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## The Grand Master's Message:

By Brother John W. Wilke  
Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin

### Why does Freemasonry exist?

This is the first question each candidate must answer prior to advancing through the degrees of Freemasonry in Wisconsin. The answers, given for the candidate, are designed to promote personal development by reinforcing moral principles, assisting those suffering unfortunate circumstances and fostering friendship and cooperation among all people.

It has long been stated that Freemasonry exists for the express purpose of "taking good men and making them better." We do not take bad men and make them good. We cultivate good men to be just a little bit better than they were before becoming Masons.

First, Masonry does reinforce moral principles by teaching, through the working tools of the operative craft.

Secondly, Masons do contribute to those less fortunate through various charities. Our gentle craft flourished at one time because this tenant was applied to Masons helping Masons, their widows and orphans. In fact our charitable work is a huge part of what we do in fostering friendship and cooperation with all, especially among brother Masons.

Over time Masonic charity has evolved and now extends charity to all. Each appendant body has an individual charity and we have now become an organization of multiple charities.

Many men join because these charities have touched their lives, and though being charitable is one of the noblest actions one can take, it should not be the only reason one petitions a Lodge for membership. The true reason men should join us is stated in the constitutional questions put to the candidate: "...to desire knowledge and be of service to your fellow man." The craft apparently is doing a good job of making "good men better" especially if measured by the extent of our charities. But, are these the only reasons Freemasonry exists?

I found another explanation in the book "Seekers of Truth" by Allen Roberts, which outlines the history of the Philalethes Society. It brought to mind the subtly taught lessons we learn when attending lodge meetings, many of which we seem to take for granted.

Masonry teaches a man to plan. From events to raise scholarship monies through agenda planning to conduct the business of the Lodge during a stated meeting, he is urged to participate in discussion and to be involved in the democratic process. Through participation in these various lodge functions, he is taught fiscal responsibility and budgeting.

He learns patience, perseverance and self-discipline through memorization of the ritual, resulting in increased understanding, humility and self-esteem.

Goal setting is instilled as he passes from position to position in the Lodge so that as a Worshipful Master, he is capable of planning the lodge activities for his year as its head.

Submitting to authority is practiced in following the Master's plan even though one may disagree with it. The art of subduing passions is taught during open discussion on various topics.

In fact every part, from the opening to the closing of a Lodge, is a continuous series of lessons on how to become "better" with most taught through ongoing experience and involvement in and out of your lodge.

There is an old Chinese proverb, which says, "Tell me and I will forget, show me and I may remember, involve me and I'll understand." In much

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John W. Wilke  
Grand Master

Photo dated 1882 shows electric light in West:

## Waverly appears to have been first state lodge to have electricity, courtesy of Brother H. J. Rogers

By William L. Stonecipher, Editor  
The Wisconsin Masonic Journal

The light bulb was easy to miss. It was barely visible in the old picture but there it was, in its white ceramic socket affixed to the end of a long pair of black wires suspended from the high ceiling to the right of the Senior Warden's station in the West.

Although overpowered by the larger and more visible natural gas fixtures nearby, there it was, a tungsten-filament incandescent electric light. The picture was dated 1882, written in pencil on the back.

If this picture is correctly dated, which it seems to be, then Waverly was almost certainly the first Masonic Lodge to be lit by electricity in the state, if not the nation.

The story of how this came to be was brought to my attention by Waverly Lodge Historian Chad Wolf, who seems to be a veritable encyclopedia of things Masonic and historic about early Appleton.

In an interview with Brother Wolf at his home in early March, he explained how many of the men who were instrumental in bringing electricity to the City of Appleton in 1882 were also Masons and members of Waverly Lodge. This, he pointed out, was undoubtedly how Waverly's meeting room came to be one of the first rooms in Appleton to be electrified.

It is no accident that Bro. Chad is so knowledgeable on the subject of Appleton's early history: he is a member of the Appleton Historic Preservation Commission

and is actively involved in a project to move a replica of one of the original Edison Type K Dynamo Generators that were installed to supply power to Appleton's burgeoning industrial base in 1882.

When these two hydro-electric generators were originally purchased and put into service, they were in fact the first two hydro-electric generators in the world, let alone Wisconsin. In actuality, however, the very first electricity generator was a steam-driven turbine located on Pearl Street in New York City. The date was Sept. 4, 1882. On September 30, 1882, the first water powered hydro-electric turbine went into service in Appleton.

The story of how this came to be is a testament to the commercial foresight of a small group of entrepreneurs, most of whom were members of Waverly Lodge.

The prime mover was one Henry James Rogers, manager of the Appleton Pulp and Paper Mill. He wanted electric power for the mill and interested other men of means in Appleton, including A. L. Smith, H. D. Smith, Charles Beveridge, William Kurz and others (all of them bankers, merchants or industrialists, and members of Waverly Lodge) to financially back the plan.

The first water powered generator developed 750 Watts of direct current and was originally located inside the pulp and paper plant where it was directly attached to the main beater shaft of mill. It was later moved outside to obtain a better flow of water.

The second unit, named for its location on Vulcan

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Paper Mill Manager H. J. Rogers Had Waverly Lodge Wired in 1882

Waverly Lodge No. 51 historian Chad Wolf stands on the site of a replica of the Vulcan Street hydro-electric generator, the second of the first two direct current hydro-electric generators in the world. The first of the two water driven turbines powered the main beater shaft of the Appleton Pulp and Paper Mill in 1882, and also supplied electricity to Waverly Lodge's main lodge room. More pictures are on page 9. - Photos by Wm. Stonecipher, Editor

## To Be Hosted by Janesville-Western Star Lodge:

### Grand Master's Testimonial Dinner Planned for May 9

EVANSVILLE - The brethren of Union Lodge No. 32, Evansville, the home lodge of Brother John W. Wilke, our Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin this year, have announced that a testimonial dinner will be held in his honor. The date is Saturday, May 9.

As to why the testimonial is not being held in Evansville, Bro. Tom Beaver, Union Lodge Secretary and event co-chair, replied that, because Union Lodge just isn't big enough to accommodate the large number of guests anticipated, they arranged to hold the dinner at Janesville-Western Star Lodge No. 55 which can better handle the crowd, he explained during an interview with the editor.

"Bring your best Grand Master Wilke story to share," Bro. Beaver

explained. "This will be a roast."

Brother LeRoy Huber, co-chair with Bro. Beaver, said that the emcee for the evening will be Past Grand Master Keith Chamberlain, a longtime close friend and fishing partner of the Grand Master.

"It'll be a fun time," said Bro. Huber, who is Master of Waucoma Lodge No. 90 and a former District 9 Deputy.

Dinner reservations are \$15 per person and will be collected at the door. Persons wishing to attend are asked to make a reservation with either Bro. Beaver or Bro. Huber.

"Making reservations is important," said Bro. Huber, who has been visiting lodges and talking up the evening for several weeks. "We would like all who wish to attend to

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## Early registration cutoff is April 1:

### Remaining "Tool Kit" Masonic Ed Seminar Will Be April 11 in GB

DOUSMAN - The Grand Lodge Education Committee has scheduled one final Masonic Education Seminar this spring, and it will be held on Saturday, April 11 at the Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Center in Green Bay.

In order for this seminar to occur, however, a minimum of 15 brethren must be registered a minimum of 10 days in advance, which is Wednesday, April 1.

It is important for persons planning to attend to know that only registration forms accompanied by the correct fee that arrive at the Grand Lodge office in Dousman on or before April 1 will count toward this preregistration requirement.

Reservations postmarked by April 1 will not count toward this number. Also, registrations by phone are not accepted. Registration fees will be returned in the event of cancellation.

Unfortunately, the March 21 seminar which was to have been held in Dodgeville was cancelled due to insufficient registration by the 10-days-prior deadline of March 11. The two seminars scheduled for this past autumn were cancelled for the same reason.

Covered during the seminars will be how to best use the tools in our Masonic Toolbox to guide lodge leaders in the planning of an effective

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## On Our Cover

Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Master Mason Degree on Waukesha Fellowcrafts Dave Leistra (front row, center left) and Jeff Buchkowsky (front row, center right, next to Grand Master Wilke) on Saturday, February 28 at Waukesha Lodge No. 37. Pictured with them were a few of the Waukesha Lodge officers and members who opened lodge and were there to support their candidates. Pictured from left to right are Jr. Deacon Kevin Lowman, Chaplain Eugene Johnson, Sr. Warden Dale Hartung, WM Shane Beecraft, and Sr. Deacon Mike Vassar. Another picture of new Master Mason David P. Leistra and his father, who came from Wautoma for the degree is on page 2.

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the same way, your lodge is designed to involve you. Do we foster friendships? Yes, we call each other "Brother" which signifies a relationship between two individuals off on the right foot. By calling each other "Brother" we look to our fellow Masons as family.

Family relationships are among the strongest on earth and Freemasonry seeks to cultivate this type of relationship within its membership. This is accomplished by involving the members of the Lodge; working together with others striving toward the same shared goals. This fellowship builds stronger bonds among the Brothers. We congratulate each other on our accomplishments and offer assistance when one is struggling to accomplish the tasks given by the Master of the Lodge.

We teach high moral standards through our ritual and in doing so, tend to hold ourselves to these standards, thereby promoting personal development. To live in a civilized society we must have rules and regulations or there would be no laws to subdue our passions.

As Masons we learn through our working tools, lectures and charges the necessary fundamentals of a civilized nature. I recently went through our Rituals and Ceremonies of Officer Installation to identify the charges to a Mason.

As a result, I found some 233 charges and may have missed a few. You may call them our code of conduct. These charges, virtues, tenets and other lessons are taught to aid us in our progress through life, thereby being better informed on how to keep that great commandment found in our Treasleboard, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

In my opinion, the adoption of the posting lesson along with the answers given for the candidate, are excellent reasons why Freemasonry exists.

It is also my opinion that consideration be given to the method in which the posting is given, with the individual obligations being committed to memory by the candidate rather than being optional. In doing so, one becomes clearly aware of the attributes that truly make him a Freemason.

John W. Wilke,  
Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin

**FINAL SEMINAR...***from page 1*

and successful lodge year. Featured will be presentations of our Masonic Code, Masonic Handbook (the Green Book) and the Lodge Excellence Award (LEA).

The day of the seminar, check-in will be from 8-9 a.m. and the seminar itself will begin promptly at 9. There will be a noontime break for lunch. The cost of the meal is not included in the \$10 entry fee. Day-of registration for the seminars will be \$15 per person, but only if the minimum number of early registrations have been received. The seminar will conclude by 3 p.m.

**Please use the registration form on page 3** to enroll for the April 11 seminar.

Presenters will be members of the Grand Lodge Education Committee and other Grand Lodge officers.

Brothers attending will receive a CD of the material presented. The CD also will contain a copy of our ritual cipher.

As an added bonus, attendees will also receive a wealth of other educational and inspirational information.

Brothers attending the Masonic Education Seminars are encour-

aged to take the two related Masonic Education Correspondence Courses—the MCCC for the Masonic Code of Wisconsin and the MECC for the Wisconsin Masonic Handbook.

Both of these correspondence courses are available at no charge and may be downloaded from the Grand Lodge Web Site at <www.wisc-freemasonry.org>.

Also available under the Publications heading on the web site's home page are the complete Wisconsin Masonic Handbook and Masonic Code of Wisconsin. These two publications may be referenced on-line or printed out as needed.

In order to qualify for LEA points for taking these courses and receive course completion recognition, the completed correspondence courses accompanied by a check for the correct fee of \$4.50 per person per course are to be mailed to the Grand Lodge Office in Dousman.

Prospective attendees who have not pre-registered and are planning on registering at the door are advised to confirm whether or not the seminar will be held before making plans to attend. **wmj**



**Son David Leistra Joins Father as Master Mason**

Brother David P. Leistra (right) and his father David O. Leistra can now say that they are Brothers in Masonry following the younger David's raising by Grand Lodge officers at Waukesha Lodge on February 28. The senior Leistra (left), a United Methodist Minister and member of Wautoma Lodge No. 148, was raised 25 years ago in Madison's Commonwealth Lodge No. 325. New Master Mason David is the oldest of five boys in the Leistra family. Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin John W. Wilke (center) conferred the degree on Bro. Leistra as well as Bro. Jeff Buchkowsky (pictured on the cover). David is employed as a Landscape Foreman at Hawks Nursery Company in Wauwatosa. Approximately 34 brethren were present, including Grand Lodge officers. — Photos by Wm. Stonecipher, WMJ Editor

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to make a reservation before Monday, April 27 so that I can make an accurate report to Janesville-Western Star at their meeting that night," Bro. Huber pointed out.

He went on to say that because the Janesville-Western Star dining room has a fire department-set capacity of 235, reservations will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

"We already have 114 reservations, and the longer you wait, the greater the likelihood that you might be told that capacity has been reached," he added.

Reservations may be made by phone with either Bro. Beaver at (608) 295-1483 or Bro. Huber at (608) 876-6421. E-mail reservations

can be made with Bro. Tom Beaver at <beaver.t@sbglobal.net>.

Attendees are invited to gather at 5 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. with the program following. As stated previously, payment will be at the door.

On the menu will be Janesville-Western Star Lodge's special version of Swiss steak, with all the usual accompanying dishes.

Though not formal, dress for the event should be in keeping with an occasion that honors the Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin. Janesville-Western Star Lodge is located at 2322 E. Milwaukee St. in Janesville.

Call today to reserve your place at this special event. **wmj**

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**NOTES FROM THE GRAND LECTURER**  
By Brother Kenneth C. Gorgen

My Brothers:  
Have you ever wondered why we do certain things in the ritual?  
There are times when I see Junior Deacons go to the outer door and are puzzled about whether it is the time to knock on the door or not. If the JD would think about the course of events that is happening, the answer would come to him and he would not even need to memorize the process. It would happen automatically.

Just to make sure we are all in the same court, it is important to remember that the Junior Deacon has control of the outer door and not the Tiler. Many times you will see the Tiler opening and closing the door to help out, but if our lodges are interested in doing it correctly, the Tiler should not touch the door.

This again begs the question, why not? The answer is because there is a purpose or reason for doing it that way. Let's remember that the business in the Lodge is private to the outside world. Because of this someone needs to be on the outside of the door, and someone needs to be on the inside of the door when it is opened; that would be the Tiler and Junior Deacon.

