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Portraits Are His Style

Brother Tom Curtis, a member of Freemasons Lodge No. 363, sits amidst examples of his portrait work in his Menomonee Falls studio during an interview earlier this year. In addition to his skill with brush and palette, those who attended the Table Lodge with Prince Hall Masons at the Humphrey Scottish Rite Masonic Center last March will recall his artful between-toasts commentary. Brother Curtis worked for 14 years as a political cartoonist for the Milwaukee Sentinel prior to making portrait painting his passion and business. - Photography by Wm. Stonecipher

Local & National Art Scene Enriched by the Efforts of Three Freemasons' Lodge Members

By William L. Stonecipher, Editor
Wisconsin Masonic Journal

Call it a coincidence, if you will, but one can only wonder at the wealth of artistic talent and knowledge that reside with three members of one Masonic lodge, Freemasons Lodge in Milwaukee.

First, there is brother Jeff Farkas, an art consultant and co-owner of American Conservators, Inc., a firm with an international reputation for finding, repairing and restoring fine art paintings. Brother Farkas operates the firm with partner Dmitri Rybchenkov, a Moscow-trained artist and restoration expert.

Then there is Brother William V. DeLind, a Freemasons' Past Master, who owns and operates the DeLind Gallery of Fine Art located at 400 East Mason on Milwaukee's stylish East Side. Brother DeLind is pictured on page 8.

The third Freemason artist is brother Thomas P. Curtis, a skilled painter whose passion is portraits of the famous and near famous. Brother Curtis is pictured

above with examples of his portraiture in his rural Menomonee Falls studio.

Art Brokering & Conservation Is Their Forte'

In his role as an art broker, brother Farkas drew widespread attention in the international world of art when he "found" a painting by famed Dutch artist Vincent van Gogh several years ago in a collection in France.

Brother Farkas related that while on a trip to Paris, he heard about an old man there who had a van Gogh he wanted to sell. He was asking \$7.7 million for the painting which was in perfect condition.

Farkas arranged the purchase of painting, known as "Sun Flowers in a Bernese Garden," to a group of bankers in Chicago interested in investment art. The sale took six months to arrange, he said.

"I didn't know there was such a lot of money that could be made in brokering fine art," Jeff, who became a Master Mason in 2002, explained.

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The Grand Master's Message

By Roger L. Magoon
Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin



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Greetings Brethren,

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. This is truly a great time of the year to just sit back and enjoy sharing stories with our families.

December is now upon us and 2005 is about to come to an end. This is the month for lodge installations and I would like to thank those lodges that gave me the opportunity to install their new officers for next year. I would also like to thank all of the outgoing Masters of their respective lodges for the outstanding job they have done during this year.

I am happy to report that most of the lodges have been active this year. I receive great news every day about community projects, fundraisers for our charities, fellowship with other lodges, and events that involve our families. For each lodge that is struggling with finances or membership, I learn of three or four that have all kinds of activity and energy.

With regard to membership, we are doing very well indeed. Membership trends are good, although we still have a net decline in membership. This is due to the fact that we are losing so many of the men who joined the Fraternity in large numbers in the years right after World War II. We will miss those men of that great generation. But, if we focus on the new member totals, instead of net losses, the trends are positive. Lodges all over the state have shared with me some wonderful stories about the amount of degree work that they have had this year and are scheduling in the future.

As the new officers take the reins from the old, it is time to set some membership goals. Raise three more Master Masons than you did last year. Reach out to some current members that you have lost contact with and endeavor to have three less suspensions than you did last year.

Tell our Masonic story to as many as you can by having Friends Programs in your communities. Our Grand Lodge Planning Committee has compiled a complete Friends Program for you to use. It contains example letters of invitation, a detailed short Masonic presentation, and more! I urge you to look it over. It will assist you with everything you will need to be successful. Just try it... I am sure it will be very helpful.

I am confident that the new Masters of their respective lodges for 2006 will continue with the same positive attitudes as their predecessors. Success breeds success.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Matching Funds Put 117 AEDs in MPS Schools

MILWAUKEE – The Masonic Medical Fund of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, Inc., presented a check in the amount of \$105,104 to the Milwaukee Public School District (MPS) on Thursday, October 27.

These funds will allow the MPS district to purchase 117 Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) for their schools. The presentation took place during a 9:30 a.m. program at the Humphrey Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Milwaukee.

The Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Medical Fund became involved in raising funds to place AEDs in the Milwaukee Public Schools in 2003, building upon the groundwork laid by Brother Joe Pronnet of Aurora Lodge, a dedicated proponent of the idea.

The many hours of planning and grant-seeking by various Masonic Lodges, the school district itself, foundations, corporations and other community partners achieved positive results this past summer when the fund raising goal for the project was met.

Masons' Role Central

This project has been made possible through the generous contributions of many partners. The Northwestern Mutual Life Foundation, ING Financial Services, Central File and the Helen Bader Foundation were major donors to the project, but completion would not have been

possible without significant contributions from Kilbourn Lodge No. 3, Nathan Hale Lodge No. 350, Freemasons Lodge No. 363 and George Washington 1776 Lodge No. 337.

Central File, a Milwaukee-based printer, fulfillment and custom mail services firm, was the lead-off contributor with \$5,000 in March 2004. The Helen Bader Foundation contributed \$2,000 in May and The Northwestern Mutual Life Foundation added two contributions totaling \$27,000 in July that same year. Rounding out the corporate and foundation sponsors was the ING Financial Services company with a \$10,000 contribution to the effort.

The four Masonic lodges that contributed major sums were Kilbourn (now South Shore) with \$5,000 in October 2004, Nathan Hale at \$2,500 in November, George Washington 1776 contributed \$1,104 in February 2005 and Freemasons Lodge provided \$2,500 in March.

Each MPS school will receive two AEDs beginning with the high schools, then middle schools and finally grade schools, until the 117 units have all been placed.

During the presentation Brother Norman Christensen, President of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation and emcee for the presentation event, recognized the efforts of

See **MPS AEDs** on page 2



Masonic Foundation, Lodges & Others Fund 117 AEDs for MPS

Thursday, October 27 was a big day for the Milwaukee Public Schools (as the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Medical Fund presented a \$105,104 check to purchase 117 Automatic Electronic Defibrillators to MPS School Board President Dr. William Andrekopoulos and Kathleen Murphy, MPS Health Services Coordinator (at left). Representing the four lodges who contributed funds to the effort were (left to right) Monte Osterman, P.M., South Shore (Kilbourn); Robert Roth, S.D., Freemasons; Robert Busalacchi, J.S., Nathan Hale; and Richard Marcus, W.M., George Washington 1776. Representing the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Medical Fund were Norm Christensen, President, and Erika Miller, Development Coordinator. The Northwestern Mutual Life Foundation was represented by Richard Hall, President.

MPS AEDs...from page 1
Kathleen Murphy, Health Services Coordinator for MPS, who spearheaded the school district's own successful fund raising efforts.

Training in the use of these AEDs will be provided by Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, a key partner in the Project ADAM effort, which began in 1999 with the untimely death of Adam Lemel, a Whitefish Bay High School basketball player who died of sudden cardiac arrest during a game at Grafton High School. Project ADAM (A Defibrillator in Adam's Memory) was created in Adam's memory, and has been growing in Wisconsin, as well as throughout the country, ever since. Aimee Gironimi, Project ADAM Administrator for Children's Hospital of Wisconsin was also at the presentation.

Present, also, was Joe Lemel, Adam's father. His comments impressed upon those present the importance of having AEDs in schools and persons trained to use them to prevent what happened to his son when no defibrillator was

immediately available for use.

Dr. Stuart Berger, Medical Director of the Herma Heart Center and Medical Director for Project ADAM at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, seconded Mr. Lemel's comments and offered some statistics regarding the number of lives saved through the use of AEDs monitored under the Project ADAM training and supervisory umbrella.

Richard Hall, President of the Northwestern Mutual Life Foundation, during his comments on behalf of the NML Foundation, captured the attention of all present when he revealed that he was a living, breathing example of what a difference an AED can make in saving a life. He offered first-person testimony to the life saving effectiveness of an instantly available defibrillator when he said that his life was in fact saved by an AED used when he suffered a cardiac arrest event during an athletic activity—just like happened to Adam Lemel. "The difference for me," Mr. Hall added, "was that there was an AED available."

Dr. William Andrekopoulos, Superintendent of the MPS District, said of the fund raising effort during his acceptance remarks, "What a wonderful way to come together for the sake of a child."

A report on the MPS presentation was carried throughout Southeast Wisconsin on TV-58 NEWS that evening and in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Metro section on Monday, November 7.

The Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Medical Fund has operated its matching grants program successfully for more than 20 years. The Masonic Medical Fund has been able to provide 244 defibrillators to Wisconsin High Schools, and more than 100 additional defibrillators to elementary and middle schools, churches, libraries, Masonic lodge buildings and many other community buildings through the matching grants program.


It also provides other medical equipment as well, such as thermal imaging cameras for fire departments, training mannikins for EMT departments, and rehabilitation equipment for hospitals. *wmj*



A Survivor's Story – Richard Hall (left), President of the Northwestern Mutual Life Foundation, said that he living proof of the difference an AED can make in saving a life during his remarks at the Milwaukee Public Schools' presentation October 27. He said that he suffered a cardiac arrest event during an athletic activity, just like happened to Adam Lemel. "The difference for me," Mr. Hall said, "was that there was an AED available." Lodge representatives Robert Roth, Monte Osterman, Robert Busalacchi and Richard Marcus were at right. The presentation took place in the Shroeder Lounge of the Humphrey Scottish Rite Masonic Center.



Above Left: Wisconsin Masonic Foundation President Norman Christensen praised the combined efforts of the partners who made the gift of \$105,104 to the Milwaukee Public Schools for 117 defibrillators possible. **Above Right:** Joe Lemel, Adam's father, spoke about the good that will come from having AEDs in the schools. Dr. Stuart Berger, Medical Director of Project ADAM at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, was to his right. **Above:** Becky Neumann-Schwabe, RN, MPS AED Nurse, showed Dr. Capri-Mara Fillmore, Medical Director of the City of Milwaukee Health Department a Heartstart AED and case identical to the defibrillator units the schools will receive.



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Brother Otto Krause Honored by Grand Master Magoon in Eagle River

On August 8, 2005, Eagle River Masonic Lodge presented Past Master Otto Krause with a pin commemorating 50 years as a Mason. Pictured left to right, are Brother Albert Jergens III, District 3 Deputy; guest of honor Otto Krause; Roger Magoon, Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin; Otto's wife Doris Krause; and Brother Donald Eaglesham, Master of Eagle River Masonic Lodge. -Submitted by Eagle River Lodge Masonic News Hawk Robert Williams

Eagle River Lodge member Otto Krause celebrates 50 years as a Mason: recalls wintertime trips to Sandborn School with his feet heated by bricks

EAGLE RIVER – Brother Otto Krause was born on October 7, 1919, in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. His grandparents lived in Eagle River. As a youngster, his father would drive to Eagle River on a motorcycle with a side car attached. His mother, brother Ed and Otto sat in the side car. Oh, what a trip!

Otto and his family moved to Eagle River at the age of five, and the family lived on the east side of Cranberry Lake. There were no roads at that time, so summers he would canoe across the lake to town and winters he walked across the ice.

Otto attended Sandborn School.

The school bus was a covered wagon driven by his grandfather. The roads were never plowed in the winter, so the wheels were taken off the wagon and skis were attached. Heated bricks were put on the floor of the wagon to keep their feet warm. The parents had to furnish the bricks.

