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The Grand Master's Message:

By Brother J. B. Van Hollen
Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin

Fortitude – Doing What's Right

Doing what is right even when nobody is looking is encouraged by every major religion of which I am aware. This is indeed a laudable goal and perhaps applies equally to all four of the cardinal virtues, temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice.

I address doing what's right in this column because whereas most of us seem to know what is right in most circumstances, our weakness generally comes from not always having the fortitude to put that into play.



J. B. Van Hollen,
Grand Master

Fortitude, as defined in our work, is, "that noble and steady purpose of the mind whereby we are enabled to undergo any pain, peril, or danger, when prudentially deemed expedient." It is further described as being, "equally distant from rashness and cowardice." In modern parlance it could be considered relatively synonymous with guts, courage, internal strength or even integrity.

What it essentially boils down to is doing what is right, ALL THE TIME! This means not just doing what's right when we think we might get caught if we do otherwise. This is where fortitude ends in many people, if it even gets that far. It also means, as can be found, phrased differently, in scripture, to do what is right even when NOBODY is looking. Finally, it means, what I think is the most difficult of all, doing what is right even when EVERYBODY is looking.

I believe it is human nature to do what you think is best for you personally, survival of the fittest. It is also an inherent tendency to take the easiest road, which is to conform to culture and not make waves with the way of society. This is why fortitude is one of the cardinal virtues. If it was easy and everybody did it, it would be merely commonplace and not virtuous. We emphasize the four cardinal virtues in Masonry for just this reason. We want to make good men better so we set goals for them that are above the norm, impossible to obtain, and should be worked on for a lifetime.

We all have a conscience, inherently, (and) we generally know right from wrong. Some choose to ignore their conscience and do what they please. Most, do what they please unless they know it is wrong and they are likely to get caught. They believe God is watching, but are more concerned about the immediate repercussions of their actions because people may learn what they did.

Others are worried about God seeing them do wrong which gives them the fortitude to do what is right even when nobody is looking. These people fear the judgment of God and man but still feel the immediacy of the judgment of man more and tend to conform to culture if man is watching.

Finally there are a few people of the utmost integrity who have the fortitude to what is right when nobody is looking but also to do so when everybody is looking. They fear God more than they fear people. They are willing to endure some of the hardships and scorn of the people who have been overtaken by culture and frown on anyone who does not conform to it. They trade the short term emulation of man, for the long term kingdom of God.

Those people with the most fortitude are the ones who operate under the guidance of the All Seeing Eye. These people are admired by those who are striving to have the fortitude to do what is right. They need good examples to live up to from those who live in the present and with whom people they can associate with on a regular basis. They will seek out such men, so, if you live it, they will come.

God bless, J.B.

Three Eau Claire Lodges to Host Grand Lodge Officers for Degree & Ladies at the Table Dinner



Ladies Honored

Forest Lodge Past Master Tony Fondell and his lady Juliane are shown at the Ladies at the Table banquet in Wausau February 9. She was one of the women honored. A similar dinner will be held at the Eau Claire Masonic Center on April 5.

EAU CLAIRE – Attention all Masons in northwest Wisconsin!

On Saturday, April 5 your Grand Lodge corps of officers will be conducting a staff meeting at the Eau Claire Masonic Center.

In celebration of this event the three Eau Claire Lodges have planned an afternoon and evening of fun and good food for Masons and their ladies.

The day begins with a noon soup and sandwich luncheon at the Eau Claire Masonic Center. The luncheon will feature a special presentation about the Eau Claire Masons' support of the Angel Fund.

Immediately following the program the ladies will board busses for a visit to the historic Chippewa Falls businesses on Bridge Street, including the Chippewa Carding Mill, and ending at the Leinenkugel Brewery and gift shop. The men meanwhile

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Waverly's Lodge Room Redone to Enhance Dignity of Degrees

The interior of Waverly Lodge No. 51's redecorated lodge room has been designed to provide a setting worthy of the dignity of Masonry's three degrees. This view looks towards the East. Not visible are the ceiling lights programmed to illuminate each of the items used in their respective degree lectures. – Photos by Matthew Walters

Waverly 51 turns a tired lodge room into state's newest Masonic gem

By Brother Matthew Walters,
Waverly Lodge Masonic News Hawk

During the third section of the Entered Apprentice Degree the Worshipful Master informs the candidate of important particulars of the lodge room. Specifically, its form, coverings, furniture, ornaments, lights and jewels.

Waverly 51, as all Masonic lodges do, takes great pride in the degrees we confer and wanted to revive our place of work. This article is a brief summary of Waverly 51's journey to improve our lodge room's characteristics which are so thoroughly discussed in our degrees.

Our lodge has resided at 315 Bluemound Dr. in Appleton since 1986. The lodge was an economical step down from our previous residence in downtown Appleton.

Since the move to Bluemound Drive and up until December 2007, the lodge room has undergone many modifications to make it a respectable place for our work.

However, the building was getting old, and the lodge room ceiling tiles were beginning to sag, so something had to be done.

After many heartfelt discussions and passionate conversations, our lodge decided that the correct course of action was to revive our lodge room, rather than move to a new location.

With this decision in hand, our building committee was set to task. All members were requested to participate in this great undertaking. We had much participation during the decision making process, which lead to the glorious results we see in our lodge today.

Major Modifications to the lodge room include:

- New carpet with checkered tile beneath the altar.
- Elimination of an electrical panel to widen lodge.
- Raised ceiling four feet for covering effect.
- Newly painted walls with pillars.
- Restored original (1854) Master's Carpet and mounted it on lodge wall.
- Drop-down movie screen and digital projector with surround sound and remote control.
- Programmed designated lighting for Master's Car-

pet as well other lecture-specific items.

- Correctly placed and widened inner and outer doors leading into the lodge room.
- Illuminated Blue "G" above the Worshipful Master's chair in the East.

The whole undertaking was accomplished over a 14 week period with great cooperation between the lodge and the contractors.

The lodge thanks everyone who participated and helped build this newly dedicated oblong square. As always at Waverly 51, we hope to visit and be visited many times over the course of the year. Please feel welcome to come and enjoy our new space.

By William Stonecipher, Editor
The Wisconsin Masonic Journal

APPLETON – I became aware of Waverly's renovation efforts when brother

John Reese, Master of Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843, phoned to urge my attendance at the research lodge's regular quarterly meeting which would be held there on Saturday, March 8.

He related that Waverly had just remodeled its lodge room: "It's just awesome," he said.

"You've got to see it to believe it. It's just like walking into King Solomon's Temple. You're transported to another dimension."

As I was soon to discover, brother Reese wasn't kidding. As a Silas Shepherd Lodge member, I had planned on attending, but his invitation added an extra measure of anticipation.

The lodge building is located two blocks east of US 41 on S. Bluemound Drive about one block south of College Avenue. Though an Appleton address, the lodge is actually located in the Town of Grand Chute, nestled between an office building to the north and a gas station to the south on the corner with Spencer. The elevated Masonic Center sign over the building is readily visible.

From the outside the simplicity of the red brick building gives little indication of the beauty and sophistication

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This was Waverly Lodge No. 51's "old" lodge interior in the East as it appeared in the East prior to the complete renovation just completed. The lodge occupies a building originally constructed as a school located at 315 S. Bluemound Drive on Appleton west side.



(Above) Brother Lowell Scott, Master of Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge, is shown working with Bill, a spinal chord injured vet who for the first time years has been able to send e-mails to his relatives and friends. (At right) Sandy, a volunteer instructor at Zablocki VA, works with Clarence, a veteran, and spinal injury department volunteer Honey Scott (seated) as he learns to access the Internet.



Milwaukee-Harmony Zablocki VA Center volunteers help vets learn computer skills

MILWAUKEE – A story that has gone unreported until now is a wonderful one about how Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge No. 261, Glendale, has provided 12 laptop computers for use by veterans in the spinal chord injury treatment area of the Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee and taught them how to use them.

Through the volunteer efforts of Marquette University Computer Science Teacher Steve Rau, brother Lowell Scott and his wife Honey, as well as others, have been working since November 2007 to help these vets use these computers to improve the quality of their lives.

One vet who has perhaps benefited most has been able to communicate with relatives for the first time since being injured several years ago. He has learned to tap out e-mail messages one letter at a time because up until now he could not write a message by hand.

Grand Master Van Hollen visited the department during his MSA visit to the Zablocki VA last November.

Milwaukee-Harmony VA Volunteers Recognized

Denise Jashinski, Chief of Voluntary Services at the Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee, expressed her appreciation on behalf of the patients and staff there for the Masons' sponsorship of a "Sub Party" for 30 residents on January 29. Pictured are members of Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge who helped with the event: Ted Sattler, Milt Holzman, Charles Wallens, Phil Zuckerman, Martin Freeman, Gene Marcus, Julian Dobran, Mark Pachetfsky, Ed Sweet and Lowell Scott (shown front to back, left to right). – Submitted by Lowell Scott

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will be encouraged to enjoy the fellowship of fellow Masons over coffee in preparation for the main event of the afternoon: the conferral of the Master Mason Degree.

At 3 p.m. the Grand Lodge officers under the direction of Grand Master J. B. Van Hollen will confer the sublime degree of Master Mason on brother Gary Stang's son John, a Fellowcraft of George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351. The degree will begin at promptly at that time in the Masonic Center's Scottish Rite Auditorium.

Following the degree the three Eau Claire lodges (Eau Claire No. 112, Sanctuary No. 347 and George B. Wheeler No. 351) will host a Ladies at the Table banquet honoring various women of note.

The Ladies at the Table banquet will begin at 6:45 p.m. in the Masonic Center dining room. A hospitality gathering with cash bar will commence at 5:30 p.m. at the Masonic Center will precede the Ladies at the Table event and dinner. The dinner will be in a buffet format. Early registrants will receive engraved toasting glasses.

Cost of the luncheon, tour and Ladies at the Table event is \$25 per person. That's right, the cost of all three events are included in this one fee. Proceeds will go to the Angel Fund in Eau Claire.

Direct reservations to the George B. Wheeler Ladies Table Lodge, 616 Graham Avenue in Eau Claire, WI 54701 or by phone at 715-832-7759. Reservations will be accepted through April 3. Late registrants may not receive toasting glasses. **umj**



Honor Hometown Heroes Program

Brother Owen Williams (below, right) sat with Past Grand Master Rodney Paulsen and Grand Marshal Pat Storms while Senior Grand Warden Craig Campbell talked about Freemasonry and our American heritage at the "Honor Hometown Heroes" program in Mukwonago February 22. **At Right:** The Hollman family (Madi, Lisa Mackenzie, Mitch, Meredith and Joe) represented Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies, Cadette Scouts and Cub Scouts. More on page 3.



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'Honor Hometown Heroes' Event Combined With Washington's Birthday

MUKWONAGO – Brother Owen Williams, Master of Laffin-St. James Lodge in Mukwonago this year, used his organizational skills and strong sense of patriotism to produce an "Honor Hometown Heroes" event which was held on February 22 at Mukwonago High School.

