will be Friday, June 2 at 8:30 a.m.

A break for lunch is tentatively scheduled for noon. It is anticipated that labor will recommence Friday at 1 p.m. As of this writing Grand Lodge is expected to be called from labor to refreshment for the day at 4 p.m.

Installation of the incoming corps of Grand Lodge officers will be held in the Madison Masonic Center auditorium at 5 p.m. The representatives banquet will immediately follow installation at 7 or 7:30 p.m. A cash bar reception will precede dinner.

Child Care will be provided at the Concourse Hotel Thursday evening and during the day and into the evening on Friday.

The Annual Communication

Committee this year is comprised of Grand Secretary Mike DeWolf, PGM; Ken Gorgen and his lady Jan; Scott Graske, Grand Masonic Center Administrator; Grand Master Roger Magoon and his lady Marlene; Past Grand Master Bob Moore and his lady Betty; Deputy Grand Master Rod Paulsen and his lady Virginia; District 7 Deputy Dan Slavik and his lady Laura, J. B. Van Hollen; and Grand Marshal Richard Vande Sande (Chairman) and his lady Judy.

It will be the May issue this year that will carry a complete tentative Grand Lodge schedule of events, the resolution to be considered and highlights of the 2005 annual communication.

Lodge representatives are reminded that accommodations should be reserved as soon as possible while overnight lodgings are available. A list of suitable lodging suggestions was included in the information packet sent to all constituent lodges.

The pictures on the front page and at right were taken at an AC Committee meeting on February 5.



AC 2006 Fast Approaching

Grand Master Magoon confers with Laura Slavik on child care options for the children of lodge representatives and Grand Lodge officers (top left). Child care will be available Thursday evening, during the day Friday and into the evening. Grand Marshal Richard Vande Sande, Annual Communication Committee Chairman, and Deputy Grand Master Rod Paulsen discuss installation plans (left). Installation of the 2006-2007 Grand Lodge officers will take place Friday at 5 p.m. in the Madison Masonic Center (MMC). Above, Grand Master Magoon and Dist. 7 Deputy Dan Slavik talk over seating options on the floor of the MMC where Grand Lodge sessions June 2-3 will take place.

News of the Lodges

Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin

A major player in the Fraternity's origins:

Often overlooked, Ireland's role in spreading Freemasonry worldwide has been significant

Editor's note: this is the first of a two-part series on the development of Freemasonry in Ireland by Bro. Robert C. Blackburn, a member of Middleton-Ionic Lodge. Brother Blackburn received his Masonic degrees in Ireland in 1991 while completing a Master of Philosophy Degree in Medieval Studies at University College in Dublin. He is a plural member of Dalkey Lodge No. 261, Dalkey, Ireland, and Middleton-Ionic Lodge No. 180. He is also the author of "Masonic Middleton: Freemasons and their lodges in Middleton, Wisconsin."

"A Short History of the Grand Lodge of Ireland"

By Bro. Robert C. Blackburn
Middleton-Ionic Lodge

When discussing Freemasonry's origins, attention is normally focused on two locations: England and Scotland.

England, for its part, possesses some tantalizing clues about the fraternity's ancient past. England can also claim the world's first Masonic "grand lodge," the Grand Lodge of England, which was founded in London in 1717.

Scotland, on the other hand, has produced some of Freemasonry's most important historical records. It is from Scottish documents dating to the late 17th Century that the transition from "operative" to "speculative" Freemasonry is most clearly seen. Moreover, Scotland has its well-publicized Rosslyn Chapel. But Ireland, too, has had its part to play in this story; one no less important, but curiously omitted from most Masonic histories.

Emerald Isle Masonry Might Predate Masonry in England

Ireland is known for its medieval castles, monasteries and cathedrals. Not surprisingly, its Masonic ties are early and well-documented.

One of Irish Freemasonry's prized relics, the "Ball's Bridge Square", dates to 1507. Discovered in Limerick in 1830, it bears the Masonic inscription: "I will strive to live with Love & Care Upon ye Level By ye Square." In 1629, Bishop Bedell, who was Bishop of Kilmore and Provost of Trinity College, Dublin,

recorded in his diary: "The petition of the Freemasons and Bricklayers of Dublin answered." By 1688, a lodge of speculative Masons was meeting at Trinity College, Dublin. A "Tripos" or speech, dating to that same year, includes the notation: "From Sir Warren, for being Freemasonized in the new way, five shillings." A catechism, known as the Trinity Manuscript, bears the endorsement: "Free Masonry February 1711". It is the earliest known document to recognize three classes of Mason, each with its own secrets.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland is the world's second oldest Masonic grand lodge. Its first known meeting occurred on June 26, 1725.

According to the Dublin Weekly Journal, more than one hundred gentlemen met at the Yellow Lion in Warbrough Street and later went to King's Arms.

The procession included the Masters and Wardens of the Six Lodges of Gentlemen Freemasons, who are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Master and the Private Brothers all in coaches, it being a rainy day. A new Grand Master, Rt. Hon. the Earl of Ross, was then elected." The election of a "new" Grand Master, of course, implies that the Grand Lodge of Ireland was in existence before 1725.

Just how long before, however, is not known.

Irish Regiments Helped Spread Masonry Worldwide

During the 18th Century, Ireland had hundreds of Masonic lodges throughout the countryside.

While the Grand Lodge met in prominent civic and guild hall buildings in Dublin, such as the Tailor's Hall in Back Lane, the Cutler's Hall in Capel Street, and the Assembly Rooms on South William Street, most lodges met in inns, taverns, and coffee houses.

Military regiments at this time carried Irish Freemasonry around the world, establishing lodges and creating fraternal ties that last to this day. A few examples are illustrative. Lodge No. 218, attached to the 48th Foot, brought Freemasonry to Cuba in 1763. Irish Masonic lodges were chartered in Jamaica in 1767. In 1769, Bro. Jeremiah French, a Captain in the 29th Foot and member of

Lodge No. 322, became the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts' first Senior Grand Warden.