However, because the door is windowless [the little peep hole in some dooms does not count], neither officer can open the door until he is sure that someone is on the other side; hence the procedure.

The best way to handle this is to have only one officer controlling the door. It makes sense to have the JD doing this, because the door cannot be opened unless he is there to do it. The Tiler must assume that if the door is closed, the Junior Deacon is at his chair and there is no one on the other side of the door.

Understanding this rule now helps us to understand the knocks. In other words, who knocks and when? Let's first clarify that there are no knocks before the commencing of opening the Lodge, and no knocks after the Lodge is closed.

The rest is easy. It boils down to who wants to get whose attention. When the JD goes to the door for the first time to direct the Tiler that a Lodge will be open and he needs to tile, the door is closed and the JD knocks, he waits for the return knock from the Tiler, and he is now assured that the outer door is being guarded. He can report this to the Master with confidence. Why did he knock first? So that the Tiler would return the knock and assure him that he was performing his duty.

If the Junior Deacon needs to go back to the door to tell the Tiler something, should he knock? If you answered yes, you are correct. He must make sure that the Tiler is on the other side and he is assured of this by waiting for a return knock. At that point he can open the door. I am not going to go through every scenario of who knocks and who returns a knock. You can do this yourself by thinking about the situation and then decide what you would do. Check it against the cipher and see if you are right. Remember that common sense rules in almost every situation in the ritual.

Take this whole process one step further, and see how the JD's duties relate to his tending of the outer door. Carry it still further, and look at the Senior Deacon's duties and how those relate to his tending of the inner door.

I'd like to finish this topic by looking at the Tiler who is part of the interactions we just discussed. J. S. M. Ward published a small pamphlet in 1988 called, "The EA's Handbook." In his handbook he asks the question, "Why is the Tiler called the Tiler and not the sentinel or guard?"

There appears to be three scenarios. First, to tile is to cover in, and the Tiler covers or conceals what is going on in the Lodge. Second, in the medieval Templar ceremonies there were three sentinels: inner, outer, and one on the roof or on the roof files. And third, Tilers were inferior craftsman and were not admitted to full membership, but could be chosen to guard the door.

Pick the one you feel fits, but I prefer number 2. The Tiler guards against eavesdroppers, who listen at the eaves. Therefore, you need one on the roof or tiles to catch that one listening at the eaves.

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

Brethren, your comments or suggestions are always welcome. Contact Grand Lecturer Gorgen by e-mail at <jkgorgen@att.net> or by phone at (262) 691-0859.



**Kenneth C. Gorgen**  
Grand Lecturer



**A District 12 "Masterful Photo"**

The brethren of District 12 were honored to have the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, Brother John W. Wilke, attend their district spring meeting on Saturday, March 7 in Milwaukee. The Worshipful Masters in attendance gathered for a "Masterful Photo" to commemorate the occasion. Pictured in the back row left to right are: Mick Olson (Damascus 290), William Krohn (West Allis 291), Jan Talaga (Freemasons 363), Pat Cholka (Palmer 301) and Mike Cinnin (Lake 189). In the front row: Marc Rassbach (South Shore 3), Robert Busalacchi (Nathan Hale 350), Grand Master Wilke, Ron Buettner (Hays 331), Frank Nuernberger (George Washington 1776).

- Submitted by District 12 Deputy Don Hensiak



**La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190 Officers Named**

La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190 was pleased to have the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, Dr. John Wilke, install the officers of the lodge for the 2009 Masonic year. In addition to doing a superb job of following the written ceremony, the Grand Master offered personal insight into the various charges laid down to the officers in the installation ceremony. He also challenged the Masons present to learn one new part of the ritual this year, a challenge, that if accepted, will mean growth in our Masonic knowledge. Pictured in the front row, left to right, are: Senior Warden Keith Williams; Worshipful Master Todd Wolbert; Grand Master John Wilke; and Junior Warden Bruce Klubertanz. In the second row are: Junior Steward Jared Hickey; Junior Deacon Bob Carlson. Row three: Chaplain Red Hiser; Counselor Rich Gray; Senior Deacon Scott Hiser; Tiler Martin Callaway; and Secretary/Treasurer Wes Denny. Installed but not pictured is Senior Steward Jim Winters.

- Submitted by Masonic News Hawk Martin Callaway



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April, 11 @ N.E.W. Masonic Center in Green Bay  
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## Brother Art Bonnee Gave Just for The Joy of Giving

By Bro. William H. Barnes, Development Director, Wisconsin Masonic Charities

When Island City Lodge in Minocqua needed money, Bro. Art Bonnee was the first to step forward.

Bro. Bonnee died last year, but in his Will he continued his generosity by leaving \$30,000 to the Medical Fund of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation and \$40,000 to Island City Lodge.

Bro. Art was born in Winnipeg Canada in 1916 and served in the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division during World War II.

Afterwards he became an Electrical Engineer and worked for T-PAC until retiring to the North Woods in 1973.

Bro. Art taught many of us not to take life too seriously, and to learn to laugh. As a young man he was a champion bowler, and after having not bowled for decades, he went back to the alley and bowled a 7. He simply laughed off all the teasing.

He was also a skilled ski jumper. Although he warned others that, "you have to be crazy to jump!" Also, Art was known to have one of the oldest cats known to man. Well cared for, it died at age 29.

Art lost his first wife Alice to cancer. He married Betty Welzien when he was 86 years old. Survived by a large family and his Masonic Brothers, Arthur A. Bonnee will be missed.

Please consider a gift to the Medical Fund of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation in your estate plan.



### Paul Olson is Kegonsa Lodge Mason of the Year

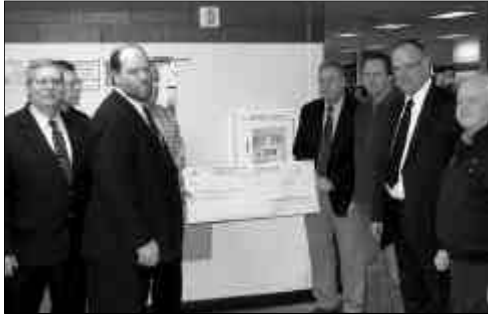
At the annual George Washington Dinner, held at Stoughton's Kegonsa Lodge No. 73 on Tuesday, February 17, Brother Paul N. Olson was presented with the annual community and service award, "Mason of the Year - 2009." Pictured above are honoree Paul N. Olson and Kegonsa Master Robert Barnett, Jr.

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### Superior Lodge Purchases Three AEDs

Superior Lodge No. 236, Superior, and the Masonic Medical Fund of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation donated \$4,800 to the Superior YMCA to purchase three AEDs. On Wednesday, February 18 at the YMCA annual meeting, representatives of the Lodge presented the YMCA with a check. Two of the AEDs are located at the main YMCA and one is located at the YMCA Child Care Center in Hawkes Hall. With staff training, the AEDs will provide a safer environment, should an emergency occur. The YMCA feels strongly, with the number of individuals using the facility each day, that it is very beneficial to have AEDs on site. In a medical emergency of this type, time is of the essence. The members of the Masonic group really stepped up to the plate to make this a reality. Pictured from left to right at the presentation of the check are Les Johnson, PM; Dwight Davis, SW; Brad Edstrom, WM; Lodge member Jon Scheldroup; Mike Kraft, YMCA Executive Director; Mark Sitek, YMCA Board Chair; Joe Koehler, PM; and Roger Anderson, PM.

- Submitted by Superior Lodge Masonic News Hawk Les Johnson



Fred Marquardt Gladys Marquardt

### Marquardt's Leave \$94,000 to Masonic Medical Fund

By Bro. William H. Barnes, Development Director, Wisconsin Masonic Charities

DOUSMAN - Frederick and Gladys Marquardt had been married for 36 years. Having no children or siblings, they decided to gift their entire estate to charity.

Brother Fred served as a Staff Sergeant in the Army during WW II,

and patiently waited until he was 52 years old before marrying his beloved Gladys.

An Accountant, Bro. Fred worked for Modern Equipment Manufacturing Company of Port Washington.

Raised in Milwaukee, Gladys worked at the Gimbels Store and Krause Milling Company. They were married at the First Congregational Church of Port Washington.

Fred was a 60-year member of Ozaukee Lodge and belonged to Tripoli Shrine and Scottish Rite.

The Marquardt's gift to the Medical Fund of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation will help fund our Masonic AED program that has saved 10 lives.

The Medical Fund also makes grants for safety, health and rehabilitation equipment.

Generous and caring individuals, the Marquardt's also made very generous gifts to Ozaukee Masonic Lodge and Tripoli Temple.

### Dousman Masons Fund Defibrillator and Heart Monitor for Dousman Fire Department Ambulance

DOUSMAN - Dousman Lodge No. 315 in conjunction with the Masonic Medical Fund of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation recently presented the Dousman Fire Department with a check completing their fund raising efforts to purchase a new defibrillator and a heart monitor for their emergency

response ambulance. Brothers Terry Brown, Worshipful Master, and Glenn Shong, Secretary, representing Dousman Lodge, presented the check to Fire Chief Joe Giver and Deputy Chief Tim Meyer.

- Submitted by Dousman Lodge News Hawk Henry Pynalder

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### - Sharon Wilke's Ladies Appeal - Here's How to Order Your Copy of "My Favorite Recipes from the Wild"

As Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, Most Worshipful Brother John W. Wilke takes great pleasure in introducing to the Craft his mother Helen Wilke's cookbook, "My Favorite Recipes from the Wild." For many years John's mother Helen Wilke taught identification, harvest, preparation and storage of wild edibles, sharing and receiving wildfoods' knowledge with George Bachay, former outdoor writer for the Janesville Gazette, and Euell Gibbons, noted author, both experts in this field. All proceeds from the sale of this book will go to Sharon Wilke's appeal for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Masonic Learning Centers for Children in Madison and Milwaukee.

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# News of the Lodges

Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin



## Master Mason Degree at Doric Lodge No. 356

On Tuesday, February 17, 2009, a combined Master Mason degree was performed for a candidate from Social Lodge No. 245 and a candidate from Doric Lodge No. 356. Over 40 Masons were in attendance from various lodges in the Madison area, including Madison No. 5, Hiram Lodge No. 50, Four Lakes Daylite Lodge No. 362, Oregon Lodge No. 151, Columbus Lodge No. 75, Jefferson County Lodge No. 9, and Waterloo Lodge No. 60. District 7 Deputy David Bomkamp, District 7 Lecturer Harold Carpenter, and District 9 Deputy Ralph L. Behlke were in attendance and participated in the work. Pictured above, left to right are: Richard Traylor, WM of Social No. 245; Steven Schulz, newly raised of Social Lodge; Scott Graham, newly raised of Doric Lodge; and Greg Corey (with hat), WM of Doric No. 356.

— Submitted by Masonic News Hawk Paul Hallingstad



## One Night, Four Lodges, Two New Brothers.

On February 9, 2009, Phillips Lodge No. 225 conferred two Master Mason Degrees, one for their own Lodge, and one for Medford Lodge No. 217. They were assisted by Brothers from Eagle River Lodge No. 248, and Park Falls Lodge No. 300. Shown above are (left to right) new Master Mason Jim Riley with Worshipful Master Jim Weaver of Medford, and new Master Mason Lee Handschke with Worshipful Master John Kosina of Phillips Lodge. Congratulations to our new Brothers Jim Riley and Lee Handschke!

— Submitted by Phillips Lodge Masonic News Hawk Gary Metz



## Mike Homer Raised at Neosho-Mayville-Horicon

On Tuesday, February 24, at Neosho-Mayville-Horicon Lodge No. 108, Brother Mike Homer was raised to the Master Mason Degree. He is pictured with our Worshipful Master Ernie Borchardt, Jr. The sidelines were almost full. Among our visitors was Bro. Adolph Meinhardt, Past Master of Aurora Lodge No. 30. We had fine "Spring" meal provided by our Senior Steward Scott Schamell and Junior Steward Bob Schamell, of barbecue sandwiches, fresh pickles, chips, a variety of cheeses and cookies. All in all, it was a fun and lively meeting to raise a brother to the Master Mason Degree.

— Submitted by Masonic News Hawk John Christenson

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## What Designs Are On Your Lodge's Trestleboard This Year?

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How about a Prospective Member List?

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## Thoughts for The Journey

By Grand Chaplain David Ritchie

### What defines us as Masons?

I am often surprised by how often the questions comes up, are we a Christian organization, are we a Jewish organization? The answer to both is no. We are neither a Christian nor a Jewish organization.

But aren't we based on the building of King Solomon's Temple? Don't we have the Bible on the altar? Don't we pray during meetings? During our degrees don't we quote the Bible? And didn't our fraternity start as the group of men who built the great Christian cathedrals of Europe?

The answer to all of these is of course, yes. These things, though, do not define who we are but are a part of who we are. They are a part of our heritage. They are not our identity.

I know this sounds like I am splitting hairs but please consider your personal heritage. Is this who you are? My ancestry, my heritage, is Scots, Cornish and Norwegian.

I have researched the family crest and found my family's tartan. I am very proud to be descended from a very old Highland family. I make and serve pasties and meat pie to my family. Saffron bread and buns are made at Easter and Christmas, a Cornish tradition. In late winter I serve lutefisk and lefse—my wife and sons actually do enjoy what can best be described as aromatic fish jello and potato tortillas. There are also times when our food or traditions are distinctly American.

Do these things make me a citizen or native of Scotland, Norway or Cornwall? No, of course they don't. They help make me who I am but do not define who I am. It turns out that my ancestors actually came from eight different countries, nine if you include one that came from Canada. So what does that make me? A mongrel? A mutt? Or, as some of us prefer, a hybrid? What it makes me is a very typical American.

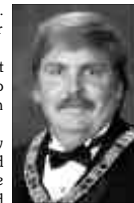
Our Masonic forefathers, as well as our American forefathers, were literate men, taking great pride in their education. Many of them learned to read just so that they could study and discuss the sacred writings. Both Christian and Jew alike often only owned one book but read it everyday: the Sacred Writings were learned and memorized. These words, ideas, and stories became so much a part of these men that whatever these men put their hands to, these ideas and stories became a part of: not to make them Christian or Jewish, but to make what they touched better.