The purpose of this event was to honor our hometown heroes, those Bro. Owens terms our "Sheepdogs" who keep us safe and watch out for our welfare. This he combined with an observance of George Washington's Birthday on Feb. 22 and an essay contest for Mukwonago area school children to promote patriotism and offer an educational program.

Among area public service agencies recognized as hometown heroes by preserving our welfare were law enforcement officers, fire department members and rescue squad units from Big Bend, Mukwonago, North Prairie, Eagle, Town of Vernon, 911 dispatchers and the Wisconsin State Patrol. So too were teachers from the Mukwonago Area School District, area Potawatomi Council Scouting leaders.

Five student winners of the George Washington's Birthday essay contest were also recognized, with each receiving a commemorative American Flag that had flown over our nation's Capitol. Winning entries were authored by area grade school students Sydney North-

em, Nikki Weinkauf, Carly Weingart, Allison Evers and Rebekah Banaszak and Steve Mattox. Miss Banaszak, a Job's Daughter from Mukwonago, read her essay and spoke about Job's Daughters, and Steve Mattox, a DeMolay from Burlington, read his.

Keynote speaker was brother Craig S. Campbell, Senior Grand Warden, who spoke about "George Washington & the Founders of our Country." During his thought provoking presentation he drew the audience's attention to several events during our country's struggle for independence that can be quite logically traced to Freemasonry but for some reason have gone unreported, such as the connection of St. Andrews Lodge to the Boston Tea Party. He also touched on John Adams' three reasons why America will be successful and drew upon the audience in discovering the answer. He also was pressed into service to lead the singing of our National Anthem.

Chaplain for the evening was Past Grand Master Rodney A. Paulsen, now District 11 Chaplain. Also represented were the National Sojourners, who presented the Salute to the Flag.

The evening concluded with the playing of a popular rendition of "God Bless America" and apple & cherry pie with ice cream for all. Approximately 73 attended.



DeMolay Speaker

One of the essay contest winners was DeMolay Steve Mattox, Burlington. He is shown with event organizer Owen Williams, Master of Laffin-St. James Lodge in Mukwonago.



Essay Judge

Rolling Hills Elementary Schoiof fourth grade teacher Kathy Dehly praised the quality of the essays the children wrote. She was an essay contest judge.



Jobbie Winner

Job's Daughters Jr. Princess Rebekah Banaszak read her prize-winning essay. She was one of six George Washington's Birthday essay contest winners.



Genuine Hometown Hero

Brother Owen Williams, Master of Laffin-St. James Lodge (left) was proud to have his Sr. Warden, brother Robert Borek, an officer with the Wisconsin State Patrol, present to represent that law enforcement organization as one of the "Hometown Heroes" to be recognized.



Keynote Speaker

Sr. Grand Warden Craig Campbell asked for a show of hands for those in the audience who had read or seen the DaVinci Code as an entree to his presentation.

NOTES FROM THE GRAND LECTURER

By Brother Ronald H. Glaunert

Grand Lodge Certified Degree Teams

The past two or three months I have been fielding questions about certified degree teams. Are there any in the state and if not what has happened to them? What is the procedure for forming new teams? Do they have to be in any particular degree?

I will do my best in this article to answer those questions, and if there are still questions to be answered, I have a phone and a computer, so just fire away.

First, a degree team can work in any degree but most teams did the work in the Master Mason Degree. This is probably due to it being more difficult for the individual lodges to have enough people to work in the Master Mason Degree.

As to the question of what happened to the previous teams, either they were not ever recertified after the initial five-year period (as required), or whether the team just fell apart, is not known. The fact remains that to stay a Certified Degree Team, the team needs a Certificate of Permission signed by the Grand Master, attested by the Grand Secretary, and bearing the seal of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin in order to work.

In answer to the question of how to put a team together, I will talk about the Master Mason Degree. Initially you will need the primary players for each part in the degree including all of the lectures, apron address, Bible presentation, and so on.

Also, you must have all four Fellowcrafts for the second section. At the proper time all Fellowcrafts should wear white gloves and aprons, with the aprons configured in the form of a Fellowcraft.

In addition, there must be backups for each position in the degree. These backups can be brethren from the first section to backup in the second section or vice versa. If you are not active during a particular section of the degree you can backup someone else who is.

Once you have formed your team and have practiced enough to be proficient, contact the Grand Lecturer or your District Lecturer to be examined, and if found proficient, you will receive a certificate enabling you to represent the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin as a Certified Degree Team.

One final note: if you need help at anytime to clarify any part of the ritual, please do not "wing it." Use your District Lecturer or Grand Lecturer to insure that you are doing the best that you can do.

Always remember, as a Certified Degree Team, that you will be the showcase for the ritualistic work of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

Fraternally,
Ron Glaunert, Grand Lecturer

Brethren, your comments or suggestions are always welcome. Contact Grand Lecturer Glaunert by e-mail at <rglaunert@charter.net> or by phone at (608) 788-4953.



Ronald H. Glaunert
Grand Lecturer



Area Fire & Police Agencies Recognized

Mukwonago Fire Department Chief Rolfe, with four of his department members were present to be recognized. Mukwonago Police Sgt. Ken Pileggi, far left, represented the Mukwonago Police Department.

- A NOTICE TO ALL LODGES - 2008 Annual Communication Exhibit Space Is Available

The 164th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin will be held at the Madison Masonic Center, Madison, Wisconsin on Friday & Saturday, June 6 & 7, 2008.

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Plan now to reserve your space—and note whether electricity is needed. The exhibit area will be open for set-up on Thursday, June 5. Please respond no later than Tuesday, May 1 so that proper arrangements can be made.

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Chetek Masons Fund AED With 14 Area Groups

Brother Jim Lundeen, right, representing the Chetek Masons, presented Cameron School District Superintendent Randal Braun with a check for \$4,800 from the Masonic Foundation of Wisconsin a news release dated March 12 reported. The check was a matching grant for funds raised by Cameron area organizations toward the purchase of three Automatic Electronic Defibrillators (AED's) that have been installed in the three Cameron school buildings. The Cameron Schools would like to thank the following organizations and businesses for their contributions: The Rausch-Lundeen Funeral Homes, CES PTO, Mark and Pat Knapp (Mark's Welding), CHS Student Council, CMS Student Council, CHS National Honor Society, CHS/CMS Music Parents, Cameron Civic Club, Pieper-Marsh American Legion Post, Cameron Athletic Letter Club, Indianhead Insurance Agency, Rice Lake Rotary, Chetek Knights of Columbus, Cameron Midelfort Clinic, and Chetek Masonic Lodge No. 277.

- Submitted by the Cameron School District

1st Annual Masonic Charities PGM Donor Reception is April 27 at Three Pillars

DOUSMAN - Brother William H. Barnes, Director of Development for our Wisconsin Masonic Charities has announced the first of what is planned to be an annual Past Grand Master's Donor Reception at Three Pillars Senior Living Communities in Dousman.

The event will take place on Sunday, April 27 in the Humphrey Lodge Activity Room of Village on the Square. A reception with hors d'oeuvres will begin at 1 p.m., followed by a presentation.

According to Development Director Barnes, this event is designed to provide present donors who have financially supported the Fraternity's various charitable endeavors, as well as those who have an interest in becoming donors in the future, with an opportunity to meet and talk with the top leaders in the Fraternity, our Past Grand Masters, about our Wisconsin Masonic Charities.

If you would like to be invited to this Masonic Charities event please call Erika Miller in the Wisconsin Masonic Charities Development Office at 1-800-242-2307. *wmj*



Wauwatosa Lodge Donates AED to Wauwatosa's Jefferson School

Wauwatosa Lodge No. 267 made the first of two \$1,700.00 donations with matching funds from the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation to purchase an external automated defibrillator for Jefferson Elementary School in Wauwatosa on March 18, 2008. Pictured from left to right are: John Kneiszel (Wauwatosa Lodge Secretary), Tom Seidl (School Principal), Sally Roepe (School Nurse), Kay Kordus (Teacher), Doug Michelz (Wauwatosa Lodge Senior Warden) and John Schaefer (Wauwatosa Lodge Treasurer). The second donation picture is at the bottom of page 6.

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Eau Claire Lodge Raised Six Master Masons in 2007

By Timothy Buckley, WM '07
Eau Claire Lodge No. 112

EAU CLAIRE – Eau Claire Lodge No. 112 kept busy with degree work in 2007, and Master Tim Buckley, along with the officers and members of the lodge, congratulate our newest Master Masons on their accomplishment.

We welcomed Jeff Baldwin, raised April 10; Brooks Bauer, raised April 24, Jon Shimoda, raised May 8, Brad Brucker and Jason Griepentrog, both raised December 4, and Mitch Kullman, raised December 11.

It has been said that it takes an entire village to raise a child and the same holds true in Masonry. I would like to thank the brethren of our lodge along with the good members of our neighboring lodges who helped with all the degree work involved in raising these six new Master Masons. We would not have succeeded without your support and dedication.



Jon Shimoda Mitchell Kullman Brooks Bauer Jeffrey Baldwin



New Eau Claire Lodge Master Masons Wallace Brucker (left, above) and Jason Griepentrog (right) and Lodge No. 112 Master Timothy Buckley.



District 8 School of Instruction Draws 50 to Melody Lodge

On March 4, 2008, a District 8 Area 1 School of Instruction was conducted by District Lecturer Ross Pollock at Melody Lodge No. 2 in Platteville. The school dealt with the Fellowcraft Degree, with Melody Lodge responsible for the first section, Linden Lodge No. 206 responsible for the second section and Fennimore Lodge No. 219 responsible for the closing. The turnout was amazing for our area; we had a good number of Masons from the three lodge scheduled to work; but, also several member from all the lodges of our districts made the trip to attend. We ended up with close to 50 brethren in attendance. For a lot of the brethren present this was the first time they saw so many people at a school of instruction, or at a regular meeting. For some of the older brethren it reminded them how it was in their younger days, and they were happy to encounter it again. It was a great experience to see so many involved in the school particularly for our newest members. Thanks to the great job by brother Ross Pollock a lot a people were enlightened that evening. We had such a good time that the majority of the participants, even the ones with 45 minutes to an hour drive back home, stayed afterward to have a late supper and interact with each other for a good hour.

– Submitted by Bro. Remy Colas of Melody Lodge No. 2

District 11 Lodges to Attend Spring Meeting at McKinley

BROOKFIELD – District 11's Spring Meeting will be hosted by McKinley Lodge No. 307 on the evening of Wednesday, April 30. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and the meeting commences at 7.

A spaghetti and meatball supper will be served, including garlic bread and salad. The cost is \$7.00 per person. Advanced reservations are required.

Please contact brother Mike Gorgen of McKinley Lodge to make your reservation: by e-mail at <mgorgen@wi.rr.com> or phone at 262-264-0313.

During dinner the "Freemasonry and the Fabric of America" address by our late Brother Lee Sherman Dreyfus will be shown. Several different topics will be presented and discussed.