In 1775, Lodge No. 441, attached to the 38th Foot in Boston, initiated Prince Hall and fourteen African-Americans into Freemasonry. It was through an Irish Masonic lodge, therefore, that "Prince Hall" Masonry came into being.

In 1781, Bro. Brownrigg, a member of Lodge No. 441, became the Grand Lodge of New York's first Senior Grand Warden. In 1783, an Irish Masonic lodge was established in Barbados. Irish Freemasonry's influence, clearly, was far reaching. It even altered the course of English Freemasonry and helped introduce a new Masonic body, the "Royal Arch", to the world.

Ancients & Royal Arch Draw Upon Irish Freemasonry

English Freemasonry, during the early 18th Century, was suffering from neglect. In 1751, it was divided into two Grand Lodges: the Ancients Grand Lodge (properly titled the "Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England according to the Old Institutions") and the premier Grand Lodge of England (derogatorily referred to as the "Modems").

For many years, Masonic scholars accused the "Ancients" of being a splinter group. This was not the case. The Ancients Grand Lodge was formed by London-area Irish Freemasons who were denied admittance to local English lodges.

The Ancients, though less "aristocratic," proved better organized and very popular. It also aggressively charted its own lodges throughout the British Empire. The Ancients' undeniable success resulted in its merger with the Grand Lodge of England in 1813. Much of the Ancients' Irish-based ritual went on to replace that of the "Modems" in the new United Grand Lodge of England.

It should also be noted that the term "Ancient" when used today in "Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons" is a nod to the Ancient (Ancient) Grand Lodge and, consequently, Freemasonry's underlying Irish heritage.

(to be continued)

Being active in the life of your lodge is part of being a Mason



Bro. Robert Blackburn



Valentine Day Night Out in Dousman

Glenn L. Humphrey Lodge No. 364 and Dousman Lodge No. 315 held their Joint 2006 Valentine Day Night Out on February 11, 2006. All the members with their guests were treated to enjoyable music by Roberta and Bill Rogers, who call themselves "The Test of Time." A dinner was also served at the Masonic Village on the Square.



Virgil Hawkins Celebrates 55-Years in Masonry

Bro. Virgil Hawkins was joined at the Quincy Lodge Masonic Center in Friendship by his son Bro. Larry Hawkins of Baraboo, who presented his father with a pin and certificate recognizing him for 55-years as a Mason. Virgil has excelled as both a follower and a leader in the tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth at Quincy Lodge No. 71 in Friendship. Pictured are PM Larry Hawkins, PM Virgil Hawkins, and the Master of Quincy Lodge No. 71 in Friendship, WM Jeffrey Marquardt.



Larry Hallett Raised at Richland Lodge

Richland Lodge No. 66 raised Larry Hallett from a Fellowcraft to a Master Mason on February 1, 2006. Twenty-seven Brothers (including John Wilke, Junior Grand Warden; Emmett Riley, District Deputy Area 8; Steve Hansen, Area Administrator District 8 Area 3; and Brothers from Evansville, Fennimore, Linden, Mineral Point, and Potosi Lodges were present to raise Larry. Shown welcoming Larry are Junior Warden Jim Jewell, Worshipful Master Milt Schott, New Master Mason Larry Hallett, and Senior Warden
- Submitted by News Hawk Brent Clausius

Districts 6 & 10 Spring Meeting

District 6 and 10 will hold their Spring Meeting on April 6, 2006, at the Oshkosh Masonic Center, 204 Washington Ave. in Oshkosh

- 10:00 a.m. Registration
- 10:30 a.m. Welcome, news & announcements...Dist. Deputies Brewer & Stors
- 10:45 a.m. Grand Master's Message by Roger L. Magoon, MW Grand Master
- 11:00 a.m. Break-out Sessions
- Wardens: *Lead us into the Future* by Rod Paulsen, DGM
- Secretaries: *More than Minutes* by Mike DeWolf, Grand Sec.
- Chaplains: *So Mote it Be* by Jack Harrison and Eric Burnard
- Deacons & Stewards: *Rod Work & Protocol* by Craig Campbell, Sr. Grand Deacon
- Counselors: *Educating the Craft* by John Wilke, Jr. Grand Warden
- Trustees: *What Have I Agreed to Do?* by Bill Day, Grand Trustee
- Ladies: *Masonic Wifery* by Nancy Stors & Virginia Paulsen
- Kids: *Movies, Games & Fun* by West Bend DeMolay & Bethel 64
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch (optional) Lunch will be available for \$8 payable at the door. Child care will be provided for \$5 per family.

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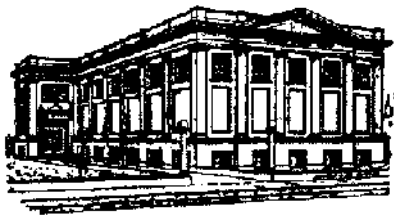
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Brethren, if you have questions about some aspect of the ritual in degree work, and do not have a proficiency man or ritualist in your lodge, please do not hesitate to contact your District Lecturer. If you do not know who that might be or how to get in touch with him, your Area Administrator or District Deputy will know.



