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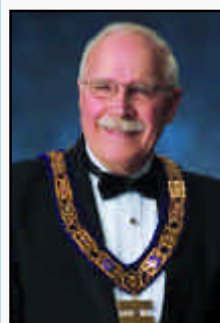
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The Grand Master's Message:

By Brother Rodney A. Paulsen
Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin

"TRADITION, TRADITION!" cried the fiddler from the roof top. "TRADITION, TRADITION!" he called again. As he was calling attention to the traditions which impacted their lives, so we have our "traditions" which have an impact upon us. At this time of the year we have celebrated Halloween with its customs of costumes and "trick or treats."



Rodney A. Paulsen,
Grand Master of Masons
in Wisconsin

In November we have had Veterans Day, which started as Armistice Day to celebrate the ending of world War I, and we can't forget Thanksgiving, that special day celebrated for so many different reasons.

December would not be the same without our customs of celebrating Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Christmas. As we end the year, there is New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Over the years some traditions have been changed, and the origins maybe even forgotten; but the celebrations go on.

I came face to face with the concept of "tradition" with a group of high school students. They had been asked to pick a card with a slogan from a group of them displayed around the room. This slogan was to be representative of a part of their life.

Quickly the "cool ones" were picked up and the one remaining was — TRADITION. Thinking quickly, when it became my turn to share, I pointed out that traditions were the basis upon which our lives were built. They formed the foundations for the way we lived and the things we did. I then pointed out some of the traditions in my life and with my family.

Traditions are a significant part of our Masonic life. As we practice them, we continue to build on that foundation to shape a stronger Masonic life. Some of the traditions that form the foundation of our Masonic life are our rituals; our ceremonies; our tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth; the celebration of St. John's Day; our Lodge organization, the Charges of a Freemason, the various Landmarks, our lectures; and on and on.

Membership in and support of Scottish Rite, the York Rite Bodies, Eastern Star, Shrine, and other appendant also form a part of our Masonic Heritage and tradition leading to further light in Masonry.

My charge to you my Brothers is to keep, maintain, and pass on the traditions that make our Masonic foundation firm and solid for today and for the future.

Do not water them down, ignore, or alter them! We are today what we are because of the traditions and the foundation built in the past and kept alive today, that Freemasonry will continue into the future. *wmj*

Incorrect Addresses Costly to Masonic Journal, Grand Lodge

By William L. Stonecipher, Editor
The Wisconsin Masonic Journal

DOUSMAN – Brethren, ladies, we have a matter that requires your attention. At the request of Grand Master Rodney Paulsen, Grand Treasurer Richard Vande Sande and Grand Secretary Michael DeWolf, we need to discuss a practice that will cost your fraternity an estimated \$870 this year in penalty payments to the United States Postal Service.

The situation is this: every time the address for a person listed in the Grand Lodge database moves or changes address, and fails to specifically notify the Grand Lodge Office in Dousman of their new mailing address, the USPS assesses a \$.75 fee for each of the Fraternity's communications or publications sent to that incorrect address until it is corrected. Impacted are mailings from the Wisconsin Masonic Charities, the Grand Lodge Office and, of course, your Wisconsin Masonic Journal.

Here's how the system works as far as the Journal is concerned. The Grand Lodge Office generates a list of addresses each month for use in mailing the WMJ. If your address has changed and you do not notify us, the paper addressed to you will be delivered to your previous address. Consequently our paper or other communications mailed to this address will be returned by the postal carrier or route delivery agent to the post office as being undeliverable because you are no longer living there!

Right about now you are saying to yourself, "Why are you telling me about this? I already filled out an official Change Of Address (COA) notice and gave it to the USPS, so it's their problem!" Unfortunately this is not the case.

It is "our" problem because only mail bearing First Class postage will be forwarded to the new address. Periodicals (newspapers such as the Journal) and other classes of mail are not automatically forwarded. Periodicals are returned to the sender with the new address noted. Ka-ching...that's 75 cents per return, please.

Compounding the problem is a practice common to many small post offices of holding anywhere from 1-6 issues before sending them back to the Grand Lodge Office requesting that the address be corrected, with each copy assessed the \$.75 address correction notification fee. To illustrate just how expensive these returns can be when extended across our monthly circulation, let's look at some recent return figures.

In mid-November, for example, 198 copies of the October issue were returned as undeliverable as addressed with address corrections noted.

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First Masonic Tool Box Seminar Well Attended

Saturday, October 28 found 58 lodge leaders gathered in the fellowship room of Dousman Lodge No. 315 for the day-long seminar. Three seminars remain, all in 2007: the Eau Claire Masonic Center on January 27; Dodgeville Lodge on February 17; and Waverly Lodge in Appleton on May 5. Occupying a front table (above) were Southern Lakes Lodge members John Marra, District 11 Area 2 Administrator; Russ Krause, Past Master; and Mike Gonyer, Southern Lakes' Master. A registration coupon for the three remaining seminars is on page 3.

First Leader Seminar Reveals Secrets Contained Within Masonic Tool Box

By William L. Stonecipher, Editor
The Wisconsin Masonic Journal

DOUSMAN – By any measure, the first Grand Lodge-sponsored "Masonic Tool Box" leader seminar was a success. Fifty-eight lodge leaders filled the fellowship room of Dousman Lodge No. 315 to near capacity.

Lead speaker for the seminar was Grand Master Rodney A. Paulsen, who welcomed all attending on behalf of their lodges.

"Everyone raise their right arm," the Grand Master directed, after thanking those present for giving of their time, "...the most precious thing we have." Arms shot up as the 58 Masons present complied.

"Now give yourselves a pat on the back for being here," he said, demonstrating the proper form.

Taking over from the Grand Master was seminar moderator John W. Wilke, Senior Grand Warden and Chairman of the Grand Lodge Leadership Training Committee.

Chairman Wilke introduced the presenters for the day, explaining that Past Grand Master Bruce Sim was excused for personal reasons and Brother Bill Beecher due to the long distance he had to travel from his home in the far northwest corner of the state.

Presenters for this first seminar in addition to Brother Wilke were Pat Storrs, District 10 Deputy; Craig Campbell, Senior Grand Warden and former Grand Lecturer; and Davey L. White, Jr., Junior Grand Deacon, a former Grand Lecturer as well.

Each presenter worked from a computerized prompting program that followed a printed script provided to all attendees. The script had ample space for comments and notes as topics were presented and discussed. Questions from the participants were welcome and served as valuable points of discussion.

The Code – The Universal Tool

The first and perhaps most important tools discussed was the one that helps all lodge leaders keep operations on the straight and true — The Wisconsin Masonic Code. Committee Chairman Wilke moderated this portion of the presentation which was heavily weighted toward explaining the duties and responsibilities of

Lodge Trustees.

There were many questions asked and answered pertaining to the disposition of lodge property, including real assets and lodge paraphernalia. The many questions asked seemed to point to the fact that there is still some confusion as to the Code-prescribed process of disposing of lodge real estate and belongings.

Brother Wilke emphasized that the Code makes the procedure crystal clear. "A lodge building or its contents cannot be sold without first obtaining permission from the Grand Master!" Period. No exceptions.

Another topic that sparked some lively discussion was "who controls what" as it relates to various appendant bodies with which the lodge shares its lodge-owned facility.