Our American founding fathers put God, the Ten Commandments, and the "Golden Rule" into our most important documents and inscribed and invoked these in the buildings that house our government. Our Masonic fathers put them into our traditions and rituals. These men knew and understood the value and importance of faith and belief in a man's life. They also understood that each man would see his faith and live his beliefs differently.

Our forefathers understood that if we were to be strong as a country, or a fraternity, that we must value all men's faiths. The ideal was not to tolerate another's faith but to accept and respect it. Therefore our country, even though founded upon the ideas, traditions, and writings of the Judeo-Christian religions, is open to all men. Our fraternity is the same. If we are not Christian and we are not Jewish, but we are founded upon the ideas and writing of these faiths coupled with the acceptance and respect of all men's faith, who believe and pray to deity, then what are we?

We are just what our forefathers knew and expected we would be. We are better men.

Grand Chaplain Ritchie welcomes comments on his columns or suggestions for future topics from readers. He may be reached by phone at (608) 776-2698 or by e-mail at [hickorysp@yahoo.com](mailto:hickorysp@yahoo.com).



Rev. David Ritchie  
 Grand Chaplain



## Frank During Raised at Ellsworth's Hancock Lodge

Dr. Frank During of Ellsworth was raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason on Tuesday, February 10 at Hancock Lodge No. 229 in Ellsworth. Shown following the degree are, left to right, Worshipful Master Dan Fischer, newly raised brother Dr. Frank During, Worthy Brother Mike Elliott, who conferred the degree in the first section, and Worthy Brother Gary Waltz, who presided over the Second Section. — Submitted by Bro. Milt Helmer

**Brethren, in all that you say or do, remember to conduct yourself in a manner that reflects favorably upon yourself and the Fraternity of which you are a member. Treat everyone you meet as if they were a Brother, and you will do well.**



**2009 Officers of George Washington 1776 Lodge No. 337**

Installation of officers for George Washington 1776 Lodge was held on Saturday, January 10, 2009. Pictured left to right are: Bill Huegel, Installing Master; Will Cekosh, Junior Deacon; Josh Armstrong, Junior Steward; Jim Roberts, Tiler; Terry Johannes, Senior Steward; Otto Tesch, Junior Warden; Frank Nuemberger, Worshipful Master; Charles Carroll, Senior Deacon; Walt Smith, Senior Warden; Mark Truesdell, Counselor; Horace Palmer, Chaplain; and Chuck Roeder, Treasurer.

— Submitted by Bro. Charles Carroll Sr. Deacon, GW 1776 Lodge

**Prince Hall Brethren Attend George Washington 1776's Installation of Officers**

Our lodge was honored by the attendance of Prince Hall brethren (picture at right) at our 2009 Installation of Officers, Saturday, January 10, 2009. For about five years, members of GW1776 have been meeting regularly with Prince Hall members for breakfast and fellowship. They trade Masonic ideas and information while planning dual projects together. They typically meet once a month at the Family Table Restaurant on 6598 W Brown Deer Rd, usually the second Saturday of the month at 8 a.m. The original purpose of meeting was to use the brethren's common Masonic foundation to facilitate better communications within the Southeast Wisconsin community and better the Fraternity at large through this interaction. Prince Hall Brothers attending the 2009 George Washington 1776 Lodge installation were, left to right: Michael Adams, True Square Lodge No. 11; Rudy Payne, Corinthian Lodge No. 5; Winston Sharp, True Square; Fred Nelson, Corinthian; Prentice E. Jones, Sr., Junior Warden, True Square (standing); and Neville Duncan, MD, Corinthian Lodge.



**More Master Masons Raised in Prescott's Northwestern Lodge**



**Jaime Peterson Raised in Northwestern Lodge**

Another Master Mason was raised in a special ceremony at Northwestern Lodge No. 105 in Prescott on Friday, February 20. Jaime Peterson of Prescott, shown third from the left, is shown after the Master Mason Degree was conferred. Pictured left to right is Matt Knott, Northwestern Worshipful Master, Bro. Larry Fischer, who presided over the second section, Jaime, and Bro. Mike Elliott, who presided during the first section. The degree is one of three conferred in the past two months at Prescott. Jaime Peterson is employed at the Hudson High School.

— Photos by Bro. Milt Helmer, Northwest Masonic News Hawk



**Morningstar Lodge Installation of Officers**

Morningstar Lodge No. 10 in Beloit elected and installed its officers for the 2009 year recently. Pictured above left is Grand Master John Wilke and Pete Rambolt, Counselor of Morning Star Lodge. Above right is Jason Lentz, the new Worshipful Master of Morningstar Lodge. — Submitted by Masonic News Hawk Don Koeshall

**2009 Mosinee Lodge Officers**

Mosinee Lodge No. 318, Mosinee, held its installation of officers on January 8, 2009. Pictured left to right are: Keith Cruzeiger, Treasurer; Jim Bitner, Secretary; Wayne Kerstell, Junior Steward; Dave Renly, Senior Warden; Jacob Heil, Junior Deacon; Rick Schnabel, Worshipful Master; Jerry Klein, Tiler; and Steve Reid, Junior Warden.

— Submitted by Masonic News Hawk Steven Prewitt



**Cassia Lodge Officers for 2009 Masonic Year**

2009 officers for Cassia Lodge No.167, Plymouth, were installed in ceremonies held December 15, 2008. Pictured in the front row from the left are: Don Krauss, Organist; Ken Hellmann, Senior Warden; Fred Holstein, Worshipful Master; John Dorsey, Junior Warden; and David Elmer, Junior Deacon. Second Row: Ron Werner, Tiler; Tom Vanderkin, Treasurer; Tod Hellmann, Senior Steward; Dan Thielman, Junior Steward; and Harold Peterson, Secretary. Back Row: Mike Haucke, Senior Deacon; Cliff Hall, Chaplain; and Robert Thomas, Counselor.

— Submitted by Bro. Fred Holstein, Cassia Lodge WM



**Dan Finley Raised at Northwestern Lodge**

Brother Dan Finley was raised to the sublime Degree of a Master Mason at Northwestern Lodge 105 in Prescott on Wednesday, February 18, 2009. Brother Dan is shown receiving a Master Mason pin and a Masonic ring worn by his grandfather, Roy Finley. It was a very special moment for the Finley family.



**2009 Dodge County Lodge Officers**

Installed recently were the officers for Dodge County Lodge No. 72, Beaver Dam. Pictured left to right: Raymond Mielke, Junior Steward; Tom Hanson, Chaplain; Richard Larson, Treasurer & Trustee; Bob Strader, Grand Orator, Installing Marshal; Richard (RJ) Johnson, Junior Warden & Trustee; David Tainter, District 10 Deputy, Installing Chaplain; Robert Dolan, Worshipful Master, Counselor & Trustee; John Machkovech, Secretary & Trustee; Michael Roddy, Senior Deacon; Brian Graff, Senior Warden; Craig Campbell, Deputy Grand Master, Installing Officer; Chad Howard, Junior Deacon; William Dogs, Senior Steward. Missing from the picture: Arthur Retschlag, Trustee; Donald Duerst, Tyler.

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## Southern Lakes Lodge Hosts 1st '09 Community Blood Drive on April 11

By News Hawk Dustin Jenks  
Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12

DELAVER –Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12 will be hosting its first community blood drive of 2009 at their lodge facility in Delavan on Saturday, April 11 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The staff of the Blood Center of Wisconsin will be on hand to serve those who wish to donate.

A recent report by ABC News stated that only 10% of all Americans donate blood each year. In Wisconsin 90,000 citizens provide donations to the Blood Center. There are 220,000 units of blood and blood components distributed annually by the center.

The Blood Center of Wisconsin has serving local communities since 1947. Blood Center spokesperson Nancy Zirolecki says, "There is no substitute for blood and blood products."

In 2008 Southern Lakes Lodge hosted four blood drives. "Donating was effortless and many more should consider this," said Brother Dave Brach, a member of the lodge.

The Blood Center of Wisconsin keeps all of its donations within the state and those blood products are then distributed to local hospitals in the area.

Brother Paul Beduze, also a lodge member said, "The staff made me feel very comfortable during the whole process."

There are four scheduled blood drives at the Southern Lakes Lodge in 2009 and the coordinators are very appreciative of the community support these donation drives have received. For more information about donating on April 11 call (262) 725-3082. Appointments are encouraged, but not necessary.

## Wild Game Dinner Hosted by Laffin-St. James Lodge

By Bro. Jim Truesdell, Sec.  
Laffin-St. James Lodge

MUKWONAGO – Sportsmen of Mukwonago and their families enjoyed food deliciously prepared by members of Laffin-St. James Lodge No. 247.

The occasion was the fifth annual Wild Game Dinner, served on Thursday, March 19 at the Masonic Center in Mukwonago. Proceeds help provide scholarship awards for seniors graduating from Mukwonago and East Troy High Schools.

Before the meal, Scot Kalinowski, President of the Vernon Marsh Struters Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, described the work of their group. He and other hunters demonstrated various turkey calls.

After the meal, Gene O'Kelly of Grandpa's Guiding Service provided information for successful fishing on Pine Lake near Chenequa. During his talk, he distributed a detailed map of the 703 acre lake. Even those who are not normally particularly interested in hunting and fishing enjoyed the entire program.

Masons from East Troy and Mukwonago attend Laffin-St. James Lodge located at 206 South Main Street.

## Private showing of "Angels & Demons" movie for Masons, family and friends

By Todd Krohn, Sr. Warden  
West Allis Lodge No. 291

One of the things I was told by several people when I joined this wonderful fraternity was, "You get out of it what you put into it."

One of my favorite parts of the Fraternity is that of "spreading the cement of brotherly love," and meeting and bonding with many other like-minded people. I saw all the great things this fraternity had to offer and made up my mind that I would do whatever it took to strengthen this great fraternity—which leads me to this movie screening event.

Because I enjoy movies, and appreciated how the "DaVinci Code" and "National Treasure" have helped bring attention to Masonry, it occurred to me to try to combine my love for movies with my attempt to invigorate the Fraternity while spreading the cement of brotherly love with the soon to be released "Angels & Demons" movie.

I'd noticed that there always seems to be an ad before the show that says, "Rent this theatre for your next event," so I looked into it. I was

informed that all we needed was to get 50 people together to make it worthwhile to have a private showing before they open for their regular showtimes.

The showing will cost \$6.50 per person, and the theater would open the concession stand for us and offer some kind of special for our event. I thought, what a great way to have an event that included everyone from our own families as well as those from our Masonic families, from EAs and FCs, to DeMolay, Job's Daughters, OES, Shrine, Scottish Rite, York Rite, etc.

Reasoning that this is a movie that most people with Masonic ties would probably go see anyway, since it is the prequel to the "DaVinci Code," and has Masonic overtones, so why not share it together?

The event will be Saturday morning, May 16. The show will start between 9 and 10 a.m., depending on how many prints of the film the theatre receives.

The showing is open to everyone in the Masonic family and their guests. It will be at the Ridge Cinema, just south of Interstate 43 on Moorland Road, in New Berlin.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Todd Krohn either by e-mail (krohn914@yahoo.com) or phone (414-303-1705) to reserve your seat for this fun event!

## Murder Mystery Dinner at McKinley Lodge

On Saturday, February 21, mystery was afoot at McKinley Lodge. Guests were treated to a wonderful meal while the McKinley "Acting Troop" performed a story of a murder at the winery. Following the meal, the guests had to guess who was the murderer. The characters pictured are, left to right: Ralph Rottingrape (Kevin Breitzmann), Marilyn Merlot (Jenny Breitzmann), Hedy Shablee (Norma Kappel), Papa Vito (Bob Kappel), Bonny Lass (Erin Mayrand), Tiny Bubbles (Sherry Tischer), Otto Von Schnapps (Chet Tischer), and Bud Wizer (Jared Broderick).

– Submitted by McKinley Lodge Masonic News Hawk Mike Gorgen



## Washington Lodge No. 21 Past Masters Honored

On Saturday, February 21, members of Washington Lodge No. 21, Green Bay, held a Past Master's Day and Master Mason Degrees. All the Past Masters were invited back to lodge, where they helped out with conferring the Master Mason degrees. A special dinner honored the Past Masters, and candidates. Pictured left to right are: Christopher Charles, Jim Smales, Master Marc VanDerLeest, Scott Maxon, and Paul Carrick.

– Submitted by News Hawk Charles Clavage



## Monroe's Smith Lodge Officers Installed

Officers were Installed for the 2009 Masonic year for Smith Lodge No. 31, Monroe, on January 22, 2009. Pictured left to right in the first row are: Joe Thompson, Installing Marshal; Scott Feldt, Sr. Deacon; Wayne Henning, Worshipful Master; Ed Grabow, Chaplain; and Frederick Jaggi, Jr. Warden. In the back row are: Howie Drye, Jr., Junior Steward; Eric Collins, Senior Warden; Ron Boeck, Junior Deacon; Orville Boeck, Tiler; D. Ritchie, and Scott Pedley, Installing Master.

**Is there any member of your lodge in need? Out of a job? The wife of a departed brother? Why not ask among the brethren in your lodge and see if there is anyone who could use a little help. Someone will surely be happy you did.**



## Ben Franklin Lodge Raises Brother Ross Lehman

Brother Ross Lehman was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 83 at Madison on March 11. Besides members of Benjamin Franklin Lodge, also in attendance were Brother Dave Bomkamp, District Deputy, and Brother Jerry Roscoe of Madison Lodge No. 5. The degree work was performed in the Emulation Rite. At the business portion of the Lodge meeting the Brethren also assembled a \$600.00 donation to help cancer research. Following the Lodge meeting the brothers held a festive board in Brother Ross's honor. Pictured above after the Emulation Ritual third degree work left to right are: Brothers Dave Bomkamp District Deputy; Jerry Roscoe, Madison Lodge; and Benjamin Franklin Lodge members Patrick Blawat, James Anderson, Gary Oien, Erik Nielsen, WM Paul Gordon, Phil Ferris, Mark Forster, Joseph Howell, Ross Lehman, Pat Storms, Greg Ellis, Randall Lagman and Scot Statz.

