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Doric Lodge members Roy Holm, Trustee and Tiler, and Mitch Custer, P. M., Secretary, reviewed modifications to Doric's remodeling plans on October 10 with Bro. Pat Stors, project architect for the lodge and Chairman of the Grand Lodge Temple Plans and Finance Committee. Doric had to re-submit plans twice to the City of Madison in order to obtain a building permit for Doric's \$200,000 remodeling project. A building permit was granted in early November. Doric purchased a former used car dealership and is converting it into a new lodge home.

Doric Lodge remodeling project moves ahead, slowed by complex permit process

By William L. Stonecipher, Editor
The Wisconsin Masonic Journal

Anyone who has undertaken a remodeling project at home, work, or at Lodge knows that unforeseen challenges can and often do arise. We've all been there.

These occurrences can turn a seemingly straight forward project into a quagmire of unanticipated complications that can throw the project in question off-schedule and add costs that were not budgeted.

This pretty well describes the situation in which the trustees and officers of Doric Lodge No. 356 found themselves when the lodge applied for a building permit from the City of Madison this past August to remodel a former used car dealership on Madison's east side for use as a lodge building.

It was the several modifications to the plans (and associated delays) the lodge encountered with the City of Madison that put the lodge and its project architect through their paces as their plans for the Stoughton Road location worked their way through the permit process.

By the time a building permit was issued during the first week in November, seven city departments had reviewed the plans, resulting in repeated modifications

and re-submittals, according to Brother Pat Stors, project architect and Chairman of the Grand Lodge Temple Building Plans and Finance Committee.

Bro. Stors said that plans were submitted once and then re-submitted twice more to reflect changes required prior to the issuance of the building permit. Most of the requested changes pertained to matters of preference on the part of the City of Madison on how they wanted certain things shown on the drawings. Some changes, however, were not minor.

One change the city required was that the site plan had to show where a number of landscaping islands in the parking lot would be placed, and where the shrubbery to screen the lot from passing traffic on Stoughton Road would be located.

Most troubling, though, not only for Doric Lodge but potentially for the entire Fraternity in Wisconsin, is the requirement that ramps with railings be installed in the lodge room to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA).

Before continuing, we wish to state very clearly that the ADA initiative has been invaluable in making public as well as private buildings, including our lodges, accessible throughout to persons with mobility issues. What

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The Grand Master's Message:

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

Relief: Illuminating Our Second Tenet

The second of Freemasonry's three tenets is relief.

In the Entered Apprentice Degree, relief is "to sooth the unhappy, to sympathize with their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries and to restore peace to their troubled minds."

In common parlance, relief means 'to be there' for people during trying times. This sounds logical and easy enough to understand and practice.

This is also, perhaps, one of the aspects of the Craft that we are best at doing. We in Freemasonry have even taken this tenet to the next step — that step being another common definition of relief which we call charity.

This extension of the call for relief is natural since other parts of our Masonic work call for charity specifically. This is a call that we as an organization have answered in spades.



J. B. Van Hollen,
Grand Master

Individual blue lodges throughout the state do various charitable works, from community service to donations to local causes unique to their localities, and the Grand Lodge for Wisconsin has a scholarship program, a medical fund, the Masonic home and service and assistance for Masons in need. Scottish Rite has Schizophrenia research and the Children's Learning Centers; the York Rite, and other appendant and youth bodies all have charities they support — and then, of course, there is the Shrine. The Shrine has been a very visible "face" of the Fraternity to the public as a prolific fundraiser for its children's orthopedic hospitals and burn centers.

We, as a fraternity, do a tremendous job at relief, but how tremendous a job are we doing as individual Masons?

Many Masons spend their fair share of time or more providing relief in the form of visiting shut-ins, helping other Masons who need assistance, and putting in time helping Masonic widows or volunteering at the V.A. Hospitals. Many others are strong contributors of time and money to one or more of our many Masonic charities.

We are not restricted to Masonic programs, and many brothers serve as Big Brothers, volunteer for the United Way or spend time at their local food pantry. Many more tithe to their church or give to many other charities.

How many of us brethren, however, do none of the above or too little of the above? Can we afford to give a little more of our time or money without causing material harm to ourselves or families? Ask yourself if giving a little more will bring much more happiness, security or improvement in the life of the less fortunate recipient, than your corresponding loss due to that much less time or money.