It was reported that in some cases rent paying appendant bodies using the lodge facility have adopted a

sense of ownership of lodge property when in fact there is none, causing headaches for lodge trustees, calling for the utmost in tact and patience in order to preserve harmony between the groups. Handle with care was the advice.

The matter of why we have secrets also came up by members who wanted to respond to questions posed by prospective candidates who had obtained information about the Fraternity on the Internet, and often from information posted by detractors.

In response, Brother Wilke explained that only the modes of recognition are secret, adding that much of what we do is, however, private.

He expanded on that, saying, "Secrets are definitely necessary: they're what binds us together. Certain things shared Mason-to-Mason are to be kept secret."

Then came a general question about whether or not Perpetual Memberships can be willed as a bequest of a deceased member (or surviving spouse). The answer was yes, probably, if the lodge of which he was a member has approved participation in the PMP program.

Masonic Handbook

Brother Pat Storrs led a most informative presentation of the Wisconsin Masonic Handbook. The central theme of his presentation was that the handbook (formerly known as the Green Book) is an invaluable guide

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Former Grand Lecturer Davey L. White, Jr., present Jr. Grand Deacon, led the presentation and discussion on Friend's Programs and the Multiple Letter Cipher at the first Masonic Tool Box leader seminar at Dousman Lodge Oct. 28. All of the presenters followed a Microsoft PowerPoint format that closely followed the outline all participants received.

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This amounted to \$148.50. In September there were 93 returns that cost the Fraternity \$123 in return fees. In August 66 were returned at a cost of \$49.50. Returns for November are expected to exceed those for October. Other big months for incorrect address returns are April and May.

Year in, year out, the greatest number of returns coincide with the pre-winter migration south and springtime return north of fraternity members and other subscribers who reside temporarily in warmer climates in winter — the so-called Snowbirds.

As things now stand, the USPS will not forward Periodical Class mail pieces such as the WMJ even though you have filed the correct address change form with the post office.

Here's what you can do...

These fees can be eliminated by the simple act of notifying either the Grand Lodge Office or Wisconsin Masonic when your address changes. You will continue to receive your paper or other communication at your temporary address without interruption and your updated address will then be entered into the Grand Lodge database. It will remain current until you notify the office that a new address will replace the old.

As to your unasked question about whether Grand Lodge has the ability to enter two addresses, one for summer and another for winter, with date-specific automatic activation, the answer is no, not at this time. Perhaps this capability will be added in future but it is not now an option.

It is important that you notify Grand Lodge of your address changes in a timely manner. For your convenience we regularly publish change of address forms in the Masonic Journal. They are also accepted by phone or e-mail.

•By mail, fill out and mail a change of address coupon as per instructions on the coupon and mail to the Grand Lodge Office in Dousman.

•By phone, dial (800) 242-2307 toll-free in Wisconsin, (262) 965-2200 out-of-state, or by FAX at (262) 965-4211.

•By e-mail, enter your old mailing address as it appears on your Wisconsin Masonic Journal and your new mailing address. Send it to any of the following e-mail addresses at the Grand Lodge Office:

- <cheryl@wisc-freemasonry.org>
- <jan@wisc-freemasonry.org>
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You may also e-mail the Wisconsin Masonic Journal at <wmjedit@sbcglobal.net>. If a mail drop service is used, the street address of the mail service and your box number must be listed. The USPS will not deliver to a box number alone unless it is an official Post Office Box.

Remember, it remains your responsibility to notify the Grand Lodge Office of your new address. Failing to do so means that each Wisconsin Masonic Journal or other Grand Lodge or Masonic Charities communication mailed to your former address costs the Fraternity \$.75. Your cooperation will help reduce this unnecessary expenditure. **wmj**

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to running a successful lodge, and that it all begins with the Master.

"The Worshipful Master is CEO of the lodge and it is the Master that is to oversee all committees," Bro. Storrs said. "Lodge planning is critical! The lack of programming is probably the single biggest reason why lodge membership has declined in this state," he said.

He also touched upon the expanded educational resources available to lodge officers, including new officer handbooks, now available under the Publications tab on the Grand Lodge Web Site.

There is a Lodge Locator Guide, the Masonic Handbook, Masonic Code and recent Grand Lodge Proceedings there. There too are handbooks for use by District Deputies and Area Administrators as well as those that are specific guides for Senior Wardens, Lodge Counselors and Secretaries, as well as several Chaplain's prayers. Several "Three Minute Mason" educational pieces for use in lodges are there as well.

Wisconsin Program Update

Presenting the background and history of the Wisconsin Program was Jr. Grand Warden and former Grand Lecturer Craig Campbell.

He traced the program's 12-year transition from its conceptualization in 1985 by Shawano Lodge member Galen Winter as a way to select and introduce good men to Freemasonry and provide them an opportunity to join the lodge known then as the Shawano Experiment to the Wisconsin Program of today.

Bro. Campbell also explained why the posting lectures were modified to



Brothers Celebrate Van Hollen Victory

Newly elected Wisconsin Attorney General J. B. Van Hollen's proud father, John Van Hollen (center), is joined by fellow Masons Keith Krinke, Mark Hazelbaker, John Krinke and Jan Talaga (left to right) in an election night show of support as they awaited J. B.'s appearance November 7 at campaign headquarters in Waunakee. He arrived at 11:10 p.m. from his home nearby and stayed long enough to say that the outcome was too close to call and would be back later once the final outcome became known. Both J. B. and his father are members of Ashland's Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 210. The new Attorney General is Wisconsin's serving Deputy Grand Master. - WLS Photo

include an improved presentation of the history, symbolism and revised examinations were developed and adopted by Grand Lodge in 1997. The new posting was made mandatory at Grand Lodge in 2001, eliminating the so-called "old" posting.

He concluded his portion of the program by stating clearly what the Wisconsin Program is and is not.

"The Wisconsin Program is a different method of posting. It is not a solicitation device: it is not a different ritual." He went on to emphasize that there is no "optional" use of the former posting as some lodges seem to think. "There is only one posting and it is the Wisconsin Program."

Friend's Programs Critical

Junior Grand Deacon Davey White, Jr., then presented a discussion focused on the importance of Friend's Programs and the Multiple Letter Cipher.

About the former he gave some sound advice: "The first thing you've got to do is schedule it, and you have to do it at the beginning of the year," he said.

"It has to be planned well in advance. It can't be spur of the moment. It's not a thing you can throw together in a month."

About the latter: "It's the little things that make the degrees beautiful. They need to be done right!" **wmj**

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News of the Lodges

Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin



Leather Apron Club Seeks & Receives Dispensation

The Leather Apron Club met Wednesday, October 25 at the Madison Club in downtown Madison and presented a petition to form a lodge to Grand Master Rodney A. Paulsen. He subsequently signed a dispensation on Nov. 11, 2006, to form Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 83 to work in the Emulation Ritual. The charter will be presented at Grand Lodge in June. Pictured left to right (standing) are Brothers Erik Nielsen, Gary Oien, District 10 Deputy Pat Stors, Robert Blackburn, District 7 Deputy Richard Traylor, Paul Gordon, Travis West, Patrick Blawat, Felix Geissler, James Anderson, Michael Kelly, Winter Guite', Adam Witt, Glen Witt. Seated Grand Tiler James A. Wetzel, Most Worshipful Grand Master Rodney A. Paulsen, Grand Treasurer Richard A. Vande Sande. At right, Brother Felix Geissler as he presented the petition to Grand Master Paulsen. The evening's featured speaker was Brother Pat Blawat, who presented a lecture and discussion on the "Hiram Key." - Photos by Bro. Felix Geissler



Lake Lodge Plans 5th Annual Robert Burns Table Lodge

MILWAUKEE – Worshipful Master-Elect John Bugajski and Lake Lodge No. 189 are proud to announce the 5th Annual Robert Burns Table Lodge – Thursday, January 25, 2007, at Lake Masonic Center, 1235 E. Howard Avenue in Milwaukee. The menu will consist of a fine

Roast "Beast" Dinner prepared by Bro. Chef Robert Rubner of McBob's Pub. Tickets are \$15 each.