Otto went into the service in 1941, as a buck sergeant, and he was stationed in Seattle, Washington. He was sent to the Yukon Territory, where he played hockey for five years as a goalie. He just wore a chest pad and gloves, not like all the equipment they wear today. He says he is lucky to have all his teeth left. He always played the

Northwest Mounted Police. He was discharged in 1945 and went to work for the U.S. Forest Service as a surveyor.

Otto married Doris Evensen on October 7, 1971. Doris owned a resort in Three Lakes, so Otto spends most of his time fishing and hunting.

Otto joined Eagle River Masonic Lodge in 1955 and he is proud to receive his 50-year pin. He has been Master of Eagle River Lodge three times.

All in all, Otto and Doris have enjoyed (their Masonic involvement) and are proud to say, "we belong to the lodge and other Masonic organizations." *umj*

GM Visits Tomah VA Center

On Thursday, November 10 the Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, Brother Roger Magoon, made his official visit to the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Tomah. He was accompanied by the Grand Treasurer, Brother James Hayes. After meeting with the facility director, Stan Johnson, the Grand Master toured various units of the hospital. He is seen here presenting his Grand Master's pin to hospital resident and Brother, Charles R. Minshall, aka "Captain Bob." Brother Minshall is a member of Rockford (Illinois) Lodge No. 102. He spends considerable time making a variety of jewelry pieces at a shop space provided for him in the Compensated Work Therapy area. The Grand Master had the privilege of speaking to over 50 people at the Masonic Service Association appreciation Dinner held at the Tomah Masonic Lodge in the evening. Captain Bob attended the dinner and spoke highly of the director and the assistance he has given him during his time at the facility.



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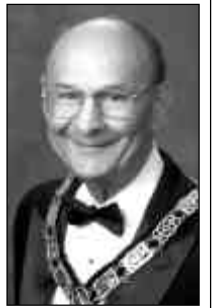
By Brother Ronald H. Glauert

Are you using a Lodge Counselor?

In the early 1980s, the District Counselor System was installed to aid the individual lodges with the attainment of educational materials that were available at the Grand Lodge Office. The system was also to be an instrument in the education of the new members.

These District Counselors were in charge of aiding the lodges in selecting and training their own Lodge Counselors and they in turn were to assist the Worshipful Master in conducting these educational programs when the lodge did not have degree work.

District Counselors were under the direction of the Grand Pursivant. However, in the early 1990s it was decided by the Grand Lodge Officers to discontinue the use of District Counselors but requested of the lodges to retain the Lodge Counselors. I believe a good majority of lodges did so, and are using them quite successfully for lodge programs. With the advent of the Wisconsin Program they have taken over the posting and education of new candidates as written in the Wisconsin Program book.



Ronald H. Glauert
Grand Lecturer

I am not sure how this is working in lodges other than mine, but I find it to be a very successful tool in my lodge. Also, it really helps to have the Lodge Counselor be one of the candidate interviewers, then to contact him after the vote and present him with the booklet, "Seeking Light in Masonry." The Lodge Counselor would then meet him at the time of his initiation and sit with him until the time he goes to the preparation room. In my lodge the Counselor is also the poster for the new brother.

This procedure is carried on through all three degrees. In essence, the Lodge Counselor has become a familiar face, a mentor if you will, to this new Mason — someone to answer questions and to educate this new craftsman in the true meaning of Freemasonry, to peak his interest so that he wants to be a vital part of our Fraternity.

I would like a response to this article from other lodges as to if and how they utilize the Lodge Counselor, and what their particular results have been.

Fratemally,
Ron Glauert, Grand Lecturer

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Dousman Lodge Past Master's Dinner

Dousman Lodge No. 315 and Glenn L. Humphrey Lodge No. 364 held a joint Past Master's Dinner of at the Masonic Village on the Square on the Three Pillars' Senior Living Community Campus in Dousman on November 5. There were 40 Past Masters and their ladies in attendance. The guest speaker shown between the two Worshipful Masters of their respective lodges is Craig Campbell, Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. On the left is WM Gerald Beier of Lodge 364 and WM Henry Pynakker of Lodge 315 is on the right. The theme of the evening was how much Masonic influence was instrumental in the building of our country. If fraternal love held all men bound, how beautiful this world would be!

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Our Wisconsin Masonic All-Star Soccer Games Enter 15th Year

By Nancy Storrs
Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation, Inc.

Now entering our 15th year, the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation, Inc., has touched the lives of hundreds of youth who have participated in the Wisconsin Masonic All-Star Boys and Girls Soccer Games held every year in July.

The Wisconsin Masonic All-Star soccer games recognize outstanding soccer athletes, in cooperation with the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association, bringing the best players in the state together in a showcase soccer game and camp—entirely at no charge to the athletes.

The athletes learn leadership and teamwork, while learning about philanthropy—and how they can make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

Only high school graduates nominated by their high school coaches are eligible for this honors program which, through its activities, raises funds for charities, including Shrine Hospitals and Wisconsin Special Olympics.

Although hundreds of youth are candidates, and many are nominated, just 72 of these talented male and female athletes are named to be part of the Wisconsin Masonic All-Star Soccer Games.

Visit our Internet links on the Wisconsin Masonic Charities page of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Webpage: Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation, Soccer in the News, Soccer Foundation Photos. *wmj*

Brethren, is there any member of your lodge in need? How about the wife of a departed brother? Why not ask among the brethren in your lodge and see if there is someone who could use a little help. This someone will surely be happy you did!

Designs for your Trestleboard for 2002

Does your lodge have a public relations committee?
Does your lodge have a committee for the care and welfare of suffering Brothers and Sisters?
Does your lodge have a community involvement committee?
Does your lodge have a "future Masons" list?
If not, form one!

Grand Master's 2006 Tour Dates to Visit Masons in Florida & Arizona Announced

The following dates have been SCHEDULED for the Grand Master's visitation to Wisconsin Masons living permanently or temporarily in Florida and Arizona. Details will be forthcoming as they are finalized.

- **Monday, January 23** - Davenport, FL - **Deer Creek Country Club**. **This is a new location!**
- **Wednesday, January 25** - Ft. Myers, FL- **Forest Country Club**.
- **Thursday, March 2** - Sun City West, AZ - **Briarwood Country Club**. **This is a new date!**



Care Packages for Military Personnel

In May 2005 the three lodges in Eau Claire—Lodge No. 112, George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351 and Sanctuary Lodge No. 347— sent care packages to deployed military personnel in Afghanistan and Iraq. The three Masters of the lodges, Duane Badman (112), Gary Stang (351) and Greg O'Reilly (347) pose for a picture just before the packages were sent off. The names of the deployed people came from the members of their lodges.



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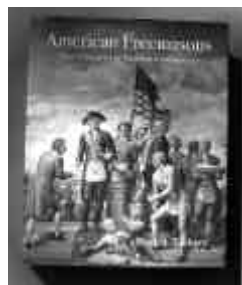
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- **Monday, January 23** - Davenport, FL - **Deer Creek Country Club**
- **Wednesday, January 25** - Ft. Myers, FL- **Forest Country Club**
- **Thursday, March 2** - Sun City West, AZ - **Briarwood Country Club**

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In Service to the Craft

By Grand Chaplain Ray D. Heilborn

It's That Time of The Year

Christmas time for our Christian brothers, Chanukah for our Jewish Brothers, election time and installation for most of our Masonic lodges, and anxiety and frustration for many of us. We all need to take this time and refocus our sights and reestablish our spiritual lives while remembering who we are and what we are doing, or trying to do, with our lives.

It is so easy to get caught up in the rush and frantic pace of this time of year. However, I say again, we need to keep our focus. Are we plowing forth with the attitude of 'let's just get it done and move on?'

I believe that this is a great time to take inventory—financial, physical, and spiritual—and evaluate our assets. Then we should determine our process of distribution, retention, or utilization of those assets. We are all aware of the fact that assets mean different things to different persons in differing circumstances.



Rev. Ray D. Heilborn
Grand Chaplain

The first consideration might be, how can we best use whatever assets we have to do the most possible good to the largest number of persons in the best possible manner? A second consideration might be: What is my personal responsibility to those persons I love, those whom I serve, those people or organizations who may be depending upon me to share whatever I am and/or have in order to help make other persons live easier and/or more productive lives.

Another consideration might be: Am I aware of how much more I have than millions of others, not only around the earth, but also here in our own country?

For most of us, this is considered to be a time of giving and sharing. We have so much we can give and so much we can share, and there are so many in so much need. Sharing and giving is more than giving of money and gifts: we have ourselves, our time, our talents, our energy, our smiles, our kind words, our sincere handshakes, our friendship and our companionship. There are persons who are in need of all these things of which we have an abundance, and often they are things which are so easy to give and to share.

Finally, do not forget your relationship with Freemasonry. You can share in so many ways through so many channels of our fraternity. Your local lodge can always use your presence and your physical and financial contributions.

We have experienced through the years, that we can do so very much more if we pool our resources and our talents and our time. Scholarships, defibrillators, hearing centers, burn and orthopedic units, medical research in diabetes, heart disease, senior housing, and we could go on and on, mentioning all of the activities in which we as Masons engage through our combined efforts.

Those of our fraternity who are willingly absenting themselves from the fellowship and service that is available in our craft, should look in their mirrors and see shame reflected in their faces. There is still so much to do and there are so few who are actually putting forth their best effort.

Brothers, take personal inventory of who are you and what are you doing in service to humanity through the channels of our craft.

Have a happy and productive holiday season.

Nammaskar!

A Book Review

American Freemasons: Three Centuries of Building Communities

By Brother Michael R. Strampe, P.M.

"American Freemasons: Three Centuries of Building Communities" by Mark A. Tabbert, New York University Press (June 2005) Format: Hardcover, 262pp. ISBN: 0814782922 (US \$29.95)

Probably no other single organization has generated as much justified adulation and unwarranted enmity, or has so fired the imagination as to its genesis, history, membership rolls, patronage, and influence, than Freemasonry.

Our ancient and honorable fraternity has been historically heralded as a philanthropic and beneficent Brotherhood and simultaneously perceived and unjustly castigated by conspiracy theorists as instrumental in the establishment of a "new world order."

"American Freemasons: Three Centuries of Building Communities" is the latest of many literary endeavors to shed an academic light upon the historic development of an organization that has been perennially perceived as shrouded in the murky miasma of mystery and speculation.

To this end, author Mark Tabbert has provided a well-researched and well-documented general history of our craft to include, but not be limited to, its humble inception as an 18th-century English social club, its transformation during the Enlightenment into an elite compendium of royalty, scientists and philosophers.

The book traces Freemasonry's transmigration to the fledgling American colonies, its prominent role in the American Revolution, and its significant contributions, as a social institution and the weaving of the enduring social fabric of our great nation—a fabric strengthened by the Masonic threads of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

The book goes on to show how Freemasonry gave impetus to the purely American phenomena that saw a number of other fraternal groups formed during a period which has been academically categorized as the "Golden Age of Fraternalism."

As Curator of Masonic and Fraternal Collections at the National Heritage Museum in Lexington, Massachusetts, Tabbert has extensively utilized the museum's expansive archival resources to illustrate the book with a plethora of Masonic photos, prints, post cards, and etchings which showcase our ritualistic paraphernalia and regalia. This provides the reader with an educational, visually-stimulating, and thought-provoking overview of this fraternal golden age.

Notwithstanding Tabbert's laudable efforts in showcasing 18th and 19th century Freemasonry (he affords a superb reference to Wisconsin's own Henry L. Palmer), many may wish that Tabbert would have focused more precisely on profiling the biographical accomplishments of contemporary 20th century Masonic personages, rather than describing the successes and failures of the all-to-many quasi-Masonesque fraternal organizations that were formed.