The meeting will also include a special session by our Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, Brother Rodney Paulsen, for lodge Counselors. Please encourage your Lodge Counselor to attend.

There will be a special presentation by brother Gary Ebert on lodge fun and education, and a brief presentation on preparing for your year as Master of the Lodge.

All lodges of District 11 are expected to be represented. Attendees should include all elected officers and the deacons should attend. Dress code for the evening will be business casual. Remember, we are having spaghetti for supper.

McKinley Lodge is located at 4550 North Pilgrim Road, Brookfield.

Thoughts for The Journey

By Grand Chaplain David Ritchie

Reflections on "meeting on the level"

As a boy I would wait on those first really warm nights of late May or early June for a loud buzzing sound outside the window.

I would grab a coffee can or an ice cream pail and head out into the evening to collect June bugs. With a boy's fascination of insects I would diligently collect a hundred or more in an hour just to let them go when I was done.

June bugs have a curious habit. If you put a single June bug into a container without a lid it will fly away. If you put two June bugs into the same lidless container they will grab hold of each other and keep each other from escaping. As you add the third, fourth, or fiftieth, the June bugs grapple with each other instead of flying away.

Sociologists call this the "crab pot phenomenon" because certain types of crabs will do the same thing. When caught in the trap or "pot" the crabs grab hold of one another instead of scuttling to freedom. By working to keep the others down the crab ends up on a dinner plate. Sadly, crabs and June bugs are not the only creatures to show this type of behavior. All too often we as men behave this way too.

Our schools, our work places, even our marketing is filled with the idea of bringing or keeping somebody down. The idea that, "I can look more successful the more you fail," is all too common. In our society it is often the lowest common denominator that we market to or hold up as the ideal.

As Masons we are called upon to meet upon the level. But whose level? Are we called upon to lower our standards? Are we called upon to cater to the lowest common level?

Brothers, when we meet upon the level we are not asked to lower ourselves. Instead it is incumbent upon us to raise those around us to a new level. At the risk of sounding arrogant when we meet upon the level, it is as Masons, not as just any group of men. We talk about taking a man and "raising" a Mason.

It is up to us in lodge as well as out of it to help those members of this fraternity to find new levels of who they are. It is up to us to help each man find that pride in himself that makes him a Mason. It is often times found that by helping others or by humbling ourselves that we grow. We often become a larger person by giving away bits of ourselves.

When I sit in lodge, it is with a great deal of pride. I reflect that the level we are meeting on is the level on which stood the likes of Washington, Churchill and Franklin. It is with more pride that I see that the level we meet upon includes men from all levels of society. We, as a fraternity, are not comprised only of men of celebrity but of good men with many different occupations, backgrounds, and level of success. This is one of our most important strengths.

When we meet upon the level it is not about lowering ourselves but instead is based on a simple lesson we were all taught as kids. The "golden rule." Every major religion admonishes us to treat the other guy as you want to be treated. We learn that others' success takes nothing away from our own. When we show consideration and respect for the other man, his ideas, and his beliefs then we gain respect for our own.

There is a freedom to be gained by the practice of mutual respect. We do not have to worry about besting the other guy or coming out on top. We are free to grow, free to fail, free to try again, free to express ourselves and our ideas. We become free to learn.

The crab and the June bug both lose their freedom by fighting, by pulling the others back, by working not to better themselves but to keep the others from succeeding. As Masons and as men, I hope that we both meet and live with consideration and respect so that the level we meet on is always a high one.

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>.



Rev. David Ritchie
Grand Chaplain



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Jefferson County Lodge Installs Officers

Pictured in the front row, left to right, are Charles Bergren, Jr. Steward; Alan Brauders, Sr. Deacon; Zachary Roberson, Sr. Warden; Scott Verville, Worshipful Master; Daryl Haumschild, Jr. Warden; Noah Schultz, Sr. Deacon; and Ralph Behlke, PM, Installing Master. Back row: Roger Humphrey, Treasurer; Gary Palmer, Secretary; David Dom, Tiler and Trustee; William Hjorth, Chaplain; Michael Murphy, Sr. Steward. Installing Marshal and Trustee Anthony Bell is not pictured.

- Submitted by Bro. Gary Palmer, Jefferson County Lodge Secretary



Past Masters Honored by Middleton-Ionic No. 180

"With a Past Master in every chair, plus more," Middleton-Ionic Past Masters were honored at an event in October of last year. Present were Past Masters Phil Ferris, Eugene Hanson, Clarence Olson, Past Grand Master A. D. Anderson, Dale Gillings, Howard Oestel and Robert Luening (front row, left to right). Joining them were Roger Starkey, Dick Nelson, PGM Beecher Daniels, Harlan Emerson, Don Asplin, Dan Burkland and Sam Ferguson (back row). In January of this year the lodge initiated four new Entered Apprentices, ensuring that Middleton-Ionic has plenty of work to do in the first half of 2008.

- Submitted by Bro. Clarence C. Olson, Middleton-Ionic Secretary



Waukesha Lodge Makes 50-Year Presentation to Brother from California

Waukesha Lodge No. 37, at the request of The Grand Lodge of California, had the honor of presenting Brother William Loshuertos his 50th Golden Anniversary Certificate and Pin. Brother Loshuertos is a member of Mission Lodge No. 169 (455) in San Francisco, California and presently lives in New Berlin, WI. Pictured are Brother Loshuertos on the left and Worshipful Master Robert McQuillan.

- Submitted by Robert McQuillan, Waukesha Lodge Master



River Falls' Halverson Honored for 50 Years

Brother Adolph "80" Halverson was present at the March 4 meeting of River Falls Lodge No. 109 to receive his 50-year certificate and pin from Worshipful Master Jim Wolfe. Brother Wolfe is shown congratulating Halverson for this milestone in his Masonic career. Also, Bro. Leon Logterman, PM, was honored for 25 years. Past Master Leon Logterman was also honored at the meeting. Worshipful Master Jim Wolfe is shown presenting the pin and certificate to brother Halverson.

- Photo by Milt Helmer

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Wauwatosa Lodge Donates Second School AED

A second AED donation, this one also \$1,700, was made on March 20 at Washington Elementary School, Wauwatosa. Those in attendance from left-right included: Lisa Gollwitzer (PTA Secretary), Jennifer Larson (Chairperson, "Washington Has Heart"), Arthur Michelz (W.M. Wauwatosa Lodge), John Schaefer (Treasurer, Wauwatosa Lodge), Chris Hahn (PTA Co-President), Anthony Bonds (School Principal), Kelley Balcerowski (PTA Co-President) and Sally Roepe (Wauwatosa School District Nurse). - Submitted by John Kneisel, Secretary



Party Honors Wanda & Loren Johnson

Area Masons and members of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 116, Ellsworth, are shown helping Wanda and Loren Johnson celebrate 40 years as Star members. The couple joined Star 40 years ago this past February 1. Pictured left to right front row are: 40-year members Wanda and Loren Johnson, and Milt Helmer. Back row, left to right, are Janice Heise, Mary and Jerry Bristol, Worthy Matron and Patron, Darlene Trok, Bea Steltzner, Vera Eaton and 40-year Star member Burt Trok.

—Photo Courtesy of the Johnson Family

A Study in Hard Work and Determination

By Bro. Milt Helmer

Life was hard for this Ellsworth couple, but you don't hear them complaining.

Loren Johnson started out life in a family of six during the lean years (of the Great Depression), so all of the family had to pitch in to earn a living.

To make matters worse, Loren lost his father when he was only 10 and a half. This meant Loren could only go to school part time and help earn a living. As a result Loren could not finish his schooling. But this did not stop him from being very successful in life.

He and his wife Wanda (Billeter) were married in 1935, a union that turned out to be a 73-year enduring partnership that continues to this day.

You would think starting out life in this situation would be almost impossible to overcome, but not so with Loren and Wanda. As Loren says, "It was rough, but we hung in there."

Loren and Wanda not only hung in there but were very successful both in business and in life. The couple feels most younger people should have some hard times so they appreciate what they really have.

All in all, Loren says "I think I turned out all right," he says with the modesty of a self made man.

For Loren, fixing things came naturally. He seemed to have a knack for mechanical things. He recalls one time when he was 10 years old the Salvation Army dropped off a bag of toys. All the toys were in disrepair, and a wagon Loren especially wanted was missing its wheels, so he set out to make wooden wheels for the wagon.

This natural ability would pay off when Harry Gifford hired him to work at his welding shop in East Ellsworth. Loren comments with a chuckle, "I don't know why he put up with me."

Loren went on to work for the Pierce County Highway Department as shop supervisor, as he says, "for ages." Along the way they raised four children, three girls and a boy. Loren and Wanda's son Tom started working with his father at the County Shop.

Loren said, "we also did welding work on the old Prescott high bridge, from the waterline to the top, 100 feet up."

It was the 16 years as owner of a welding shop in Lund, Wisconsin

that helped bond the family together as a team. The year was 1946 and farmers had been using steel wheels on their farm equipment due to the rubber shortage during the war. After the war there was an abundance of airplane tires, so Loren would weld rims to fit the tires while Wanda would paint the rims the appropriate colors to match the equipment— red, green, blue, yellow and orange. Wanda recalls working into the night to finish up jobs. It was a family affair and everyone pitched in to help.

After the Lund experience the Johnsons moved back to Ellsworth in 1961 where Loren spent the last 10 years of his working life at the county shop.

The years of hard work and spending many days on solid concrete floors have taken their toll on Loren. He feels great for a man of 93, but he doesn't get around like he used to due to knees that are just plain worn out. But this does not dampen his spirit.

Forty years ago, Loren joined the Masonic Lodge with good friend Don Forss. He and Wanda also joined the Eastern Star with Don and Nancy.

He recalls working with Les Baumgartner on his degree work. Learning was not easy for Loren, but he was determined to earn the degrees and his hard work paid off. "Members were very faithful about attendance back then," says Wanda.

She especially remembers at time when the lodge was celebrating their 75th anniversary. Don and Nancy Forss were Worthy Patron and Worthy Matron and she was Martha and Loren served as Sentinel. Wanda and several other ladies spent an entire day cleaning and painting to make the lodge look good for the celebration. They even purchased a scenic print for the lunch room and hung it when no one was around. It was their secret gift to the lodge.

The Johnsons remember one time after Loren could not make the stairs in the old lodge, Doc Jonas and Walt Huber picked him up and got him up and down the stairs so he could attend lodge. It was an act of kindness he has never forgotten.

Loren Johnson and his family are a living example of how hard work and determination overcome all odds. For them success in life is measured in pride of accomplishment, a fine family and working as a team in life. **wmj**

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2008 Officers of Smith Lodge No. 31

Installation was held at Smith Lodge January 3 in Monroe. Pictured are the 2008 officers: Worshipful Master, Eric Collins; Senior Warden, Wayne Henning; Junior Warden, Howard Drye, Jr; Secretary-Treasurer, J. R. Boeck, Past Master; Chaplin, Ed Grabow, PM; Senior Deacon, Mike Beverley; Junior Deacon, Scott Feldt; Senior Steward, Glen Boeck, (not pictured); Junior Steward, Orville Boeck, PM; Tiler, Ron Boeck. Installing Master was Most Worshipful Junior Grand Warden Joe Harker. Installing Marshal was Zor Shrine High Priest and Prophet, Joe Thompson.