The Scottish delicacy Haggis will be prepared by Pipe Major Donald Hensiak. It will be served with its traditional fanfare including the "Address to a Haggis" written by Scottish Poet and

Masonic Brother Robert Burns. Honored guest will be Grand Master Rodney Paulsen.

The program will begin promptly at 6 p.m. Ticket deadline is January 15. For reservations please send a check in the amount of \$15 per person to: Don Hensiak, S74 W20710 Field Drive, Muskego, WI 53150 (414) 433-4741.

All Masons are invited to attend, and please bring your Toasting Cannons!

Lake Lodge Teams With "The Rafters" for New Year's Day Charity Fund Raiser

MILWAUKEE – Celebrate New Year's Day and ring in the new year with Lake Lodge No. 189 and The Rafters Restaurant on January 1, 2007.

Lake Lodge and The Rafters have teamed up to sponsor a fund raiser to benefit the Children's Shrine Hospitals, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Scottish Rite 32nd Degree Children's Learning Center, and other Masonic charities. The event begins at 1 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m. Lake Lodge and The Rafters hope to make this an annual event.

The Rafters in the spirit of charity is allowing Lake Lodge to use their facilities at no charge. They are also donating a food buffet, soda, mixed drinks, bartenders, and will also assist us in gathering prizes for the raffles and equipment necessary for some of the games and events to be held that day.

There will be Black Jack, raffles, Karaoke contests, College Football

games playing on the large screen televisions, and children's games.

There will be a food buffet included in the price of admission—and admission is only \$10 per person! This is a family event and we need your help to make it a success.

Does your organization need community service hours? If so, this would be the perfect place to gain those hours.

Won't you please consider volunteering a couple hours of your time to make this event a success. You choose the area you would like to work in and the hours you would like to work.

Assistance is needed at the door, Blackjack tables, raffle events, children's games, Karaoke contests, greeters, prize handlers, and more. There is something to do for everyone regardless of age.

Bro. John Bugajski, Lake Lodge Sr. Warden and his Lady Nancy are Chairpersons for this event. Please call them and let them know you will donate time, money, or need tickets. John and Nancy can be reached at home, 414-282-7279 or their cell phone 414-467-3887. They will be awaiting your call!

The Gavel Locator

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

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- District 3**
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- District 4**
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- District 9**
Columbus Lodge No. 75
- District 10**
Berlin Lodge No. 38
- District 11**
Geneva Lodge No. 44
- District 12**
Day Lite Lodge No. 358

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

Notes From The Grand Lecturer

By Brother Ronald H. Glauert

The Meaning of "Brotherhood of Man"

Brethren:

The need to live a brotherly life is written in the very being of blood, tissue and bone, and the person who lives in opposition to that need will bring himself into a condition in which happiness will soon end.

Brotherhood is not a sentimental luxury but a necessity in the same sense that bread, water and air are necessities. And that is the same reason that a man who sees someone leap into the water and is about to drown, will leap into the water himself and possibly risk his own death to save another.

One may describe brotherhood as the normal development of his social instincts, or he may describe it as the common sense adjustment of oneself to one's fellow man. Just as a man must be in a right relation with the food he eats in order to maintain his health, so must he be in a right relation to his fellow man if he is to live in happiness.

The man who understands that brotherhood is a form of wisdom will not be troubled by sentimental difficulties. Neither will he permit private differences to sour him of all brotherly endeavors. It may be that neighbors may have differences: what one admires the other dislikes; what one loves, the other may hate; one has a vocation that is opposed to the other's interests. They cannot hold social intercourse because of too many dislikes.

These things have nothing to do with brotherly love when it is rightly understood. Brotherhood does not demand of us that we privately like people who treat us wrongly. Those things have to do with private friendship rather than brotherhood.

If I cannot get along with my neighbor, I can be a brother to him nevertheless. I can give him exact justice in all my dealing with him. I can refuse to do evil to him or to speak evil of him, and I can always maintain an attitude of good will towards him - and I can wish him happiness. I can differ with him honestly and openly. This is the attitude of brotherly love and it can flourish even when private friendship is impossible.

In Freemasonry we speak of the bond that holds men together. It is difficult to describe or explain that tie, but those that know what is, is learned by experience, and do not need it to be defined. There is something of a private friendship in it, for Masons have a feeling towards brother Masons that they do not have toward outsiders.

However we may define it, it is true that what we mean by that tie is really the hope of the world. It is only as men are bound by it, whether they are Masons or not, that the human race can go on towards happiness.

In proportion as a man understands brotherhood and acts in conformity with its demands, he will always work for human unity. In his Lodge, a Mason will not be a dividing and distracting force. In his community he will be a good citizen who knows that his community has a right to his loyalty and his support. He will uphold and maintain the principles of his country and will oppose any influence that tends to harm or destroy it.

A world without brotherhood is a failure. Brotherhood is the only practical means of healing the hurts of mankind. Every individual who learns in the Lodge the lessons of brotherhood and who goes through life practicing those lessons is helping toward the peace of the world for all men.

This journey of the brotherhood of man is not the puny growth of private sentimentality. It is a world power capable of gigantic efforts, those who think of it merely as a hand clasp and pat on the back are too trivial in their dealing with it. It's a world law destined to change the earth into conformity with itself and as a world power. It is something superb, awe-inspiring or God-like.

Fraternally, Ron Glauert, Grand Lecturer

Brethren, your comments or suggestions are always welcome. Contact Grand Lecturer Glauert by e-mail at <rglauert@aol.com> or by phone at 608-788-4953.

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Frank & Helen Burany Receive Grand Master's Benevolent Activities Humanitarian Award



DOUSMAN – Two of the lead contributors to the Building on a Vision Capital Campaign, Frank and Helen Burany (left and center), received the Grand Master's Benevolent Activities Humanitarian Award during a noon luncheon August 23 at the Masonic Village on the Square.

The Buranys were one of the first contributors to step forward with major financial support for the new \$14 million Compass Point Catered Living Apartment facility on the Fraternity's Three Pillars Senior Living Community. Past Grand Master Roger Magoon (right) had planned to recognize them this past June at the Annual Communication in Madison but the Burany's were unable to attend. - Photo by Bro. Mark Strautman, Three Pillars CEO



Dousman Lodge Supports Compass Point Funding

Dousman Lodge No. 315 was recognized for its financial support of the new Compass Point Catered Living facility at Three Pillars. Brother William Barnes, Wisconsin Masonic Charities' Director of Development presented a commemorative plaque to the lodge on November 7. Pictured left to right in the first row are: Tom Maule, Henry Pynakker, W.M. Gerald Beier and James M. Earle, Jr. Second row: Roy Radtke, Henry Hanson, John DeCaluwe and Don Mericle. Third row: Dan Waters, John R. Quaden, Glenn Shong, Ron G. Kennedy and Russell Hays. -Submitted by Bill Barnes, Director of Development, Wisconsin Masonic Charities

Waupun Lodge Scholars



Joseph Aronson
Waupun H.S.