– Submitted by Bro. Paul Gordon, Worshipful Master

## Brother From Virginia Visits Excelsior



On March 9, Brother Howard Coleman of Hudson-McRais Lodge No. 80, Grand Lodge of Virginia, visited Excelsior Lodge No. 175. He gave us a short talk on Masonry in Austria. Brother Coleman is at left and Worshipful Brother Joshua Armstrong is at right.

– Submitted by Bro. Joshua M. Armstrong, Excelsior Past Master, Secretary, and Masonic News Hawk



## Wisconsin Dells Raises First Master Mason in Over Five Years

For the last few years Wis. Dells Lodge has been struggling to bring in new members as have many of the lodges. After many years of hope, persistence, dedication and a passionate love of our craft, we are now seeing the fruits of our labor. We have seen petitions coming in, and degrees starting again. We have seen our meetings get larger and with the added plural members from Adams, Baraboo, and Fort Winnebago in Portage just to mention a few. We just conferred our first Master Mason Degree in just over five years this December. Below is a list of those who attended. Grand Master John Wilke and his officer's care about all the lodges in Wisconsin no matter how small or large they are.

– Submitted by Rick Doss, Dells Lodge Sr. Warden

The newest Master Mason of Dells Lodge No. 124 posed with Master Mike Karas and Grand Master John Wilke after the lodge's first degree in over five years.

# News of the Lodges

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## First Ashlar Awards Presented in Marshfield

On March 4 of this year, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin John W. Wilke traveled to Marshfield Lodge No. 224 to present to first ever Ashlar Awards in Wisconsin. The brothers so recognized were Chad R. Engevold and Matthew O. Reddig. Pictured left to right are: Matthew Reddig, Grand Master John Wilke, Chad Engevold, Worshipful Master Bob LeSage, and candidate Dean Swett.

—Submitted by Bro. William H. Barnes, Marshfield Lodge Past Master



## Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843 Honors Charter Members

Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843 held its first quarterly meeting of 2009 at Sheboygan Lodge No. 11, and in the process marked the 25th year of Wisconsin Freemasonry's sole authorized lodge of research. Present were the four presiding charter officers of the lodge: Bro. Allan E. Iding (right), Past Grand Master, was Master; Bro. Rick Gustafson (top, left), was Senior Warden; Bro. William Milz (center) was Junior Warden; and Bro. John Mitchell was Secretary/Treasurer (top, right). Present, too, was Bro. George Money, a charter member of Silas H. Shepherd. Bro. Money, a 56-year Mason is a Past Master of Baron Lodge and a former Chaplain of Eau Claire Lodge. He now resides in Oconomowoc. Twenty-five brethren were present for the meeting from several area lodges. Bro. Jim Bittner of Mosinee Lodge No. 318 was installed as Sr. Steward, and Bro. Dan Bast of Oconomowoc-Hartland No. 42 was installed as Jr. Deacon. Papers were presented by Bros. Rick Gustafson (Ritual Tips) and Frank McKenna (Masonic Symbolism in Mozart's Magic Flute). The next meeting of Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843 will be Saturday, June 13 at Owen Lodge No. 317. —Submitted by Bro. William Stonecipher, Master



## Cassia Organist Going Strong at 100

Brother Don Krauss, organist of Cassia Lodge No. 167 in Plymouth sat at the keyboard during the lodge's stated meeting on Monday, March 16 as he has at meetings for as long as the lodge has had an organ (more than 25 years). Brother Krauss is a 76-year Mason and was raised in Austin Lodge in the Chicago area. Brother Krauss still drives his car. "I'm lucky in that respect," he said. He also plays the organ very well.

Minutes of the April 21, 1882, regular communication of Waverly Lodge reads like a who's who of early Appleton history. The cursive penmanship is more a work of art than a mere record of the meeting events. It looks as though the presence of H. J. Rogers is recorded in the right-hand column. There is also a B. T. Rogers, perhaps his brother or a cousin, listed in the left-hand column.

## Marshfield Lodge Lands Our First Ashlar Award

By Bro. Matthew Reddig  
Marshfield Lodge No. 224

MARSHFIELD – When our newest brother at Marshfield Lodge No. 224, Brother Dean Swett, joined the lodge we were looking at the Ashlar Award program with a kind of, "what is it?" Brother Jeff Marquardt, District 6 Deputy, helped us answer that question.

By the time Brother Swett was passed, we had some kind of idea what the Ashlar Award entailed. Not long after that we formed our "Ashlar Team" consisting of our previously newest Brother, Chad Engevold, as head of the group. The group included Brother Dean Swett and myself, and Matthew Reddig.

We met together and discussed the objectives on the checklist for this award, scheduled when we could do the various tasks, and completed them rather quickly — and in doing so became the first Ashlar Team for Masons in Wisconsin, which is quite an honor, but we also achieved much more than what we had expected.

By getting our newest brother involved with this program, we also got him involved with most of the goings-on within the lodge and laid some very good groundwork for future Masonic education discussion-group meetings. And, more importantly, I believe, we have gained one more active member within our lodge who comes to our meetings, is involved with our various activities, and is seeking even further light in Masonry.

We have been very active here at Marshfield Lodge, and as such, decided to embark upon a particular journey. When our newest brother, Dean Swett, was initiated an Entered Apprentice, the Ashlar Award Program came to our attention. However, when many longtime members were questioned, most had no idea what the Ashlar Award was, but thankfully they did know where to find out!

Brother Jeffrey Marquardt helped us to answer the "what is it" question. By the time Brother Dean was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the Ashlar Team had been formed. Brother Chad Engevold, the Lodge's newest Master Mason, became a part of this team, as well as myself, Bro. Matthew Reddig.

We met together before and after Brother Dean's Fellowcraft Degree and discussed the objectives on the checklist which was obtained from Grand Lodge, scheduled the various tasks, and completed them in a steadfast manner. In doing so Marshfield Lodge became the first Ashlar Award Team for Masons in Wisconsin, which is quite an honor.

We also achieved much more than we expected, for by getting our newest brother involved with this program we also got him involved with almost every activity our lodge offers, and in the process we have laid a solid foundation for future Masonic education discussions and, hopefully and more importantly, we have gained one more active member within our lodge who comes to our meetings, is involved when they can be, and is seeking even further light in Masonry.



## Landmark Brethren Travel to Minnesota

Recently, nine brethren from Landmark Lodge, Frederic, traveled to Compass Lodge in Robbinsdale, Minnesota to visit and watch the Master Mason Degree conferred on six FCs. "Minnesota Style." This lodge is home to Bro. Dave Randall, PM, Treasurer of Landmark Lodge, and where he served as Master prior to moving to Wisconsin. We received a very warm brotherly welcome. The trip was a learning experience for all. Pictured above are Front row. Left to right: Emie Valla, Dean Daniels, WM, William Beetcher, PM, Sr. Grand Steward, WM Mike Foye (host) Dave Randall, PM, Hartley Hedberg. Rear: Neal Chapman, Tom Auer, Kenneth Gale, Lowell McFetridge.



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Street, about a mile upstream, was put into service soon after. All that remains of the Vulcan Street generator is a replica. An effort is underway to relocate this replica from its present site on the river in central Appleton to a new location close to the site of the original mill and its generator.

The pulp mill and the first generator were situated on the north side of the Fox River below the present day Memorial Street bridge. The original mill along with its generator were destroyed by fire in 1891, according to Bro. Wolf. Interestingly, the original hydro-electric turbine and its enclosure on Vulcan Street was also destroyed by fire (date uncertain).

As Bro. Chad related, H. J. Rogers wired the mill first, then his home situated on the high bank above the mill. He also extended a line to the building that housed the lodge, dropping a line into the lodgeroom itself. Roger's home, now the Hearstone Historic House Museum, is said to have been the world's first home lit by hydro-electricity.

How did Bro. Rogers hear about hydro-electric turbines? He went fishing on Lake Winnebago out of Fond du Lac with a man from Chicago, and heard about Thomas Edison's designs for generating electricity with steam and water power. Rogers took it from there. Upon returning to Appleton he went to work lining up financial support, obtained plans and a license for two hydro-electric turbines. Construction began soon after.

In response to a question of why there was so much business activity in Appleton, Chad said it was because of the locks and Fox River canal. It was thought then that canals would provide the ideal commercial highway from the Great Lakes to the Mississippi then on to the world via New Orleans. However, the network of rails eclipsed the promise of canals.

In his role as Waverly historian and librarian, Brother Wolf said that he has been uncovering a treasure trove of information about members of the lodge who were major figures in Appleton's early history. Among his discoveries was the fact that John Michael Kohler, founder of the Kohler Company, was a founding member of Waverly Lodge before moving on to the Sheboygan area, where he became a founding member of Sheboygan Lodge No. 11.

As Chad discovered, the connections among lodge members who were prominent industrialists and businessmen were intertwined with early Appleton history. "It doesn't stop. It goes on and on, and on. Kind of like an all-star team of the founders of Appleton," he said. The story is ongoing and Brother Chad Wolf has his finger on the pulse of that history.



**Brother Chad Wolf, Waverly Lodge Historian, explained how many of the men who were instrumental in bringing electricity to the City of Appleton in 1882 were also Masons and members of Waverly Lodge. Chad also serves as a member of the Appleton Historic Preservation Commission and is actively involved in "The Vulcan Project" to move the Vulcan Power Plant replica from its present site on an island in the Fox River in central Appleton just west of the Law St. bridge to a new location on the grounds of the Hearstone Historic House Museum.**



These pictures are framed and hanging on a wall opposite the library and kitchen area of Waverly Lodge No. 51's present home at 315 S. Bluemound on Appleton's west side. The first of the two images shows an incandescent light hanging to the far right of the St. Warden's station in the old lodge room which was located on the third floor of the Commercial National Bank Building that once stood on the southeast corner of College Avenue and Oneida Street, circa 1900. These quarters were actually Waverly's fourth home, and were occupied in 1882, the same year the first direct current turbine was put into service.



#### Mitten Tree & Blanket

Wisconsin Rainbow Girls collected over 50 pairs of mittens and gloves at their Christmas party, held on December 6 at the Middleton Masonic Center. The mittens and gloves were given to Caritas, a food and clothing pantry in Beloit to be distributed to children in need.

#### Job's Daughters Grand Session will be May 15-17 in Onalaska

ONALASKA - The 81st Annual Session of Wisconsin Job's Daughters International will be held at the Stoney Creek Inn in Onalaska, Wisconsin May 15-17, with Mrs. Christal Bindrich, Acting Grand Guardian, and Mr. John Clifton, Associate Grand Guardian, presiding.

The formal opening of the Session will be Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. and is open to anyone wishing to attend. Business meetings and election of officers for the 2009-2010 year will be conducted on Saturday, followed by the evening banquet and installation of new officers at 7:30 p.m. An invitation to attend installation is extended by Vice Grand Guardian Heather Holzworth and Associate Vice Grand Guardian Harry Overly.

A bus trip to Niagara Cave in Harmony, Minnesota is planned for Job's Daughters on Saturday. The cave is rated one of the top ten caves in the United States and should provide an exciting day for the girls.

Following the Sunday morning worship service at 9 a.m., awards will be presented to Job's Daughters for various activities.

More information can be obtained by contacting Beverly Rasmussen, chairman of arrangements at (920) 494-9447.

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## Youth In Masonry



#### Rainbow Fleece Blanket

On December 6, 2008, Madison Assembly No. 5 hosted an All State Christmas party for Wisconsin Rainbow Girls. The girls held a courtesy initiation followed by lunch and party. During the party the girls made Christmas tree ornaments, played games and participated in making a breast cancer fleece blanket. This blanket will be one of the items in the silent auction to be held at the dinner and reception on April 4, 2009 to honor Grand Worthy Advisor Britny Blackwood. Proceeds from the silent auction will go to her charity, which is "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" of the American Cancer Society.

#### DeMolay in Wisconsin "On The Grow" Holds 54th Sweetheart Weekend Feb. 13

By Robert E. Simon,  
Executive Officer  
Wisconsin DeMolay

Wisconsin DeMolay has been very busy as of late, and has some pretty exciting plans for the near future.

Members of DeMolay, Jobs Daughters and Rainbow for Girls plus their advisors and chaperones thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the 54th annual DeMolay Sweetheart Weekend. They all gathered on Valentine's Day weekend at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton for fun, fellowship and even some education!

On Friday evening, February 13 everyone who was registered for the weekend (with the exception of a few State Staff) loaded onto buses to ride to Marcus Corporation's Funset Boulevard - a youth oriented entertainment complex for an evening of laser tag, bumper cars, arcade games and plenty of pizza. A great time was had by all.

On Saturday morning a business session was held where the young men and their State Officers held discussions on plans to reorganize the State Officer Corps effective at the conclusion of DeMolay Conclave in July. The outcome is that there will be a State Master Councilor, two State Councilors and a third Officer whose title has yet to be determined. The hope of all who are interested in and supportive of DeMolay is that this change of focus for the Corps will generate renewed enthusiasm in both membership and participation in the activities of the fraternity.

At the close of the business session, the candidates for office were introduced. Jacob Harycki and Ross Hill will vie for the State Master Councilor position, and Joe Workman, Nick Hansen, Ray Kruse, Jim Erickson and Cory Quinn are seeking one of the three other Officer positions.

Following lunch, the six lovely young ladies who were seeking the office of State Sweetheart were introduced and participated in a question and answer session designed to provide the DeMolays with an idea as to who they would elect as their new Sweetheart for the ensuing year. These young ladies represented Brookfield, Doric (West Allis,) Kenosha, Racine, Sir Galahad (Burlington) and West Bend Chapters.

Following a fantastic banquet, the Chapter Sweethearts were re-introduced for the purpose of answering

what has become to be known as "the final question."

Presented by the current State Sweetheart and the State Master Councilor, this same question is given to each of the girls to answer and is of a more serious and thought-provoking nature. All of the young ladies did a superb job in answering the question, and at the end of the post-banquet program the new State Sweetheart for 2009-10 was introduced—Miss Sammantha Urban from Sir Galahad Chapter. Congratulations Samm!