Selfless giving is what charity and relief are all about. There is nothing in it about us. Service to God and others is our purpose in life.

Nothing in it about us? That almost seems like the anti-American battle cry these days. In this litigious entitlement-oriented society in which we find ourselves, so many of us think we deserve more from our government, our family members and anyone who is seen by us to be at fault for any ill that befalls us. We are not always the best at being responsible for ourselves and our own actions.

It is very difficult for many of us to then take the next step and assist people when we don't owe them anything and are not at all responsible for the bad situations in which they find themselves. When we assume these roles of not only responsibility for ourselves but also that of the well being of others, we are exhibiting the Masonic tenet of relief.

The best relief is that given without credit. If we do it strictly to be noticed, we are doing it for the wrong reasons.

When you truly are a charitable person, however, people will start to take notice. If nothing else, it changes how you act, carry yourself and appear to others. People will see you are a better man without you telling them that you are. They will want what you have. If you live it, they will come.

God bless,
J.B.



Grand Master Visits Zablocki VA Center

Brother Chuck Wallens, Masonic Service Association Representative at the Clement J. Zablocki Veterans Administration Medical Center in Milwaukee, talked about the electric train layout for patients the MSA helped finance. Grand Master J. B. Van Hollen met with administrators, toured the facility and reviewed the activity of MSA volunteers on Thursday, November 8. One of the trains MSA bought is a "The Pack Is Back" engine and two train cars. Please see more on page 2. — Photos by Wm. Stonecipher, WMJ Editor

Grand Master Reviews MSA Effort at Zablocki VA Center

MILWAUKEE — Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin J. B. Van Hollen toured the Clement J. Zablocki Veterans Administration Medical Center at Woods, Wisconsin on Thursday, November 8 to review Masonic Service Association VA Hospital Visitation volunteer work there.

The lodge has provided a dozen of the portable units for use by patients with varying degrees of spinal injury. Steve Rau, a Marquette University Computer Science teacher, is volunteering his services to teach patients how to use

with Denise Jashinsky, Chief of Volunteer Services, Larry Berkeley, Associate Director, and Robert Beller, Director. A highlight of the Grand Master's tour was a visit to the spine unit to learn about the lap-top computer project funded by Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge.

The Grand Master also met briefly

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Grand Master Meets Zablocki VA Leaders

Prior to touring the Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee November 8 the Grand Master joined Past Grand Master Beecher Daniels (left, center), MSA Hospital Visitation Coordinator for Wisconsin, and Brother Chuck Wallens (right), Zablocki Medical Center MSA Representative, in meeting Larry Berkeley, Associate Director (left), Denise Jashinsky, Chief of Volunteer Services, and Robert Beller (second from right), Director. The VA center serves nearly 55,000 veterans yearly. Over 3,000 veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan have been served since 2002. Presently 12 MSA Volunteers from the Milwaukee area serve at Zablocki. "There may be only 12 MSA volunteers, but they generate a lot of funding for this VA center," said Chief of Volunteer Services Jashinsky.



Zablocki MSA Volunteers Recognized

Following the Grand Master's tour of the Zablocki VA Center, he joined MSA volunteers (pictured, not necessarily in order) Phil Freund, Paul Fine, Ron Laux, Milt Rosenberg, Chuck Wallens, Grand Master Van Hollen, Susie Heitkemper, Diane Johnson, Julian Dobran, Phil Zuckerman and Anthony Busalacchi. All of the volunteers are members of Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge. These and others volunteered 1156 hours at Zablocki this past year.

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them for communicating with family and accessing the Internet. More on this Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge project will be carried in the January 2008 issue.

Said Brother Beecher Daniels, "You may be a small group at Zablocki but remember that you are part of the MSA program at three other veterans' facilities in this state." MSA has volunteers at Madison, Tomah and King as well as Zablocki. Receiving special recognition at the

volunteer dinner was 54-year volunteer Susie Heitkemper. She volunteers in nursing staff support at the Zablocki center.

MSA volunteers serve in the library, make coffee for the visitor's lounge, accompany and conduct patients to their various physical therapy and medical appointments, and elsewhere as needed.