I applaud Tabbert's efforts to critically postulate the probable historical, internal and external factors which may have contributed to the gradual decline of fraternalism, and led to the unfortunate demise of such fraternal organizations as the Ancient Order of United Work-

men, Knights of the Maccabees, Modern Woodmen of America, Royal Arcanum, Junior Order United American Mechanics, Improved Order of Redman, and the Knights of Honor—which may in the not too distant future reduce such organizations as the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and Knights of Columbus to the reminiscences of the "Greatest Generation" and signal the migratory death march of the Elks, Moose and Lions to the graveyard of obscurity.

Morgan Affair Well Covered

Many consider the most egregious and damaging of these historical factors to be the so-called Morgan Affair.

To his credit, Tabbert is candid in his description of the suspicious circumstances surrounding the alleged 1826 abduction and subsequent death of William Morgan, and accurate as a chronicler of the nationwide, rabid, and virulent anti-Masonic movement that resulted.

However, some readers may be somewhat disappointed by a scholarly lapse of objectivity as to his portrayal of the parties involved, and agree, reluctantly, with a Publishers Weekly assessment that, "His (Tabbert's) personal investment, however, makes his volume sound so defensive at times, even emotive, that his lavishly illustrated history of U.S. Masonry...reads more like an apology for, or a love letter to, the society than a work of measured, scholarly rigor."

Such criticism aside, Tabbert's nicely bound and well illustrated volume comes highly recommended by the Masonic community, and hopefully will adorn the coffee table of every American living room and grace the shelves of every Masonic Lodge and public library.

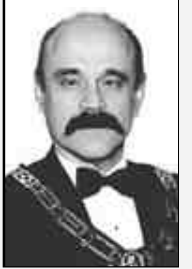
The fortuitous and auspicious arrival of Tabbert's *American Freemasons* will assuredly provide and knowledgeable answers to most inquiries, ranging from the most mundane to the more complex.

Since "knowledge is power" and preparation key, one should seriously consider taking advantage of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation's limited offer to acquire an author-autographed copy of this fine book, while simultaneously contributing to its worthwhile charitable work.

Suggested Books of Related Interest

- Bullock, S. C., Revolutionary Brotherhood: Freemasonry and the Transformation of the American Social Order, 1730-1840;
- Cames, M. C., Secret Ritual and Manhood in Victorian America
- Lipson, D. A., Freemasonry in Federalist Connecticut 1789-1835;
- Dumenil, L., Freemasonry and American Culture 1880-1930;
- Putnam, R. D., Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community

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Michael Strampe

Trust in God

Every candidate on his initiation is required to declare that his trust is in God. He who denies the existence of a Supreme Being is debared the privilege of initiation, for atheism is a disqualification for Freemasonry.

This pious principle has distinguished the Fraternity from the earliest period; and it is a happy coincidence, that the Company of Operative Masons instituted in 1477 should have adopted, as their motto, the truly Masonic sentiment, "The Lord is all our Trust."

—Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry

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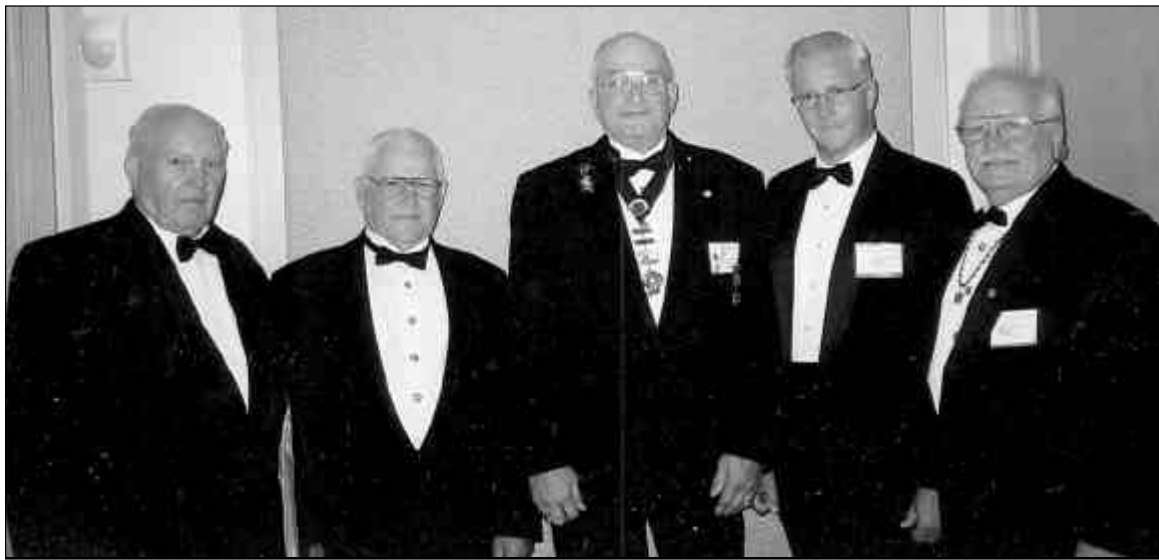
YORK RITE NEWS

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Order of Purple Cross Awarded to Wisconsin Knight Companions

Several Wisconsin Knight Companions received the Order of the Purple Cross in Spokane, Washington recently. Pictured left to right are: Knight Companion's Martin Calloway and Frank Vreeland both from Western Wisconsin York Rite College No. 85 of La Crosse; Richard Reilly Grand Governor of the State of Wisconsin; Knight Companion Thomas Kent of the North Central York Rite College No. 112 in Oshkosh; and Knight Companion Joseph Horton of Superior who is a member of the Minnesota York Rite College.



State Masons Receive Order of Purple Cross from York Rite Sovereign College

The State of Wisconsin was well represented in Atlanta, Georgia for the Conferral of the Order of the Purple Cross for the York Rite Sovereign College of North America recently. Pictured left to right are: Recipients are Phil Ceman of North Central York Rite College No. 112 Oshkosh, Owen Beckman of Western Wisconsin York Rite College No. 85, La Crosse, Grand Governor Richard Reilly, Russell Drenham of Western Wisconsin York Rite College No. 85, La Crosse, and Lauren Handeland of the Wisconsin York Rite College No. 21 of Milwaukee.

Annual Christmas Observance in Madison

Robert Macoy Commandery No. 3 Knights Templar
301 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin

Sir Knights, Companions and Brothers,
You, and your lady, are cordially invited to attend our annual Christmas Observance to be held after the Masonic Unity Meeting or at 10:45 am December 10, 2005, at the Madison Masonic Center.

Courteously, Cleveland Gombar Commander Robert Macoy No. 3

Quadrant III Past Commanders Association Knights Templar Annual Christmas Observance

December 4, 2005

Hosted by Galilee Commandery No. 38, Knights Templar
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YRC Leaders Meet

The 48th Annual Assembly of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America was held in Spokane, Washington recently. Pictured at the left is Richard Reilly, Grand Governor of the State of Wisconsin. James Winzenreid the Governor General for the York Rite Sovereign College of North America is on the right.



Tri-State Royal Arch Convocation Held

The Tri-State (Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin) Royal Arch Masons held their 47th Annual Convocation at the Wausau Masonic Center in August. Seated at the head table, left to right were the following: Moses Adams served as Prelate (not visible); Mary Lou Reilly; Richard Reilly a Past President, served as President; Brian Hudy, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the State of Wisconsin; Ron Miles, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the State of Minnesota. and Harry Wolbridge, Right Excellent Grand King of Michigan representing George Lyons, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Michigan. The Companions conferred all Four Royal Arch Degrees in full form and costume from the three states. There were six candidates! Fifty Dollars was donated to Royal Arch Research Association from the Tri-States.

Notice to All York Rite Masons

Grand Secretary/Recorder, Milton F. Gregory, PGC, announced at the 2005 Grand Sessions that he will be retiring as of the Grand Sessions in 2006.

The Grand Trustees of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery have agreed that they will inquire within the York Rite membership to seek out those that may be interested in having their name submitted as a candidate for the office of Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council and the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery at the 2006 Grand Sessions in June."

The following requirements must be met:

1. Must be a member of all three (3) York Rite Bodies
2. Must have knowledge of the Masonic Codes for each of the York Rite Bodies in order to answer questions.
3. Must have the ability to talk

and work with all kinds of people.

4. Must have some general knowledge of budgets and office procedures.

5. Should be available at least four days a week in the Grand Office in the Dousman Grand Masonic Center

**Please note: This position is voted upon annually at the Grand Sessions in June.

Any Brother, Companion, Sir Knight that may have an interest and would like to obtain more information should contact James O. F. Kirsten for a complete list of duties. James can be reached at:

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P.O. Box 86
Lannon, WI 53046

2006 Wisconsin Commandery Inspection Schedule

January

- 7 - Eau Claire Commandery
- Tancred Commandery
- 14 - Monroe Commandery
- Wisconsin Commandery
- 21 - Galilee Commandery
- Palestine, Manitowoc, Sheboygan Commanderies
- Macoy, Baraboo Commanderies
- 28 - H. L. Palmer Commandery
- Janesville Commandery

February

- 4 - Racine, Burlington, Kenosha Commanderies
- 11 - Ivanhoe Commandery
- 18 - Oshkosh, Appleton Commanderies
- 25 - Platteville Commandery
- Superior, St. Croix, Spooner Commanderies

March

- 3-4 - Grand Commandery Officers Winter Staff Meeting
- 11 - Waukesha Commandery
- 18 - LaCrosse Commandery
- Marinette Commandery



YRC Service Award Goes to Bill Drecktrah

Knight Companion Bill Drecktrah of North Central York Rite College No. 112 in Oshkosh was awarded the Meritorious Service Award from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. Pictured left to right are: Companion Richard Reilly, Grand Governor, presenting Knight Companion Drecktrah this most prestigious award. There were only 17 of these awards presented this year in North America.

Send In Your Activities!

Companions and Sir Knights, send in your special dates, scheduled events, and general information for publication to:

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Why I Drive 100 Miles to Lodge

By Brother Clem Dozer,
Member of Medford Masonic Lodge

My wife asked me one night why I drove 100 miles round-trip to attend lodge meetings in Medford, Wisconsin? I begin to reflect on just what made my Blue Lodge so important to me. It all began back in the late 1970s when I was just out of seminary and sent to my first assignment to pastor the United Methodist Church in Medford.

I was not on the charge long before one of my (congregation) members asked me if I was a Mason? I responded, No, but would like to become a member. He assured me that was all I had to do, he would do the rest.

Over the next few weeks, I filled out an application to join the Medford Lodge. Then came the time I was admitted. It was somewhat confusing at the time, but later, as I began to learn the work, the Lodge took on a new meaning to me.

Before I was able to advance to the next degree, however, I was transferred to another charge (pastoral) several miles away. Later, in 1985, I was transferred to the Oklahoma Conference. Upon arriving in Oklahoma I was approached by a fellow Mason and asked the same question. I shared with him what had happened in Medford some years earlier, he asked me to give them permission to write to the Wisconsin Grand Lodge and have me transferred to the Oklahoma Grand Lodge. After a few weeks I was informed that my transfer was accepted.

So over the next couple months, I learned my Masonic work and was raised a Master Mason in the Atoka Lodge, in Atoka, Oklahoma.

From this point on I became a very active member of the Oklahoma Lodge, attending all the functions I could work into my busy schedule. Over the next 18 years wherever the Bishop sent me to pastor, I always knew there was a Lodge close by where I would be accepted without question by my Masonic Brothers.