Three new programs for Wisconsin DeMolay were also introduced during the weekend. The first, "Membership Marathon," is a membership drive that will run from the conclusion of Sweetheart Weekend until the Conclave Banquet. The prizes for those bringing the highest numbers of new members will be awarded. They are valued at much higher amounts than many previous contests of this sort.

The second new program was introduced by Mom Nancy Storrs from West Bend Chapter and Dad Shawn Noble from Sir Galahad Chapter who presented a very interesting and thought-provoking program on successful public relations and promotion of the Order. We hope to be able to present this program again in a couple of locations, and each chapter is going to be requested to send some officers and advisors to one of the programs.

The third new program debuted was "DeMolay Excitement Weekend" (D.E.W.) which will take place the weekend of May 15-17 at Camp Timber-lee in East Troy. This leadership-building style weekend is designed to provide DeMolays with a mix of educational, team-building and brotherhood-strengthening activities that will help them become better chapter members and stronger leaders.

The following are special dates for those involved in DeMolay:

- April 25 - Sweetheart Coronation Ball, Burlington
- May 9 - State Officer Elections and State Master Councilor's Testimonial Dinner and Roast, Kenosha
- May 15-17 - Do the D.E.W!, East Troy
- July 23-26 - WI DeMolay Conclave, Beloit

We thank you for your interest in Wisconsin DeMolay, and hope to see you soon!

## Hiram Abif, Master Architect, studies in Egypt, builds harbor of Tyre, then takes on Jerusalem

### *The Story of Hiram Abif Continues*

The story of the great temple builder – an historical lecture, delivered by Bro. Alexander H. Morgan, Past Master, to Montgomery Lodge No. 19, F. & A. M. of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1893, and subsequently published in "The Keystone." This is the forth and final installment which is continued from last month. The first installment appeared in the January 2009 issue.

**Editor's note:** At the conclusion of last month's installment, the Essenes were mentioned, as they are in this one. To learn more about this group or movement, readers are encouraged to conduct their own historical research into the structure of Judaism of the time, the role of the Essenes within that structure, the reasons for their formation, and the duration of their existence. Also, readers are cautioned about viewing the blending of history with fraternal mythology and vice versa as factual, as this paper does in several instances.

– William L. Stonecipher, Editor

### **Not all were thrilled with the idea of a Phoenician building the Temple in Jerusalem...**

There arose about this time a sect or society among the Jewish Puritans called the Essenes. The doctrines of the Essenes were strictly esoteric, and the work symbolic, resembling so closely the ceremonies of Freemasonry that it has been claimed as the origin of the Fraternity.

Whether this was so or not will not enter into our speculations, but there is no doubt that the society or sect of the Essenes was largely composed of those opposed to Hiram Abif and his Phoenician assistants, but still, open resistance was not manifested, and Hiram went on with the work.

Adoniram, who held the important office of treasurer of the kingdom, was also made "chief overseer of the thirty thousand brethren who were sent to cut timber for the Temple in the forests of Lebanon," and those appointments contributed to make him, at least for the time being, an important ally and supporter of the Tyrian.

The foundation was made and the corner stone laid, and "on the second day of the second month in the fourth year of the reign of Solomon" the superstructure was begun.

Up to this time, Hiram, King of Tyre, and King Solomon had never met. They had made treaties and carried on correspondence, but neither had looked upon the other's face. But the complications growing out of such an undertaking made it imperative that a council of the three Grand Masters should be held, and at the earnest solicitation of Hiram Abif, the King of Tyre came to Jerusalem.

The exact date of this meeting of the three Grand Masters cannot be given, but that it did take place, and that at this meeting they conceived and agreed upon the landmarks of the Craft, by which they were to know and distinguish each other from the profane through all the coming ages, cannot be doubted. It was at this meeting, brought about by the "Man of Tyre," that Freemasonry was made a perpetuity, an universal, everlasting brotherhood.

### **Those Famous Pillars**

It will be remembered that when Hiram was sent to Jerusalem, among his accomplishments mentioned by the Tyrian king, great stress was laid upon his knowledge as a metallurgist or worker in metals, "skillful to work in gold and in silver, in brass and in iron."

This peculiar knowledge was of the utmost importance to Solomon; without it the sacred vessels for the sacrificial ceremonies could not have been made, as there was no one among the Jews capable of doing fine metal work, and even among the Egyptians and Phoenicians the secrets of metallurgy were confined to members of the esoteric societies.

The bronze of the ancients has never been discovered by modern metallurgists. Its constituents are unknown. It could be forged and welded and tempered; it was practically impervious to oxidation, in this particular being superior to the finest steel; in fact, it was the nearest to an imperishable metallic compound that has ever been discovered.

And when we read in the books of the Kings, and of the Chronicles, of the great altar of brass, twenty cubits long, twenty cubits wide and ten cubits high, and of the great sea or, basin standing upon the twelve bronze oxen, "three looking to the north, three to the east, three to the south and three to the west," and of the lavers, and of the candlesticks, and of the tables, and all the paraphernalia that was required to furnish and make complete the Temple on Mount Moriah, all of which was metallic work wrought by the hands or made under the direction of Hiram Abif, we can readily understand how invaluable were his services to the Jewish king, and how incomplete would have been the Masonic symbol without him.

Of the several distinct works of brass or bronze I have mentioned, each had its appropriate use or peculiar significance, each one in itself was of symbolic meaning, more especially the twelve brazen oxen which supported the great sea or basin of "ten cubits from brim to brim," and further on I will endeavor to explain to the brethren the symbology of the most important of those works of bronze, and how it was that Hiram Abif placed within a Jewish Temple bronze images of Egyptian deities.

But the greatest of his bronze works, and those of the most

interest to the Freemason, were the two celebrated pillars which stood "at the porch of the Temple." The erection of pillars to commemorate remarkable events, past or present, is as old as history itself. Herodotus, Homer, Pliny, Josephus and other historians and poets refer to this custom.

The posterity of Seth, according to Josephus, "that their inventions might not be lost to mankind, erected two pillars, one of brick and one of stone; they inscribed their discoveries on them both, so that if one was destroyed the other might remain."

"Jacob erected a pillar at Bethel; to commemorate his remarkable vision of the ladder. Joshua erected one at Gilgal, to perpetuate the remembrance of his miraculous crossing of the Jordan. Samuel setup a pillar between Mizpah and Shen, on account of a defeat of the Philistines, and Absalom erected another in honor of himself."

Trajan's pillar and many others famous in ancient history; the pillars of Hercules facing each other from the extremes of Europe and Africa, believed to have been set up by the Omnipotent to mark the farthest boundaries of the earth, until the Phoenician navigators sailed their ships out into the broad Atlantic and dissipated that error, show that the pillar or column was a sign and a symbol from the earliest days of the world's history.

The two pillars, Boaz and Jachin, were without doubt the most suggestive and interesting objects connected with the Temple of Solomon, at least in their relation to symbolic Masonry. And as they emanated from the brain of Hiram Abif, were cast, cut, carved and finished by his own hands, set up in their conspicuous places under his immediate supervision, and were the crowning works of his inventive genius, I will endeavor to set up before the brethren the practical meaning of those famous pillars, and also to direct their attention to the symbology, sacred and profane, of which they had a meaning, as well to the pagan worshiper of Baal, the Hebrew believer in the GOD of Israel, or the disciple of Freemasonry.

While there is much discrepancy in the Scriptural account of the two pillars, owing probably to imperfect translations, I have taken the dimensions as given by Josephus, which I think are the most reliable: "Moreover, this Hiram made two hollow pillars whose outsides were of brass, and the thickness of the brass was four fingers' breadth, and the height of the pillars was eighteen cubits and the circumference twelve cubits."

This means a height of twenty-seven feet, and a circumference of eighteen feet, or about six feet (in) diameter. Each pillar was surmounted by a singular head or ornament, which was called a chapter (chapter?). Much discussion has been indulged in by writers on this subject as to the shape, size and meaning of those strange appendages to the two pillars.

### **Globes or Eggs Atop the Pillars?**

In most of the pictorial representations they are globes resting upon the top of the pillars. Some portray them as ovals, having a fringe attached, hanging over the upper edge of the pillar. My own impression is that they were flattened globes, nearly egg shaped, and that Hiram made them so, that they might symbolize that organ of fecundity found on the front of the Egyptian temples; the winged globe representing "the seed of the royal egg."

The ornamentation of the two pillars was of the most elaborate character. It is described in the sacred chronicles as "chain work" and "checker work" and "nets" and "pomegranates" of exquisite workmanship.

Hiram seems to have concentrated all his inventive faculties upon the construction and adornment of those two pillars, that they might remain perfect specimens of his unrivaled skill in the imperishable bronze. Having spoken of the physical characteristics, let me ask your attention to the symbolism, which, far above the mere adornment of those bronze figures, made them of paramount importance to Hebrew nation and to Masonic votary.

When Hiram Abif was a student in the land of the Pharaohs, as he wandered among the tombs, and monuments and temples, of what was even then the works of antiquity, he saw standing before the great temple of the god On, in the city of the Sun, two tall columns or pillars in the shape of obelisks. The sides of those pillars were covered with hieroglyphics, which the Dionysian architects explained to him as commemorating an astronomical event which had occurred two thousand years before, and he also found, as he pursued his travels in that wonderful country, that in front of each of the temples dedicated to the Egyptian deities there were erected two similar pillars. They were the symbols of Osiris and Isis, the Sun and the Moon. When a visitor approached an Egyptian temple he was confronted with those two conspicuous objects, and they remained indelibly impressed upon the memory, even when the building in front of which they stood had faded into the past.

Thus it came about that Hiram reproduced in the two pillars he set up in front of the Jewish Temple the symbols which many centuries before had been erected by an Egyptian king.

When the devout Hebrew climbed the steps leading up to the outer porch of the sacred edifice, he was reminded of the pillar of fire which had lighted the way of their forefathers when they stole out of the land of Egypt by night, and journeyed towards the Promised Land, where Israel was to become numerous as "the sands of the sea, the dust of the earth, or the stars of heav-

en." And he also saw the emblems of an everlasting faith which he fondly believed was to extend and increase until the whole earth should rest beneath its shade.

Boaz, the symbol of irresistible strength; Jachin, the house to endure forever. If it was a worshiper of Baal that ventured to approach the Temple of JEHOVAH, he saw in those brazen pillars the symbolism of the deities he had bowed down to in his native Phoenicia, and he recognized, and in his inmost soul he glorified, the genius of the Man of Tyre, who thus in imperishable bronze had emblemized the Pagan gods even in front of the Jewish Temple.

If he gained admittance into the inner court, he saw the great brazen symbol of the Ocean of Eternity, whose circular form was "without beginning and without end," while the twelve massive oxen upon which it rested were emblematical of the twelve tribes that formed the strength and glory of Israel. So that in all the works, either within the sacred courts where only the elect could enter, or on the outer porch which was open to all the people, the Man of Tyre had stamped the impress of his transcendent genius, and redeemed the pledges the king had made for him when he came to Jerusalem.

### **Animosity Builds Towards Hiram Abif**

The end of the seven years was approaching, and Hiram was anxious to see the Temple dedicated, that he might return to his own country. The hatred of the priests and the Levites against the "foreign man" had increased as the work progressed, and it was only through the watchful care of Solomon that his life was preserved.

The introduction of the brazen oxen exasperated those who adhered to the tenets of Abraham, or believed that the Commandments given to Moses were "written by the finger of GOD," and they looked upon the Tyrian architect as a desecrator of the Temple, and a reviler of the true faith.

There were also other causes that excited their jealousy against Hiram. When the council of the three Grand Masters was held at Jerusalem, certain agreements were made relative to the further disposition of the workmen, their division into classes, and means of recognition, which rules and regulations were known only by Solomon and the two Hiram. The Rabbins and others of the influential Hebrews sought to obtain possession of those secret agreements.

Adoniram, who as collector of the revenues and chief of the thirty thousand workmen employed in the forests of Lebanon, was held in high estimation by all classes of the Jews, felt aggrieved at the want of confidence shown by the Grand Masters in not admitting him into their councils. He sought Hiram Abif and endeavored to prevail upon him to reveal the secrets of the council, but was unsuccessful.

The legend of this interview between Adoniram and Hiram Abif places it about the time of the erection of the brazen pillars, and though Hiram apparently succeeded in placating Adoniram with evasive answers, yet there can be no doubt but he was still more incensed against the Grand Masters, more especially the Tyrian, and the result was that he became an ally of the fanatical party that was determined upon the ruin of the foreigner.

The last work of Hiram was the construction of the brazen scaffold from which the king was to speak to the congregation of Israel. On the heights of Jerusalem, on the spot where the Canaanite had immolated his own children in sacrifice to Moloch, on the mount where Abraham had stretched forth his arm to slay his son Isaac, and where David had crowned the glory of his reign by the destruction of the pagan Jebusite, the Tyrian architect had inscribed his fame on the outer porch and in the inner courts of JEHOVAH's Temple.

The great work was finished; from the borders of the great sea (the Mediterranean) to the banks of the Euphrates, the splendor of the Temple at Jerusalem was extolled, and the praises of the Tyrian architect resounded. It was the Temple of Solomon, but it was also the work of Hiram the Builder; and the architect, satisfied with the result of his labors, fondly hoped that the time was at hand when he should turn his face towards the city by the sea and rest in peace among his own countrymen.

Yet, with the Tyrian architect, as with the Hebrew prophet, the end he longed for was destined never to be reached. Fate raised the veil a moment to his anxious gaze, then let it fall forever. Even then the working tools which he had taught the craftsmen to wield were being turned to weapons in the traitors' hands to destroy him. It was a cruel act for those men to do, to turn those implements against the breast of him who first gave them the knowledge how to use them.

At the midnight hour, when all prying eyes were closed in sleep; three craftsmen with stealthy step approached the Temple. One entered at the south gate, one at the west gate, and one at the east gate, all meeting at or near the Sanctum Sanctorum, where none but our three Grand Masters were privileged to enter.

Here they found what proved to be a human form. They took it up in silence and bore it to the foot of the sacred mount and laid it in a newly made grave. No word was spoken, no sign given; it was the mortal remains of the Tyrian architect, Hiram Abif. One of the three craftsmen, prompted by the "still small voice within," placed an evergreen above the remains, and then in silence and in sorrow those three men departed.