The MSA volunteers are part of a force of 850 volunteers at Zablocki from a variety of civic and veterans' organizations. **wmj**

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NOTES FROM THE GRAND LECTURER

By Brother Ronald H. Glauert

MASONIC RITUAL AND ITS DELIVERY

In order for the ritual to have an impression on a candidate or for any of the Brethren, care must be taken in the matter of its rendition.

Most people are inarticulate in one way or another. By this I mean that many of us find it difficult to express ourselves exactly as we would wish.



Ronald H. Glauert
Grand Lecturer

This is not a matter of formal training because some Brethren, even with a higher education find it difficult to express themselves clearly and to the point when speaking.

However, a precise manner of expressing certain truths makes it easy for all engaged in the work of character-building in the course of conferring a degree, for that is precisely what we attempt when conferring a degree. To do this requires that we need to express certain ideas with accuracy.

The Mason without an extensive education and whose occupation does not lead him to consider the exact shades of meanings in words, by use of the ritual, finds himself to be as articulate as is a Brother more fortunate in the matter of formal education.

Furthermore, the ritual, as a bit of spoken English, is distinctive and great in the way it conveys very specific meanings and ideas. It possesses an individuality all its own; if we were to list those characteristics which are outstanding, we might say that the work is both incisive and rugged—incisive because it possesses qualities which cause it to sink into the mind of those who listen; rugged because it has strength in its manner of expression.

We Masons have every reason to be proud of this ritual. It is our heritage, and must be preserved for those who come after us.

Fraternally,

Ron Glauert, Grand Lecturer

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Milton Lodge Raises Three at Outdoor Degree



Milton Lodge Degrees In Cataract

Pictured are many of the 40-plus Master Masons on hand to raise three Fellowcrafts to the sublime degree of Master Mason, one candidate from Valley Lodge in Sparta and two from Milton Lodge in Milton.



Two of Three Master Masons

Brothers Jeremy Huber (left) and Matthew Huber (right) were raised during the second annual outdoor Master Mason Degree held September 8 at a farm in Cataract.



Three Master Masons Raised at Milton Lodge Outdoor Degree

By Brother Mike Huber, Past Master Milton Lodge No. 161

Members of Milton Lodge No. 161 held our second annual outdoor lodge and raised three Master Masons; two are third-generation Master Masons. Lodge was opened at the Huber farm in Cataract, Wisconsin on September 8 at 10:30 a.m. by Deputy Grand Master John W. Wilke.

The gavel was then handed over to Past Master Mike Huber to confer the Master Mason Degree on Brother Justin Pipkin of Valley Lodge No. 60 of Sparta, and Brothers Jeremy and Matthew Huber of Milton Lodge No. 161. Jeremy and Matthew are the sons of Past Master Mike Huber and the grandsons of Albert Huber.

In honor of the event Brother Jeremy received a third-generation Masonic ring and Matthew received his father's (Past Master Mike) gavel. Lunch was served at high twelve. Seven lodges were represented on this beautiful day. Milton No. 161, Union No. 32, Morning Star No. 10, Valley No. 60, Fulton No. 69, Oregon No. 151, Black River Falls No. 74 with about 40 Master Masons present.

Thanks to all who took part in the day and we hope to see you next year at our third annual outdoor lodge. Any lodges wishing to take part in our outdoor degree are welcome. Please contact us if you are interested.

Valley Lodge's Justin Pipkin

Brother Justin Pipkin (left) was congratulated by his Brother brother Erik Pipkin following Brother Justin's raising September 8 at the outdoor degree in Cataract.

The Grand Secretary's Desk

By Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, P.G.M.

End-of-Year Reports, MORI & Video

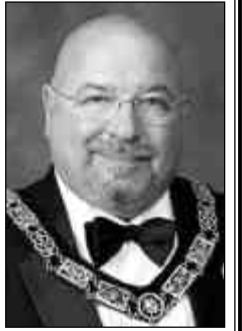
Season's Greetings from all of us at your Grand Lodge Office.

Member Recapitulation Reports Due

The time is now upon us for our end of the year adjustments. Please reconcile the preliminary Annual Membership Report and the Recapitulation Report for your lodge that has been sent from the Grand Lodge office.