— Submitted by Bro. Wayne Henning, Smith Lodge Sr. Warden



Ozaukee Lodge Officers

The 161st installation of officers for Ozaukee Lodge No. 17 took place on Sunday, January 13, 2008. Pictured left to right front row are: Lowell Tainter, P.M., Chaplain; Allan Leeb, Worshipful Master; Senior Grand Warden Craig Campbell, Installing Grand Master; Gary McClellan, Junior Deacon and Trustee; Bill Dooley, Senior Steward. Back row: Jerry Rasmussen, Junior Warden; Junior Grand Warden Joe Harker, Installing Grand Marshal; Sid Arthur, Senior Deacon; Ted Schweitzer, P.M., Treasurer; Erwin Wuehr, P.M., Tiler; David Tainter, P.M., Counselor; Jason Canfield, Senior Warden; Craig Heatwole, P.M., Secretary. Not pictured was Jack Forbes, Junior Steward.

— Submitted by Bro. Allan Leeb, Ozaukee Master



Oregon Lodge No. 151 Officers

Installing officers at the December 15, 2007, installation event for Oregon Lodge were Oregon Past Masters Mark Nelson, Installing Master (top row, right), and Mark Nelson, Installing Marshal (top row, left). Other officers installed were (left to right) Ken Haugen, PM, Tiler; Matt Faldet, Jr. Deacon; Bob Markham, PM, Sr. Deacon; Ed Showers, Worshipful Master; Chad Winklepleck, Sr. Steward; and Denny Erfurth, PM, Chaplain. A light lunch followed.

— Submitted by Bro. Ken Haugen, Oregon Lodge Masonic News Hawk



Waverly Lodge & Masonic Center

The lodge building is located two blocks east of US 41 on S. Bluemound Drive about one block south of College Avenue. Though an Appleton address, the lodge is actually located in the Town of Grand Chute, nestled between an office building to the north and a gas station to the south on the corner with Spencer. The elevated Masonic Center sign over the building is readily visible. From the outside the simplicity of the red brick building gives little indication of the beauty and sophistication of the lodge room and other amenities within. Also making use of the Waverly Masonic Center building are Fidelity Chapter No. 94, Order of the Eastern Star, Job's Daughters Bethel No. 24, and Harry Houdini Chapter of DeMolay. Waverly Lodge sold its landmark central city building at College Avenue and Drew Street (near Lawrence University) to the Outagamie County Historical Society in 1985.



Drop-down Projector

When lecture slides are desired, a ceiling tile bearing a digital projector descends like a miniature elevator from the ceiling at the center of the lodge. The projector is programmed to display the necessary images onto a screen that likewise automatically descends from its concealed position in the ceiling in the East.

—Photos by Wm. Stonecipher, Editor



State-of-the-Art Programming

Waverly Worshipful Master John Foster demonstrates the programmed lighting capabilities of their new system to brother Dan Bast, a one-year Master Mason from Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge who was attending the Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research meeting on March 8.

Waverly, A New Masonic Gem

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of the lodge room and other amenities within.

Upon arriving for the Silas Shepherd meeting that Saturday morning in early March, my initial reaction was a heartfelt "wow" as I beheld the splendor of the remodeled lodge room. To say that it is magnificent would be an understatement.

The walls are decorated with stately pillars molded into the surface as if they were really part of the structure, their finish giving them the appearance of genuine stone much like one might expect to see in an actual building such as King Solomon's Temple which is pictured on the South wall.

In viewing the interior, one would never know that the lodge building had at various times over the years housed a commercial photography studio, a telemarketing call center and a weight loss center.

The height of the ceiling (roughly 14 feet) would suggest that the building was most likely built to accommodate the space demands of the photo business. The ceiling had subsequently been lowered with a drop ceiling, however, to better accommodate the latter uses.

The newly exposed higher ceiling of the room has been tastefully redecorated and the harsh fluorescents replaced by indirect lighting that provides a pleasing level of illumination and accents the textured wall treatment. Strategically placed high intensity LED lights are suspended from the ceiling and are controlled by a programmable system that is customized to meet the particular needs of the degree being worked.

As the need for various wall illustrations arises, they and they alone are illuminated. Lighted in turn are such elements as the artful depiction of King Solomon's Temple, a portrait of George Washington, the lodge Charter, the Master's Carpet, as well as those for the individual Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Degrees. Also, as a degree progresses the level of illumination is programmed to vary from light to dark and back again as required.

It should be noted that the Master's Carpet, which dates from the lodge's founding in 1854, has been beautifully restored and framed, as have the lecture carpets for the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Degrees (circa 1882).

When lecture slides are desired, a digital projector descends from the ceiling at the center of the lodge just in front of the altar. It is programmed to project the appropriate images onto a screen that likewise automatically descends from its concealed position in the East. It also can be used to project movies and selected digital television programs for viewing on special occasions.

Enter the programmed code for Fellowcraft Degree, for instance, and the proper lighting and slides for the lecture are automatically activated. They have also copied their old slides and made them new, digitally. Also, as a degree progresses the level of illumination is programmed to vary from light to dark and back again as required.

"We wanted it (the remodeling project) to be top quality, and rather than do it ourselves we went with professionals," explained brother John Foster, Waverly's present Worshipful Master. And first class it is.

Visitors will also notice the quality of the lodge room furniture. Like the Master's Carpet, it too has been restored to its original beauty. Restoration work on the officers' chairs and altar occurred shortly after the downtown building was sold. has been in the lodge's possession came from the for the lodge room is the same as was restored to its

The project was not inexpensive, however, as one might reasonably assume from the evident quality of the improvements. When asked about a ballpark figure for the cost of the project Worshipful Master Foster said that \$150,000 was about right.

Chartered in 1854, Waverly Lodge sold its landmark central city building at College Avenue and Drew Street (near Lawrence University) to the Outagamie County Historical Society in 1985. The building also houses a collection of memorabilia relating to brother Harry Houdini, arguably Appleton's most famous son. It was in 1987 that Waverly purchased their present building featured here.

Also making use of the Waverly Masonic Center building are Fidelity Chapter No. 94, Order of the Eastern Star, Job's Daughters Bethel No. 24, and Harry Houdini Chapter of DeMolay.

As always, visitors who wish to behold this newest gem in the crown of Freemasonry are welcome to attend lodge at Waverly on its regular meeting nights. The lodge meets the first and third Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and dark during July and August. **umj**



West Bend Lodge Officers

The 146th corps of officers for West Bend Lodge No. 138, West Bend, was installed on January 10 in a public ceremony by Grand Master J. B. Van Hollen. Pictured front row left to right are Sr. Deacon Omar Youssef, Jr. Warden Nicholas J. T. Mueller; Grand Master Van Hollen; Worshipful Master James J. Becker; Sr. Warden Thomas K. Wagner; Treasurer Ralph Charles Seeger; and Chaplain William L. Stonecipher, PM. Back row, left to right: Installing Marshal Craig S. Campbell, Sr. Grand Warden; Jr. Deacon Scott D. Baron; Counselor Terrance P. Groth, PM; Installing Chaplain David E. Tainter, District 10 Deputy; Secretary Daniel E. Katz, PM; Sr. Steward Mark Wucherpfennig; Organist and District Lecturer J. P. Stoms, PM, Grand Marshal. Tiler Mark Scharenbrock is not pictured.



Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research Officers

Installed at the quarterly meeting held March 8 at Waverly Lodge in Appleton by Installing Master Dave Ware, of Appleton Lodge No. 349 (left to right) were Dave Renly, Mosinee Lodge Jr. Warden, Chaplain; John Reese, repeat Worshipful Master, a member of Waverly and Twin Cities Lodges; Richard Pilgrim, repeat Secretary/Treasurer; and Harold "Pete" Peterson, PM, a member of Sheboygan Lodge. Trustee. Also, William Stonecipher, a member of West Bend Lodge, was appointed Trustee for one year to fill the unexpired term of brother James Fleming, PM, who has moved permanently to Florida. Two new members were also welcomed, Mosinee Lodge WM John Bitner and Mosinee Sr. Deacon Rick Swanson. The other officers were installed at the annual meeting last December.

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Lodi Valley Supports Special Olympics' Polar Plunge
Glen Melius, P.M., representing Lodi Valley Lodge No. 99 is seen presenting a check in the amount of \$100 to his daughter Sara Melius. This check was to sponsor Zeta Phi Eta in a Polar Plunge to support Wisconsin Special Olympics. The event took place on February 9, 2008, in Whitewater, Wisconsin. Also shown in the picture are Katie Kopietz and Amber Scheidell. Zeta Phi Eta raised \$950.00 towards the Special Olympics program.

Youth In Masonry

Job's Daughters International Supreme Grand Guardian Janine Coley Gets Around

Where in the world is our Supreme Guardian? Wisconsin is proud to have Janine Coley from Mukwonago serve as Supreme Guardian of Job's Daughters International 2007-2008.

An update on her travels shows she has been in Australia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Montana, Brazil, Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Michigan, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Oklahoma,

Missouri, Illinois and Florida since last August. She will be in Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, British Columbia and Alberta in April. Hopefully the weather will be good for her. May

will have her in Iowa, the Philippines, Nevada again and Alaska. She will return to Wisconsin for Grand Session May 16-17-18. In June she will be at DeMolay International Council and then on to California again.

In July she will be finishing her world wide travels and heading back to Wisconsin to complete preparations to preside over the Supreme Session of Job's Daughters International held in Middleton July 30th - August 2nd. What an exciting time this will be for Wisconsin as we welcome Job's Daughters and adults from Brazil, the Philippines, Australia, Canada and the United States to our beautiful state.

- Submitted by Mary Callaway, Past Grand Guardian

2008 Officers of La Crosse's Frontier-Badger Lodge

The open installation for the lodge officers of Frontier-Badger Lodge No. 45 was held on the 10th of January, 2008. Installing officers were PGM Keith Chamberlain; Marshal Ray Amador; Chaplain Harry "Red" Hiser; and Organist Marge Bush. Pictured in the front row left to right: Tiler Mark Hill; SW George Boyd; WM Jason Risberg; PGM Keith Chamberlain; JW Jerry Larsen; and Secretary Ron Glaunert. Back Row: District 5 Deputy Ray Kline; Treasurer John Brewer; Chaplain Phil Bouffleur; Junior Deacon John Hayek; and Lodge Counselor Don Iliff. Not pictured: SD Art Streitz, SS Monte Holman, and JS Harry Foust.