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for the Traveling Mason in Wisconsin

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Dark July & August</p> | <p>Owen
Owen Lodge No. 317
707 W. Third St. • 715-229-2832 (Sec.)
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> |
| <p>Beloit
Morning Star Lodge No. 10
229 W. Grand Ave. • 608-362-6073
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
1st Wed. only in July & August</p> | <p>Crivitz
Tri-County Daylite Lodge No. 218
918 Louisa St. • 715-854-3088
Meet 2nd Wednesdays 10 a.m.
Dark January & February</p> | <p>Green Bay
Des Peres Lodge No. 85
525 N. Taylor • 920-499-7265
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Madison
Four Lakes Daylite Lodge No. 362
301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-2351
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 10 a.m. (except Sept.
2nd Monday) Dark July & August</p> | <p>Milwaukee
Nathan Hale Lodge No. 350
790 N. Van Buren • 262-363-5469
Meet 1st Thursday, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Palmyra
Palmyra Lodge No. 68
125 N. 3 St. • 262-495-4887
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark January & February</p> |
| <p>Berlin
Berlin Lodge No. 38
124 E. Huron St. • 920-361-0810 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year</p> | <p>Darlington
Evening Star Lodge No. 64
433 Wells St. • 608-776-4213 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Green Bay
N.E.W. Daylite Lodge No. 360
535 N. Taylor St. • 920-499-7265
Meet 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Madison
Hiram Lodge No. 50
310 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-0793
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark 1st Mondays, July - Labor Day</p> | <p>Milwaukee
Mineral Point Lodge No. 1
310 High St. • 608-987-3396 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Park Falls
Park Falls Lodge No. 300
521 N. 2nd Ave. • 715-762-4043
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August</p> |
| <p>Black Earth
Crescent Valley Lodge No. 97
1020 Mills St. • 608-795-4484 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Delavan
Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12
1007 S. Second St. • 262-728-4237 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Green Bay
Theodore Roosevelt Lodge 322
525 N. Taylor St. • 920-490-9777
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Madison
Madison Lodge No. 5
301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-0793
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Meet 1st Thursday July & August</p> | <p>Milwaukee
Island City Lodge No. 330
7529 Hwy 51 South • 715-356-5678
(Sec.) • Meet 1st Wednesday, 10 a.m.
Meets all year</p> | <p>Pewaukee
Pewaukee Lodge No. 246
126 Main St. • 262-691-9917
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August</p> |
| <p>Black River Falls
Black River Lodge No. 74
314 Main St. • 715-284-2234
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June & July</p> | <p>Dodgeville
Dodgeville Lodge No. 119
200-206 W. Chapel St. • 608-935-3548
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Green Bay
Washington Lodge No. 21
525 N. Taylor St. • 920-494-5205
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Manitowoc
Manitowoc Lodge No. 65
810 Chicago St. • 920-684-4334
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Mondovi
Mondovi Lodge No. 252
245 S. Franklin. • 715-926-3448 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Phillips
Phillips Lodge No. 225
137 N. Lake Ave. • 715-339-3785
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August</p> |
| <p>Bloomer
Bloomer Lodge No. 281
2122 16th Ave. • 715-568-5152
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark January & February</p> | <p>Dousman
Dousman Lodge No. 315
214 Main St. • 262-593-2647 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Hartford
Hartford Lodge No. 120
147 N. Rural St. • 262-673-2074 (Sec)
Meet 2nd Monday, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Marinette
Marinette Lodge No. 182
1610 Main St. • 715-735-3515
Meet 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Monroe
Smith Lodge No. 31
1613-1/2 Tenth St. • 608-934-5258 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August</p> | <p>Platteville
Melody Lodge No. 2
783 Enterprise Drive • 608-349-6021
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> |
| <p>Bristol
Washburn Lodge No. 145
8157 - 199th Ave. • 262-857-7501
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Dousman
Glen L. Humphrey Lodge No. 364
375 Hwy. 67 • 262-965-9390
Meet 2nd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.
Dark June</p> | <p>Hayward
Keystone Lodge No. 263
511 N. Iowa Ave. • 715-634-4715
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Marshfield
Marshfield Lodge No. 224
402 W. 4th St. • 715-384-8646
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August</p> | <p>Mosinee
Mosinee Lodge No. 318
607 13th St. • 715-693-3150 (Sec.)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Plymouth
Cassia Lodge No. 167
441 Smith St. • 920-892-6336
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> |
| <p>Brodhead
Bicknell Lodge No. 94
302 1st Center Ave. • 608-897-8069
Meets 2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Eagle River
Eagle River Lodge No. 248
610 E. Division • 715-479-8646
Meet 2nd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year</p> | <p>Hudson
St. Croix Lodge No. 56
209 Locust Street • 715-377-0817
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Medford
Medford Lodge No. 217
150 S. Seventh St. • 715-748-6851 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark January & February</p> | <p>Mukwonago
Laffin-St. James Lodge No. 247
206 S. Main St. • 262-363-8926
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Portage
Fort Winnebago Lodge No. 33
111 W. Conant Street • 608-742-6468
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Meet 2nd Tues. July/Aug. Dark Jan/Feb</p> |
| <p>Brookfield
Elmbrook Lodge No. 354
4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-549-0923
Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August</p> | <p>Eau Claire
Eau Claire Lodge No. 112
616 Graham Ave. • 715-832-7759
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Janesville
Janesville-Western Star No. 55
2322 E. Milwaukee St. • 608-752-3098
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Menomonie
Menomonie Lodge No. 164
N5729 - 410th St. • 715-235-2667
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Neenah
Appleton Lodge No. 349
241 E. Wisconsin Ave. • 920-995-2749
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August</p> | <p>Port Washington
Ozaukee Lodge No. 17
504 W. Grand Ave. • 262-284-9978
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> |
| <p>Brookfield
McKinley Lodge No. 307
4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-781-9907
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Eau Claire
George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351
616 Graham Ave. • 715-832-7759
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Jefferson
Jefferson County Lodge No. 9
617 Masonic Blvd. • 920-674-6715
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Mercer
Hurley Lodge No. 237
5179 N. Hwy. 51 • 715-476-2332 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark January, February & March</p> | <p>Neenah/Menasha
Twin Cities Lodge No. 61
241 E. Wisconsin Ave. • 920-722-3611
Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | |

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Potosi

Warren Lodge No. 4
112 S. Main St. • 608-763-2719 (Sec)
Meets 1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

Poynette

Poynette Lodge No. 173
Poynette City Hall, 106 Main, 608-635-4503
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark January & February