As the years passed, I never forgot the Medford Lodge and what those men did for me back in the late 1970s. Upon my retirement from the Ministry in 2001 I made plans to move back to Wisconsin to be closer to my family, and filed a petition to rejoin the Medford Lodge. I was accepted, and again became active in the lodge where my Masonic Journey began several years earlier.

You see, to me, attending the Blue Lodge is very important. At each meeting I can meet with my brothers and have fellowship together knowing that we are all accepted as we are wherever we maybe in life's journey.

As I drive to the lodge each meeting, I try to learn my part a little better and soon will be able to take part in all the degrees. I am hoping that I can inspire some of our local members who live in the Medford area to become active in the local lodge.

The 100 miles I drive is such a small price for me to pay to enjoy our brotherhood and to seek out new members to join our membership. I've made it a habit to ask each man I meet, "Are you a Mason?" If they say, no, then I ask them to consider joining our fraternity. I carry information with me at all times to give to anyone that is a candidate for membership.

There have been many times over the years that I needed to talk to someone, and I have always found a Masonic Brother willing to listen to me, and to give me support in my ministry. I have been directly involved in building two new Masonic Lodges over the years, seen many men become Masons, and took part in raising my own son to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. My son now is on his way to Iraq to fight the War on Terror. He, too, will find men all over the world and in the military that will be a fellow Mason. My hope and prayers will be for his safe return in 18 months from the war with stories such as I experienced over the years.

Again, as I ponder the question that my wife asked me, "Why do I drive 100 miles to lodge meetings?" The answer is simple — it's the right thing to do, and, just maybe, I can encourage a good man to become better. That says it all. *umj*

The Gavel Locator

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

- District 1**
Shell Lake-Spooner No. 221
- District 2**
River Falls Lodge No. 169
- District 3**
Island City Lodge No. 330
- District 4**
Shawano Lodge No. 170
- District 5**
West Salem Lodge No. 125
- District 6**
Berlin Lodge No. 38
- District 7**
Sheboygan Lodge No. 11
- District 8**
Warren Lodge No. 4
- District 9**
Columbus Lodge No. 75
- District 10**
Hartford Lodge No. 120
- District 11**
Kenosha Lodge No. 47
- District 12**
(coming soon)

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

News of the Lodges

Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin



60-Year Certificate to Amicitia's Edwin Roelli

On November 5 Amicitia Lodge No. 25, Shullsburg, awarded Brother Edwin Roelli (left) a 60-year certificate of membership as a Mason. Brother Greg Roelli (back) presented the award to his Father. Brother Randy Gill is at right.

— Submitted by Masonic News Hawk Kenneth Leitzinger



Citizen of The Year

Kegonsa Lodge No. 73, Stoughton, recognized Mildred (Millie) Gardner as its "Citizen of the Year" at a recent open house. Shown here are Millie and Bill Korte, Past Master of the lodge. Millie has spent most of her life in the field of music as a music teacher and band director. Recently, she has been the director of the Stoughton City Band.



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What Designs Are On Your Trestleboard for 2006?

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BROTHERS IN ART...from page 1

"This was the first high-end art sale that I brokered," he said. "It gave me an appreciation of fine art and prompted me to study it (the business side of the art world) more."

Brother Farkas operates American Conservators, Inc., with partner Dmitri Rybchenkov, a native of Russia with 17 years of training in all aspects of art. His schooling in Moscow included 42 courses in every phase of painting and restoration. Dmitri, who is 45 and an American citizen, came to this country eight years ago from Russia with his wife Olga, who is also an artist. They reside in Chicago with their two teenage children.

Brother Farkas met Rybchenkov at a Milwaukee art gallery event five years ago. Dmitri found Milwaukee to be an attractive market for his services because there were few conservators who had mastered the skills necessary.

"First, you have to be skilled. Second, you have to work fast" Rybchenkov explained. There are other art conservators but they are close to retirement and not eager to take on new work and run around to the various locations where customers have their art, he added.

The two began working together on projects and, finding their skills complimentary, they decided two years ago to incorporate. The firm has a studio in Chicago where Dmitri spends much of his time. Brother Farkas handles much of the work in the Milwaukee from a studio there.

What do art conservators do? They clean and repair paintings, mainly oils. This may entail removing grime, smoke residue, discolored varnish, stains and the like. A skilled conservator can also repair damaged areas of paint suffering from checking, repair tears in the canvas so that they are undetectable and even completely replace the entire canvas backing, if the painting is deemed of sufficient value to warrant the cost.

When asked about his favorite cleaning agent for oil paintings, Dmitri replied, "I prefer using an enzymatic solution," he said with a smile. "Saliva—it is surprisingly useful" He also uses certain other cleaning agents but ordinary spit is the safest.

I also discovered that art collectors are very hush-hush as to who owns what and where it is housed. I learned about this when inquiring about taking a picture of one of them actually working on a restoration in progress. I was informed that this would not be possible because their clients insist on complete confidentiality concerning art in their collection.

As to how word gets around about their services, it is often by referrals. "It's up to the skill of the conservator to make the work good, brother Farkas said. "One painting we worked on had a bottle thrown through it, then it fell from the wall. We repaired it so skillfully that the customer could not detect the repair."

How much did the repair cost? "In this case it cost \$700 to repair the painting and \$800 to repair the fancy frame," Jeff added. If they do a good job at a reasonable price, and are trustworthy, word gets around.

Both Jeff Farkas and Dmitri Rybchenkov are very passionate about their love of art and in communicating how important it is for anyone with valued works of art to properly maintain them in good condition. Public buildings and museums of all kinds often have surprisingly valuable art on their walls, including some Masonic buildings and lodges. Anyone with art works in need of attention might consider giving American Conservators a call. Brother Farkas may be reached at (414) 353-5055.

Brother William DeLind's Gallery Offers Art for All

Brother William V. DeLind is an entrepreneur in the field of fine art. The Freemasons Lodge member owns and operates the DeLind Gallery of Fine Art located in the heart of Milwaukee's trendy East Side.

His gallery at 400 East Mason Street is definitely the place to visit if one appreciate good yet affordable art in a variety of mediums and styles. This location is his fifth since opening his first gallery in 1969.

Brother DeLind moved to his Mason Street gallery in 2004, the same year he served as Freemasons' Master. Interestingly, he utilized the services of members of the lodge to help prepare his space for occupancy. Walter Newman designed and helped with contracting, Dan Dettlaff assisted with internal construction and John Best provided lumber and constructed the internal movable walls.

"And it's not by chance that the address is 400 East Mason Street," brother DeLind said. "Not only that," he added, "the marble pattern in the floor of the gallery is in the pattern of an oblong square."

"My gallery is a comfortable space for holding events, especially charitable events," he explained. And it is a comfortable space, with spacious isles interspersed with well-lit display areas for wall art and free-standing sculpture.

Not content to use his attractive gallery space solely for commercial interests, DeLind has hosted gatherings for several civic and charitable organization. Among them are the Center for Deaf & Hard of Hearing, the Milwaukee Repertory Theater, National Association for Mental Illness, Divine Savior-Holy Angels High School, meetings of the Milwaukee Symphony League, Milwaukee Arts Board and the Milwaukee Art Dealers Association.

"I'm on too many boards of Directors," Brother William said, naming a number of the most influential organizations in the city—Milwaukee Downtown, B.I.D. No. 21, Symphony



Brother William DeLind Offers Quality Art Community

Brother William DeLind, a member of Freemasons Lodge No. 363 in Milwaukee, shows two 19th Century oils in his DeLind Gallery of Fine Art which is located at the corner of East Mason and Milwaukee Streets on the city's East Side. He has been an art entrepreneur serving the Milwaukee art community since 1969.

League Executive Committee, Wisconsin Correctional Services and the Sharon Lynn Wilson Cemer for the Arts. He also is President of the Trinity Episcopal Church Foundation.

Specialties of the DeLind Gallery of Fine Art are antique posters, important 18th and 19th Century drawings and original prints, and important sculpture. "I represent the late Frederick Hart, who did the facade of the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. and the three Vietnam soldiers' sculpture at the Vietnam Memorial there."

The gallery also features Wisconsin artists of yesterday and today. There are several he represents, including Terry Firkins, whom he terms an outstanding contemporary "plein-air" artist, a fancy term for an artist who paints on-location, nothing in-studio, brother DeLind explained.

How did he learn about Masonry? "I went to Michigan State to study business, and I worked in my father "Dee" DeLind's hardware store in Okemos, Michigan. He was a Mason, as were my grandfather and great-grandfather (in the South).

"I only came into the Craft about seven years ago," DeLind said. "I'd thought about it over the years," he explained. He finally made the decision to join and become a member of Freemasons Lodge. He is also a Scottish Rite Mason as well as a Shriner.

What prompted him to enter the art gallery business? After graduation DeLind came to Wisconsin working as a field sales representative. "One of my customers bought an art gallery and he hired me to run it. I ran it for two years then went into business for myself when he sold it in 1971."

When asked whether or not he paints, brother DeLind chuckled and gave the following response:

"I'm a business man by training who loves the arts," he replied. "Artists don't make good business men and business men don't make good artists."

Since he views himself as a better business man than artist, he decided to concentrate on the business of art. "It's a good fit for my talents."

Portraits Are Brother Thomas P. Curtis's Genre

When entering the studio of portrait artist Thomas P. Curtis II, a visitor will be immediately struck by the fact that it is a working artist's personal creative space. His north-facing rural Menomonee Falls studio is situated at the base of a hill facing a wooded creek-bottom adjacent to his home.

The studio walls and several easels display a number of canvases. One sees tubes of pigment and brushes laid out on his palette stand, ready for use. A white smock hangs, ready to slip over his light blue dress shirt

Some portraits are quite large, nearly life-size. Others are more diminutive. If several of the subjects are familiar, that is because they are of rather famous individuals. There is Edwin Meese, the Marquis de LaFayette, Ronald Reagan, Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, The Orthodox Church Metropolitan of North America, and Bill Borchert-Larson. There is also a strikingly colorful portrait of a Native American Potawatomi in his Wolf Clan regalia.

A portrait of former Supreme Court Chief Justice William Renquist he painted in 1995 hangs in Shorewood High School. This painting and the one of Justice Scalia will go to the National Portrait Gallery in Washington D.C. Both were painted in-chambers. The portrait of LaFayette is going to the headquarters of The Cincinnati in New York.

Tom, by the way, happens to be Vice President of the New York State Society of The Cincinnati, a society originally formed in 1783 by George Washington and General Knox for the Continental Army Line Officers to see that the officers got paid and to preserve the brotherhood of those who served. The Cincinnati also defused a rebellion of officers



A Blend of Art & Fraternity

Brother Jeff Farkas and his American Conservators partner Dmitri Rybchenkov discuss business during a recent visit to Brother Bill DeLind's Gallery of Art in Milwaukee. They are both members of Freemasons Lodge.



A Touch of Color

Brother Curtis adds color to his portrait of the Marquis de LaFayette in his Menomonee Falls studio. The portrait will go to The Society of The Cincinnati headquarters in New York.

who were intending to march on Philadelphia and install Gen. Washington as king.

In addition to his skill with brush and palette, Brother Curtis also has a well developed flair for the dramatic, as those who attended our Grand Lodge-sponsored Table Lodge with Prince Hall Masons at the Humphrey Scottish Rite Masonic Center in March will recall. As Toastmaster, his artful between-toasts commentary was especially lively.

Brother Tom, who became a Master Mason three years ago, is also active in Scottish Rite where he shares his dramatic skills with the Fraternity by participating in the 20th Degree as Geo. Washington and 31st Degree as Moses.

Many will remember brother Curtis as a political cartoonist for the former Milwaukee Sentinel. His 14-year career there began in 1969 and spanned the terms of U.S. Presidents Nixon, Ford, Carter and Reagan.