- Submitted by Bro. Michael Barreyro, Frontier-Badger Lodge Masonic News Hawk



Widow's Sons Revving Up for Warm Weather

We look back as some of the Wisconsin Widows Sons participated in the Toys for Tots Charity Motorcycle Ride last October. It is our goal to promote the Craft while on the road. We also look to help out Charitable causes. We ride with our Masonic values. Pictured from left to right in the front row are brothers Don Okray and Chris Favero. In the back row are brothers Mick Olson, Curt Campagna, Dennis Wilson and Jack Wojes. Masons with motorcycles interested in joining the local chapter of this national organization of motorcycle enthusiasts can reach us at the Grand Chapter at <www.widowssonswi.com> or call President Curt Angelo Campagna, PM, at 414-698-8874.



It's 70 years for LaBelle Lodge's Russell Zahn

Russell Zahn joins the short list of 70-year Master Masons in Wisconsin. He took his obligation on February 2, 1938, and used the words therein to be a guide to his life. He is proudly pictured holding his 70-year pin in very nice display given to him by the Wisconsin Grand Lodge and all its brothers members. Russell is a dual member in good standing at Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12, Delavan, and La Belle Lodge No. 84, Viroqua

- Photo by Bro. Ernest Kramer, LaBelle Masonic News Hawk

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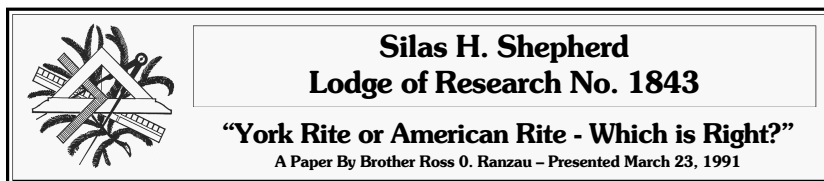
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"York Rite or American Rite - Which is Right?"

A Paper By Brother Ross O. Ranzau - Presented March 23, 1991

Editor's note: the following paper by brother Ross O. Ranzau is reprinted from the archives of the proceedings of Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of Research, the official research lodge of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin. This paper lends understanding of the development of our Masonic heritage and structure of the two Rites, Scottish and York, but particularly to the background of the name "York." It has been edited for length.

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In the United States of America there are two systems of Masonic degrees commonly known as the York and Scottish Rites respectively.

According to Mackey, the York Rite is the oldest of all the Rites and consisted originally of only three degrees: Entered Apprentice; Fellow Craft; Master Mason. The last included a part which contained the True Word. In the United States of America the term York Rite is applied to the degrees of the Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery.

The degrees of the Lodge are Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason; those of the Chapter are Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch; of the Council, Royal Master, Select Master and Super-Excellent Master; those of the Commandery, usually called "Orders," are Red Cross, Knight of Malta and Knight Templar.

In the Scottish Rite there are thirty-three degrees, which also have names, but are usually distinguished by number. In this Rite, as practiced in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States, there are six bodies:

- I. THE SYMBOLIC LODGE, conferring the degrees of (1) Entered Apprentice, (2) Fellowcraft and (3) Master Mason.
- II. THE LODGE OF PERFECTION, conferring the degrees of (4) Secret Master, (5) Perfect Master, (6) Intimate Secretary, (7) Provost and Judge, (8) Intendant of the Building, (9) Master Elect of Nine, (10) Master Elect of Fifteen, (11) Sublime Master Elected, (12) Grand Master Architect, (13) Master of the Ninth Arch and (14) Grand Elect Mason.
- III. COUNCIL OF PRINCES OF JERUSALEM, conferring the degrees of (15) Knight of the East or Sword and (16) Princes of Jerusalem.
- IV. CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX, conferring the degrees of (17) Knights of the East and West and (18) Knights of the Eagle and Pelican.
- V. CONSISTORY OF SUBLIME PRINCE OF THE ROYAL SECRET, conferring the degrees of (19) Grand Pontiff, (20) Master ad Vitam, (21) Inquisitor Commander, (22) Prince of Libanus, (23) Chief of the Tabernacle, (24) Prince of the Tabernacle, (25) Knight of the Brazen Serpent, (26) Prince of Mercy, (27) Commander of the Temple, (28) Knight of the Sun, (29) Knight of St. Andrew, (30) Grand Elect Knight Kadosh, (31) Grand Inspector and (32) Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret.
- VI. SUPREME COUNCIL, conferring the degree of (33) Sovereign Grand Inspector General.

In Search of The Lost Word

The Scottish Rite or, to give it the full name as given in the Latin Constitutions, "The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite," was organized in Charleston, South Carolina in 1801, but it was built on the Rite of Perfection of twenty-five degrees that was organized in Paris, France in 1758. It has no historical connection with Scotland, the name having been given to it by the French, possibly because they believed that Masonry had been established by the Templars after they had settled in Scotland. This was pure theory, but it served to give its name to this important branch of Masonry.

Both York and Scottish Rites have as their central theme the entire system of the search for the Lost Word, and both rest on the foundation of the three symbolic degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason, but the content of these degrees in the two systems is very different.

The Symbolic Degrees conferred in Great Britain and the United States are of the York Rite, and therefore the story of this Rite and its development is of special interest to the Masons of this country. Those who have received the Symbolic Degrees in these countries and afterwards taken the Scottish Rite from the fourth degree on may have wondered at what seemed a repetition or another version of what they had learned in the Symbolic Lodge. The explanation is that the things which seemed a repetition do not appear in the Symbolic Degrees of the Scottish Rite.

The York Rite was named from the belief, generally held in the Eighteenth Century, that Masonry in Great Britain had its origin at York, under Edwin of Northumbria in 627 AD or Athelstan in 926 AD.

There are many legends connecting early Freemasonry in England with York which seem to have been regarded as history by those who founded the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland. There are many versions of these legends, such as we would naturally find in stories handed down by word of mouth from generation to generation. Many of them,

like most Masonic legends, are to be considered symbolically rather than as history, yet it is probable that they have some historical basis. I shall briefly summarize the form of the legend that is most consistent with history.

Edwin, King of Northumbria, was converted to Christianity in 627 and immediately began the erection of cathedrals for Christian worship. He organized the masons at York to carry on that work. Therefore, the York Grand Lodge claimed that their body was descended from the organizations effected by King Edwin about 627.

In 926 Athelstan either organized or reorganized the Masons at York and gave them a charter. The other Grand Lodges of Great Britain thought that Freemasonry in England sprang from the body chartered by Athelstan and headed by his son or brother Edwin.

There are many old manuscripts or charges that claim to be based on Athelstan's charter. This claim has been disputed but it was accepted by the early British Grand Lodges.

The earliest of these manuscripts (The Halliwell Manuscript or Regius Poem) dates from about 1390 AD and consists of rules for governing Masons. It does not mention York as the place, but it does name Athelstan whose headquarters were at York as the organizer, and the one who gave them the charter on which it was believed the manuscript charges were based.

None of the manuscripts we have today are originals but copies of some earlier forms. Whether they have actually been based on Athelstan's charter we do not know, but they were so considered when the Grand Lodge of London adopted Anderson's adaptation of them in the Constitutions of 1723. The Grand Lodge of Ireland followed Anderson under the impression that in so doing they were substantially adopting the Old York Constitutions.

Moderns & Ancients Vie for Primacy

Beginning in 1725 the Grand Lodge of England made several changes in which the Irish and others considered a departure from the Old Constitutions. In 1751, this led to the organization of another Grand Lodge which called itself the "Grand Lodge of England according to the Old Constitutions."

Then began a dispute between the adherents of these two Grand Lodges as to which was entitled to the name of "York Masons." The first Grand Lodge (organized 1717) because of changes made by them were called "Moderns." The other body (organized 1751) was called "Ancients" because of their adherence to the Old Constitutions. Because of this adherence, the "Ancients" claimed to be "Ancient York Masons." The "Moderns" claimed the same title because, as they claimed, they had absorbed the York Masons.

The Grand Lodge of the Ancients was organized chiefly by Irish Masons who settled in London. They claimed that they themselves were governed by "the Old Constitutions granted by his Royal Highness, Prince Edwin at York."

Note, however, that the "Moderns" also claimed that they were "Ancient York Masons" because they had absorbed the York Branch of Masonry. This was not true in 1769 when the claim was made, as at that time the York Grand Lodge was functioning as an independent body, but it became true shortly after the union of the Ancients and Moderns in 1813.

The original reason for the claim was the action of the Grand Lodge on September 29, 1721, in ordering James Anderson to codify the "Old Gothic Constitutions" (the "Gothic Constitutions" is but another name for the "York Constitutions."): These York Constitutions, as codified by Anderson, were adopted by the Grand Lodge on March 25, 1722.

The Irish Grand Lodge followed the Grand Lodge of England in adopting the York Constitutions and therefore considered themselves a branch of "the Ancient York Masons."

While the two Grand Lodges, Ancients and Moderns, were disputing as to which was entitled to the name of "Ancient York Masons," both of them chartered lodges in this country and all of them considered themselves as Ancient York Masons.

After the Scottish Rite body with its system of thirty-three degrees was organized at Charleston, South Carolina in 1801, the system which had grown up around the old lodges in this country was called the "York Rite" to distinguish it from the "Scottish Rite."

The right of both the Scottish and York Rites to their respective names has been challenged on the grounds that neither sprang from their reputed place of origin. As far as the York Rite is concerned this has not been proven. While with our present knowledge we cannot prove that the York Rite originated at York, neither can it be disproved.

However, the right to take or give a name does not depend on authority granted or the historical accuracy of the reason for its adoption. It is usage which justifies words and their definitions rather than history, and usage has certainly given us the term "York Rite." There have been many attempts to introduce the term "American Rite" for "York Rite" in this country but they have all failed. In spite of legislation and the writings of Dr. Mackey and others, Mason and non-Mason alike continue and probably will continue to call it the "York Rite."

As a matter of fact, the term "York Rite" as applied to one of

the Masonic Rites practiced in the United States is far more appropriate than is the name "America" for the Western Hemisphere. The name "America" was given to this hemisphere because Amerigo Vespucci (in Latin, Americus Vesputius) said he landed here in 1497, eight days before John Cabot reached the northern continent, and writers of his day accepted his statement. However, his voyage, if made, was wholly unofficial and the place where he said he landed is in the Pacific Ocean. There is no record or evidence other than his own unverified word, that he ever made such a voyage. The Encyclopedia Britannica says: "The general weight of opinion has been that Vespucci did not make the 1497 voyage, and that he had no share in the first discovery of the American continent."¹ Much might be said to support this statement in the Britannica, but it is not necessary. America is wrongly named if that name depends on the reasons given for thus naming it, namely the statement of Professor Martin Waldseemuller of the St. Die University that the New World "be called America, because Americus discovered it."²

It is not necessary to defend the continued use of the name "America" for the Western Hemisphere or that of "York Rite" for one of the systems of Masonry practiced in the U.S.A. Names are often given without any apparent reason and in fact general acceptance establishes a name with or without reason. It is very common to give names to people, places, objects and organizations from sentimental rather than logical reasons; thus, when a name has become established, few desire to change it.