Prairie du Chien

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

Prairie du Sac

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

Prescott

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

Racine

Racine-Belle City Lodge No. 18
1012 Main St. • 262-633-6658
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Reedsburg

Reedsburg Lodge No. 79
213 E. Main St. • 608-524-2625
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Rhineland

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

Rice Lake

Blue Hills Lodge No. 234
222 W. South Street • 715-234-8318
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

Richland Center

Richland Lodge No. 66
290 W. Union St. • 608-647-4487 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

River Falls

River Falls Lodge No. 109
122 E. Walnut St. • 715-425-2333
Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Shawano

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

Sheboygan

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

Shell Lake

Shell Lake/Spooner Lodge No. 221
28 Dobby Drive • 715-468-2251 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Shullsburg

Americita Lodge No. 25
127-1/2 Water St. • 608-965-3188 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m.
Dark July & August

South Milwaukee

South Shore Lodge No. 3
2001 South 7th Ave. • 414-762-2421
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Sparta

Valley Lodge No. 60
603 N. Court St. • 608-269-2616
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Star Prairie

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

Stevens Point

Evergreen Lodge No. 93
1578 Strongs Avenue • 715-344-2447
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Stoughton

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

Sturgeon Bay

Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174
31 S. 3rd Ave. • 920-743-2596
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Sun Prairie

Sun Prairie Lodge No. 143
152 N. Bird St. • 608-825-3925
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Superior

Acacia-Itasca Lodge No. 329
3117 N. 21 St. • 715-392-4984
Meet 1st & 3rd Fridays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Superior

Superior Lodge No. 236
1503 Belknap St. • 715-394-3419 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Sussex

Lincoln Lodge No. 183
N64 W23624 Main St. • 262-251-3840
Meets 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Tomah

Tomah Lodge No. 132
520 E. Saratoga Street • 608-372-5507
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Union Grove

Union Grove Lodge No. 288
1021-11th Ave. • 262-878-9938
Meet 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Meet All Year

Viroqua

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

Waterloo

Waterloo Lodge No. 63
300 Hendricks Street • 920-478-2048 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

Waukesha

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

Waupaca

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

Waupun

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

Wausau

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

Wautoma

Wautoma Lodge No. 148
203 S. Scott St. • 920-293-4305 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark Jan. & Feb. - 4th Mon. Nov. & Dec.

Wauwatosa

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

Wauwatosa

Lafayette Lodge No. 265
4315 N. 92nd St. • 414-463-8390
Meet 1st, 2nd & 3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July, August

Wauwatosa

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

West Allis

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

West Allis

Wauwatosa Lodge No. 267
7515 W. National Ave. • 262-250-1588
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

West Allis

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

West Bend

West Bend Lodge No. 138
301 University Dr. • 262-338-3112
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Whitefish Bay

Aurora Lodge No. 30
517 E. Beaumont Ave. • 414-332-8460
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Whitefish Bay

Geo. Washington 1776 Lodge No. 337
517 E. Beaumont Ave. • 414-332-8460
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Whitewater

St. John's Lodge No. 57
226 W. Main Street • 262-473-5178
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Wilmot

Wilmot Lodge No. 241
30702 113th St. • 847-587-9596 (WM)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Winneconne

Winneconne Lodge No. 186
100 W. Main Street • 920-235-8034 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Wisconsin Dells

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

Wisconsin Rapids

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

Armistead-Bingham

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Note: addresses listed in the Lodge Listings are where the lodge meets.



Quarry Notes

William L. Stonecipher, Editor

• **2006 Silas Shepherd Officers** – Running short of space before all of the facts in a story can be communicated is a fact of life for a news editor. In last month's issue, the names of the officers for our Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research had to be omitted. My apologies. Many thanks to the Masons serving as officers this year. They are as follows: William Sherry, Worshipful Master (262) 306-1352; William O'Haver, Senior Warden (920) 882-0216; Harold Peterson, Junior Warden (920) 459-8521; Gary Pilgrim, Secretary-Treasurer (262) 367-2309.

Meetings remaining for this Masonic year are June 10 at West Allis Lodge No. 291, 7515 National Ave., West Allis; September 9 at Mineral Point Lodge No. 1, 310 High Street in Mineral Point; and the December 9 meeting will be at Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge No. 42, 307 N. Lake Rd., Oconomowoc. The meeting in Oconomowoc is also the lodge's yearly annual meeting at which new officers are elected and installed. Memberships in Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research are plural and annual dues are \$20. Petitions can be obtained at meetings or from Secretary/Treasurer Gary Pilgrim at <apastmaster@aol.com>. Please enter "1843" in the subject line of the e-mail message. Copies of yearly papers and proceedings are mailed to members.

• **"Notes From the Grand Lecturer" Widely Read** – My what a pleasant surprise it was when I received my January issue of the Fraternal Review of the Southern California Research Lodge to see our Grand Lecturer Ron Glauner's column on candidate education from our January issue reprinted therein. Well done, Brother Glauner! The California Research Lodge is one of the foremost such organizations in Masondom in the United States. Their monthly newsletter offers an eclectic mix of Masonic lore, learning and history—in short, a little bit everything for the discriminating fraternal reader. Persons interested in receiving a sample mailing are invited to contact Norman B. Leeper, Editor, at <leepsan@aol.com>. Dues are \$15 per year.

• **Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge Now On The Web** – Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge has its very own web site up and running according to Past Master Jim Fleming. It can be viewed at:

<http://www.bluelodges.com/blweb/site_main.aspx?lodgeid=287>

As the web address indicates, Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge hosts its web site through BlueLodges.com, which is something new to me. More interestingly, the web site also happens to be free to any Masonic Blue Lodge. The O-H home page there has a number of features that are standard for this service, including a private 'members only' feature accessible via password to members of the lodge and other users registered with the webmaster. I tried to access this section but since I was not a registered user (even though I had the user name and password), access was blocked.