In 1986 Tom joined the staff of the Brookfield Academy where he organized the arts program for the private school. He presently teaches art and art history there.

Portrait painting, however, remains his passion. He began refining his portrait skills in 1985 and really got going in 1986.

He also creates portraits in oil and drawings by commission, terming it "...a superb way to honor someone very special, captured as a work of art." So far brother Curtis estimates that he has completed over 400 paintings. **wmj**

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Minocqua Masons Land a Keeper

Bob Eckert, center, boated this 49-1/2 inch, 37-pound tiger muskie that sported a 25-3/4 inch girth after a 45-minute battle on six-pound test line. Brother Eckert was fishing for walleye in a Lake Kawaguesaga deep hole with his buddies and brothers from Island City Masonic Lodge No. 330 in Minocqua. Chuck Jurgens (left) and Al Jurgens, were credited with helping land the fish.
- Kevin McCullough Photo

Island City Lodge Members Team Up to Land Huge Muskie

By Kevin McCullough
Lakeland Times Writer

MINOCQUA – Only one keeper. That's the way Bob Eckert summed up a morning of walleye fishing on Lake Kawaguesaga with his buddies Chuck and Al Jurgens.

The trio of Minocqua fishermen, all members of Island City Lodge No. 330, hit the water of the local chain of lakes at about 9 a.m. on the morning of Monday, Oct. 11. Over the course of the next four hours or so they boated eight walleyes up to 14-1/2 inches, a nice perch taping 12-1/2 inches and a 14-inch bass.

Originally planning to fish until noon, the consistent action and beautiful conditions combined to keep the three anglers plugging away well after the Minocqua noon whistle had faded from their ears.

Working jigs and minnows around a Lake Kawaguesaga deep hole, Chuck Jurgens landed one of the group's several undersized walleyes and slipped it back into the water at about 12:45 p.m.

As the walleye reoriented itself in the water, a big muskie appeared from the depths and inhaled the smaller fish. Fifteen minutes later the muskie was back, but this time he was attached to the end of Eckert's meager six-pound line after it swallowed his jig and minnow.

"At first I thought it was a snag," Eckert admitted, noting that he realized the snag was actually a fish when the muskie "got its tail and started moving away. When it started moving away, it had its way. It was strong. I couldn't do anything with him, so I just let him have his own way."

After a long initial run, Eckert tried to turn the fish and managed to gain 10 or 15 yards of line before more line was ripped back off his reel. As the muskie made its runs, staying deep the entire time, the three fishermen followed their

unexpected quarry with their boat, traveling a couple hundred yards around the deep hole they were fishing.

About 30 minutes or so into the battle the fish finally tired and Eckert slowly brought the thick-bodied muskie to the surface. Once the fish saw the boat, however, it was off and running once again.

"He was beat, but when he saw the boat he took off again," Chuck Jurgens recounted. "He didn't go down, he just took off across the surface. We were surprised where the hook was – in the corner of his mouth."

With only a small walleye net available in the boat, which only fit a portion of the muskie's head and ripped immediately on the first attempt to land the big fish, Eckert attempted to land the brute by hand.

"I tried to grab him by the gill plate but I couldn't because it was too thick," he said, adding that it was a good thing there was a gaff hook in the boat.

It took all three Masonic brothers working together to get the muskie into the boat, even with the gaff. Once the fish was finally landed, they headed in immediately to get the fish measured and weighed. At 49-1/2 inches and 37 pounds with a 25-3/4 inch girth, the muskie was too big for the boat's live well, so Eckert made the ride to the landing with one leg over the fish to keep it from flopping around.

"This is my first legal muskie. I've never muskie fished," Eckert confided as he and the Jurgens collectively exhaled, admittedly drained by the excitement of the experience.

Editor's note: This article appeared in the October 14, 2005, issue of the Lakeland Times. It is reprinted here with their permission. If you have an interesting story regarding Masons or Lodges in action, give the editor a call.

Clear Lake Lodge Honors Members' Years of Service



Clear Lake Lodge members honored are, left to right: Winfred Johnson, 61-Years; Merle Wood, 55-Years; and G. Marshall Winegar, 60-Years.



Awards for Membership were presented to Vern Engebretson, 45-Years; John Wright, 50-Years; and Roger Jones, 52-Years.

Clear Lake Lodge No. 230 recognized years of service by presenting pins and certificates to all of the members with 25-years or more of membership. All other members received a certificate to recognize their membership. The meeting was held at Lucky's Banquet Hall in Clear Lake on Saturday, October 22, 2005. A delicious lunch was enjoyed by the brothers and their wives. We were very pleased to have with us Brother George Strom, former District Deputy and longtime Masonic Board of Service and Assistance Chair, and his Lady, Ellie, as well as Past Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, Steve Willett, who delivered a very interesting talk about Masonry and our heritage. After Worshipful Master Steve Ruble welcomed everyone, he then presented the awards to all in attendance, starting from 61years of membership to one year.

Wisconsin Rapids Lodge Holds Awards Night

Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128 held its annual "Awards Night" on October 19, preceded by a Chicken Chowder dinner for the Masons and ladies. Following the stated communication, the ladies were invited into the lodge room for the Awards presentations. A 60-year award was presented to Brother John Natwick. Not present for his 60-year award was Brother Edward Hentz. 50-year awards were presented to Brothers Ed Neve, Stewart Fausch and Warren Grove. Not present for his 50-year award was Brother Gerald Volz. A 25 year card was presented to Brother John Steele. Not present for their 25-year awards were Brothers Gary Carpenter, Gary McAllister and James Meeks.



60- & 50-Year Awards

Wisconsin Rapids Lodge presented certificates to 60-Year Member Brother John Natwick, above left, and 50-Year Members, Brothers Ed Neve, Stewart Fausch and Warren Grove, who all proudly show their awards.



Wisconsin Rapids Honors 50-Year Members & More

All 50-year plus members present for the evening were introduced and assembled in the East for a picture. In the front row, left to right are: Al Overtom, Joe Kosek, Vern Hoffman, Harley Bennett, Milt Voelker, John Natwick, Warren Grove and WM Curt Frost. In the back row are: Erv Becker, John Ritchie, Carol Patefield, Stewart Fausch and Ed Neve.

- Submitted by News Hawk Russell Rottler

Brethren:

Please send submissions by e-mail to Editor William Stonecipher at <wmjedit@sbcglobal.net> Send photos as attachments in .jpeg format.



Illinois Mason Receives 50-Year Award

On behalf of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Illinois, Wisconsin Rapids Lodge WM Curtis Frost and Sec. Russ Rottler (not shown) presented Brother Charles M. Kilker, a member of A. W. Rawson Lodge No. 145 in Illinois, with a 50-year Masonic Service Emblem and certificate. The presentation took place Oct. 19 at Brother Kilker's home in Wisconsin Rapids. His wife was also present.



Bob Drenk

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Youth In Masonry



Eau Claire Job's Daughters Installation

In June the Eau Claire Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 31 held its installation. Pictured in the front row, left to right, are: Bill Beetcher, District 2 Deputy; Sabrina Kent, Jamie Foslid, Shelby O'Reilly, Jackie Smith and Greg O'Reilly. In the second row are: Jim Kent Associate Guardian; Janesa Foslid, Senior Princess; Katy O'Reilly, Honored Queen; Britta Ganske, Junior Princess and Larry Ganske.

Send Youth Page Submissions To:

• Rainbow for Girls:

Rae Canfield
2601 Chippewa Drive,
Plover, WI 54467

• Jobs Daughters:

Heidi Brokl
416 West Grand Ave. Apt 4,
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• DeMolay:

Executive Officer, Robert E. Lijewski,
W156 S7350 Quietwood Dr.,
Muskego, 53150
(414) 422-9452

Does your lodge sponsor a Masonic Youth Group? If not, why not start one!

IOJD Grand Bethel Exemplification is December 4

This will be an Initiation Exemplification held at Bethel #30 in Kenosha at 1 pm. Any Bethel needing the Grand Bethel to do an Initiation for their members just needs to submit the names of those to be Initiated to Mom Saggio by the 30th of November.

Preceding the Initiation there will be the exemplification of Bethel set up, lines of march and if there are no candidates, exemplification of the Ceremony of Initiation with explanations. Questions on how to do, what to do and when to do will be answered.

The practice will be held on Saturday evening, December 3, at 8 p.m. at the lodge in Kenosha. All Grand Bethel members need to attend the practice. The officers will go over the ceremonies, the choir will practice the songs and the representatives will

work on their letters and projects.

After the practice, there will be a Christmas party for all, adults included. Gifts, food and games will make for a fun time. A sleepover at the lodge for daughters and adults will end the night.

We do need a count for the host Bethel. Breakfast and lunch will be served to those staying over.

Registration deadline is November 30.

Names of those to be Initiated by Grand Bethel for Bethel # _____

1. _____
2. _____
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Names of those eating breakfast on Sunday December 4th

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
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5. _____
Names of those eating lunch on Sunday December 4th

1. _____
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Remember, Grand Bethel members (Officers, Choir and Reps) are chaperoned by the Grand Bethel Council, any other girls must have a chaperon from their Bethel at the lodge. Please have a medical form for anyone who did not attend Jamboree 2005.

Thank you for your help and we are looking forward to seeing you on December 4.

Nancy Saggio, Grand Bethel Guardian, N5538 Glacier Court, Fond du Lac, 54935
e-mail: sultana313@charter.net

Wisconsin DeMolay Hosts Two Events for Masonic Youth

The State Officers of Wisconsin DeMolay are pleased to invite the members of Jobs Daughters, Order of the Rainbow and DeMolay in Wisconsin, their advisors, supporters and friends, to join in friendship and fun during two upcoming events.

"Under the Stars" is the theme chosen by State Sweetheart Haley Kordus and State Master Councilor Eric Gross for the 2005 DeMolay's D-Prom which will be held on Saturday evening, December 17 at the Racine Masonic Center. Dancing will commence at 7 p.m. and run until 11 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Refreshments will be served by Moms that are members of the State Staff.

The highlight of the evening will be the introduction of the D-Prom Court culminating in the election of a Prom King and Queen. Each DeMolay Chapter in the State is encouraged to nominate one young lady and one young man to represent them on the D-Prom Court. After introduction, all youth guests at the ball vote by individual ballot to elect the D-Prom Royalty.

The 51st Annual Wisconsin DeMolay Sweetheart Weekend (SHW) will again be held at the beautiful Hotel Mead and Conference Center in Wisconsin Rapids on the weekend of February 10-12, 2006. "If You Have A Chance, Dance!" is the theme for the weekend chosen by the 2005-2006 DeMolay State Sweetheart, Miss Haley Kordus from Sir Galahad

Chapter in Burlington.

Again, all members of the three Masonic youth groups, their advisors and supporters are warmly welcomed to join us for what has become one of the most enjoyable events of the winter season for youth members of the Masonic Family over many, many years.

In the spring of each year, each chapter elects a Sweetheart to represent their chapter at various activities and events throughout the year. At SHW, the chapters campaign for their "candidate" to be the new State Sweetheart for the following year. There are many activities throughout the weekend, both fun and serious, which contribute to the popularity of this event. In addition to electing a new State Sweetheart, the members of Wisconsin DeMolay hold elections for new State Officers to be installed at DeMolay Conclave in July.

Anyone interested in registering for the entire SHW '06, or even just the banquet and ball, may obtain materials from Bob Simon, 608/244-5392 (H); 608/347-2600 (C); or bsimon@chorus.net. Cost for the full weekend package varies depending on the number of guests per room, and the banquet/ball package is \$25.00. The deadline date for reservations for the full weekend is January 5, 2006 and for the Banquet/Ball is January 15, 2006. We hope to see you there!