If the arguments which have been advanced for changing the name "York Rite" to something else were accepted as valid, then even greater logic prevails to change the name of the continent from America to the real discoverer. Since, as stated, if the Western Hemisphere had no connection with "Americus Vespucci" why should we continue to call it "America?" Let us change it to North and South Columbus or North and South Cabot or even go back to the Norsemen. Then, in order to be consistent, we must carry the process to its ultimate conclusion and call the Degrees of Masonry, commonly called the "York Rite," the "Columbus Rite," or the "Cabot Rites," etc.

Right's to Use "York" Affirmed

The early English Masons who adopted the name "Ancient York Masons" used the term in an ethical rather than a geographical or historical sense. The right to use the name "York," though not descended from that body, was conceded by the Grand Lodge of England in 1870 when it permitted its own Union Lodge at York, constituted by it in 1777, to change its name to "York" in response to the following petition in part:

"To the Right Honorable, the Earl of Zetland, K.T., Most Worshipful Grand Master:

"We, the undersigned, the Masters and Wardens of the Union Lodge, No. 236, meeting in the Masonic Hall, Duncombe Place, York, in pursuance of a Resolution passed in open Lodge, at a regular Lodge, held on Monday the Seventeenth of January, A.L. 5870, A.D. 1870 humbly request your Lordship to grant permission that the name of this Lodge may be changed from that of Union to York Lodge.

"It has long been the wish of the Brethren of the Lodge that it should be more closely connected with that of our Ancient City and with the Masonic Glory with which it is associated.

"...The importance of York, as having taken a prominent place in the history of English Masonry; the charges and regulations it has framed under the title of the York Constitution, and the present appellation still given to those working under them of "Ancient York Masons" entitle us to your consideration to make the required change.

"For the desired name of York to distinguish our Lodge by it in the future, we call your Lordship's recollection to the fact, that throughout the world, this city has been for a great length of time regarded almost as the birthplace of "English Masonry" or at least as its foster-mother, and we hope that this feeling, coupled with our strong desire, will be sufficient excuse for sincerely hoping your Lordship will grant our request."³

Historically we got the name York from its use in Great Britain especially by the Ancients. Many writers say the Ancients had no right to assume this name since they had no authority from the York Grand Lodge. We must remember that the Ancients did not claim any such authority. What they did claim was that they had adhered to the Ancient Usages and Customs of the fraternity as laid down in the Ancient York legends and manuscripts. It was similar to their use of the term "Ancients." They did not claim to be older than the "Moderns" but to have adhered to the Ancient Rules and Regulations from which they claimed the older Grand Lodge had departed.

In the same way, we of the United States claim the title York Rite because our system was derived from old York Legends and Charges. This is based on the practice which has been traditionally ascribed to York. We may not use the same ritual but our basic, or key degrees, are the same.

Centered around the degrees of the York Grand Lodge we have built up a system of Masonic degrees in which we may well take pride. The Masonry of the English-speaking world still acknowledge the principles contained in the Old York Constitutions. They have been built upon and enlarged but the fundamentals contained in the Old Manuscripts are still preserved. "Thanks be to God. Amen! Amen! So mote it be! So say we all for charity."

Footnotes

¹ "Vespucci, Americus," Encyclopedia Britannica, (1986), 14th ed., XII, 336-337.

² "Vespucci, Americus," p. 337.

³ United Grand Lodge of England, Grand Lodge 1717-1967, ed. by A. S. Frere (Oxford: University Press, 1967), pp. 33-34.



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<p>Black River Falls Black River Lodge No. 74 314 Main Street • 715-284-2234 Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Delavan Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12 1007 S. Second St. • 262-728-6822 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Green Bay Theodore Roosevelt Lodge 322 525 N. Taylor St. • 920-490-9777 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Madison Four Lakes Daylite Lodge No. 362 525 N. Taylor St. • 608-256-2351 Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 10 a.m. (except Sept. 2nd Monday) Dark July & August</p>	<p>Milwaukee Nathan Hale Lodge No. 350 790 N. Van Buren • 262-522-9872 (Sec) Meet 1st Thursday, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Oregon Oregon Lodge No. 151 210 Park St. • 608-835-9236 Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>
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<p>Bristol Washburn Lodge No. 145 8102 - 199th Ave. • 262-857-7801 Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Dousman Dousman Lodge No. 315 214 Main St. • 262-593-2647 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Hartford Hartford Lodge No. 120 147 N. Rural St. • 262-673-2074 (Sec) Meet 2nd Monday, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Madison Madison Lodge No. 5 301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-0793 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Meet 1st Thursday July & August</p>	<p>Minocqua Island City Lodge No. 330 7529 Hwy 51 South • 715-277-2810 (Sec) • Meet 1st Wednesday, 10 a.m. Meets all year</p>	<p>Owen Owen Lodge No. 317 713 W. Third St. • 715-229-2832 (Sec.) Meets 1st Monday at 7:30 p.m. & 3rd Mon. at 11 a.m. • Dark July & August</p>
<p>Brodhead Bicknell Lodge No. 94 302 1st Center Ave. • 608-897-8069 Meets 2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Dousman Glen L. Humphrey Lodge No. 364 375 Hwy. 67 • 262-965-9390 Meet 2nd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. Dark June</p>	<p>Hayward Keystone Lodge No. 263 10629 Main St. • 715-634-8735 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Manitowoc Manitowoc Lodge No. 65 810 Chicago St. • 920-684-4334 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Mondovi Buffalo River Masonic Lodge No. 252 245 S. Franklin • 715-797-3261 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Palmyra Palmyra Lodge No. 68 125 N. 3 St. • 262-495-4887 Meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Dark January & February</p>
<p>Brookfield Elnbrook Lodge No. 354 4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-549-0923 Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Durand Durand-Pepin Lodge No. 149 203 W. Main St. • 715-672-8052 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Hudson St. Croix Lodge No. 56 209 Locust Street • 715-377-0817 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Marinette Marinette Lodge No. 182 1610 Main St. • 715-735-3315 Meet 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Monroe Smith Lodge No. 31 1613-12 Tenth St. • 608-328-4370 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p>	<p>Park Falls Park Falls Lodge No. 300 521 N. 2nd Ave. • 715-762-4043 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p>
<p>Brookfield McKinley Lodge No. 307 4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-781-9907 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Eagle River Eagle River Lodge No. 248 610 E. Division • 715-479-8646 Meet 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m. Meets All Year</p>	<p>Janesville Janesville-Western Star No. 55 2322 E. Milwaukee St. • 608-752-3098 Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Marshfield Marshfield Lodge No. 224 402 W. 11th St. • 715-384-8646 Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p>	<p>Mosinee Mosinee Lodge No. 318 607 13th St. • 715-693-3150 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Lodge Listings are continued on page 12</p>



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<p>Phillips Phillips Lodge No. 225 137 N. Lake Ave. • 715-329-3785 Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p>	<p>Shullsburg Benton Lodge No. 268 404 N. Virnie St. • 608-965-3575 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Dark January & February</p>	<p>Wauwatosa Henry I. Palmer Lodge No. 301 4315 N. 92nd St. • 414-463-8390 Meet 4th Friday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>
<p>Platteville Melody Lodge No. 2 783 Enterprise Drive • 608-349-6021 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>South Milwaukee South Shore Lodge No. 3 1327 Marshall Ave • 414-294-9332 (Sec.) Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 pm Dark July & August</p>	<p>Wauwatosa Lafayette Lodge No. 265 4315 N. 92nd St. • 414-463-8390 Meet 1st, 2nd & 3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July, August</p>
<p>Plymouth Cassia Lodge No. 167 441 Smith St. • 920-892-6336 Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Sparta Valley Lodge No. 60 603 N. Court St. • 608-269-2616 Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Wauwatosa Wisconsin Lodge No. 13 4315 N. 92nd St. • 414-463-8390 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>
<p>Portage Fort Winnebago Lodge No. 33 111 W. Conant Street • 608-742-6468 Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Meet 2nd Tues. July/Aug. Dark Jan/Feb</p>	<p>Star Prairie North Star Lodge No. 187 Bridge St. • 715-248-3279 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>West Allis Day-Lite Lodge No. 358 7515 W. National Ave. • 414-257-9450 Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 9 a.m. Dark July & August</p>
<p>Port Washington Ozaukee Lodge No. 17 504 W. Grand Ave. • 262-294-9978 Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Stevens Point Evergreen Lodge No. 93 2854 Church Street • 715-344-2447 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>West Allis Wauwatosa Lodge No. 267 7515 W. National Ave. • 262-250-1588 Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>
<p>Potosi Warren Lodge No. 4 112 S. Main St. • 608-763-2719 (Sec) Meets All Year</p>	<p>Stoughton Kepona Lodge No. 73 125 S. 5th St. • 608-873-9204 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>West Allis West Allis Lodge No. 291 7515 W. National Ave. • 414-257-9450 Meet 1st & 3rd Fridays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>
<p>Poynette Poynette Lodge No. 173 Poynter City Hall, 106 Main, 608-635-4503 (Sec) • Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Sturgeon Bay Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174 31 S. 3rd Ave. • 920-493-3727 Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>West Bend West Bend Lodge No. 138 301 University Dr. • 262-338-3112 Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m. Meets All Year</p>
<p>Prairie du Chien Prairie du Chien Lodge No. 8 105-1/2 E. Blackhawk Avenue 608-326-4640 (Sec) • Meet 1st & 3rd Wed., 7:30 p.m. • Dark July & Aug.</p>	<p>Sun Prairie Sun Prairie Lodge No. 143 152 N. Bird St. • 608-825-3925 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>West Salem Salem Lodge No. 125 101 W. Hamilton St. • 608-786-0930 (Sec) Meets 4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>
<p>Prairie du Sac Sauk Prairie Lodge No. 113 580 Water St. • 608-544-2491 (WM) Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July, August & 1st Mon. in Sept.</p>	<p>Superior Acacia-Iroquois Lodge No. 329 3117 N. 21 St. • 715-392-4984 Meet 1st & 3rd Fridays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Whitefish Bay Aurora Lodge No. 30 517 E. Beaumont Ave. • 414-332-8460 Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>
<p>Prescott Northwestern Lodge No. 105 132 N. Court St. • 715-262-5478 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Superior Superior Lodge No. 236 1503 Bellnap St. • 715-392-1398 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Whitefish Bay Geo. Washington 1776 Lodge No. 337 517 E. Beaumont Ave. • 414-332-8460 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>
<p>Racine Racine-Belle City Lodge No. 18 1012 Main St. • 262-633-6658 Meets 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m. Meets All Year</p>	<p>Sussex Lincoln Lodge No. 183 N64 W23624 Main St. • 262-251-3840 Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Whitewater St. John's Lodge No. 57 226 W. Main Street • 608-473-5178 Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>
<p>Reedsburg Reedsburg Lodge No. 79 213 E. Main St. • 608-524-2625 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Tomah Tomah Lodge No. 132 520 E. Saratoga Street • 608-372-5507 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Wilmot Wilmot Lodge No. 241 30702 113th St. • 262-889-8181 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>
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<p>Richland Center Richland Lodge No. 66 290 W. Union St. • 608-647-4487 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Meets All Year</p>	<p>Waterloo Waterloo Lodge No. 63 300 Hendricks Street • 920-478-2048 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Meets All Year</p>	<p>Wisconsin Rapids Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128 2321 2nd Ave. So. • 715-423-2770 Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>
<p>River Falls River Falls Lodge No. 109 122 E. Walnut St. • 715-425-2333 Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Waukesha Waukesha Lodge No. 37 317 South Street • 262-542-6753 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Armistead-Bingham Lodge No. 1862 Call Secretary at 815-623-8460 for next meeting date & location <g2minime@aol.com> Meets 5th Saturdays, 1 p.m.</p>
<p>Shawano Shawano Lodge No. 170 201-1/2 S. Main St. • 715-526-3920 Meets 1 & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark January & February</p>	<p>Waupaca Waupaca Lodge No. 123 105-1/2 N. Main Street • 715-258-2208 Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p>	<p>ABOUT LODGE LISTINGS 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: WMAJ Lodge Listings c/o Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin, 36275 Sunset Dr., Dousman, WI 53118. If information in your listing is incorrect, please send corrections to the Editor at: <wmjedit@sbcglobal.net> (262) 334-1876 by phone. Due to production deadlines, new lodge listings may not appear for up to two months.</p>
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<p>Shell Lake Shell Lake/Spooner Lodge No. 221 28 Dobby Drive • 715-468-2251 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Meets All Year</p>	<p>Wausau Forest Lodge No. 130 130 First Street • 715-845-5198 Meet Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p>	