This service might be of interest to lodges without a web presence or the expertise to create one. The BlueLodges.com site gives complete instructions for lodges wishing to establish a web presence using their service. This free web site allows lodges to create a home page, event calendar page, a Trestle-board, a directions page, guest book page and 2B1ASK1 page (this feature on the O-H home page links to our Grand Lodge Web Site. Lodge Locator and Annual Communication features are also listed but are apparently under construction.

There is an application form that needs to be filled out and submitted. After this information is received, a web site for your lodge will be created and information will be sent to the contact person with instructions on how to get started. This might be just the ticket for lodges with no web presence as of yet. One benefit to using a service like BlueLodges.com is that it offers a prepackaged palette of features that will almost certainly exceed features available on so-called personal web pages hosted by certain internet browser services used by some lodges.

The BlueLodges.com service is offered by RYCA Corporation, a Maine-based company owned and operated in Southern Maine focused on building premier web sites for their customers. Although the lodge web pages themselves do not appear to carry advertising messages, some of the other features do.

• **Masonic Encounters** – Since first becoming a Mason nearly 20 years ago, I have heard dramatic stories where aid and assistance have been given to members of the Fraternity or their families when in need. Representative are tales of disabled vehicles being towed and repaired at little or no cost, lodging provided when stranded, and a host of other seemingly small acts of kindness being representative. Why? Because a Mason felt compelled to offer assistance on the strength of a shared fraternal bond with a Brother in need.

The account of my son Scott's event-filled sojourn home to Wisconsin as told by him on page 9 struck me as being similar. I know my son was greatly impressed and deeply moved by his Masonic encounters with members of the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team and fellow soldier who is a Prince Hall Mason because the first thing he said to his mother and I when he came through the arrival gate at the airport in Milwaukee was, "You'll never believe what happened to me in Atlanta!" His telling of his experience with otherwise complete strangers who were bonded one to another by the fraternal ties that unite Masons brought joy to my heart and a tear to my eye, making me proud on two accounts: as a father and as a Mason.

I know that many Masons, including myself, have experienced varied instances of brotherly love and concern over the years, but this occurrence struck me as being outstanding because of the circumstances and the location—right in the middle of the busy Atlanta airport. And the passersby didn't have a clue as to the why a group of Native Americans had singled out this particular soldier to honor in this particular way. I have read reports of the seriousness with which Native Americans view their patriotism and respect for the warrior tradition inherent in their culture, and their status as Masons. Scott was included as a Mason and honored as a warrior in their tradition. Through Masonry, Scott now has Brothers in Oklahoma.

The director of the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team, Brother Tully Choate, gave Scott a copy of their March "Trestle Board Smoke" degree team newsletter. It revealed that the degree team and their wives have a trip to the United Kingdom planned. They departed on March 26 and will be returning April 10-11. While in the UK they will be giving several dance performances in different places, some specifically for children. **wmj**

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Pictured to the right is Ellen Falcone a resident at Compass Point with her daughter-in-law Donna Falcone putting away items in her new apartment. Pictured below is Louise Nelsen also a resident at Compass Point enjoying her new couch with her two daughters from the left Linda Fahey and Janet Krueger.

If you would like more information or a tour of Compass Point, please call Jessica Kolsch at: 262.965.7463 or Katie Burdette at: 262.965.7420 or visit our website at: www.threepillars.org.



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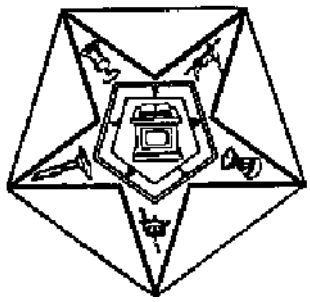
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Last month's ad for the Spring Fling originally scheduled for April 8th has been rescheduled. The new date for the Spring Fling is Saturday, April 22nd. Sorry for any inconvenience.



Calendar of Chapter Meetings

April Calendar of Chapter Meetings

(See the March issue for information about the April 1st to 8th meetings)