The emblem of immortality remained to mark the spot where the assassins' victim lay buried in the cold embrace of death. This, my brethren, is the story of Hiram the Builder.

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**Editor:** We hope you found this of interest and whets your appetite to learn more about the history and lore of the Craft.



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<b>Adams</b> Adams Lodge No. 332 148 S. Grant • 608-339-2126 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Dark January & February	<b>Brookfield</b> McKinley Lodge No. 307 4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-781-9907 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Eagle River</b> Eagle River Lodge No. 248 610 E. Division • 715-479-8646 Meet 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m. Meets All Year	<b>Janesville</b> Janesville-Western Star No. 55 2322 E. Milwaukee St. • 608-752-3058 Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Marshfield</b> Marshfield Lodge No. 224 402 W. 11th St. • 715-384-8646 Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Dark June, July & August	<b>Mosinee</b> Mosinee Lodge No. 318 607 13th St. • 715-693-3150 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August
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<b>Antigo</b> Antigo Lodge No. 231 American Legion Hall, 619 8th Ave. Meet 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Burlington</b> Burlington Lodge No. 28 325 N. Kane St. • 262-763-6290 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Eau Claire</b> George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351 616 Graham Ave. • 715-832-7759 Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Kenosha</b> Kenosha Lodge No. 47 807 61st St. • 262-657-7631 Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Meets All Year	<b>Menomonie</b> Menomonie Lodge No. 164 N5729 - 410th St. • 715-235-2667 Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Neenah</b> Appleton Lodge No. 349 241 E. Wisconsin Ave. • 920-731-7355 Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August
<b>Appleton</b> Waverly Lodge No. 51 315 S. Blauwout Dr. • 920-738-9220 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Cambridge</b> Social Lodge No. 245 105 S. Spring St. • 608-215-4346 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Eau Claire</b> Sanctuary Lodge No. 347 616 Graham Ave. • 715-832-7759 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Kenosha</b> Sunrise Lodge No. 359 807 61st St. • 262-694-7817 Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 9:30 a.m. Dark July & August	<b>Mercer</b> Hurley Lodge No. 237 5179 N. Hwy. 51 • 715-475-2453 Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark January, February & March	<b>Neenah/Menasha</b> Twin Cities Lodge No. 61 241 E. Wisconsin Ave. • 920-722-3611 Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August
<b>Ashland</b> Ancient Landmark No. 210 206 Sixth Ave. West • 715-682-3270 Meet 1st Wednesday, 7 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Camp Douglas</b> Camp Douglas Lodge No. 272 211 Main St. • 608-427-6542 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Edgerton</b> Fulton Lodge No. 69 312 W. Fulton St. • 608-884-6679 (Sec) Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Kenosha</b> Unity Lodge No. 367 4320 Washington Rd. • 262-657-5575 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m. Meets All Year	<b>Merrill</b> Virginia Falls Lodge No. 226 916-1/2 E. Main Street • 715-675-3440 Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark June, July & August	<b>Neosho</b> Neosho-Mayville-Horicon No. 108 315 E. Schuyler St. • 262-569-5670 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August
<b>Baldwin</b> Collins-Spring Valley Lodge 192 790 Main St. • 715-796-2133 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Dark June, July & August	<b>Cecil</b> Mason-Woods Lodge No. 368 N6446 Emery Ansover Rd • 715-745-2943 (Sec) • 1st & 3rd Tues., 10 a.m. Dark January & February	<b>Ellsworth</b> Hancock Lodge No. 229 400 High Point Dr. • 715-273-5230 Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>La Crosse</b> Frontier-Edge Lodge No. 45 118 S. 8th St. • 608-782-1616 Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Merrillan</b> Merrillan Lodge No. 279 103 S. Main Street • 715-333-2083 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m. Dark January, February & March	<b>New Diggings</b> Benton Lodge No. 268 City Hwy W • 608-348-7365 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Dark January & February
<b>Baraboo</b> Baraboo Lodge No. 34 108 Second Ave. • 608-356-6739 Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Cedarburg</b> Victory Lodge No. 320 501 W. Grand Ave., Fort Washington 262-275-2931 (Sec) • 2nd & 4th Mon. 7:30 p.m. • Dark June, July & August	<b>Evansville</b> Union Lodge No. 32 104 W. Main St. • 608-852-6087 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>La Crosse</b> Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190 118 8th Street • 608-782-1616 Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Meets All Year	<b>Middleton</b> Middleton-Ionic Lodge No. 180 7439 Franklin Ave. • 608-821-4418 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>New Glarus</b> New Glarus Lodge No. 310 207 6th Avenue • 608-527-2583 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark June, July & August
<b>Barnes</b> Barnes Lodge No. 365 City Hwy. N • 715-372-4957 (Sec) Meet 2nd Tues. - 4th Tues. in June only 7 p.m. Dark Jan., Feb. & March	<b>Chetek</b> Chetek Lodge No. 277 216 Monson St. • 715-296-5537 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark June, July & August	<b>Fond du Lac</b> Fond du Lac Lodge No. 26 500 W. Amst Dr. • 920-922-5800 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July and August	<b>Ladysmith</b> Mystic Tie Lodge No. 280 705 E. 3rd St. N. • 715-532-7696 (Sec) Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Meets All Year	<b>Milton</b> Milton Lodge No. 161 508 Vernal Avenue • 608-754-2464 Meets 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>New Holstein</b> Calumet Lodge No. 172 2019 Washington St. • 920-898-5039 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Monday, 7:30 p.m. Dark January & February
<b>Barnesville</b> Barnesville Lodge No. 319 108 S. Jones St. • 414-758-0512 (Sec) Meet 2nd Tuesday only, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Chippewa Falls</b> Chippewa Falls Lodge No. 176 650 Bridgewater Ave. • 715-723-6341 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark June, July & August	<b>Frederic</b> Landmark Lodge No. 244 109 United Way • 612-998-9901 (Sec) Meets 2nd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Meets All Year	<b>Lake Geneva</b> Geneva Lodge No. 44 335 S. Lakeshore Dr. • 262-248-9900 Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Milwaukee</b> Damascus Lodge No. 290 1235 E. Howard Ave. • 414-253-5631 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Tues., Dinner 6 p.m., Lodge at 7 • Dark July & August	<b>New Lisbon</b> Juneau Lodge No. 103 304 S. Adams St. • 608-565-7207 (Sec) • Meet 1st & 2nd Thurs 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August
<b>Bayfield</b> Bayfield-Washburn Lodge No. 215 29 N. 2nd Street • 715-779-3174 (Sec) Meets Monthly, 1st Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Meets All Year	<b>Clear Lake</b> Clear Lake Lodge No. 230 411 Third Ave. • 715-263-3033 Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Friendship</b> Quincy Lodge No. 71 210 Main St. • 608-564-7144 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Linden</b> Linden Lodge No. 206 618 Main St. • 608-623-2498 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Milwaukee</b> Excelsior Lodge No. 175 1235 E. Howard Ave. • 414-744-4609 Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m. Dark July and August	<b>New Richmond</b> New Richmond Lodge No. 195 119 E. 2nd St. • 715-246-2144 Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark June, July & August
<b>Beaver Dam</b> Dodge County Lodge No. 72 Best Western Campus Inn, 815 Park Ave. • 920-887-2530 • Meet 3rd Monday 7 p.m. - Dark July & August	<b>Columbus</b> Columbus Lodge No. 75 318 N. Ludington St. • 920-623-3705 (Sec) • Meet 2nd Monday, 7 p.m. Dark June, July & August	<b>Galesville</b> Decora Lodge No. 177 16794 S. Main St. • 608-582-4130 (Sec) Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m. Dark July & August, 1st Mon. Sept.	<b>Lodi</b> Lodi Valley Lodge No. 99 114 First St. • 608-592-4392 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Milwaukee</b> Freemasons Lodge No. 363 790 N. Van Buren St. • 414-425-5166 Meets 1st Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Neosho</b> Neosho-Mayville-Horicon No. 108 315 E. Schuyler St. • 262-567-2354 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August
<b>Beloit</b> Morning Star Lodge No. 10 229 W. Grand Ave. • 608-362-6073 Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. 3rd Wed. only in July & August	<b>Crandon</b> Crandon Lodge No. 287 211 S. Lake Ave. • 715-478-2797 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark 4th Tues. in June, July & August	<b>Grafton</b> Victory Lodge No. 320 1645 Highland Dr., #2 • 262-376-9619 Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark June - August	<b>Lone Rock</b> Franklin Lodge No. 16 237 S. Oak St. • 608-583-4303 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Meets All Year	<b>Milwaukee</b> James M. Hays Lodge No. 331 790 N. Van Buren • 414-774-0366 (Sec) Meet 1st Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Oconomowoc</b> Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge 42 307 N. Lake Road • 262-567-9898 Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August
<b>Berlin</b> Berlin Lodge No. 38 128 E. Ham St. • 920-361-9778 (Sec) Meets 7 p.m. 2nd & 4th Thurs. Jan., Oct., and at 7 p.m. 2nd Thursday only, Nov. & Dec. Dark July & August	<b>Crivitz</b> Tri-County Daylite Lodge No. 218 918 Louisa St. • 715-854-3088 Meet 2nd Wednesday, 10 a.m. Dark January & February	<b>Green Bay</b> Des Peres Lodge No. 85 525 N. Taylor St. • 920-499-7265 Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Madison</b> Commonwealth Lodge No. 325 301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-358-8921 Travel 1st Wed. & Stated 3rd Wed., 7 p.m. Dark June, July & August	<b>Milwaukee</b> Lafayette Lodge No. 265 790 N. Van Buren St. • 414-541-7139 (Sec) Meets 2nd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Oconto</b> Pine Lodge No. 188 513 Superior Ave. • 920-378-5427 Meet 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Dark June, July & August
<b>Black Earth</b> Crescent Valley Lodge No. 97 1020 Mills St. • 608-795-4484 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Darlington</b> Evening Star Lodge No. 64 433 Walls St. • 608-776-4213 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Green Bay</b> N.E.W. Daylite Lodge No. 360 535 N. Taylor St. • 920-499-7265 Meet 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m. Dark July & August	<b>Madison</b> Doric Lodge No. 356 85 S. Stoughton Rd. • 608-224-0856 (Sec) • Meet 1st & 3rd Tues., 7 p.m. Dark January & February	<b>Milwaukee</b> Lake Lodge No. 189 1235 E. Howard Ave. • 414-744-4609 Meet Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Omro</b> Omro Lodge No. 168 160 E. Main Street • 920-685-2798 Meet 2nd Monday, 7 p.m. Dark January, February & March
<b>Black River Falls</b> Black River Lodge No. 74 314 Main Street • 715-294-2234 Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Delavan</b> Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12 1007 S. Second St. • 262-725-3062 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Green Bay</b> Theodore Roosevelt Lodge 322 525 N. Taylor St. • 920-490-9777 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Madison</b> Four Lakes Daylite Lodge No. 362 301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-2351 Meet 1st Mondays, 10 a.m. (except Sept. 2nd Monday) Dark July & August	<b>Milwaukee</b> Nathan Hale Lodge No. 350 790 N. Van Buren • 262-522-9872 (Sec) Meet 1st Thursday, 7 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Onalaska</b> Onalaska Lodge No. 214 330 Main Street • 608-783-6606 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark January & February
<b>Bloomer</b> Bloomer Lodge No. 281 2122 16th Ave. • 715-568-5152 Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Dark January & February	<b>Dodgeville</b> Dodgeville Lodge No. 119 200 W. Chapel St. • 608-935-3548 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Green Bay</b> Washington Lodge No. 21 525 N. Taylor St. • 920-494-5205 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Madison</b> Hiram Lodge No. 50 310 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-0793 Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark 1st Mondays, July - Labor Day	<b>Mineral Point</b> Mineral Point Lodge No. 1 310 High St. • 608-967-2528 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark 3rd Monday Dec. - March 3rd Mon.	<b>Oregon</b> Oregon Lodge No. 151 210 Park St. • 608-535-9236 Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August
<b>Bristol</b> Washburn Lodge No. 145 8102 - 199th Ave. • 262-857-7801 Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Dousman</b> Dousman Lodge No. 315 214 Main St. • 262-593-2647 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Hartford</b> Hartford Lodge No. 120 147 N. Rural St. • 262-673-2074 (Sec) Meet 2nd Monday, 7 p.m. Meet 1st July & August	<b>Madison</b> Madison Lodge No. 5 301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-0793 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Meet 1st Thursday July & August	<b>Minocqua</b> Island City Lodge No. 330 7529 Hwy 51 South • 715-277-2810 (Sec) • Meet 1st Wednesday, 10 a.m. Meets all year	<b>Oshkosh</b> Oshkosh Lodge No. 27 204 Washington Ave. • 920-231-3410 Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August
<b>Brodhead</b> Brodhead Lodge No. 94 302 1st Center Ave. • 608-897-8069 Meets 2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Dousman</b> Glen L. Humphrey Lodge No. 364 375 Hwy. 67 • 262-955-9390 Meet 2nd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. Dark June	<b>Hayward</b> Keystone Lodge No. 263 10629 Main St. • 715-634-8735 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Manitowoc</b> Manitowoc Lodge No. 65 810 Chicago St. • 920-793-3473 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Mondovi</b> Buffalo River Masonic Lodge No. 252 245 S. Franklin • 715-797-3261 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Owen</b> Owen Lodge No. 317 713 W. Third St. • 715-229-2832 (Sec) Meets 1st Monday at 7:30 p.m. & 3rd Mon. at 11 a.m. • Dark July & August
<b>Brookfield</b> Elmbrook Lodge No. 354 4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-549-0923 Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Durand</b> Durand-Pepin Lodge No. 149 203 W. Main St. • 715-672-8052 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Hudson</b> St. Croix Lodge No. 56 209 Locust Street • 715-377-0817 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Marinette</b> Marinette Lodge No. 182 1610 Main St. • 715-735-3315 Meet 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August	<b>Monroe</b> Smith Lodge No. 31 1613-1/2 Tenth St. • 608-328-4370 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Dark June, July & August	<b>Lodge Listings are continued on page 12</b>