Krista Smits
Waupun H.S.



Felecia Rosales
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Pictures Missing From Nov. Scholar Feature

Our apologies to Waupun Lodge No. 48 for not including the four scholarship recipients for 2006 in the Foundation's Matching Funds Scholarship feature in the November issue. They are printed above. Also in the November issue, the lodge number for Wautoma Lodge was listed as No. 48, which is incorrect. The lodge number for Wautoma Lodge is No. 148. Sorry about that.

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News of the Lodges

Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin



Independence Lodge No. 80 Observes 150th Year

Independence Lodge No. 80 celebrated its 150th year on Saturday, September 16, 2006. As Worshipful Master Earl Swartwout reported, "We had the pleasure of having the Grand Master Rodney Paulsen, present certificates of thanks to our Past Masters." The 12 Past Masters present included: front row; Edward Linsteadt, Glen Hall, Worshipful Master Earl W. Swartwout, Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin Rodney Paulsen and Robert P. Tumi. Second row: Lary Presnell, Leonard Brandt Sr., Edward Steenweg and Willard Chatt. Third row: Kenneth Huljack, Mark Joslin, Joseph Zielski and Donald Gumieny.

- Submitted by Earl Swartwout, Independence Master



Thank you to the Job's Daughters of Bethel 19 for the closing of the 150th celebration with their living cross, which was most excellent and beautifully done. A great way to end a meeting.



Grand Master Rodney Paulsen presenting WM Earl Swartwout with the lodge's 150th certificate.



Mason of Year 2006

West Bend Lodge Past Master, organist, and District 10 Deputy J. Patrick Storms (left) was honored as Mason-of-the-Year by West Bend No. 138's Worshipful Master Gary Raybern as part of the Past Master's Night program Sept. 28. The awards portion of the meeting followed a sumptuous dinner prepared and served by Jr. Steward Omar Youssef.

Brother Pat was recognized by W.M. Raybern for the help and advice Pat has given freely in service to the lodge, especially with the lodge newsletter. Bro. Storms has also been instrumental in reactivating and advising a DeMolay Chapter sponsored by the lodge. His keyboard skills enliven lodge activities in the lodge room and add musical depth to degrees. Brother Storms then went on to confer the Fellowcraft Degree for the lodge.



50-Year Members Meyer & Kirchner

Two members of West Bend Lodge No. 138, West Bend, were recognized for 50-years as Masons September 28 at the lodge's annual Past Master's Night dinner and program. Shown with Master Gary Raybern were award recipients William G. Kirchner (right) and Robert A. Meyer (left).

Brother Kirchner, raised in West Bend Lodge on May 31, 1956, went on to serve West Bend as Master in 1969 and then later, several terms as Trustee. Over the years Bill has conferred all the degrees, but more recently the Entered Apprentice Degree. His help with posting and conducting examinations is fondly remembered by the many Master Masons who benefited from his help in meeting their proficiency requirements. Brother Bill attends most every meeting, often taking a chair in the opening and closing.

Brother Bob Meyer was raised on June 23, 1955 in West Bend Lodge. In 2004 he was most proud to attend the initiating, passing and raising of his son-in-law, Brother Tom Wagner (now Jr. Deacon).

Both Masons are valued, active members of the lodge.

In Service to the Craft

By Grand Chaplain Ray D. Heilborn

Time to Give Thanks

It is good to be reminded of the fact that we have much for which we can give thanks. As I view the turmoil in much of the world, I look with gratitude upon that which is ours as citizens of the United States.

I am thankful that whenever we wish, my wife and I can pack a few belongings in one of our automobiles, drive anywhere across thousands of miles without check-points, passports, armed guards or fear of being shot at by unorganized armed mal-contents.

I am thankful that we drive back and forth across this great State of Wisconsin without fear of bombs, or booby-trapped roads or snipers firing from every high building or tree.

I am thankful that our forefathers had the wisdom to prohibit the establishment of a State religion for our country and also guaranteed us the freedom to believe as our conscience allows.

I am thankful that I have had the privilege and the honor of serving our Masonic brotherhood as a member of the Grand Lodge for the past 22 years, starting in 1985 as a District Chaplain and then being appointed by P.G.M. Willet to be the Grand Chaplain in 2000. I am thankful to each of the succeeding Grand Masters who have re-appointed me.

I am thankful for having had the Wisconsin Masonic Journal as my sponsor for my columns the past several years, and to Brother Stonecipher for his guidance and his patience in printing my writings.

I am truly thankful for all the readers who read and responded to my writings. Not everyone agreed with everything I stated, nor indeed, were they required to, but I enjoyed our give and take discussions and benefited from your input.

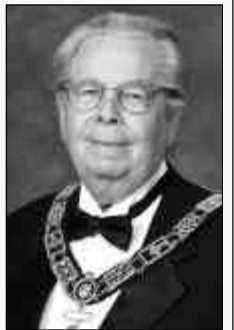
I am thankful for and to each and every Grand Master under whom I served. I have been deeply impressed and humbled by each one's devotion and dedication to the craft of Freemasonry. I am not sure that we all always agreed on every issue, but we never stopped being brothers together in our efforts to further Freemasonry.

I am thankful to all the Lodges and Districts who invited me to participate with them in their celebrations and observances.

I am thankful for the opportunity to work on the several boards, committees and agencies of the Grand Lodge because I have gained a direct insight into all the wonderful charitable and community activities that we, as Masons, contribute to and work for.

Finally, I am thankful that I shall always be a member (having joined PMP through my local lodge) even after my retirement from this position.. What joys have been mine. My cup indeed runneth over. Namaskar!

Grand Chaplain Ray Heilborn welcomes reader comments. He may be reached by e-mail at <dray@spacestar.net>.



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Ivanhoe Commandery No. 24 Drill Team Wins National Knights Templar Competition

The Ivanhoe Commandery No. 24 Drill Team established a competition record at the 2006 Triennial held on August 12, 2006 in Houston, Texas. Fifteen teams from throughout the United States participated in the Class D Competition. The Ivanhoe team scored a solid first place in Class D competition with a score of 950 out of a possible 1000 points. Additionally, this was the first time since 1928 that an Ivanhoe Drill Team has scored a victory in the Triennial Competition. The team members pictured are: standing, left to right: James Janczak, James Myrhum, Lyle Hubbard and David Schreier. Seated, left to right: Lou Montgomery, Lauren Handeland, Blair Dixon, Brian Hudy (Drill Team Captain), Lyle Farrell (Commander), Wayne Leverenz, William Van Zile, Warren Krueger and Joseph Behmke (Drill Team President).
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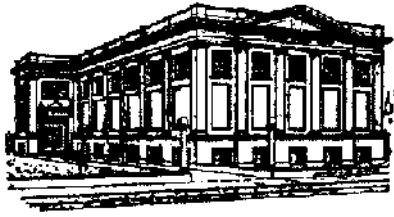
MSA Hospital Visit at Tomah VA Center