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FEBRUARY 2008 GREEN ENVELOPE APPEAL

Each November the MSA sends out its Green Envelope Appeal asking for support for our Hospital Visitation Program. We cannot begin to express proper "thanks" for your responses. Some bear heart-warming messages of how a lonely Veteran was visited by an MSA Volunteer, or a message from a friend or relative grateful for a visit to a loved one. Many families express thanks for a visit to a wounded soldier being cared for at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

MSA has Masonic representation in 157 VAs, 40 State Veterans Homes and several Military Hospitals. Thank you for helping to make this vital program the success story it truly is!

THE ORIGIN OF THE TERM FELLOW CRAFT

The term "Fellow" has a long and distinguished history, most commonly used to denote that one is of higher status than just being a member of some organization. One becomes a fellow of a research or educational society, for example, by being voted into that position after having done research and being published. Members of the teaching staff of a university who are not full members of the faculty are sometimes called "teaching fellows." In the guilds from which we believe Masonry arose, a "Fellow of the Craft" had roughly the same status as a journeyman would have today. When Masonry had only one Degree there was a section, known as the "Fellow's Part" which was conferred on those who had shown a mastery of the material of the Apprentice Degree. (Source: From a soon-to-be released digest by Jim Tresner, "Did You Know?")

WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER IN THE 1ST DEGREE?

The symbolism of the Northeast corner in the Entered Apprentice Degree is taken from the ancient practice of laying the cornerstone in the Northeast corner. He who stands there in the lodge, "a just and upright Mason," is himself a cornerstone of the lodge which will be. A lodge is erected not only by, but upon, her sons. The Entered Apprentice of today is the veteran Mason and lodge member of tomorrow.

NINTH WORLD CONFERENCE

May 7-9, 2008, will see a gathering of Masonic leaders from around the world in Washington, DC. Under the theme "Universal Freemasonry in Action" the conference will discuss such issues as: "Promoting ethical behavior in civil society" and "Establishing a network of exchanges among Masons worldwide." For more detailed information please go to <www.gwworldconference.org>

QUATUOR CORONATI INSTALLS FIRST AMERICAN WORSHIPFUL MASTER

On Thursday, November 8, 2007, Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 of London (England), the premier lodge of Masonic research in the world, installed Bro. S. Brent Morris, as its first American Worshipful Master. The lodge was consecrated in 1886, and in 1888 it began publishing its annual transactions, *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*, a collection of some of the finest and most scholarly papers on Freemasonry. Full membership in the lodge is limited to forty, though there are over 6,000 members of the Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle who receive all publications of the lodge.

Bro. Morris joined the lodge in 1993 as only the fourth American member. Three American Masonic scholars preceded Morris (and are now deceased): Dwight L. Smith, Indiana; Alphonse Cerza, Illinois; and Alex Howe, California. Brother W. Kirk MacNulty, Virginia, is the only other living American member. (Source: Scottish Rite Journal, Jan-Feb 2008)

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"So far as I am acquainted with the principles and doctrines of Freemasonry, I conceive it to be founded in benevolence and to be exercised only for the good of mankind . . .

"At this important and critical moment, when repeated and high indignities have been offered to this government, your country and the rights and properties of our citizens plundered without a prospect of redress, I conceive to be the indispensable duty of every American, let his situation and circumstances be what they may, to come forward in support of the Government of his country and to give all the aid in his power toward maintaining that independence which we have so dearly purchased; and under this impression, I did not hesitate to lay aside all personal considerations and accept my appointment." - George Washington

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Circle May 3rd on Your Calendar!

Three Pillars is offering two exciting events you won't want to miss. Goodwill Industries will be on our campus to present "Fashion through the Decades". This unique forty-five minute presentation featuring women's clothing from 1900 to 1980 will give audience members an opportunity to take a nostalgic trip back in time. You will see how women's fashions have changed through the years as a commentator describes the fashion and history of the era. This free event will take place in the Humphrey Community Center starting at 2:00pm on Saturday, May 3rd. If you would like to attend, please **RSVP in** **Down** by April 25th at 800.848.5306 as seating is limited.



Prior to or after the show you'll want to stop by the ever popular Garden Party Boutique in the Holz Pavilion. Garden art, décor, perennial plants and unique gifts will be for sale. You will certainly be thinking of spring and spring planting after stopping by our boutique. The doors open at 10:00am and will close at 4:00pm. All proceeds will benefit our summer Concerts in the Park.

If you need more information or directions to this event, please call 800.848.5306 or visit us at www.threepillars.org

Garden Party
BOUTIQUE

Friday, May 2nd & Saturday, May 3rd
from 10am to 4pm

featuring...potted perennials, alk flowers
hand-crafted jewelry, garden & home décor
spring & summer wreaths, and gifts

Holz Pavilion at Compass Point
375 Highway 67 in Dousman



ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

The Order of Eastern Grand Family got caught up with the Irish music played by the band "Ceol Cairde" and lead a parade amongst the residents as they were celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Worthy Grand Matron Laurie Twardy and Worthy Grand Patron Calvin Wells and their Grand Family served and visited with the residents of Compass Point and Village on the Square at their celebration in the Holz Pavilion.

A Message from Mary Millard
DIRECTOR OF FRATERNAL RELATIONS

SPRING IS HERE or at least that is what my calendar says! As a child I always associated Spring with "opening the windows to get the old stale air out and the start of cleaning out closets". It really is not such a bad thing to do even in this day and age. We all have "stuff" we need to get rid of. That is one of the things that residents say was the hardest thing they have to do when they move here was to get rid of things. So why not start right now. Go through those closets and donate things that are too small or you haven't used or worn in the last couple years. Don't forget to go through your medicine cabinet. If the medicine is outdated, toss it. And you may also need to call to get updated material regarding Three Pillars. We have had a lot of changes in the last couple of years.

With Spring here and the warmer weather just around the corner, I invite to come and tour our campus. Give Dawn a call at 800.848.5306 and set up an appointment.

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Village on the Square
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Wednesday, April 16th
beginning at 10:30am

light refreshments & tours to follow

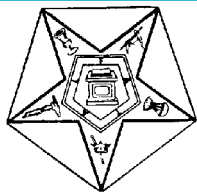
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From The Worthy Grand Matron

Dear Sisters and Brothers: Grand Chapter is fast approaching. Many people are working hard on all the details that are necessary for a successful Grand Chapter. All we need is you!

Our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Barbara Benton and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Bill Owen, will be visiting Wisconsin for the "Led by His Light Session." We are very excited to have them with us and are looking forward to showing them the great work Wisconsin does.

As you know, membership has been a big focus this year. The Area Chairpersons have done a great job in helping and encouraging the Chapters.

The Chapters have done a great job in hosting membership events and a number of new members have resulted from those events.

Tuesday evening at Grand Chapter the Sisters and Brothers who have been initiated this year will be presented and introduced. Please let your new members know so that they can plan to attend Grand Chapter and Tuesday night's session.

Wednesday's lunch is a membership lunch. This lunch is open to

everyone. We will be celebrating your accomplishments in membership this last year. The Chapter that has initiated the most new Sisters and Brothers will be honored. Lots of fun is planned for this lunch. You won't want to miss it!

The information and registration forms are in the hands of the Chapter Secretaries.

Please ask your Chapter Secretary for the information so you can get your reservations in. We don't want anyone to miss anything that we have planned for you.

It is not too late for your Chapter to host a membership event. You have several months before the end of this year. You have time to hold an initiation.

Get a new member into your Chapter and you and that new Sister or Brother will benefit in many ways. If your Chapter needs some help to get started, contact your area Membership Chairperson.

There are many Compass Nights, Friend's Nights and Honor Nights coming up. We hope to see you at as many as possible. Travel Safely.

Bug hugs and Otter smacks, Laurie and Cal

Take Pride Night - Wisconsin/Illinois Exchange Night

On Saturday night, February 23, Wisconsin and Illinois OES Grand Families and friends gathered to celebrate "Take Pride Night" at the Masonic Center in Freeport, Illinois.

The evening began with a delicious buffet dinner in the banquet hall and then was followed by an Eastern Star meeting in the chapter room.

The Grand Chapter No. 1 meeting was opened by the Illinois Grand Family and closed by the Wisconsin Grand Family. The only sad part of the whole evening was our Worthy Grand Matron was home with pneumonia (we are happy she is recovered now!).

The Grand Marshal entered first followed by the Bible. The Flag was in the chapter room and after the Pledge we sang "This Land is My Land." When visitors were introduced, members clapped as they approached the East. There was no further clapping and guests found their own way to their seats.

Both Conductresses were involved in all introductions whether or not there were both women and men to be introduced. One other interesting thing was the opening march; the Grand Family entered the labyrinth on a diagonal instead of flanking like Wisconsin.

Sister Meg March is Worthy Grand Matron of Illinois and Philip Koukol is Worthy Grand Patron. Our Associate Grand Matron, Sister Kris Engbring, pro-temmed the office of Worthy Grand Matron with our Worthy Grand Patron Brother Cal. The sunshine march was \$147 and is to be donated to the Willwood Cemetery Project in Rockford, Illinois—final resting place of residents of the Rockford Eastern Star Home.

This was a fun night for everyone and hopefully will return as an annual event.

— Submitted by Elaine Engelke

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. Welcome to our new Sisters and Brothers.