- Sat., Apr. 8 - SouthEast Club
- Sparta 18, 1:30 Party for Chris Christensen, Grand Representative of Nevada
- Mon., Apr. 10 - Mauston (Lemonweir 158), 7:30 Election of Officers
- Appleton (Fidelity 94), 7:00 Election of Officers
- Green Bay (Martha Washington 124), 7:00 'Easter Parade', Design your own Easter Bonnet, prizes
- Evansville (Columbia 29), 7:30 Election of Officers
- Stevens Point (Arbutus 52), 7:00 Easter Observance, Election of Officers
- Brookfield (Acadia 269), 7:30 Election of Officers
- Marshfield (Everett 95), 6:00 Potluck, Friends Night and Easter, Wear your Easter bonnets
- Sun Prairie (Twilight 165), 7:30 Election of Officers
- Beloit (Phoenix 215), 6:15 Potluck, Election of Officers
- Port Washington (Ozaukee 147), 7:30 'Love to Read', election of Officers
- Clear Lake (Northwest 98), 7:30 Friends Night
- Stoughton (Venus 61), 7:30 Election of Officers
- Wisconsin Rapids (Rainbow 87), 7:00 Friends Night
- West Allis 172, 7:30 Easter Observance, Election of Officers
- Burlington 153, 7:30 Hobo Night (everyone), Election of Officers
- Tues., Apr. 11 - New Holstein (New Holstein - Calumet 262), 7:30 Bring a joke, wear something to show/tell about Easter, Election of Officers
- Janesville 69, 7:30 Honor Protems
- Crandon (Halcyon 178), 7:30 Easter Observance
- Brookfield (Wauwatosa 219), 6:00 Past Matrons and Past Patrons Dinner - (reservations required), Easter Observance, Election of Officers
- Wed., Apr. 12 - Star Prairie (Loyal 67), DARK - Maundy Thursday
- Mukwonago (LaBelle 40), DARK - Maundy Thursday
- Wauwatosa (Golden Rule 194), 7:30 Election of Officers
- Thurs., Apr. 13 - Crivitz (Trillium 208), 1:30 PM Saturday Fun
- Madison (Starlite 283), Madison Club
- Sat., Apr. 15 - HAPPY EASTER!
- Sun., Apr. 16 - Oregon 49, 7:30 'Harvesting Chaplains, Marshals & Organists'
- Mon., Apr. 17 - Ladysmith 287, 7:30 Fun Night, Election of Officers
- Kenosha (Pike 285), 7:30 Election of Officers
- Portage (Star of Bethlehem 100), 7:30 Honor Chaplain, Marshal, Organist, Warder and Sentinel
- Wautoma 198, 7:00 Exemplification
- Tues., Apr. 18 - Tomah 6, 7:00 Friends Night
- Milwaukee (Electa 75), 6:00 Picnic Supper, Election of Officers
- La Crosse (Ruth 23), 7:30 Friends Night, Honor Past and Present Electas
- Wed., Apr. 19 - Madison (Starlite 283), 7:30 Honor Sideliners, Election of Officers
- Lodi (Queen Esther 4), 7:30 Election of Officers
- Chippewa Falls (Chippewa 112), 7:30 Election of Officers
- Sturgeon Bay (Honor 1), 7:00 Special Friends Night, 'Wisconsin Lighthouses' by Authors Barb & Ken Wardius
- Viroqua 35, 7:30 America Reads
- Thurs., Apr. 20 - Milwaukee (Vega 76), 7:30 Easter Observance, Honor 25 and 50 year members
- Fri., Apr. 21 - Frederic 239, 9:00 NorthWest Club
- Sat., Apr. 22 - Mauston (Lemonweir 158), 7:30 Friends Night
- Mon., Apr. 24 - Appleton (Fidelity 94), 7:00 North - South Night
- Green Bay (Martha Washington 124), 7:00 'Love One Another', Honor Electa, Election of Officers
- Brookfield (Acadia 269), Annual Card Party & Luncheon
- Evansville (Columbia 29), 7:30 Honor Star Points
- Tues., Apr. 25 - Marshfield (Everett 95), 7:30 Election of Officers
- Sun Prairie (Twilight 165), 7:30 Friends Night, Karen's Etchings
- Beloit (Phoenix 215), 7:30 Warder and Sentinel Night
- Oconomowoc (Oconomowoc-Hartland 13), 7:30 Star Point Night
- Clear Lake (Northwest 98), 7:30 Election of Officers
- Stoughton (Venus 61), 7:30 Stated Meeting
- West Allis 172, 7:30 AEF Girls Club Night
- Burlington 153, 7:30 Special Flowers
- Wed., Apr. 26 - Janesville 69, 7:30 Election of Officers
- Crandon (Halcyon 178), 7:30 Election of Officers
- Brookfield (Wauwatosa 219), 7:30 Stated Meeting
- Thurs., Apr. 27 - Platteville (Miriam 15), 7:30 Election of Officers and reading of Grand Chapter Resolutions
- Star Prairie (Loyal 67), 7:30 Election of Officers
- Mukwonago (LaBelle 40), 6:00 Potluck, Election of Officers
- Kenosha 92, 7:00 Election of Officers
- Mon., May 1 - Shawano 167, 7:00 May Flowers, Honor Mothers
- Oregon 49, 7:30 Honor Mothers
- Kenosha (Pike 285), 7:30 Chapter Birthday, Honor Mothers
- Portage (Star of Bethlehem 100), 7:30 May Day, Honor our Mothers, Memorial Service
- Wautoma 198, 7:00 Friends Night
- Tues., May 2 - Eagle River (Eagle 218), 7:30 Obligation, Mother's Day Observance

May Calendar of Chapter Meetings

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Chapter Chatter

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Nebraska, Mary Wesolowski, Electa Chapter, Milwaukee; Louisiana, Kathleen Rottler, Rainbow Chapter, Wisconsin Rapids; Saskatchewan, Jean Chadderdon, West Allis Chapter; California, Deloris Britt, Onalaska Chapter; Connecticut, Marguerite Bullis, Acadia Chapter, Brookfield; Massachusetts, Judith Wiskia, Janesville Chapter; Ontario, Kathleen Dye, Kilbourn Chapter, Wisconsin Dells; Rhode Island, Robert Chagnon, New Holstein - Calumet Chapter; Kansas, Neil Schulze, Ozaukee Chapter, Port Washington; New Jersey, Agnes Hoffman, Martha Chapter, Jefferson; North Carolina, Joyce Skogen, Tomah Chapter; Virginia, Carol Burnham, Northwest Chapter, Clear Lake.

LIFE MEMBERS

Twilight Chapter is proud to welcome two new life members to its chapter. Donna Hein and Ann Larsen became life members on April 16. Donna has been matron of the chapter five times and is a former Grand Representative of Puerto Rico and Ambassador to Alaska.

NEW MEMBERS

Several new members joined Ellsworth Chapter on December 20th. Worthy Matron Jan Quinn and Worthy Patron Gary Waltz, welcomed newly initiated members Terry Falde and John O'Keefe. Robin Schrank, transferred from Kinickinnic Chapter, River Falls.

LaBelle Chapter, Mukwonago initiated Joanne Canfield and welcomed Jeanette Sonderegger, who transferred from Burlington Chapter.

CABIN FEVER DANCE PARTY

Sturgeon Bay - Honor Chapter Cabin Fever Dance Party was held on January 28, 2006. An intergenerational group of 25 to 89 year - olds shook out the winter blues at a benefit for the Door County Memorial Hospital Cancer Center.