Grand Master Rodney Paulsen, accompanied by his lady Virginia, visited the Tomah VA Center on October 10 for his "official MSA visit." Stan Johnson, Medical Center Director, began the visit with an overview on the Medical Center and an update on various initiatives. The group then toured the Medical Center, visiting the Veterans Industries clinic, the hospice unit, and the unit which is home to Brother Charles Robert Minshall (known at the VA as "Captain Bob"). Pictured left to right, top row: Steve Hanson, MSA Rep; Stan Johnson, Tomah VA Center Director; bottom row: Virginia Paulsen; GM Rodney Paulsen; Beecher Daniels, MSA Hospital Visitation Coordinator for Wisconsin. - Submitted by Laura Bishop, Public Affairs Officer, Tomah VA



Trick or Treat at Adams Lodge

Adams Lodge No. 223 and W. D. Niles / Elza M. Chase Chapter Royal Arch Masons, Adams, helped celebrate Halloween by handing out candy and pencils to all the community children that came out trick or treating Oct. 28. Michael Kuhnwald (WM/EHP), Eugene Kuhnwald (SW/King), Mike Karas (Secretary) and Jackie Kole (Ladies Auxiliary) were outside and in costume this cold evening making sure that everyone who came to the lodge left with treats and pencils made especially for this event. The front of Adams Lodge was decorated with black gates, grave stones, cob webs and monsters, a clown and a Wizard.
- Submitted by Bro. Eugene Kuhnwald



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<p>Beloit Morning Star Lodge No. 10 229 W. Grand Ave. • 608-362-6073 Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. 1st Wed. only in July & August</p>	<p>Crivitz Tri-County Daylite Lodge No. 218 918 Louisa St. • 715-854-3088 Meet 2nd Wednesdays 10 a.m. Dark January & February</p>	<p>Green Bay Des Peres Lodge No. 85 525 N. Taylor • 920-499-7265 Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Madison Doric Lodge No. 356 5202 Cottage Grove Rd. 608-224-0895 (Sec) • 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>Berlin Berlin Lodge No. 38 124 E. Huron St. • 920-361-9774 (Sec) Meets 7 p.m. 2nd & 4th Thurs. Jan. - Oct., and at 7 p.m. 2nd Thursday only, Nov. & Dec. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Darlington Evening Star Lodge No. 64 433 Wells St. • 608-776-4213 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Green Bay N.E.W. Daylite Lodge No. 360 535 N. Taylor St. • 920-499-7265 Meet 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Madison Four Lakes Daylite Lodge No. 362 301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-2351 Meet 1st Mondays, 7 p.m. (except Sept. 2nd Monday) Dark July & August</p>	<p>Milwaukee Nathan Hale Lodge No. 350 790 N. Van Buren • 262-522-9872 (Sec) Meet 1st Thursday, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Palmyra Palmyra Lodge No. 68 125 N. 3 St. • 262-495-4887 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark January & February</p>
<p>Black Earth Crescent Valley Lodge No. 97 1020 Mills St. • 608-795-4484 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Delavan Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12 1007 S. Second St. • 262-728-6822 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Green Bay Theodore Roosevelt Lodge 322 525 N. Taylor St. • 920-490-9777 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Madison Hiram Lodge No. 50 310 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-0793 Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark 1st Mondays, July - Labor Day</p>	<p>Milwaukee Mineral Point Lodge No. 1 310 High St. • 608-987-3396 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Park Falls Park Falls Lodge No. 300 521 N. 2nd Ave. • 715-762-4043 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p>
<p>Black River Falls Black River Lodge No. 74 314 Main St. • 715-284-2234 Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Dodgeville Dodgeville Lodge No. 119 200-206 W. Chapel St. • 608-935-3548 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Green Bay Washington Lodge No. 21 525 N. Taylor St. • 920-494-5205 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>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 Dousman Lodge No. 315 214 Main St. • 262-593-2647 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Hartford Hartford Lodge No. 120 147 N. Rural St. • 262-673-2074 (Sec) Meet 2nd Monday, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Manitowoc Manitowoc Lodge No. 65 810 Chicago St. • 920-684-4334 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Mondovi Buffalo River 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 & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Dousman Glen L. Humphrey Lodge No. 364 375 Hwy. 67 • 262-965-9390 Meet 2nd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. Dark June</p>	<p>Hayward Keystone Lodge No. 263 511 N. Iowa Ave. • 715-634-4715 Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Marinette Marinette Lodge No. 182 1610 Main St. • 715-735-3515 Meet 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Monroe Smith Lodge No. 31 1613-1/2 Tenth St. • 608-328-4370 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Dark June, July & August</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>Eagle River Eagle River Lodge No. 248 610 E. Division • 715-479-8646 Meet 2nd Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Meets All Year</p>	<p>Hudson St. Croix Lodge No. 56 209 Locust Street • 715-377-0817 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>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 Thursdays, 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 Eau Claire Lodge No. 112 616 Graham Ave. • 715-832-7759 Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Janesville Janesville-Western Star No. 55 2322 E. Milwaukee St. • 608-752-3098 Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Medford Medford Lodge No. 217 150 S. Seventh St. • 715-748-6851 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark January & February</p>	<p>Mukwonago Laffin-St. James Lodge No. 247 206 S. Main St. • 262-363-8926 Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Portage Fort Winnebago Lodge No. 33 111 W. Conant Street • 608-742-6468 Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Meet 2nd Tues. July/Aug. Dark Jan/Feb</p>
<p>Brookfield McKinley Lodge No. 307 4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-781-9907 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Eau Claire George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351 616 Graham Ave. • 715-832-7759 Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Jefferson Jefferson County Lodge No. 9 617 Masonic Blvd. • 920-674-6715 Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>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>	

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Ozaukee Lodge No. 17
504 W. Grand Ave. • 262-284-9978
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Potosi

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

Poynette

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

Prairie du Chien

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

Prairie du Sac

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

Prescott

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

Racine

Racine-Belle City Lodge No. 18
1012 Main St. • 262-633-6658
Meet s1st 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 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
Meets 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 Doboy Drive • 715-468-2251 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Shullsburg

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

South Milwaukee

South Shore Lodge No. 3
1327 Marshall Ave. • 414-294-0851 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Sparta

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

Star Prairie

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

Stevens Point

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

Stoughton

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

Sturgeon Bay

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

Sun Prairie

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

Superior

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

Superior

Superior Lodge No. 236
1503 Bellmap 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, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Tomah

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

Waterloo

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

Waukesha

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

Waupaca

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

Waupun

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

Wausau

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

Wautoma

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

Wauwatosa

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

Wauwatosa

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

Wauwatosa

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

West Allis

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

West Allis

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

West Allis

West Allis Lodge No. 291
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Meet 1st & 3rd Fridays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

West Bend

West Bend Lodge No. 138
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Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

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
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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
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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

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Quarry Notes

William L. Stonecipher, Editor

• **Damascus, Wauwatosa & Waukesha Also Had Three** – We've received some positive feedback from the statement concerning Dodge County Lodge being the only lodge known by the editor to count three Grand Masters among its members.

Brother Curt Campagna, Damascus Lodge No. 290 Secretary, sent me an e-mail explaining that Damascus had three Grand Masters as members, like Dodge County Lodge. He referred me to the Damascus Lodge web site <www.DL290.org> for a brief history that lists the three Past Masters of Damascus members who were Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin: William W. Perry in 1895, Fred L. Wright in 1928, Thomas Loignon in 1933.