Submitted by Bob Simon,
SHW '06 Director

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Two Master Masons Raised in La Crosse

Worshipful Master Mark Raitzer of La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190 poses for a picture with the lodges' two newest Master Masons raised recently. Left to right are: new Master Mason Keith Williams, Worshipful Master Raitzer, and new Master Mason George Fogelson.

Valley Lodge No. 60 In Sparta Counts 2005 'A Great Year'

By Bro. Jim Brown
Valley Lodge No. 60
Masonic News Hawk

Valley Lodge No. 60's Worshipful Master Jerry Mattakat announced 2005 as a great year for the lodge.

The Lodge celebrated its 150th Anniversary and at the same time raised 10 brothers to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Those raised were: Matt Brigson,

Robert Draver, Dean Eiden, David Fanta, Gary (Mike) Harris, Dean Johnson, Dennis Jones, Jason Kirkman, Eric Matson, and Jerry Nauman.

Valley Lodge also welcomed three members who transferred in: Jim Arena, Edward Miller, and Eric Pipkin.

The brothers mourn the passing of William Austin, Richard Axelson and Al Clumpner, and send best wishes with Mark Bernard who transferred out.

The lodge is processing three petitions and a transfer as the year winds down.

The Masonic Service Association of North America

EMASSAY NOTES

"The Masonic Ring"

MSA received the following e-mail which we are very pleased to share with our readers:

My name is Bro. Howie Damron and I am a performer, singer, and songwriter who has been performing all over the country for many years touring out of Nashville, Tenn.

I have written and recorded a song called "The Masonic Ring" which has been endorsed by the Ohio Grand Lodge www.freemason.com to Masons everywhere. I have been performing it at Masonic functions throughout America. Recently, I was asked to sing it at the Northeast Conference of Grand Masters in Dayton, Ohio where the song received a standing ovation. It is activating a new pride among Brothers and it is increasing new membership in Lodges all over.

Please visit www.freemason.com to hear and read about the mission of the song.

Did You Know?

What is the "Point within a circle"?

It is a symbol concealing geometrical truths. Some believe it symbolic of the method of making a square by use of compasses; ritualistically,

a symbol of a Mason and his character.

P2 Lodge Scandal Resurfaces

Several years ago a tragedy involving the infamous P2 Lodge made national headlines. One of its members, Roberto Calvi, was found hanging by the neck on Blackfriar Bridge in London. The resulting scandal; death, missing funds, mysterious connections, and corruption, led to an investigation that included Freemasonry. The death of Roberto Calvi was ruled a suicide, but now the case has reopened with the arrest and pending trial of several men charged with his murder. The trial, set for October 2005, may focus, in part, on the P2 Lodge.

Dateline NBC devoted a full hour to this subject in a show aired on May 11, 2005. Masons who may be asked about Masonic involvement in this case should refer to a statement made on the Dateline NBC show which said: We know that Calvi was a Freemason-not the Masons as they are known in the United States, but a member of an outlawed secret sect in Italy that had

broken away from the mainstream order. Reportedly the clandestine group called one another Blackfriars, and used the traditional Masonic symbols of bricklayers and builders. Did his killers stuff bricks in Calvi's trousers as a symbol-a warning to others in the renegade secret society?

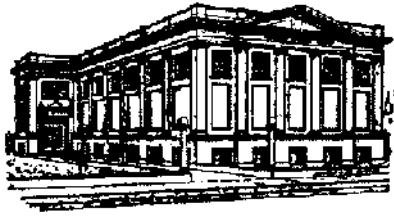
New Ben Franklin Book

Gordon S. Wood, a Pulitzer Prize winning historian, has written a new book about Franklin including his Masonic membership. The book also speaks about the Masonic Fraternity as "expressing Enlightenment values." The Americanization of Benjamin Franklin is now available in bookstores; ISBN # 1-59420-019-X

New MSA Award

The Masonic Information Center will soon announce plans for a new award to recognize lodge excellence in public awareness. The intent is to honor lodges that demonstrate exemplary work in constructing a positive Masonic identity that is highly visible in the social fabric of the community. Look for details soon.

Being active in the life of your lodge is part of being a Mason. What do you do to contribute to the life of your lodge?



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118 S. 8th St. • 608-782-1616
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Dark July & August</p> | <p>New Richmond
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Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August</p> |
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Ancient Landmark No. 210
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Dark July & August</p> | <p>Chetek
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216 Morrison St. • 715-296-5537 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August</p> | <p>Frederic
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Meets All Year</p> | <p>La Crosse
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Dark July & August</p> |
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Baraboo Lodge No. 34
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Meet 1st & 3rd Wed., 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Chippewa Falls
Chippewa Falls Lodge No. 176
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Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Friendship
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Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Lake Geneva
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Dark July & August</p> | <p>Milwaukee
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Meets 1st Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
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Pine Lodge No. 188
513 Superior Ave. • 920-378-5427
Meet 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August</p> |
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City, Hwy. N • 715-372-4957 (Sec)
Meet 2nd Tues. - 4th Tues. in June only
7 p.m. Dark Jan., Feb. & March</p> | <p>Clear Lake
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411 Third Ave. • 715-263-3033
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Dark July & August</p> | <p>Linden
Linden Lodge No. 206
618 Main St. • 608-623-2498 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 8 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Milwaukee
James M. Hays Lodge No. 331
790 N. Van Buren • 414-354-5767
Meet 1st Mondays, 6 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Onalaska
Onalaska Lodge No. 214
330 Main Street • 608-783-5606 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark January & February</p> |
| <p>Barneveld
Barneveld Lodge No. 319
108 S. Jones St. • 608-967-2114 (Sec)
Meet 1st Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Crandon
Crandon Lodge No. 287
211 S. Lake Ave. • 715-478-2797 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August</p> | <p>Glendale
James M. Hays Lodge No. 331
7800 N. Green Bay Rd. • 414-354-5767
Meets 1st Mondays, 6 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Lodi
Lodi Valley Lodge No 99
114 First St. • 608-592-4392 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Milwaukee
Lafayette Lodge No. 265
4315 N. 92nd St. • 414-4357-5449
Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 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> |
| <p>Bayfield
Bayfield-Washburn Lodge No. 215
29 N. 2nd Street • 715-779-3174 (Sec)
Meets Monthly, 1st Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year</p> | <p>Crivitz
Tri-County Daylite Lodge No. 218
918 Louisa St. • 715-854-3088
Meet 2nd Wednesdays 10 a.m.
Dark January & February</p> | <p>Grafton
Victory Daylite Lodge No. 320
1645 Highland Dr., #2 • 262-376-9619
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June - August</p> | <p>Madison
Commonwealth Lodge No. 325
301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-0793
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August</p> | <p>Milwaukee
Excelsior Lodge No. 175
1235 E. Howard Avenue • 414-744-4609
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark July and August</p> | <p>Oshkosh
Oshkosh Lodge No. 27
204 Washington Ave. • 920-231-3410
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> |
| <p>Beaver Dam
Dodge County Lodge No. 72
Best Western Campus Inn Motor Lodge
815 Park Ave. • 920-887-2530
Meet 3rd Monday, 7 p.m. - Meet All Year</p> | <p>Darlington
Evening Star Lodge No. 64
433 Wells St. • 608-776-4213 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Green Bay
Des Peres Lodge No. 85
525 N. Taylor • 920-499-7265
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Madison
Doric Lodge No. 356
6002 Cottage Grove Rd.
608-222-6166 • Meet 1st & 3rd Tues.,
7:30 p.m. • Dark July & August</p> | <p>Milwaukee
Lake Lodge No. 189
1235 E. Howard Ave. • 414-744-4609
Meet Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Owen
Owen Lodge No. 317
707 W. Third St. • 715-229-2832 (Sec.)
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> |
| <p>Beloit
Moming Star Lodge No. 10
229 W. Grand Ave. • 608-362-6073
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
1st Wed. only in July & August</p> | <p>Delavan
Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12
1007 S. Second St. • 262-728-4237 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Green Bay
N.E.W. Daylite Lodge No. 360
535 N. Taylor St. • 920-499-7265
Meet 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Madison
Four Lakes Daylite Lodge No. 362
301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-2351
Meet 1st Mondays, 10 a.m. (except Sept.
2nd Monday) Dark July & August</p> | <p>Milwaukee
Nathan Hale Lodge No. 350
790 N. Van Buren • 262-363-5469
Meet 1st Thursday, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Palmyra
Palmyra Lodge No. 68
125 N. 3 St. • 262-495-4887
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> |
| <p>Berlin
Berlin Lodge No. 38
124 E. Huron St. • 920-361-0810 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year</p> | <p>Dodgeville
Dodgeville Lodge No. 119
200-206 W. Chapel St. • 608-935-3548
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Green Bay
Theodore Roosevelt Lodge 322
525 N. Taylor St. • 920-490-9777
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Madison
Hiram Lodge No. 50
310 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-0793
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark 1st Mondays, July - Labor Day</p> | <p>Milwaukee
Mineral Point Lodge No. 1
310 High St. • 608-987-3396 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Park Falls
Park Falls Lodge No. 300
521 N. 2nd Ave. • 715-762-4043
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August</p> |
| <p>Black River Falls
Black River Lodge No. 74
314 Main St. • 715-284-2234
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June & July</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>Green Bay
Washington Lodge No. 21
525 N. Taylor St. • 920-494-5205
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>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 • 715-356-5678 (Sec.) • Meet 1st Wednesday, 10 a.m.
Meets all year</p> | <p>Pewaukee
Pewaukee Lodge No. 246
126 Main St. • 262-691-9917
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August</p> |
| <p>Bloomer
Bloomer Lodge No. 281
2122 16th Ave. • 715-568-5152
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark January & February</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>Hartford
Hartford Lodge No. 120
147 N. Rural St. • 262-673-2074 (Sec)
Meet 2nd Monday, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Manitowoc
Manitowoc Lodge No. 65
810 Chicago St. • 920-684-4334
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Mondovi
Mondovi Lodge No. 252
245 S. Franklin. • 715-926-3448 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Phillips
Phillips Lodge No. 225
137 N. Lake Ave. • 715-339-3785
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August</p> |
| <p>Bristol
Washburn Lodge No. 145
8157 - 199th Ave. • 262-857-7501
Meet 2nd 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 Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year</p> | <p>Hayward
Keystone Lodge No. 263
511 N. Iowa Ave. • 715-634-4715
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Marinette
Marinette Lodge No. 182
1610 Main St. • 715-735-3515
Meet 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Monroe
Smith Lodge No. 31
1613-1/2 Tenth St. • 608-934-5258 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August</p> | <p>Platteville
Melody Lodge No. 2
783 Enterprise Drive • 608-349-6021
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> |
| <p>Brodhead
Bicknell Lodge No. 94
302 1st Center Ave. • 608-897-8069
Meets 2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Eau Claire
Eau Claire Lodge No. 112
616 Graham Ave. • 715-832-7759
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>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>Marshfield
Marshfield Lodge No. 224
402 W. 4th St. • 715-384-8646
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August</p> | <p>Mosinee
Mosinee Lodge No. 318
607 13th St. • 715-693-3150 (Sec.)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Plymouth
Cassia Lodge No. 167
441 Smith St. • 920-892-6336
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> |
| <p>Brookfield
Elmbrook Lodge No. 354
4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-549-0923
Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August</p> | <p>Eau Claire
George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351
616 Graham Ave. • 715-832-7759
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>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>Medford
Medford Lodge No. 217
150 S. Seventh St. • 715-748-6851 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark January & February</p> | <p>Mukwonago
Lafin-St. James Lodge No. 247
206 S. Main St. • 262-363-8926
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Portage
Fort Winnebago Lodge No. 33
111 W. Conant Street • 608-742-6468
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Meet 2nd Tues. July/Aug. Dark Jan/Feb</p> |
| <p>Brookfield
McKinley Lodge No. 307
4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-781-9907
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Eau Claire
Sanctuary Lodge No. 347
616 Graham Ave. • 715-832-7759
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Jefferson
Jefferson County Lodge No. 9
617 Masonic Blvd. • 920-674-6715
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Menomonie
Menomonie Lodge No. 164
N5729 - 410th St. • 715-235-2667
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Neenah
Appleton Lodge No. 349
241 E. Wisconsin Ave. • 920-995-2749
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August</p> | <p>Port Washington
Ozaukee Lodge No. 17
504 W. Grand Ave. • 262-284-9978
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> |
| <p>Brookfield
Myron Reed No. 297
4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-780-0176
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July and August</p> | <p>Edgerton
Fulton Lodge No. 69
312 W. Fulton St. • 608-884-6679 (Sec)
Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Kenosha
Kenosha Lodge No. 47
807 - 61st St. • 262-657-7631
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year</p> | <p>Mercer
Hurley Lodge No. 237
5179 N. Hwy. 51 • 715-476-2332 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark January, February & March</p> | <p>Neenah/Menasha
Twin Cities Lodge No. 61
241 E. Wisconsin Ave. • 920-722-3611
Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Potosi
Warren Lodge No. 4
112 S. Main St. • 608-763-2719 (Sec)
Meets 1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year</p> |
| <p>Burlington
Burlington Lodge No. 28
325 N. Kane St. • 262-763-6290
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Ellsworth
Hancock Lodge No. 229
400 High Point Dr. • 715-273-5230 Meet
2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Kenosha
Sunrise Lodge No. 359
807 61st St. • 262-694-7817
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 9:30 a.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Merrill
Virginia Falls Lodge No. 226
916-1/2 E. Main Street • 715-536-2591
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August</p> | <p>Neosho
Neosho-Mayville-Horicon No. 108
315 E. Schuyler St. • 262-569-5670
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | |

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Poynette

Poynette Lodge No. 173
139 Main Street • 608-635-4503 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark January & February

Prairie du Chien

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

Prairie du Sac

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

Prescott

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

Racine

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

Reedsburg

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

Rhineland

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

Rice Lake

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

Richland Center

Richland Lodge No. 66
290 W. Union St. • 608-647-4487 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

River Falls

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

Shawano

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

Sheboygan

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

Shell Lake

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

Shullsburg

Benton Lodge No. 268
Co. Hwy. W • 608-965-3575 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 8 p.m.
Dark January & February

South Milwaukee

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

Sparta

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

Star Prairie

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

Stevens Point

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

Stoughton

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

Sturgeon Bay

Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 211
31 S. 3rd Ave. • 920-743-2596
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Sun Prairie

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

Superior

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

Superior

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

Sussex

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

Tomah

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

Union Grove

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

Viroqua

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

Waterloo

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

Waukesha

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

Waupaca

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

Waupun

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

Wausau

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

Wautoma

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

Wauwatosa

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

Wauwatosa

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

Wauwatosa

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

West Allis

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

West Allis

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

West Allis

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

West Bend

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

Whitefish Bay

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

Whitefish Bay

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

Whitewater

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

Wilmot

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

Winneconne

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

Wisconsin Dells

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

Wisconsin Rapids

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

Armistead-Bingham

Lodge No. 1862
Contact Parker Dow, PM
<prdlfam@hurleycomputers.com>
Call 920-478-2800 for next meeting location



Calumet Honors 50-year Members

On October 24, 2005, the members of Calumet Lodge No. 172 in New Holstein honored their 50-year members who attained that status during the past four years. Twenty-six members and their families enjoyed a hearty meal prepared and served by Brother Jim Broker and other officers. Recipients of 50-year certificates and lapel pins (pictured above) were Jerome Just at 54 years, Fredrick Landmann, 51 years; Walt Frisch, 51 years; and Robert Lutz, 50 years. Other new 50-year members not in attendance were Arthur Weber, 51 years, Casa Loma, California; Donald Mattox, 50 years, Sheboygan; C. Fredrick Lohr of Madison and Edmund Webster, Waupaca, both 52 years. Among the guests was Harold Jentink, 58 years and Harrison Weaver, 57 years, both from Brillion. Fred Landmann had the added joy of having is Son, Grandson, and 6-weeks old great-grandson drive up from Illinois.

- Submitted by Bro. Walt Frisch, Calumet Masonic News Hawk

Red Wing Master Visits Hancock Lodge



The Worshipful Master of the Red Wing Masonic Lodge, Red Wing, Minnesota, and one of his lodge brothers visited the Ellsworth Masonic Center on November 6 to enjoy Hancock Lodge's pancake breakfast and to discuss their upcoming 150th Lodge Anniversary. Pictured are, left to right, Steve Broton, Senior Deacon of Hancock Lodge, Neil Youngs, Worshipful Master of the Red Wing Lodge and Gary Thomas Jr., a member of Red Wing Lodge. Red Wing Lodge will celebrate their 150th Anniversary on October 14, 2006, and plans to publish a history of their lodge. Red Wing is just across the border from Ellsworth and are considered good neighbors.

- Submitted by Masonic News Hawk Milt Helmer



25-Year Award to Steele

Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128 held the Annual Awards night on October 19. Brother John Steele, was recognized for 25 years of service to the Craft. Making the presentation was Worshipful Master Curt Frost. Other members recognized for 25 years of service, but not present at the awards ceremony are Brothers Gary Carpenter, Gary McAllister and James Meeks.

20-Years for Roberts

Brother David Roberts, a member of Northwestern Lodge No. 105 in Prescott, was recently recognized for 20 years of service to the Craft. Making the presentation was Northwestern Secretary Fred Benson.

- Submitted by Northwestern Lodge Secretary Fred Benson



Workers in the County Clean Highway Program

Kegonsa Lodge No. 73, Stoughton, takes an active part in the Dane County Clean Highway Program. Pictured here are lodge members John MacKenzie, Frank Gardner, Bill Kortte and Mike Heitke. The lodge has been responsible for the section of Cty. B from Cty. Hwy N to Page Street. Clean-up was especially interesting as a result of the recent tomado. This clean-up project is just one of the many community efforts made by Kegonsa Lodge.

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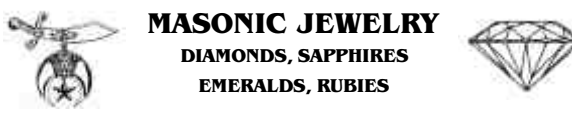
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Pictured to the left are Bob Hagen and Mary Girolamo residents at the Masonic Center for Health and Rehab enjoying the evening with Taryn Fickau, Lifestyles Coordinator.

If you would like to see more photos from the event please visit our webpage at: www.threepillars.org

A New Look at the Village on the Square...

The Village on the Square had an open house on November 16th to share with the community their new look and new programs that will be offered. The newly renovated building has many changes including a new Continued Learning Center, the new "Java Junction" coffee area, the newly remodeled Rivers Edge restaurant, along with many renovated common areas. Renovations included new paint, flooring, and lighting in many of the common areas and hallways.



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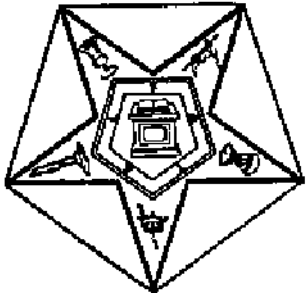
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Calendar of Chapter Meetings

December Calendar of Chapter Meetings

(See the November issue for information about the December 1st to 7th meetings)

- Thurs., Dec. 8 - Star Prairie (Loyal 67), 6:30 Christmas Party Potluck Supper, Bring items for Safe House
 - Mukwonago (LaBelle 40), 7:30 Christmas Celebration, Special Christmas Project
 - Wauwatosa (Golden Rule 194), 7:30 Christmas Celebration and Honor 25 and 50 year Members
 - Kenosha 92, 7:00 Christmas Party
- Fri., Dec. 9 - Beloit (Phoenix 215), Soup, Sandwich and Pie Luncheon
- Mon., Dec. 12 - Brookfield (Acadia 269), 7:30 East Night /Christmas Party
 - Evansville (Columbia 29), 7:30 Christmas Party
 - Mauston (Lemonweir 158), 7:30 Christmas gift exchange or box for needy
 - Stevens Point (Arbutus 52), 5:30 Christmas Dinner and cookie exchange after meeting
 - Green Bay (Martha Washington 124), 7:00 'Star in the East' Christmas Observance
 - Appleton, (Fidelity 94), 7:00 Merry Christmas/Isabell's Game
 - Beloit (Phoenix 215), 7:30 Christmas Party
 - Port Washington (Ozaukee 147), 7:30 'Love the Holidays'
 - Burlington 153, Potluck, 7:30 Compass Night/Christmas
 - Stoughton (Venus 61), 7:30 Christmas Celebration
 - Platteville (Miriam 15), 7:30 Christmas Observance, bring gifts for Family Advocates
 - Sun Prairie (Twilight 165), 7:30 Pack fruit baskets for shut-ins
 - West Allis 172, 7:30 Triwaukee Chapters Guests, cookie sale
 - Clear Lake (Northwest 98), 7:30 Christmas Party
- Wed., Dec. 14 - New Holstein (New Holstein - Calumet 262), 7:30 What are your Holiday Traditions?
 - Janesville 69, 7:30 Christmas fun (Informal, wear your slippers for comfy feet)
 - Crandon (Halcyon 178), 6:00 Christmas Potluck
 - Brookfield (Wauwatosa 219), 7:30 Christmas Observance
 - Linden 207, 1:30 Stated Meeting
- Thurs., Dec. 15 - Sturgeon Bay (Honor 1), 7:30 Catch the Spirit - Gibraltar Madrigal Singers
 - Viroqua 35, 7:30 Signs and Songs of Christmas
 - Milwaukee (Vega 76), Christmas Buffet
- Fri., Dec. 16 - Oregon 49, 7:00 Caroling (weather permitting)
- Mon., Dec. 19 - Ladysmith 287, 7:30 Christmas Party and gift exchange
 - Kenosha (Pike 285), 7:30 North - South Night
 - Portage (Star of Bethlehem 100), Christmas Cheer Potluck, Pack plates for shut-ins
- Tues., Dec. 20 - Reedsburg (Queen of Sheba 26), 6:00 Christmas Party Potluck, bring wrapped 'white elephant' gift
 - Oconomowoc (Oconomowoc - Hartland 13), 7:30 Past Matron, Past Patron and Birthdays
 - La Crosse (Ruth 23), 7:30 Christmas Observance, wear colors of the season
- Wed., Dec. 21 - Madison (Starlite 283), 7:30 Celebrate Christmas, Dress Up for Christmas
 - Lodi (Queen Esther 4), 7:30 Holiday Celebration
 - Chippewa Falls (Chippewa 112), 7:30 Christmas Observance
- Thurs., Dec. 22 - Mukwonago (LaBelle 40), 7:30 Christmas Party and Caroling (no meeting)
- Sun., Dec. 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS
- Mon., Dec. 26 - Mauston (Lemonweir 158), 6:00 Christmas leftover potluck
- Wed., Dec. 28 - Brookfield (Wauwatosa 219), Honor Youth, Chaplain, Marshal, Organist, Warder and Sentinel
 - Linden 207, 1:30 Stated Meeting

January Calendar of Chapter Meetings

- Sun., Jan. 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- Tues., Jan. 3 - La Crosse (Ruth 23), New Years Readings
 - Milwaukee (Electa 75), 7:30 New Years Celebration
- Wed., Jan. 4 - Chippewa Falls (Chippewa 112), 7:30 Stated Meeting
- Thurs., Jan. 5 - Sturgeon Bay (Honor 1), 7:30 Movie Night
 - Dousman 257, 7:30 Compass Night
- Fri., Jan. 6 - Milwaukee (Vega 76), 7:30 New Years Celebration

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Martha Swanson & Roy Skogen Worthy Grand Matron & Worthy Grand Patron Fall Color Bus Trip

On October 3, 2005, WGM Martha Swanson and WGP Roy Skogen departed Wisconsin with their spouses and 28 Sisters and Brothers for their Fall Color Bus Trip. The first night on the road was spent in Montpelier, OH. Each day of the trip those on the right side of the bus moved back two seats and those on the left side moved forward two seats. This gave everyone an opportunity to sit adjacent to different people each day, affording us all a chance to get to know each other better.