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<p><b>Palmira</b> Palmira Lodge No. 68 125 N. 3rd St. • 262-495-4887 Meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Dark January &amp; February</p>	<p><b>Sheboygan</b> Sheboygan Lodge No. 11 411 St. Clair Ave. • 920-457-3111 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. Meets All Year</p>	<p><b>Wausau</b> Forest Lodge No. 130 130 First Street • 715-845-5198 Meet Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Dark June, July &amp; August</p>
<p><b>Park Falls</b> Park Falls Lodge No. 300 521 N. 2nd Ave. • 715-762-4943 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark June, July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Shell Lake</b> Shell Lake Spooner Lodge No. 221 28 Dobby Drive • 715-468-2251 (Sec) Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Meets All Year</p>	<p><b>Wautoma</b> Wautoma Lodge No. 148 203 S. Scott St. • 920-787-7657 (Sec) Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Mondays, 7 p.m. Dark Jan. &amp; Feb. - 4th Monday of Dec.</p>
<p><b>Pewaukee</b> Pewaukee Lodge No. 246 126 Main St. • 262-367-4816 (WM) Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark June, July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Shullsburg</b> Amicitia Lodge No. 25 127-1/2 Water St. • 608-965-3414 (Sec) Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Wauwatosa</b> Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301 4315 N. 92nd St. • 414-463-8390 Meet 4th Friday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>
<p><b>Phillips</b> Phillips Lodge No. 225 137 N. Lake Ave. • 715-339-3785 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark June, July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>South Milwaukee</b> South Shore Lodge No. 3 1327 Marshall Ave. • 414-294-9332 (Sec) Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Mondays, 7:30 pm Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Wauwatosa</b> Lafayette Lodge No. 265 4315 N. 92nd St. • 414-463-8390 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July, August</p>
<p><b>Platteville</b> Melody Lodge No. 2 783 Enterprise Drive • 608-349-6021 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Sparta</b> Valley Lodge No. 60 603 N. Court St. • 608-269-2616 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Wauwatosa</b> Wisconsin Lodge No. 13 4315 N. 92nd St. • 414-463-8390 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>
<p><b>Plymouth</b> Cassia Lodge No. 167 441 Smith St. • 920-892-6336 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Star Prairie</b> North Star Lodge No. 187 Bridge St. • 715-248-3279 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July August</p>	<p><b>West Allis</b> Day-Lite Lodge No. 358 7515 W. National Ave. • 414-257-9450 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Mondays, 9 a.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>
<p><b>Portage</b> Fort Winnebago Lodge No. 33 111 W. Cozart Street • 608-742-6468 Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Meet 2nd Tues. July/Aug. Dark Jan/Feb</p>	<p><b>Stevens Point</b> Evergreen Lodge No. 93 2854 Church Street • 715-344-2447 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>West Allis</b> Wauwatosa Lodge No. 267 7515 W. National Ave. • 262-250-1588 Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Mondays, 7 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>
<p><b>Port Washington</b> Ozaukee Lodge No. 17 504 W. Grand Ave. • 262-294-9978 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Stoughton</b> Kegonsa Lodge No. 73 125 S. 5th St. • 608-873-9204 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>West Allis</b> West Allis Lodge No. 291 7515 W. National Ave. • 414-257-9450 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Fridays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>
<p><b>Potosi</b> Warren Lodge No. 4 112 S. Main St. • 608-763-2719 (Sec) Meets 1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Meets All Year</p>	<p><b>Sturgeon Bay</b> Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174 31 S. 3rd Ave. • 920-493-3727 Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>West Bend</b> West Bend Lodge No. 138 301 University Dr. • 262-338-3112 Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m. Meets All Year</p>
<p><b>Poynette</b> Poynette Lodge No. 173 Poynette City Hall, 105 Main, 608-635-4503 (Sec) • Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Sun Prairie</b> Sun Prairie Lodge No. 143 152 N. 8th St. • 608-825-3925 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>West Salem</b> Salem Lodge No. 125 101 W. Hamilton St. • 608-786-0930 (Sec) Meets 4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>
<p><b>Prairie du Chien</b> Prairie du Chien Lodge No. 8 105-1/2 E. Blackhawk Avenue 608-325-4640 (Sec) • Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Wed., 7:30 p.m. • Dark July &amp; Aug.</p>	<p><b>Superior</b> Acacia-Hasca Lodge No. 329 3117 N. 21 St. • 715-392-4984 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Fridays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Whitefish Bay</b> Aurora Lodge No. 30 517 E. Beaumont Ave. • 414-332-8460 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Fridays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>
<p><b>Prairie du Sac</b> Sauk Prairie Lodge No. 113 580 Water St. • 608-544-2491 (WM) Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July, August &amp; 1st Mon. in Sept.</p>	<p><b>Superior</b> Superior Lodge No. 236 1503 Bellport St. • 715-392-1398 (Sec) Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Whitefish Bay</b> Geo. Washington 1776 Lodge No. 337 517 E. Beaumont Ave. • 414-332-8460 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>
<p><b>Prescott</b> Northwestern Lodge No. 105 132 N. Court St. • 715-277-2692 (Sec) Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Sussex</b> Lincoln Lodge No. 183 N64 W23624 Main St. • 262-251-3840 Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Whitewater</b> St. John's Lodge No. 57 226 W. Main Street • 262-473-5178 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>
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<p><b>Richland Center</b> Richland Lodge No. 66 290 W. Union St. • 608-647-4487 (Sec) Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Meets All Year</p>	<p><b>Waukesha</b> Waukesha Lodge No. 37 317 South Street • 262-542-6753 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Armistead-Bingham</b> Lodge No. 1862 Call Secretary at 815-623-8460 for next meeting date &amp; location &lt;cg2minime@aol.com&gt; Meets 5th Saturdays, 1 p.m.</p>
<p><b>River Falls</b> River Falls Lodge No. 109 122 E. Walnut St. • 715-425-2333 Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Waupaca</b> Waupaca Lodge No. 123 105-1/2 N. Main Street • 715-258-2208 Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark June, July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>ABOUT LODGE LISTINGS</b> Lodge listings are \$20 for one year. To have your lodge listed in this column, mail your lodge check made payable to the Wisconsin Masonic Journal to: <b>WJM Lodge Listings c/o Grand Lodge F. &amp; A. M. of Wisconsin, 36275 Sunset Dr., Dousman, WI 53118.</b></p>
<p><b>Shawano</b> Shawano Lodge No. 170 201-1/2 S. Main St. • 715-526-3920 Meets 1 &amp; 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark January &amp; February</p>	<p><b>Waupun</b> Waupun Lodge No. 48 16 S. Madison St. • 920-324-3141 Meets 1st Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	

Please call ahead before attending. The addresses listed are where the lodge meets and may not be correct for mail.



## Quarry Notes

William L. Stonecipher, Editor

• **MORI Deadline Announced** – In an edict dated March 2, 2009, Grand Master Wilke has directed that MORI, the Masonic Online Registry Interface database that has been adopted and installed as the standard lodge membership management system by the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin and its constituent lodges, will be operational and in use by all lodge secretaries or their assistants by January 15, 2010.

This edict puts everyone on notice that if your lodge secretary or his designated assistant has not yet participated in one of the MORI training workshops and received their password, they have nine months to do so.

Lodge secretaries or their assistants who have not yet received training should contact Grand Secretary Mike DeWolf in order to make the necessary arrangements.

• **New District 8 Deputy** – Congratulations to Brother Scott Pedley, a member of Amicitia and Benton Lodges, on his March 16 installation by Grand Master John Wilke as District 8 Deputy. He resides in Shullsburg. Brother Pedley takes over District 8 duties from Bro. Ted Hall, who resigned from that position in January. Other members of the District 8 Team remain unchanged.

• **A Father Remembered** – Brother Warren Walter, father of 2008 District 2 "Mason of the Year" Dan Walters, laid down the working tools of this life on February 4 of this year at the ripe age of 98. In recalling some of his memories of his father Warren, who was in many ways Dan's most significant Masonic role model, recalled how he became a Mason.

"One of my first memories of Freemasonry," Dan explained, "was going with Dad and Everett Vradenburg to work on what was to become the new Durand Masonic Temple. Dad was Worshipful Master at the time. It was winter but they would go down to the new site, and build a small fire to thaw out the sand to mix with cement to lay the blocks."



"At that time Masonry wasn't talked about much around non-Masons and, as some of you know, I was a hellion and rebel, not a prospect for Masonry. I did ask Dad for a petition, though, and started my degrees in February of 1973." Dan then went on to say that his dad was a 60-year member of Durand-Pepin Lodge No. 149, the Scottish Rite Valley of Eau Claire for 50 years, and the Zor Shrine "Mehara Saudusters" for 25 years.

"He lived his life by Masonic teachings and principles," Dan added, humbly noting that he would do his best to worthily follow in his father's footsteps — a sentiment many of us share in our desire to emulate those qualities we find most admirable in our personal Masonic role models.

• **With a Little Help From the Brethren** – It was more than five years ago that Dells Lodge No. 124 last conferred the Master Mason Degree on one of its own candidates. Well, the Wisconsin Dells Masons finally did it, with a lot of help from the many supportive brethren from several neighboring lodges who pitched in to help, not only with the degree, but in helping inject new life into the lodge. Officers and degree participants who conferred the degree are as follows: Officers: WM, Mike Karas, PM; SW, Rick Doss, PM; JW, Gary Henningsen; SD, John Campbell, PM; JD, Brian Rich (Baraboo No. 34); SS, Roger Chase; JS, Sergei Palian; Tiler, Jim Timm, PM; Sec/Treas, Darrell Smith; Chaplain, Ed Thomsen, PM (Adams No. 332); Conferral, MWGM John Wilke; MWKS, Don Truex, PM (Adams); HKT, Ed Thomsen, PM (Adams); Ja, Jason Herzer (Adams); Jo, Mike Kuhnwald, PM; Jm, MWGM Wilke; IC, Mike Karas, PM; 2C, Ken Rommell, PM (Adams); SFM, Rick Doss, PM; Scribe, Darrell Smith; Craftsmen et al; Apron Address, Ryan Ott (Reedsburg No. 79); Silliloquy, Ken Rommell, PM (Adams); Historical Lecture, Ed Thomsen, PM (Adams 332); Charge, Darrell Smith; and District Deputy, Jeff Marquardt (Quincy No. 71); RWG Marshal and Grand Co-pilot, Tom Tourville (that's Bro. Tom's self-described title). On the sidelines was Bro. Bill Wenberg (Adams).

• **Photos From Cell Phones** – With the advent of photo-capable cell phones, pictures to share with the world are only a click away. These images may be great for posting to lodge web sites or Facebook, the free social networking utility, but they are not generally suitable for publication because the pictures are just plain too small. In digital photo terminology, they are what one would call "thumbnails," which are very small image files that are suitable for viewing but not for anything else. Even though some of the latest generation of cell phones have the capability of capturing large image files, please use a digital camera instead.

• **Oops, Missed Photo of Warren Lodge AED Donation** – Back in November of last year, the Platteville Youth Baseball League was the recipient of a check from members of Warren Lodge No. 4, Potosi, for the purchase of a defibrillator unit. The presentation involved Bro. Remy Colas, WM of Melody Lodge No. 2; Chris Batchelder, Platteville EMS; Larry Heer, Dennis Cooley and Tina Davies representing the Platteville Youth Softball League; and Davey L. White, Jr., Junior Grand Warden and Master of Warren Lodge; Ron, Alison and Cody Jaaks of CO-AL Transport, LLC. Brother Jaaks provided Warren Lodge's portion of the donation which allowed for the matching funds grant from the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation. We regret the tardy publication of this donation but the image of the presentation was lost and could not be found, similar to that other item that was lost and could not be found. **umj**

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A Message from Mary Millard -  
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**LIFESTYLE**  
you deserve  
**VALUE**  **TRUST**  
you demand people you can

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**TRUST:** This is the hardest one to verbalize, but many feel that Three Pillars is an established organization that is very trustworthy. Some comments were "It was here for my mom and now I am a resident", "We moved here knowing my husband would be well taken care of", "I can go to my cottage and know that everything will be taken care of while I am away" and "They value what is important to us". The staff at Three Pillars puts the residents first when thinking of things they are planning or doing.

I invite you to visit Three Pillars campuses in Dousman or Mason Woods on Shawano Lake to see how these words could fit into your life.

### MasonWoods Celebrates

Charlotte Froelich, an Eastern Star member and resident of Mason Woods is ready and eager to help celebrate Brother George Washington's birthday. She is being served by two Past Masters of Mason Woods Lodge 368, Fred Goering and David Helke. This party is an annual event. Cherry pie, along with ice cream, beverages and a video of Washington's presidency was enjoyed by a large crowd in the Jackson Room.



This activity is just one of the many things we do each month at Mason Woods. If one desires to keep busy there are a multitude of things to do: from a workout in the fitness room, a visit to the library, a hike in the woods or just visiting over a game of cards. We invite you to join in on the fun!

### Job's Daughters Fine Arts & Ritual Competition

Three Pillars - Village on the Square  
Saturday, April 4, 2009  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## Pillars Plus

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- ❑ Click the "Pillars Plus Wisconsin Senior Resources" link.
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As part of Wisconsin Masonic Home's continuing Outreach Program, Three Pillars has a Resource Guide Website which includes a set of internet links to help you with your basic questions about senior care issues. Visit our website today!

### Luck of the Irish at Three Pillars

The Order of Eastern Star Grand Family brought the "Luck of the Irish" to Village on the Square and Compass Point residents. The

Craheel Denehy's dancers performed dances from the traditional Irish jig to more complex numbers. The dancer's ages ranged from 4 years of age through 16. Irish Cream was the drink of the day.



### Mayville Steel Drum Band

The Steel Drum Band from Mayville High School made its appearance at Village on the Square. Guests were treated to the music and the history of the steel drums. Ben Reehl, the leader, showed how each drum has different pitches. Pictured is Bob Poutch, resident of Village on the Square is being guided by Mike Croner, a member of the group, on how to play the steel drum.



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**May 19, 20 & 21, 2009**

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Registration Fee - \$10.00 per person (except life members who do not want to vote) Advance Registration forms are available from your chapter secretary or on the website: [www.wisconsinoes.org](http://www.wisconsinoes.org).