Secretary Campagna explained that: "...when PGM Perry entered the Lodge (Damascus) he had already been Grand Master and was Grand Secretary (1901-1927) while in our Lodge, so even though he wasn't Grand Master (while) in our lodge, he is a PGM from our Lodge." He also related that Damascus gave Grand Secretary Perry \$20 worth of cigars annually for a period of time. At 1927 prices that would be a lot of cigars!

It was also brought to my attention that Wauwatosa Lodge No. 267 had multiple Grand Masters among its members. Brother Gordon M. Petersen, a Wauwatosa member, wrote from his home in Arizona that he'd noticed my comment in the Dodge County 150th article that, "To the best of my knowledge, no other Wisconsin lodge can count three Grand Masters among its members." He wrote that Wauwatosa had four: Carl Garmy, James Benz, Allan Iding, and Michael DeWolf (overlooking Carl Wussow). According to the book "Forward Freemasonry," GMs Benz and Iding were plural members of the lodge, and Grand Masters Carl Garmy (1976), Carl Wussow (1993) were primary members. Tosa member Michael DeWolf (2003) served after the book's publication. I suppose this means that Tosa Lodge can boast five Grand Masters as being on their membership rolls!

Brother F. R. "Bob" Winchell, a member of Waukesha Lodge No. 37, in Waukesha, wrote that Waukesha had three GMs among its members too: Willard S. Griswold (1917), Donald E. Krueger (1968) and Robert E. Moore (1989). All three were initiated, passed and raised in Waukesha Lodge.

Thanks to all for adding to the list of lodges who had three or more Grand Masters as members. There may be more lodges who can count Grand Masters with plural memberships, but it is lodges with Grand Masters who were or are primary members that are of interest here.

• **Not The Only User of White House Stone** – When Brother William Barnes, Development Director for the Wisconsin Masonic Charities posed for the cover photo of himself holding the foundation stone from the original White House in Washington DC gifted to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin by then President and Brother Harry S. Truman, he commented that he hoped Past Grand Master Carl Wussow wouldn't mind his using the brick-shaped stone bearing a Mason's mark to illustrate his "Leaving a Mason's Mark—A Legacy for Future Generations" story in the November issue. You see, over the years PGM Wussow has used this same stone as a centerpiece in his well known "Stones" presentation, a wonderfully interesting talk that many brethren have been privileged to hear. I first heard Bro. Wussow's presentation at the 1995 Midwest Conference on Masonic Education when it was held at a Pewaukee hotel and all who heard it found it most interesting.

• **A Truman Encounter** – Brother Harley T. Green, a member of Washington Lodge No. 21, Green Bay, wrote that he'd noticed the article on the brick from the White House in the November issue. He explained that it brought to mind a day in 1961 when he met President Truman in the Truman Library in Independence, Missouri.

"I was on my way from Kansas City to St. Louis and decided to take a little detour and visit the Truman Library. It was fairly early in the morning and there were few people there at the time. As I walked through, I came upon a full wall display of Truman's Masonic memorabilia."

"While intently looking at all of the display, I heard a voice behind me ask, 'Are you a Mason?' I recognized the voice at once and turned to face the former President of the United States. I replied 'Try me?'"

"He broke out in a grin and became a most gracious host," Bro. Green wrote. "We visited for some time as he asked all about me, where I was from, what lodge I belonged to, my family, etc. He also asked me to write my name and address and give it to him. Not knowing why, I complied."

Bro. Green said that several weeks later he received a package from the Truman Library. It contained the book, "Freemasonry and the Presidency of the United States," by Ray V. Denslow and was inscribed to him.

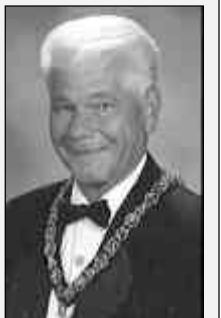
"I will never, ever forget the gentleman and Brother that I met that day."

High Honor to State Mason

SUSSEX – Brother Gene Schaber, a Past Master of the former Kenwood Lodge No. 34 and now a member of George Washington 1776 No. 337, was elected to a two year term as Governor General of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America at the group's annual national convention July 26-29 in Little Rock.

Membership in this prestigious organization is reserved for Masons who are members of all three York Rite Bodies. He is a member of Kenwood-North Shore Chapter No. 90, Royal Arch Masons; Kenwood Council No. 34, Council of Royal and Select Masters; and Palmer-Wauwatosa Commandery No. 51, Knights Templar. Membership in the College is by recommendation. Brother Schaber served as Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters in 1992-93. As Bro. Schaber explained when asked about the offices he has held in the various Masonic organizations to which he belongs, he quipped: "If its past, I'm it."

At present there are three Colleges in Wisconsin: No. 21 in Milwaukee, No. 85 in La Crosse and No. 112 in Oshkosh. In Wisconsin there are between 200-250 members, Bro. Schaber said. There are 199 York Rite Sovereign Colleges in existence with 13,600 members. Colleges are located in all 50 states, all provinces of Canada, and also in the Philippines.



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A Message From MARY MILLARD Director of Fraternal Relations

Presentations Update

Thus far, I have traveled in all directions of the state to give my program about Three Pillars (out west to Ellsworth, up north to Superior, east to Plymouth and down south to Delavan). I have been in one of our oldest Lodge buildings (built in the 1800s) and then later that week in one of the newer buildings (4 years old). No matter the location or age of the building, the "welcoming warmth" was always there. With each presentation, I have succeeded in helping our members to understand what is happening at Three Pillars. Many members have commented to me that this has been very informational. They hadn't realized how much Three Pillars has grown with all our buildings and the services for the residents. Even though I show many pictures of our campus, coming for a personal tour stills gives you a better perspective.

I will not be giving presentations over the holidays, but this is an excellent time to give me a call and schedule a Masonic Night in your area. Either call me at 800.848.5306 or email me at mmillard@threepillars.org if you have any questions. Continue to check our website, www.threepillars.org to get updates on presentations.



Three Pillars hosts
Fourteenth Annual

HALLOWEEN HAUNTED WOODS



Even on a cold, damp evening you can feel the excitement in the air as staff, residents, and volunteers finish the final preparations for the annual Halloween Haunted Woods.

This year's festivities took place on Thursday, October 26th. The free community trick-or-treat is made possible by the generosity of local businesses and community members along with many hours of preparation from staff, residents, and volunteers. Children in fifth grade and younger and their families are welcome to attend. Non-perishable food items are collected at the entrance for the local Food Pantry.

Trick-or-treaters wind through each of the four buildings and the wooded path all decked out in Halloween decorations. Some of this year's themes were the haunted cemetery, spooky junkyard, and the haunted barnyard.

Pictured above are Taryn Fickau, Lifestyles Coordinator; Juanita Mumme, a resident at the Masonic Center for Health & Rehab; Melissa Gibbs, Lifestyles Therapist; and below that are Willard and Jane Tidymen, residents at the Village on the Square. Pictured below are Anne Minett with her daughter Grace Renk on the right and her niece Isabelle Minett on the left.



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In addition, residents can enjoy a variety of concierge services, a hot cup of coffee in our Java Junction coffee café, a family room to entertain family and friends. Residents can also enjoy the many recreational and educational opportunities, services, and amenities across campus, including the Chapel, Café and Deli, and state-of-the-art theatre.