Ellsworth Chapter, Ellsworth (2)
Phoenix Chapter, Beloit (2)
Oriental Chapter, Oshkosh (1)
Viroqua Chapter, Viroqua (1)

Grand Representative Receptions

April 16

Bristol Chapter, Bristol and Kenosha Chapter, Kenosha – Reception honoring Roger Meade, Grand Representative of Montana at the Washburn Masonic Center, 8102 199th Ave, Bristol, WI 53104-9718, (262) 857-7547. (Women may wear denim skirts or dresses, men may wear denim jeans.)

New 50-year Members

Congratulations to our new 50-year members.

•Janice Van Caster, Kenosha Chapter, Kenosha
•Margarette Haubrich, Kenosha Chapter, Kenosha
•Frances Heintz Taylor, Rob Morris Chapter Palmyra

E.S.T.A.R.L. (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership)

Dear Sisters and Brothers: On behalf of your ESTARL committee we want to thank you for what you gave toward awards in 2007. Because of you and a portion of the money invested we were able to give nine full time awards and two part-time awards to persons preparing for training as religious workers.

We thought you might be interested in knowing a little about a few of the person you helped: S.C. is attending Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston IL. This is his first year. He is a graduate of Southern Illinois University and was recommended by Charles A Lawton Chapter, Green Bay.

J.V. is attending Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem PA. This is his first year. He is a graduate of U.W. Madison and was recommended by Honor Chapter Sturgeon Bay.

K. D. is attending Boston University-School of Theology in Boston MA. This is her first award. She is a graduate of Carroll College and was recommended by La Belle Chapter Mukwonago

Additional first year awards were made to persons recommended by Queen Esther Chapter, Lodi and

Starlight Chapter Sun Prairie. There were six second year awards. These persons were recommended by Frederic Chapter, Frederic, Ruth Chapter, La Crosse, Baraboo Chapter, Baraboo, Ellsworth Chapter, Ellsworth, West Allis Chapter West Allis and Starlight Chapter, Sun Prairie.

In 2008 it looks like all of the above will be returning, plus I have received three new applications. I am sure you would like to be part of these persons receiving financial help.

I know that a lot of Chapters send in their charity donations at the end of the year. As of right now we have only received about one half as much as last year. I hope all the chapters will dig a little deeper to help the ESTARL program.

While time is short for this year, I am still willing to come to your chapter and give a program on ESTARL. If we can't work it out before Grand Chapter, the offer is still good for next year. Let me hear from you.

In Faith and Friendship and with hugs and smacks,
Ruthann Christensen, PM,
Chairperson of ESTARL
Martha Swanson PGM
Nancy Wood PM

Chapter Calendar Dates

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

April

- 2 - Friends Night, Chippewa Chapter, Chippewa Falls
- 2 - Compass Night, Queen Esther, Lodi
- 3 - Star Point Night and Elections, Alpha Chapter, Argyle
- 4 - Compass Night, Vega Chapter, Milwaukee
- 6 - Friends Night, Frederic Chapter, Frederic
- 10 - Compass Night, La Belle Chapter, Mukwonago
- 10 - Honor Associate Matron and Associate Patron, Golden Rule, Wauwatosa
- 11 - Triwaukee Area Club meeting at Lila B. Grasser Chapter, Sussex
- 12 - Southeast Area Club meeting at Burlington Chapter, Burlington
- 15 - Grand Representative Reception for Mary Bristol, Ellsworth Chapter, Ellsworth
- 16 - Grand Representative Reception for Roger Meade, Bristol Chapter, Bristol
- 16 - Friends Night, Starlite Chapter, Madison
- 17 - Honor Conductresses, Phun-Phasion-Phoolishness, Honor Chapter, Sturgeon Bay
- 19 - Madison Area Club, Twilight Chapter, Sun Prairie
- 22 - Honor Warders and Sentinels with Initiation, Phoenix Chapter, Beloit
- 22 - Compass Night, Twilight Chapter, Sun Prairie
- 23 - Grand Representative Reception for Helen Krysak, Wauwatosa Chapter, Brookfield
- 24 - Compass Night, Kilbourn Chapter, Wisconsin Dells

May

- 1 - Friends Night and Patriotic Night, \$1 auction, Honor Chapter, Sturgeon Bay
- 6 - Light of the Fraternity Friends Night, Frederic Chapter, Frederic
- 7 - Friends Night, Queen Esther Chapter, Lodi
- 13 - Friends Night, Potluck Supper at 6:30 P.M., Ozaukee Chapter, Port Washington
- 15 - "Bingo Night" honoring Marshal, Organist and Chaplain, Melody Chapter, Middleton
- 20-22 "Led by His Light" Grand Chapter session in Stevens Point

SISTERS AND BROTHERS

We would like to hear from you about your chapter's special events, 50-year members or chatter about your chapter that you would like to have printed on this page. **Please send your information to Sister Jane Blackwood, stormkat@sbcglobal.net or 937 Euclid Ave, Beloit, WI 53511-6006** Please submit items by the 25th of the month two months prior to the intended month of publication. The summer issue for July and August is combined and will be published on July 2.

Wisconsin Grand Chapter Order Of The Eastern Star "Led By His Light" One Hundred-Seventeenth Annual Session

May 20, 21, & 22, 2008

Laurie Twardy, Worthy Grand Matron
Cal Wells, Worthy Grand Patron
Holiday Inn & Convention Center
Stevens Point, Wisconsin

Grand Chapter Schedule

Monday, May 19, 2008

- 11:30 am Past Grand's Luncheon, Open to All Past Grands and visiting WGMs & WGP's
- 5:30 pm Let Our Light Shine Kickoff Banquet - Entertainment by the Led By His Light Appointed Grand Officers, followed by the introduction of the 2008-2009 Grand Family.

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

- 7:30 am Points of Light Breakfast - Secretaries and Treasurers Meeting
- 10:00 am Grand Representative Business Meeting
- 11:00 am Northern Lights Grand Representative Lunch
- 12:30 pm Prelude, Prologue & Formal Opening 117th Annual Grand Chapter Session
- 1:00 pm Ritualistic Opening
- 2:00 pm Presentation & Introductions of Distinguished Guests
- 6:00 pm Beacons of Light Distinguished Guests Banquet
- 7:30 pm Introduction of Distinguished Guests, Entertainment, Presentation of Charities, Introduction of New Members

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

- 6:30 am Dream Catchers Breakfast - Honoring General Grand Chapter Committee, Members of Wisconsin and Visiting General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members
- 7:30 am Prelude
- 8:00 am Opening of Session
- 10:00 am Election of Officers
- 12:00 pm Catch the Wave Membership Lunch
- 1:00 pm Prelude
- 1:30 pm Business of Grand Chapter
- 2:00 pm Life Member Tribute followed by a Tea
- 5:30 pm Light & Joy Compass Banquet
- 7:00 pm Business of Grand Chapter, ESTARL Service

Thursday, May 22, 2008

- 7:00 am Reunion Breakfast
- 8:00 am Prelude
- 8:30 am Business of Grand Chapter
- 11:30 am Open Buffet Lunch
- 1:00 pm Prelude
- 1:30 pm Prologue
- 2:00 pm Installation of 2008-09 "Season For Blessings" Grand Officers

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 April 27 – Masonic Charities’
 PGM Donor Reception, III Pillars



Appleton’s Waverly Lodge introduces its newly remodeled lodge room. Read all about it beginning on page 1 of this month’s issue.

Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

April 2008

- 4-6 Grand Lodge Full Staff Meeting (GM) Eau Claire Grand Lodge Officers will confer the Master Mason Degree on Saturday, April 5 at 3 p.m. at the Eau Claire Masonic Center followed by a Ladies at the Table program and dinner. Tickets for the table lodge are \$25 per person. Reservations Required. Contact District 2-3 Area Administrator Dan Walters at 715-894-3344 or the Eau Claire Masonic Center at 715-832-7759 for reservations by April 2.
- 5 District 6 School of Instruction, Marshfield Lodge, 9 a.m.
- 5 School of Instruction, District 4, Marinette Lodge No. 182, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 6 Job’s Daughters HIKE Fashion Show 1 p.m. at the West Allis Masonic Center. \$20 luncheon, \$5 of which goes directly to the HIKE fund. There will be modeling of formalwear. DeMolay will also model.
- 6 Blue Hills No. 234 - Banquet Facility Dedication (GM) Rice Lake, 1:30 p.m.
- 11 Spring Reunion, Scottish Rite Valley of Madison, TBD
- 12 District 6 School of Instruction Twin Cities Lodge, 9 a.m.
- 18 Job’s Daughters Bethel 60’s Seafood Buffet - Friday 5-8 p.m. at Ozaukee Masonic Center, Port Washington, All-U-Can-Eat.
- 19 District 2 Spring Meeting, New Richmond Lodge, 9 a.m.
- 19 District 6 Spring Meeting, Montello Lodge, 9 a.m.
- 22 District 5 Spring Meeting, La Belle Lodge, Viroqua, 7 p.m.
- 26 District 7 District Meeting, Doric Lodge No. 356, 9 a.m. Doric Lodge has a new location at 85 S. Stoughton Rd. in Madison.
- 27 Wisconsin Masonic Charities 1st Annual Past Grand Master’s Donor Reception, Three Pillars, Village on the Square, Humphrey Lodge/Activity Room in Dousman. Reception with hors d’oeuvres begins at 1 p.m., presentation to follow. To be invited to this Masonic Charity event call Erika at 1-800-242-2307.
- 30 District 11 Spring Meeting at McKinley Lodge No. 307, Brookfield. Spagnetti & Meatball Dinner at 6 p.m. \$7 per person. Reservations required. Contact Bro. Mike Gorgen at 262-264-0313 or <smgorgen@wi.r.com>.

May 2008

- 1-3 Valley of Milwaukee AASR Spring Reunion, Jack E. Lange 32nd Class
- 3 Masonic Unity Conference, Representatives of All Masonic and Appendant Body Organizations, Village on the Square, Continuing Education Room, Three Pillars Senior Living Community, Dousman. Gather at 8:30 a.m., meeting at 9.
- 11 West Bend Lodge No. 138 Third Annual Mother’s Day Brunch, 301 University Drive, West Bend. Adults \$12. Serving 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 15-17 Job’s Daughters Grand Guardian Council Session Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton
- 22 WMBAB (GM) Grand Masonic Center 3 p.m.

June 2008

- 6 Annual Communication (GM) Madison Masonic Center 8:30 a.m.
- 7 Annual Communication (GM) Madison Masonic Center 8:30 a.m.
- 15 Wautoma Masonic Union 7th Annual Father’s Day Antique & Collectors Car & Truck Show on Fathers Day. The show will be at the Bird Creek in Wautoma. For more information contact Show Chairman Ed Anderson at <carshow@vbc.com>.

July 2008

- 21 6th Annual Lake County Masonic Charities Golf Tournament, Western Lakes Golf Club, Pewaukee.
- 27 Supreme Session Job’s Daughters International, Middleton Convention Center, Janine Coley Supreme Guardian

August 2008

- 1-3 Summer Staff Meeting (GM) Pewaukee
- 3 2nd Annual Friends & Family Festival at Three Pillars, Dousman

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