65th ANNIVERSARY

Budd and Kathy Reich, members of Acadia Chapter, Brookfield, celebrated their 65th Anniversary. Congratulations on reaching a modern milestone.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Lila B. Graser Chapter, Sussex celebrated 100 years of serving their community and surrounding area. In September 1905 nine friends traveled to Aurora Chapter to be initiated and form Sussex Chapter, Under Dispensation. In 1911, eleven members of Sussex Chapter took demits and traveled to Pewaukee to form a new chapter. 1961 saw the Sussex Chapter name changed to Lila B. Graser Chapter in honor of the first Grand Officer from Sussex Chapter. Lila, who has been a member of the chapter for 76 years, was able to attend the celebration. Of the 4 chapters that were instrumental in the life of the Lila B. Graser Chapter, it is the only one remaining.

WORKING TOGETHER

Many Eastern Star chapters have the pleasure of working with Brothers from their local lodge. Sharing in activities helps strengthen and promote a fraternal bond between members of Masonry and Eastern Star. Dousman OES is doubly blessed in that we work with Brothers from two lodges, the Glen L. Humphrey daylight lodge at MVOS and Dousman Lodge No. 315. To further that friendship, we had a special program February 2nd, when we invited all our Brothers and their ladies. Because we had special dispensation to hold our regular stated meeting earlier in the evening we were able to have the program without going through any formal openings or introductions. For a special treat, we invited PGM June Bjorklund to do her original dramatization of the story of the Star Point Electa as told by her friend, Apphia. It was very well received and afterwards all retired to the lounge area for refreshments. We deliberately kept the program short so we could spend a little longer socializing without it getting too late. We all enjoyed the evening tremendously and look forward to doing it again next year.

Respectfully Submitted
Janice DeCaluwe, WM Dousman No. 257

Announcements

GRAND CHAPTER COMBINED BREAKFAST for Reunion Groups with Secretaries and Treasurers on Thursday, May 18, 2006 at 6:30 a.m.

MENU: Chilled Orange Juice, Fresh Farm Eggs, Bacon, Breakfast Potato and Broasted Tomato, Assorted Pastry and Muffin Basket with Coffee, Tea or Milk. (\$13.75 per person). Reunion Groups: Audrey and Fred (1989-90), Joan and Ron (1993-94), Joanne and Don (1995-96), Jean and Bill (2001-02). All members and guests are invited to attend.

Secretaries and Treasurers Meeting to follow breakfast.

ARE YOU A ROAMER?

If so, you may want to join your fellow Roamers (Grand Representatives) at the Wisconsin Rambling Stars Grand Representative Association Annual Meeting and Luncheon at Grand Chapter. The business meeting begins at 10:30 on Tuesday May 16, 2006 with the 'Roamers Gathering' Luncheon at 11:30. Luncheon reservations should be included on the general meal form for Grand Chapter available from chapter secretary. Come and enjoy the fun, fellowship and mementos provided by the Grand Representatives.

Calendar of Chapter Meetings - Continued

- Wed., May 3 - Reedsburg (Queen of Sheba), 7:30 Harvest of Talent
- Crivitz (Trillium 208), 6:00 Pancake Supper, Memorial Program
- Frederic 239, 7:30 Honor Chaplains
- La Crosse (Ruth 23), 7:30 Stated Meeting
- Milwaukee (Electa 75), 7:30 Honor ALL Women and Sideliners, Cinco de Mayo Celebration
- Thurs., May 4 - Madison (Starlite 283), 7:00 Masonic Youth Organizations Night
- Lodi (Queen Esther 4), 7:30 Stated Meeting
- Chippewa Falls (Chippewa 112), 7:30 Mother's Day Observance
- Fri., May 5 - Sturgeon Bay (Honor 1), 7:30 A visit from Ula Noble
- Sheboygan 139, 7:00 'Plant the Seeds of Friendship', Memorial Service, Friends Night
- Viroqua 35, 7:30 OES Definitions
- Dousman 257, 7:30 Honor Mothers
- Argyle (Alpha 114), 7:30 Honor Warders and Sentinels
- Kenosha 92, 7:00 Honor Mothers
- May 4 - 5 - MINNESOTA GRAND CHAPTER
- Fri., May 5 - Milwaukee (Vega 76), 7:30 Past Matrons/Patrons Night

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Working Together

On January 18, 2006, Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128 prepared a Chili Dinner for members, family and friends. Worshipful Master, Curtis Frost, asked for all proceeds to go to charity. Linda Sedall, Grand Electa of the Order of the Eastern Star, was appointed to the Heart Fund this year. A check has been made out to the Harvest of Prayers Fund (Heart Fund) for three hundred dollars.

One of the goals this year of our Worthy Grand Matron, Martha Swanson and Worthy Grand Patron, Roy Skogen is striving for a working relationship between the Blue Lodges and Eastern Star Chapters. So often you hear that Blue Lodge do not support the Chapters. In Rainbow Chapter, we are very proud of Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128 for the good deeds they do in our community, dinners they prepare and serve, friendship from all the Masons, especially the kindness they show to the widowed ladies. We have a great attendance of men at our meetings.

On January 10, 2006, Rainbow Chapter No. 87 had a dime-a-dip dinner with all proceeds going to the Heart Fund. We were very pleased with attendance from Marshfield and Stevens Point.

At a stated meeting of Rainbow Chapter No. 87 Linda Sedall, Grand Electa presented Bob and Erin LaSage from Everett Chapter, Marshfield the Sickle Award. Submitted by: Linda Sedall, Grand Electa

Wisconsin Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star One Hundred-Fifteenth Annual "Harvest of Prayers" Session

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REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Grand Officers:
Sunday, May 14, 4:00 p.m.
Monday, May 15, 7:30 a.m.
With Pages and Ushers, 9:00 a.m.

Prologue Ceremony:
Monday, May 15, 10:00 a.m.

Flag Tribute:
Monday, May 15, 11:00 a.m.

Ruth Ceremony:
Monday, May 15, 1:30 p.m.