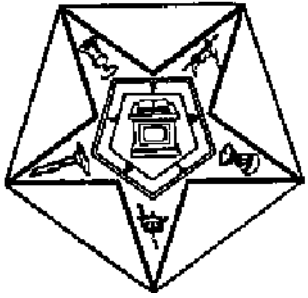


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Order of Eastern Star

From the Worthy Grand Matron

The year 2006 is coming to an end. We look back to the blessings we have received, and are very thankful for what we have accomplished and realize time does not stand still. It takes time and many individuals who look to the future with change so that we will have Wisconsin Order of Eastern Star around in the future.

The Grand Family and District Deputies have traveled many miles in teaching, assisting and supporting the Wisconsin Eastern Star Chapters with schools and officer visits. We thank each one for your dedication to come together and learn as you work together.

As I write this article General Grand Chapter is but a few days away. For myself and perhaps many others it will be the first time attending this special event. Shortly upon returning home from General Grand we will be leaving on the Christmas Tour of Fun-Freedom & Music trip. We will be back to our homes in time to be with our families, for the special national holiday of Thanksgiving which is now behind us as you read this article.

December will be busy with the Grand Family bringing Christmas greetings at Dousman and the all-state Christmas gathering at Wintergreen in Wisconsin Dells. With the many exciting events before the end of the 2006 we do not want to forget the very special event, which took place many years ago, the birth of our Lord Jesus.

As we celebrate Christmas with family and friends gathering together in our homes, with exchanging gifts, memories, and lots of food, let us remember that Jesus Christ is the true reason for Christmas. Remember to keep Christ in your Christmas celebrations. To each one of you, have a very blessed Christmas as we look forward to the year 2007.

The celebrations in January and February will start the year off with a bang throughout Wisconsin. I am looking forward to seeing each one of you as we honor our appointed Grand Officers with a party put on by their Chapters.

For now in Faith and Prayer, Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Helen Wheeler,
Worthy Grand Matron

Sisters and Brothers

If you would like to have information about your chapter meetings, special events, 50-year members, new members or chatter about your chapter printed on this page; please send information for this page 45 days prior to publication date to: Richard Prunuske, W182 S6490 Muskego Dr., Muskego, WI 53150

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From the Worthy Grand Patron

Sisters and Brothers, half of my year is over as being your Worthy Grand Patron. It has been rewarding and I'm looking forward to the next half.

As I have traveled the state I have found that each of you is like a precious snowflake, unique, and different. Like each snowflake in a snowstorm, we build to make a large snowman. So remember you are but one snowflake, but with each of us together we can be that large snowman.

I enjoyed the trip to Branson with many of our sisters and brothers. We had a "Whale of a Good Time." The memories will always remain in my heart.

This is the time of year we spend with family and friends, sitting in front of a warm fire, looking at the beautiful snowfall out our windows, or just sitting and looking at our Christmas tree bright and beautiful. This is the time we remember and thank God for His many blessings and for our loved ones with us and the ones that are with Him in heaven. I too will be thinking of all the wonderful blessings each of you have given to me this year.

My wish to you is that your days be filled with love, true friendship, close family and precious memories. May love and happiness be yours this Christmas and peace in the New Year.

In faith and love,
John J. Knee, WGP

Marvin Engelke Grand Chaplain

Marvin Engelke, better known by Marv, is a member of Alpha Chapter 114, Argyle. He was Associate Patron for a couple of years and has been Worthy Patron for the past 9 years. He is proud to be certified for both offices.

Marv was honored to be appointed Grand Representative of Iowa in Wisconsin in 2003 to 2005.

Marv has fun and enjoys proteming in the Southern Wisconsin Chapters whenever asked. He has protemed the East and the West at Shullsburg, Monroe, Platteville, Linden, Beloit and Lodi Chapters. He is protem Chaplain at Miriam Chapter, Platteville.

Marv is Worshipful Master of Argyle Lodge, and Master of Ceremonies, Council Princes of Jerusalem, Scottish Rite-Valley of Madison. He also is a member of the American Legion, VFW (Past Commander) and the Blanchardville Rod and Gun Club.

Marv has been married to his wife, Elaine, since 1968. They have one daughter, Lisa (Doug) and two grandchildren, Courtney and Alex, who all live in rural Platteville. Marv and Elaine live in Blanchardville. Elaine is retired and Marv works for the State of Wisconsin, Department of Administration. They have two dogs, Emma and Homer. They enjoy their grandchildren, OES, golf, fishing, games and visiting with their family.



Fever River Gospel Team

Front Row (instrumentalists) left to right: Alvin "Buck" Bennett, Bill Esser, Rob Esser, and John Brugger. Back Row (vocalists) left to right: Al Esser, Brother Harold Beals, Bob Bennett, and Wayne Farrey.

Worthy Patron of Miriam Chapter, Platteville Sings Onto The Lord

Brother Harold Beals, retired UW-Platteville Agronomy Professor and long-time Worthy Patron, belongs to the gospel singing group, "The Fever River Gospel Team."

This group sings what it believes, primarily gospel with an occasional secular number. Brother Harold has belonged to the group since 2003, but the core of the group has been singing gospel since 1946. The four original members were Bob and Alvin "Buck" Bennett, the late Lee Bennett, all brothers, and Wayne Farrey. Of the present group, Bill and Al Esser are brothers and Rob is Al's son. Brother Harold is the only Freemason.

The gospel team named their group after the Fever River that begins between Platteville and Belmont and merges with other area rivers to join the Mississippi beyond Galena, IL. Brother Harold's boyhood farm is within 250 yards of the Fever River. The home of the Bennett Brothers was within 1/2 mile and the Esser brothers swam in the summer and skated on the Fever River in the winter when they lived in Benton, WI. The churches to which they belong are part of the same conference and their ages are remarkably alike. If you would like to hear this group as they "sing what they believe," they will be entertaining

February 25, 2007 at Dodge Point Country Club between Dodgeville and Mineral Point for the party in honor of Brother Marv Engelke, Grand Chaplain. Brother Harold may be reached at 608-348-8459 if you have any questions about the Fever River Gospel Team.

Ron Rasmussen, Grand Sentinel

Ron was born in Chicago, Illinois, the eldest of two sons. His father and maternal grandfather were Master Masons. Ron and his wife, Pat, have been married for 47 years and have raised four children. They also have eleven grandchildren.

Ron attended Beloit College and graduated with a BA degree in 1959. He retired in 1999 from Warner Electric as a Senior Buyer. He was raised a Master Mason in Beloit in 1986 and served as Worshipful Master in 1990. During that time he also served as Worthy Patron of Phoenix Chapter where they are perpetual members.

After Ron's retirement they moved to La Valle and became dual members of Queen of Sheba Chapter and transferred his lodge membership to Reedsburg where he is currently serving as Worshipful Master.

Ron served as Worthy Patron six times in Beloit and twice in Reedsburg. He was Grand Representative of Texas and has served on the World of Youth Committee, Masonic Organizations Committee, and three years on the Long-Range Planning Committee. He also served the Grand Chapter in different years as Chairman of the Ushers, Collectors and Tellers.

He is a member of Beloit Chapter Royal Arch Masons and Council of Royal and Select Masters, the Chapter and Council and Commandery in Baraboo. He had the honor to be elected and serve as the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the state of Wisconsin in 2004-2005. He also belongs to the Valley of Madison Scottish Rite, The Red Cross of Constantine, Knights of the York Cross of Honor, the York Rite College, and Zor Shrine.