**TENTATIVE PROGRAM & SOCIAL EVENTS**

All meals will be at the KI Convention Center. Meal confirmation will be sent in advance. Tickets will be held at the door before each meal. Sorry, NO refunds.

All checks must be made payable to Grand Chapter of Wisconsin (except the Past Grand's meal). Reservations close May 4, 2009.

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Please use the reservation form and return it with your payment to: Debra Bower, 110 Winston Way, Waunakee, WI 53597

**MONDAY, MAY 18, 2009**

11:30 am - Past Grand's luncheon.

Open to all Past Grands & Visiting

WGMs & WGP's

3:00 pm - Secretary and Treasurer

Association Meeting and Workshop

3:00 pm - Membership/Vision-quest

Workshop; open to all members

5:30 pm - "Fun in the Sun" Kick-off

Banquet - Come in casual summer

attire or street dress. Entertainment by

the Season for Blessings Appointed

Grand Officers. Introduction of 2009-

2010 Grand Officers

**TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2009**

8:00 am to 3:00 PM - Aurora Sinai

Medical Center Diagnostic Health

Screening

10:00 am - Grand Representative

Meeting

11:00 am - "Spring Fling" Grand

Representative Lunch

12:30 pm - Prelude, Prologue &

Formal Opening 118th Annual Grand

Chapter Session

1:00 pm - Ritualistic Opening

Presentation & Introduction of Eastern

Star Distinguished Guests

6:00 pm - "All Season Celebration"

Distinguished Guest Banquet

7:30 pm - Introduction of

Distinguished Guests; Entertainment;

Presentation to Charities; Welcome of

New Members

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2009**

7:00 am - "God's Love in All

Seasons" ESTARL Breakfast

7:45 am - Prelude

8:15 am - Opening of Session

8:45 am - ESTARL Service

10:00 am - Election of Officers

11:15 am - Memorial Service

12:00 pm - "Autumn Splendor" All

Member Lunch

1:00 pm - Prelude

1:30 pm - Business of Grand

Chapter. Honor 25 year Grand Family

2:30 pm - Life Member Tribute

followed by Tea

6:00 pm - "Winter Wonderland"

Compass Dinner

7:00 pm - Prelude

7:30 pm - Business of Grand

Chapter, Honor Station Ceremony;

Honoring Adahs, Chaplains, Marshals

WGM Accomplishment Award

**THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009**

8:00 am - Prelude

8:30 am - Business of Grand

Chapter; Presentations; Closing of

118th Grand Chapter Session of

Wisconsin

12:00 pm - FAGO Lunch

12:00 pm - All Member Buffet

1:00 pm - Prelude

1:30 pm - Prologue

2:00 pm - Installation of 2009-10

Grand Officers "Ripples of Joy"

**WGM/WGP and Chapter Calendar**

Please verify all locations, dates and times before attending a meeting or event.

**April**

- 1 - Starlite, Madison - Honor Elected Officers
- 2 - Dousman, Dousman - WGM & WGP Visit, Grand Representative Reception
  - Alpha, Argyle - Honor Past Matrons & Past Patrons
- 3 - Vega, Milwaukee - Honor 25/50 yr. Members and District Deputies
- 6 - Oregon, Oregon - Honor Secretary & Treasurer
- 6 - Medford, Medford - WGM & WGP Visit
- 7 - Queen of Sheba, Reedsburg - WGM & WGP Visit
- 11 - Burlington, Burlington - Southeast Area Club
- 13 - Martha, Jefferson - WGM & WGP Visit, Grand Representative Reception
- 14 - Phoenix, Beloit - WGM & WGP Visit. Elected Officer Night, Entertainment
  - Northwest, Clear Lake - Spring fling (collect Teddy Bears)
  - Everett, Marshfield - Easter Parade
  - Miriam, Platteville - Scottish Rite Masonry Program
- 15 - Starlite, Madison - WGM & WGP Visit
- 16 - Melody, Middleton - Compass Night
- 17 - Vega, Milwaukee - Triwauke Club
- 18 - Columbia, Evansville - Madison Area Club
- 18 - Mabel, Rhinelander - 100th Anniversary
- 20 - Star of Bethlehem, Portage - Friends Night
- 20 - Superior, Superior - WGM & WGP Visit
- 21 - Lac La Belle, Ashland - WGM & WGP Visit, Election of Officers
- 21 - Dodgeville, Dodgeville - Friends Night, Cake Walk & White Elephants
- 22 - Wauwatosa, Wauwatosa - Honor all Triwauke Chapters
- 22 - Janesville, Janesville - Honor Secretary & Treasurer
- 22 - Onalaska, Onalaska - Western Stars Area Club
- 23 - Lila B. Graser, Sussex - WGM & WGP Visit, Grand Representative Reception
  - Loyal, Star Prairie - Friends Night, Election of Officers
- 27 - Columbia, Evansville - WGM & WGP Visit, 5 pm Potluck
- 28 - West Allis, West Allis - Honor Girls Club, Wear Red, White & Blue
- 30 - Minnesota Grand Chapter

**May**

- 1-2 - Minnesota Grand Chapter
- 4 - Oregon, Oregon - Mother's Day, Honor Organist
- 5 - Eagle, Eagle River - Honor Secretaries, Treasurers, Marshals (Past & Present) and Moms

**100th Birthday of International Headquarters**

As you may or may not be aware, the International Headquarters (the Belmont Mansion) is celebrating its 100th Birthday in September. No formal plans are afoot to travel as a group from Wisconsin to our Nation's Capital. However, we have been invited to join our Sisters and Brothers from Illinois and travel with them. The trip is 7 days and leaves from Union Station in Chicago on September 9. There will be a Get Acquainted reception, dinner and concert at the George Washington Masonic Memorial, open house at the International Headquarters Building and a lunch at the International Headquarters. There will also be plenty of time to explore Washington DC at your leisure.

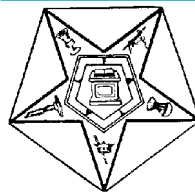
Pricing information is not yet available. If you are interested, please send me a self addressed, stamped, business sized envelope and I will forward the information when it becomes available.

Cheryl Budwick, 7847 - 49th Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53142-4237

**Grand Rep Receptions**

**April 2**

Dousman Chapter, Dousman and Oconomowoc-Hartland Chapter, Oconomowoc - Honoring Jon DeCaluwe, Grand Representative of Georgia, 7:30 p.m., Village on the Square Community Room, Hwy 67 & 18, Dousman, WI. RSVP to Shirley DeCaluwe (262)965-5437 or Hazel Leque (262) 965-7362



**Order of Eastern Star**

**Message From The WGM & WGP**



**Kristin K. Engbring**  
Worthy Grand Matron of Wisconsin  
**Ronald R. Rasmussen**  
Worthy Grand Patron of Wisconsin

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

As we welcome spring, we are reminded of rebirth, of starting anew. The snow melts and the earth gives way to the new life of spring. Trees, grass, flowers, cleansing rainfalls - all visible expressions of God's reward called spring. As you enjoy spring and more specifically, celebrate Easter, give thanks for the blessings of this season, holding close to your heart the promise of new life and new beginnings.

Spring also means starting anew in Eastern Star. Chapters are holding election of officers and are looking

forward to another year of Service. We give thanks to those who serve so faithfully in our subordinate Chapters, showing the true meaning of our tenets of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love. We also anticipate gathering together in Green Bay from May 19-21 for Grand Chapter. We hope you will plan to join us for one, two or all three days, as we enjoy the culmination of this year's work, and celebrate a new beginning with the Installation of the 2009-2010 Grand Officers. Come and enjoy YOUR Grand Chapter!

Our visits to your Chapters have been a true gift to us, and we thank you for welcoming us so graciously to your meetings. We hope you have found this time of fellowship as enjoyable as we have. We have just a few more Chapters to visit before Grand Chapter and we look forward to sharing time with our Sisters and Brothers.

"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under the heavens." Give thanks, Sisters and Brothers, for the passing of seasons and the joys that each new season will bring.

Blessings, Kris and Ron



**OES Cruise** Pictured are the OES Sisters, Brothers and Friends who traveled with our Worthy Grand Matron Kris Engbring and Worthy Grand Patron Ron Rasmussen on an Eastern Caribbean Cruise in January.

**Grand Representative Appointments**

- Jane Weise, Acadia, Brookfield - Michigan
- Laurel Shepel, Melody, Middleton - North Dakota
- John Dorsey, Sheboygan, Sheboygan - Scotland

**Mabel Chapter Celebrates 100 Years**

Mabel Chapter No. 181, Rhinelander will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary with a program and refreshments on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at their Masonic Center, 23 E. Davenport St., Rhinelander, WI. RSVP by April 5, 2009 to Jane Brokaw, Secretary, N. 11005 River Rd., Tomahawk, WI 54487 (715) 453-9124.

**New Sisters and Brothers**

Congratulations to the following Chapters who have shared Eastern Star with family and friends. Many of the Chapters listed have welcomed more than one person into their Chapter since September. Welcome to our new Sisters and Brothers.  
Arbutus, Stevens Point  
Vega, Milwaukee

**The Eastern Star Foundation**

**Contributions to the OES Foundation**

- Northwest Chapter, Clear Lake •Martha Chapter, Jefferson
- Willow River Chapter, New Richmond •Joan & Wendell Smith - In Memory of PGP David Zluticky •Tri-Waukeese Secretary/Treasurers Club - In Memory of Sister Betty Gemmel •Northwest Chapter, Clear Lake - In Memory of PGM Roberta Limberg •Gerald & Mary Bristol - In Memory of Sister Madelyn Brown •Bea Steltzner - In Memory of Sister Madelyn Brown

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## Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

### April 2009

- 5 Wisconsin Scottish Rite, Sunday, 3 p.m., Feast of the Paschal Lamb
- 11 Masonic Education Seminar at N.E.W. Masonic Center, Green Bay, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fee is \$10 by April 1, \$15 at door. Please use clip & Mail registration coupon on page 3. Sponsored by Grand Lodge Education Committee.
- 11 Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12, Delavan, "Lakes Area Community Blood Drive," 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact DuSin Jenks at 262-725-3062 for appointments. Walk-ins invited. Meet donation recipients Richard and his brother Michael.
- 12 Wisconsin Scottish Rite, Sunday, 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service, Commandery No. 1 and Wisconsin Scottish Rite
- 13 Waukesha Commandery No. 23 Knights Templar will have a very special evening planned for Monday, April 13. At 6 p.m. a traditional Pot Luck Dinner, 7 p.m. program by the Rev. Mathew Noffke of the First United Congregational Church of Christ in Waukesha on his recent return from participation in the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage. Please come and join with us to hear this report on the trip. Tiled Waukesha Commandery Stated Meeting to follow. Please RSVP to Homer Armaogst, Commander, Waukesha Commandery Knights Templar No. 23 at <homerbarb@wi.rr.com>
- 17 Scottish Rite Valley of Madison Spring Reunion - Madison
- 18 District 6 Spring Meeting, 9 a.m. Oshkosh Masonic Center
- 19 Madison Court No. 7, Order of the Amaranth, "Pancakes Plus!" brunch, Madison Masonic Center, Madison, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All interested Masonic lodges/groups are invited to reserve a display/sales table or provide an activity at no charge. For more information, please contact Gail Piper at (608) 242-9282 or email Gail at <gallamaranth@aol.com>.
- 23-25 Wisconsin Scottish Rite Spring Class Reunion, named in honor of Warren "POPS" Krueger, MSA
- 25-26 Grand Bethel Exemplification & Grand Bethel Honored Queen's Reception, Port Washington Masonic Center

### May 2009

- 2 Ladies Tea, Fashion Show & Raffle at the Humphrey Masonic Center to benefit of the Children's Learning Center in Milwaukee. Raffle begins at 10:30 a.m. Luncheon at noon with style show. Tickets are \$30 and must be prepaid by April 15 to Marcia Christensen, PO Box 196, Grafton, WI 53024.
- 9-10 Grand Lodge Staff Meeting (GM), Janesville
- 9 Testimonial Dinner to honor Grand Master John W. Wilke sponsored by Union Lodge and hosted by Janesville-Western Star Lodge, Janesville. Cost is \$15, payable at the door. Reservations are requested and may be made by

phone with either Bro. Tom Beaver at (608) 295-1483 or Bro. LeRoy Huber at (608) 876-6421. E-mail reservations can be made with Bro. Beaver at <bbeaver@sbcglobal.net>.

- 15-17 Job's Daughters Grand guardian Council Session, Stoney Creek Inn, Onalaska
- 16 Private showing of the new Sony film "Angels and Demons" (the prequel to the "Da Vinci Code" book) for all Masons (EA and FC included) and their guests at Marcus Ridge Cinemas in New Berlin, WI. (Exact time TBD, but will be between 9-10 a.m.). Contact Bro. Todd Krohn at 414-303-1705 or (krohn14@yahoo.com), if you are interested in attending.
- 16 District 4 Spring Meeting, Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Center in Green Bay. Start time will be 9 a.m. Anticipated guest speakers are Grand Orator Bob Strader and Grand Lodge insurance presentation by Wausau Signature Insurance Representative Jesse Furrer (Grand Lodge insurance carrier).
- 19-21 Order of Eastern Star Grand Chapter Session, K-1 Center, Green Bay

### June 2009

- 5-6 Grand Lodge Annual Communication, Madison Masonic Center, 301 Wisconsin Ave. in Madison. Sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. Installation of Grand Lodge officers Friday afternoon. Representatives Banquet follows. A Live Auction to benefit AASR Children's Learning Centers concludes banquet.
- 13 Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843 quarterly mtg. at Owen Lodge No. 317, Owen. Gather at 9 a.m. for coffee. Lodge convenes at 10 to share Masonic enlightenment and receive new members. All Master Masons welcome, especially those from area lodges.
- 14 Cornerstone Ceremony for the new Manawa Lodge No. 82, 520 N. Bridge Street, Manawa, 2 p.m. Sunday.
- Please Note: Events listed here are drawn from the Grand Lodge Web Site and reader requests. To have events listed on the Grand Lodge Web Site please e-mail the date and a brief description to any of the following to Grand Secretary DeWolf at: <grandsecretary@wisc-freemasonry.org> or Wisconsin Masonic Journal Editor William Stonecipher at <wmjedit@sbcglobal.net>.
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