Memorial Ceremony:
Monday, May 15, 2:30 p.m.

Life Member Tribute:
Monday, May 15, 3:00 p.m.

ESTARL Ceremony:
Monday, May 15, 3:30 p.m.

Adah Ceremony:
Tuesday May 16, 7:30 a.m.

'Garden of Faith' Grand Officers
Monday, May 15, 9:30 p.m.

Prologue:
Thursday, May 18, 7:00 a.m.

Sisters and Brothers

If you would like to have information about your chapter meetings, special events, 50-year members, new members or chatter about your chapter printed on this page; please send information for this page 45 days prior to publication date to:

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Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

(GM indicates that the Grand Master will be in attendance)

April 2006

- 1 "Voices of the Crucifixion" drama, Saturday afternoon performance, 3 p.m., NEW Masonic Center, Green Bay.
- 1 District 4 Spring Mtg. & School of Instruction Marinette Lodge, 1 p.m. Sponsored by the NEW Masonic Center Family of Organizations as a public outreach.
- 1-2 57th Midwest Conference on Masonic Education, "Back to Basics" Theme, Four Points by Sheraton Milwaukee-Airport Conference Center, 4747 S. Howell Avenue in Milwaukee. Keynote speaker April 1 is Brother Mark Tabbert, author of "American Freemasonry - Three Centuries of Building Communities." Sessions begin at 8:45 a.m. Preregistration form is on page 3.
- 3 District 12 - School of Instruction at Day Life Lodge 358
- 5 District 6 - School of Instruction at Waverly Lodge No. 51, Appleton, 7 p.m.
- 8 District 6 & 10 Combined District Mtg., Oshkosh Masonic Center, 9 a.m. Includes lunch. Programs feature several guest presenters. This special meeting will feature breakout sessions covering topics of interest to all lodge officers, including Chaplains.
- 8 AASR Valley of Milwaukee, Children's Easter Egg Hunt
- 9 AASR Valley of Milwaukee - Feast of the Paschal Lamb, Palm Sunday, 3 p.m.
- 12 District 6 - School of Instruction at Evergreen Lodge, Stevens Point, at 7 p.m.
- 15 NL-Texas Hold'em (no loss) Poker Tournament to Benefit Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation. Hosted by West Bend Lodge No. 138, 301 University Drive, West Bend. Registration 1 p.m. Tournney begins at 2 p.m. See details in story on page 7.
- 16 Rekindling the Lights, 7 a.m., Easter Morning, AASR, Valley of Milwaukee
- 18 Table Lodge & Kabbalah Program at Sheboygan Lodge, Historic Masonic Mansion, Sheboygan. Lodge business mtg. at 5:30 p.m. Table Lodge opens at 6:15 p.m. with program and dinner to follow. Guest Speakers will be Alan Ilding, PGM, Rick Gustafson and John Mitchell. Open to all EAs, FCs and MMs. Dinner is \$15. Reservations required. See story on page 7 for details.
- 18 District 5 Spring Mtg., Valley Lodge 60, Sparta, 7 p.m.
- 20-22 AASR Valley of Milwaukee Spring Reunion
- 21-22, 29 AASR Valley of Eau Claire Spring Reunion
- 22 AASR Valley of La Crosse Degree (4,7,14,15,18)

29

Man-to-Mason-to-Shriner Day in Northeast Wisconsin sponsored by Beja Shrine Temple, Green Bay. N.E.W. Masonic Center. Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, Master Mason Degrees, and Shrine Initiation to be offered.

29 Man-to-Mason-to-Shriner Day in Southeast Wisconsin sponsored by Tripoli Shrine Temple, Milwaukee. West Allis Masonic Center, West Allis. Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, Master Mason Degrees, and Shrine Ceremonial to be offered.

May 2006

3 Grand Masters Achievement Award 'Extension Deadline'

6 Grand Master's Testimonial Dinner, Ladies at the Table, Appleton. Please see story on page 1 and reservation form on page 3.

6-7 Grand Lodge Full Staff Mtg.

10 Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Meeting - Grand Masonic Center Dousman - 4 p.m.

11 Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board Meeting held at Grand Masonic Center in Dousman at 3 p.m.

12 Rosicrucian Society Meeting at Black Hawk Country Club, Madison

16-17-18 Order of Eastern Star - Grand Session to be held at Marriott Madison West in Middleton, Wisconsin

June 2006

2-3 162nd Annual Communication, Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin - Concourse Hotel and Madison Masonic Center, Madison. New Friday-Saturday format.

10 150th Anniversary of Quincy Lodge No. 71 in Friendship. Rededication Ceremony at 4 p.m., Dinner Reception to follow at 6 p.m.

10 Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843 Quarterly Mtg., West Allis Lodge No. 291, 7515 National Ave, West Allis.

14-17 Grand York Rite Session, Regency Suites, Green Bay

18 Fifth Annual Father's Day Antique Classic Car & Truck Show sponsored by the Wautoma Masonic Union, Bird Creek Park in Wautoma.

24 150th Anniversary Celebration for Black River Lodge No. 74 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the lodge in Black River Falls.

Note: to have your event listed in this future dates calendar, please e-mail the date and a brief description of the event to the Grand Masonic Center in Dousman, attention: Cheryl. E-mail <cherylglwisc@centurytel.net>. Please enter 'Future Dates' in the subject line.

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Remaining Man-to-Mason-to-Shriner dates are April 29 in Green Bay & Milwaukee



Members of the Masonic Fraternity and the general public filled the main lodge room at South Shore Lodge No. 3 as unneeded lodge furnishings and paraphernalia were auctioned off to the highest bidder on Monday, February 13. The items sold were from the former Kilbourn No. 3 of Milwaukee and Jeremiah Rusk No. 259 of South Milwaukee. The two merged on October 28, 2004, and formed South Shore Lodge No. 3. See additional pictures and story on page 2. - Photo by William Stonecipher



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