Careful attention should be made to any additions or corrections of your membership rolls, keeping in mind that all changes must be made by December 31.

The final Recapitulation Report will be mailed to you in the beginning of January and is based on the information you submitted at the end of the year. It is not too early to begin preparing for your Annual Financial Statement. This statement is due in the Grand Lodge Office no later than February 15, 2008. It is very important that your statement be filed on time. This information makes up part of the Grand Lodge's 990 Consolidated Tax Filing and delays in receiving the information on time create additional expense for all. Your timely attention to this report is greatly appreciated.



Michael A. DeWolf, PGM
Grand Secretary

MORI Update

As of this date your Grand Lodge office has been running on the new MORI system for 90 days and we are very pleased with the results. We also have 12 lodges in Wisconsin that have been operating on the system for the last 30 days. These lodges are working as beta test sites to make sure all is working smoothly prior to the general release in January 2008. Many of these Secretaries will also assist in the training and support of new Secretaries as the system is rolled out.

MORI Training Announced

The MORI training dates and locations for January and February of 2008 are: January 12, 2008 – Oshkosh; January 19, 2008 – Milwaukee; February 2, 2008 – Wausau. The training classes are open to lodge secretaries only, and are limited to 10 participants. You may pre-register by e-mailing me at <mdeWolf@charter.net> or by phone at 800-686-0070. Additional classes will be offered in various cities around the state throughout the year. Keep watching this column for more dates and locations.

Freemasonry and The Fabric of America Video

The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin in conjunction with the Scottish Rite Northern Masonic Jurisdiction has re-released the video by Brother Lee Sherman Dreyfus. The Supreme Council has done a wonderful job editing the video, shortening the length and adding more visual effects. In return for the use of the material the Supreme Council is making a copy available to each lodge in Wisconsin. Please contact Cheryl at the Grand Lodge Office at 800-242-2307 if your lodge would like to receive a copy. Any individual who would like a copy may contact Beth McSweeney of the Supreme Council at <bmcSweeney@supremecouncil.org>.

On behalf of Jan, Alicia, Cheryl and myself we wish each of you a joyous holiday season.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, Grand Secretary

As always, should you have any questions please feel free to call me at 800-686-0070 or by e-mail at <grandsecretarywi@charter.net>.

Craig Conklin raised at Mineral Point as 50-plus witness degree



Mineral Point Lodge Raises Rev. Craig Conklin

Mineral Point No. 1, on August 27, conferred the Master Mason Degree on Brother Craig Conklin, Pastor of the Blanchardville-Argyle area United Methodist Churches. More than 50 area Masons attended the degree (pictured above, right). Attending Bro. Conklin's raising (shown above) were his uncle, Dean Conklin, from Winthrop, Minnesota; Reverend Craig Conklin; his father, Roger Conklin, from Wheeler, Wisconsin; and Mineral Point Worshipful Master Ray Paynter. The Rev. David Ritchie, Grand Chaplain, was also present. – Submitted by Bro. Bill Buckingham, Mineral Point Master



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Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge funds state-of-the-art premature infant care unit
 Brothers Chuck Wallens (left), Al Leeb, Norm Christensen and Lowell Scott (back to camera) listened as Aurora NICU nurses explained the features of the Giraffe Omni-Bed at the fund raising kick-off event October 11.

Wisconsin Masonic Foundation matches funds:

Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge pledges \$25K to buy \$50K Giraffe Isolette for Aurora Sinai-Samaritan

By Wm. Stonecipher, Editor
 Wisconsin Masonic Journal

MILWAUKEE – Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge No. 261 has committed to funding the purchase of the first state-of-the-art Giraffe Omni-Bed neo-natal intensive care incubator for Aurora's Sinai-Samaritan Medical Center's Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) in Milwaukee.

The announcement was made by Brother Jack Keys, spokesman for the Milwaukee-Harmony Foundation, and Brother Norm Christensen, Wisconsin Masonic Foundation President, at the October 11 "Project Nikki" fund raising launch event at the Milwaukee County Zoo's Peck Pavilion.

Project Nikki's goal is to secure funding for eight of the isolettes which permit a premature infant with a minimum of approximately 26 weeks of gestation to grow in an protected womb-like environment where the baby can continue developing as it would in the mother.