Ron enjoys spending time with his grandchildren, and being outdoors fishing, hunting, gardening and working in the yard.

Ron and Pat have enjoyed traveling and the many friendships they have made in Eastern Star. Ron appreciates the opportunity to continue his service to our beautiful order.



Star Chapter welcomes more new members

The active and growing Ellsworth Eastern Star Chapter No. 116 initiated four new members at their meeting on October 17, 2006. Pictured left to right are: Worthy Matron Mary Bristol, Worthy Patron Jerry Bristol, and new members Sue Gulbranson, Larry and Carol Fischer and Theresa Odalen. The Eastern Star Chapter in Ellsworth is one of the fastest growing Chapters in the state.

— Photo by Milt Helmer

Grand Representative Parties

You are cordially invited by Ladysmith Chapter to a Hampshire Hog Festival in honor of **ALBERT JENNERMAN, Grand Representative of New Hampshire**, Monday, December 18, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting followed by some classic New Hampshire Vittles! Come in your best Lumberjack Dress! Ladysmith Chapter, 705 East 3rd Street, North (Hwy 8), Ladysmith, WI.

RSVP to: Margaret Jennerman, P. O. Box 35, Ladysmith, WI 54848. Phone (715) 532-7792.

Email: jenner1955@yahoo.com

Kenosha Chapter cordially invites you to an evening honoring **DAVID BEEMAN, Grand Representative of San Paulo, Brazil** and **BRUCE HAUBRICH, Grand Representative of Tennessee** on Thursday, December 14, 2006 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Kenosha Masonic Center, 807 61st Street, Kenosha. Refreshments to follow. Stated meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. RSVP by December 4 to: Craig Wepprecht, 3621 16th Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53140. Phone (262) 914-7810. Email: brewercraig@juno.com

December 2006

- 2 Tripoli Shrine Ceremonial, Tripoli Temple, Milwaukee. Call (414) 933-4700 for information.
- 2 Southwest York Rite Association of Knights Templar Festival of Commandery Orders, Monroe Masonic Center, Order of the Red Cross, Order of Malta and the Order of the Temple. This Commandery York Rite Festival will Honor Sir Knight James Lund, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Wisconsin.
- 5 All Senior DeMolay or Master Mason - You are cordially invited to attend the 80TH ANNUAL MILWAUKEE PROPELLER CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY AND DINNER. The Propeller Club has been meeting annually since 1927 with the sole purpose of bringing Senior DeMolays and Master Masons together in a night of fellowship while supporting DeMolay in Wisconsin. To be held at Tripoli Shrine Temple, 3000 W. Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee. 5:30 p.m. Social Hour, 6:30 Dinner, 7 Meeting, 7:30 - 10:30 Dead Horse Raffles, fellowship and cards. Cost is \$20 each and includes everything. Walk-in's available but limited! Please call President Scott Kaczor at (414) 699-6021 (cell) or e-mail: <SEKaczor@aol.com> for reservations.
- 7 West Bend Lodge No. 138's Santa Klaus Raffle & Dinner at West Bend's Clairmont Inn. Only 125 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. Includes two dinners and many other valuable prizes. Grand Prize is \$1K cash, 2nd prize is \$500, 3rd Prize is \$250. Entertainment will be "SPIN", a top rated Milwaukee area Sweet Adelines quartet. For tickets & reservations contact Bro. Dick Slade at (262) 334-9180 or Bill Stonecipher at (262) 334-4468.
- 9 Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research Annual Mtg. and election of officers, Oconomowoc/Hartland Lodge No. 42, 307 N. Lake Rd., Oconomowoc. Hospitality, 9 a.m. Meeting & Election of Officers at 10 a.m., Lunch at Noon, Installation of Officers, 1 p.m.
- 9 Wisconsin Conference on Masonic Unity, Madison Masonic Center, Madison.
- 13 Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 83 (formerly the Leather Apron Club), First Installation of Officers, Madison Club, Madison. For reservations contact Secretary James Anderson, 644 Mill Run Circle, Sun Prairie, WI 53590 <jeanderson129@aol.com>. \$36 per person. Ladies welcome. Installation begins at 7 p.m. Bach Partitas for Violin performed by violinist Edith Hine at 8 p.m. Dress is Formal.
- 14 WMBAB Mtg., 3 p.m., GMC, Dousman. *

January 2007

- 1 Lake Lodge No. 189, Milwaukee, and The Rafters Restaurant has teamed up to sponsor a New Year's Day fund raiser to benefit the Children's Shriner Hospital, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Scottish Rite 32nd Degree Children's Learning Center, and other Masonic charities. 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person! Volunteers needed. Contact Sr. Warden John Bugajski and his lady Nancy if you wish to help out or donate time or money, or to purchase tickets. John and Nancy can be reached at 414-282-7279 or cell at 414-467-3887. See story on page 3.
- 8 School of Instruction - District 12, Area 5, Wauwatosa Lodge No. 267 - West Allis Masonic Center 7:30 p.m.
- 13 School of Instruction - District 4, Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174, Sturgeon Bay, 9 a.m.
- 16 School of Instruction, District 12, Area 4, Milwaukee-Hamony Lodge No. 261, Milwaukee 7:30 p.m.
- 16 GRAND MASTER'S 2007 TOUR TO VISIT MASONS IN FLORIDA & ARIZONA • January 6, Luncheon in Davenport, FL • January 18, Luncheon in Ft. Myers, FL • March 6, Luncheon in Sun City West, AZ.
- 18 GRAND MASTER'S 2007 TOUR TO VISIT MASONS IN FLORIDA - Luncheon in Ft. Myers, FL.
- 25 5th Annual Robert Burns Table Lodge sponsored by Lake Lodge No. 189 at Lake Masonic Center, 1235 E. Howard Avenue in Milwaukee. Tickets are \$15 each. Program begins promptly at 6 p.m. Ticket deadline is January 15. For reservations please send a check in the amount of \$15 per person to: Bro. Don Hensiak, S74 W20710 Field Drive, Muskego, WI 53150. All Masons invited to attend. See story on page 3.

February 2007

- 1 School of Instruction - District 12, Area 3, Nathan Hale Lodge No. 350, Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
- 5 District 12 School of Instruction, James M. Hays Lodge No. 331 TBD
- 6 School of Instruction, District 2, Area 3, Eau Claire Lodge No. 112, 7 p.m.
- 7 School of Instruction, District 2, Area 3, Sanctuary Lodge No. 347, Eau Claire, 7 p.m.
- 8 School of Instruction, District 12, Area 1, Lake Lodge No. 189, Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
- 9 Full Staff Meeting (GM) Wausau TBD
- 10 Full Staff Meeting (GM) Wausau 9 a.m.
- 11 Full Staff Meeting (GM) Wausau 9 a.m.



Wisconsin's new Attorney General, Republican J. B. Van Hollen, applauds supporters gathered Tuesday evening, November 7 in Waunakee for news of the final outcome of the statewide elections. By 1:15 Wednesday morning returns from the suburban areas of Milwaukee and Waukesha County had put him into the lead for good, allowing him to win election by a margin of about 9,000 votes over Democrat Kathleen Falk. Brother Van Hollen is a member of Ashland's Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 210 and our present Deputy Grand Master. As of this writing it was unclear whether or not his opponent would contest the outcome and request a recount. - Photo by Wm. Stonecipher