Our second day's destination was Gettysburg, PA. On the way there, we stopped at the "Flight 93 National Memorial." United Air Lines Flight 93 went down on 9/11/01 in a field near Shanksville, PA, in Somerset County. The plane had been high-jacked with the intention of flying it into the White House or Pentagon. The plane crashed while the passengers attempted to retake control of the plane. Once in Gettysburg, many of us ate at the Dobbin House Tavern, an historic Inn built in 1776. It was a stop on the Underground Highway before and during the Civil War.

On the morning of day three, a Park Guide boarded the bus and we toured some of the sights of the bloodiest battle and the turning point for the Union in the Civil War. The battle was fought over July 1st, 2nd and 3rd in 1863. 60,000 Confederate troops, under the Command of Robert E. Lee faced 80,000 Union troops Commanded by George Meade. The Union prevailed after three days of bitter battle along several miles of battle front. 51,000 soldiers were killed, wounded or missing on both sides after the battle. Interestingly, as many troops died of disease as were killed in battle. On to Washington, DC we drove, and had a tour of the National Cathedral. We listened to a short concert demonstrating the central Pipe Organ and then a guide took us through the Cathedral, pointing out various chapels, architectural features and stained glass windows. All in all, the National Cathedral is comparable to all but a very few cathedrals in Europe. We toured the George Washington Masonic National Memorial before dinner. After dinner we took a walking tour on "The Mall" of the World War II Memorial, The Viet Nam War Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial.

The morning of the fourth day we drove to Mt. Vernon and toured the home and grounds of our first President. The entire grounds of President Washington's estate were made up of four farms, the center of which was Mt. Vernon. Washington was a farmer first, in his own mind. He originally turned down being the first President and planned only to hold the office for four years. He was cajoled into taking a second term and that was the basis of subsequently limiting the term of the President to two terms. "If it was good enough for President Washington, it was good enough for everyone!" We returned to DC and the OES International Temple. Originally the Belmont Mansion, OES bought it in 1923 for \$100,000 after it had cost over

\$1,000,000 to build. The owner, Perry and Jessie Belmont wanted the building to be properly maintained and sold it with many of the original furnishings included. Words cannot describe this wonderful treasure. It has to be seen to be properly enjoyed and Sister Bonnie Poindexter (Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter) and her husband, Brother Bob and their staff made us all very welcome and personally conducted the tour.

The fifth day found us traveling north, through Philadelphia and Baltimore, to upstate New York and Lake Placid. As the elevation increased so did the fall colors. We stayed overnight in Lake Placid and departed on day six for Niagara Falls. The trip through the Adirondack Mountains was colorful and beautiful and we arrived in Niagara Falls, Ontario with little delay at the border. We had an evening tour of the falls to enjoy all of the lights and sights.

On day seven, we toured to the Botanical Gardens and the floral clock, the cable car over the whirlpool (a basin carved out as the Niagara River turns ninety degrees), and rode the "Maid of the Mist" to the base of all three of the falls (most spectacular!). Having been to Niagara Falls before, PP Don Jensen and PGP Nick Schultz knew of the popular "Over the Falls" barrel ride. Earlier

in the trip, they enlisted WGP Roy and Bruce Swanson to join them in the adventure. After much chiding, Roy and Bruce joined in.

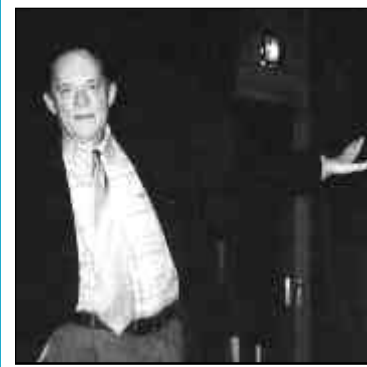
On day eight we headed back to the American side, through Windsor, Canada and Detroit, Michigan. We stopped at the Henry Ford Museum for a few hours to see all of the interesting memorabilia collected there; cars, trains, air planes, household items, ornate wooden cabinets, intricate, as well as mundane kitchen items and fixtures and a collection of silver serving pieces that rivals the best anywhere.

On day nine, we traveled to Battle Creek and arrived at Michigan's Grand Chapter in time to shop the vendors, go to our hotel and still be back in time for WGM Martha and WGP Roy to be presented, as well as the three Past Grands, three Grand Officers, two DD's, and three of our Grand Representatives.

The final day of the trip brought us safely home. Bob, our driver, and Cheryl, our tour director, had been a tremendous asset and made the trip most interesting. We had a great time, saw so many wonderful and interesting things and enjoyed each other's company throughout the trip. Those of you who didn't go, you really missed a lot! Those of us that went, we know.

Nicholas W. Schultz, PGP

All-Masonic Unity Leadership Evening



On October 22, 2005, 97 Grand officers of the various Masonic organizations came together for an evening of socialization and leadership education at the McKinley Masonic Center in Brookfield.

After a delicious ham dinner the group gathered to hear an inspirational presentation given by James Patersen, left, in the image of Rocky Rococo, who talked about what the organizations need to do to help promote their membership.

Announcements

100 YEARS YOUNG

Congratulations to Christine Otto of Twilight Chapter, Sun Prairie. Along with being a member of the century club, Christine recently achieved her 50th year of her OES Membership.

50 YEAR MEMBERSHIP

Alicia Morningstar celebrated 50 years as an OES member last month. She is a member of Twilight Chapter, Sun Prairie, where her daughter, Karen Strausser, is currently Associate Matron

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENT

John Albright, Oklahoma, Melody Chapter, Middleton

CONSOLIDATIONS

Island City Chapter 288, Minocqua, consolidated with Eagle Chapter 218, Eagle River and Kewaunee - Algoma Chapter 228, Kewaunee consolidated with Honor Chapter 1, Sturgeon Bay.

OES GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER GIFT TO YOUTH

Several members of the Wisconsin Order of Eastern Star were present in Fresno, California for the International Order of Job's Daughters Supreme Session on August 3, 2005. At the session the Most Worthy Grand Patron, Loyal Stark, presented a check to Job's Daughters for \$15,000 to be used for Leadership Training. Everyone was very pleased to receive such generous support.

On August 6, Janine Coley, Associate Matron of LaBelle Chapter of Mukwonago, was installed as Supreme Guide. Janine will become Supreme Guardian in 2007 and will host the Supreme Session in Middleton, Wisconsin July 27 to August 2, 2008.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - Grand Officer Parties have been scheduled for Spring 2006. Mark your calendar for the following dates. More information to follow. March 11 - Helen Shue, March 18 - Roxanne Gnatzig, March 19 - Bobbi Jo Oyen and March 25 - Sylvia McDonald of her OES Membership.

Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

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

- December 2005**
- 4 Knights Templar Christmas Observance at Lake Lodge No. 189, Milwaukee
- 6 District 3 School of Instruction, Park Falls Lodge No. 300 in Park Falls at 7 p.m.
- 7 Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Meeting - Grand Masonic Center Dousman 4 p.m.
- 8 District 6 - School of Instruction at Manawa Lodge No. 82 in Manawa at 7 p.m.
- 8 Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board Meetings - Grand Masonic Center in Dousman, 3 p.m.
- 10 Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843 Annual Meeting & Election of Officers, Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge No. 42, Oconomowoc, 10 a.m.
- 14 District 6 - School of Instruction at Wautoma Lodge No. 148 in Wautoma, WI at 7 p.m.
- 17 District 9 School of Instruction at Dousman Lodge - registration at 8 a.m.
- 17 Scottish Rite Valley of Milwaukee Annual Children's Christmas Party
- January 2006**
- 10 District 12 - School of Instruction at Wauwatosa Lodge 26
- 14 District 4 - School of Instruction at Kewaunee-Key Lodge No. 74
- 17 District 12 - School of Instruction at Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge No. 261
- February 2006**
- 2 District 12 - School of Instruction at Nathan Hale Lodge No. 250
- 8 Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Meeting - GMC, 4 p.m.
- 9 Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board Meeting held at Grand Masonic Center in Dousman at 3 p.m.
- 9 District 12 - School of Instruction at Lake Lodge No. 189
- 24 District 12 - School of Instruction at Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301
- March 2006**
- 1 District 12 - School of Instruction at Freemasons Lodge No. 363
- 7 District 12 - School of Instruction at George Washington 1776 No. 337
- 11 District 4 - School of Instruction at Des Peres Lodge 85
- 14 District 12 - School of Instruction at Damascus Lodge No. 290
- 17 District 12 - School of Instruction at West Allis Lodge No. 291
- April 2006**
- 1 District 4 - Spring Meeting at Marinette Lodge, Marinette, 1 p.m.
- 1 District 4 - School of Instruction at Pine Lodge No. 188
- 3 District 12 - School of Instruction at Day Lite Lodge No. 358
- 5 District 6 - School of Instruction at Waverly Lodge No. 51, Appleton, 7 p.m.
- 8 District 6 - District Meeting with lunch, information to follow
- 8 Scottish Rite Valley of Milwaukee - Children's Easter Egg Hunt
- 9 Scottish Rite Valley of Milwaukee - Feast of the Paschal Lamb, Palm Sunday, 3 p.m.
- 12 District 6 - School of Instruction at Waverly Lodge No. 51 in Appleton, 7 p.m.
- 16 Rekindling the Lights, 7 a.m., Easter Morning
- 20-22 Scottish Rite, Valley of Milwaukee Spring Reunion
- 21-22, 29 Scottish Rite, Valley of Eau Claire Spring Reunion
- May 2006**
- 10 Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Meeting - Grand Masonic Center Dousman - 4 p.m.
- 11 Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board Meeting held at Grand Masonic Center in Dousman at 3 p.m.
- 12 Rosicrucian Society Meeting at Black Hawk Country Club, Madison
- 16-17-18 Order of Eastern Star - Grand Session to be held at Marriott Madison West in Middleton, Wisconsin
- June 2006**
- 2-3 Grand Lodge of Wisconsin - Annual Communication to be held at the Concourse Hotel and Madison Masonic Center
- 14-17 "Grand York Rite Session to be held Regency Suites in Green Bay, Wisconsin

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Brother Jeff Farkas, a member of Freemasons Lodge No. 363 (right) is an art consultant and co-owner of an art conservation company, American Conservators, Inc. Brother Farkas and his partner, Dmitri Rybchencov (kneeling), are experts in repairing and restoring artworks such as this torn oil painting of George Washington that hangs in the Humphrey Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Milwaukee. In this issue read about Bro. Farkas as well as two other members of Freemasons Lodge, Bill Delind and Tom Curtis, who are also important persons in the world of fine art locally, nationally and worldwide.

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