The Nikki unit allows nurses to care for the infant's needs from birth until it can survive on its own, which can occur when the child reaches approximately 5 pounds in weight. The units cost \$50,000 each.

The Milwaukee-Harmony Foundation committed to purchasing one of the Giraffe Omni-Bed units over five years with matching funds from

the Masonic Foundation. Between the two entities \$10,000 per year has been pledged.

Said Wisconsin Masonic Foundation President Norm Christensen during the gift presentation, "We're privileged to help share the greatest gift that our God gave us, the gift of life."

Speaking on behalf of the Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge Foundation Brother Jack Keyes expressed the lodge's pride as well as pleasure at being the first to commit to funding the first Giraffe unit as part of Project Nikki.

Also, it was announced that Clear Channel Outdoor & Clear Channel Radio has committed to funding for the purchase of the second Giraffe Omni-Bed isolette.

Dr. Jeffrey Garland, Aurora's NICU Director at Sinai-Samaritan, said that each year the unit serves about 360 premature infants and that the Giraffe Omni-Beds will provide "one home, post-natal for premature deliveries." *wmj*

On Our Cover

Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge No. 261 members Jack Keys, Chuck Wallens, Lowell Scott, Al Leeb and Martin Freeman were joined by Masonic Foundation President Norm Christensen (left to right) as they gathered around a Giraffe "NIKKI" neo-natal intensive care unit just like the one Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge is committed to purchasing over five years with matching funds from the Masonic Foundation. With them were Aurora NICU nurses Megan Sorenson, (left) and Nicole Blohowiak. The picture was taken at the October 11 "NIKKI" fund raising kickoff event at the Milwaukee Zoo's Peck Pavilion. The units cost \$50,000 each.



Announcing Donation

Milwaukee-Harmony Foundation spokesman Jack Keyes expressed the lodge's pride at being the first group to commit funding for the purchase of the first Giraffe Omni-Bed isolette as part of Project Nikki. Milwaukee-Harmony is partnering with our Masonic Foundation to buy the \$50,000 unit over five years. Masonic Foundation President Norm Christensen (left) also spoke.

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News of the Lodges

Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin

Date is Saturday, December 29:

Ozaukee Lodge No. 17 Schedules "Masters Feast" Medieval Dinner

PORT WASHINGTON – Ozaukee Lodge No. 17 will again be holding the "Masters Feast" Medieval Dinner.

The date for the Masters Feast this year is Saturday, December 29. Lords, their ladies, and attendants will be received at 6 p.m. The Masters Feast will begin at 6:30.

The event will be held at the Port Washington Masonic Center, 504 W. Grand Ave., in Port Washington.

Musical entertainment during the feast will be provided by Lady Tanya and Lady Abby of the South Land (Lisle, Illinois – both now attending William Woods University). Guests at the previous feast held in December 2005 will remember the excellence of their musical offerings. These lasses are very talented young ladies and just happen to be Brother David Tainter's nieces.

Guests will also have special entertainment by Dan Kirk, "The Juggling

Jester," a repeat performer from the last dinner. Dan is also known as the juggler with the yellow shoes.

The cost is a paltry \$15.00 per person. Seating at the trestle tables is limited so, Lords and Ladies, place your reservations early.

The menu will include generous portions of fare fit for a king and queen cheerfully presented by local serving wenches in traditional banquet fashion. Those who attended the 2005 dinner can attest to the excellence of the fare. Medieval Dress is highly encouraged.

Reservations and checks are to be made payable to Ozaukee Lodge No. 17 and sent to:

Brother David E. Tainter

1027 W. Lincoln Ave

Port Washington, WI 53074

Call Dave at 262-689-2848 with any questions.

Mark your calendars today!

Santa Klaus II Raffle & Dinner Is Set for Tuesday, Dec. 11

Only 150 Tickets Will Be Sold – 1st Prize is \$1,000

WEST BEND – West Bend Lodge No. 138, West Bend, will hold its second annual Santa Klaus Raffle fund raiser on Tuesday, December 11.

Successful in the event's inaugural year in 2006, ticket sales this year will be strictly limited to the first 150 persons who purchase tickets.

The raffle's Grand prize is \$1,000 cash. The second cash prize is \$500. A third prize is \$250.

In addition to these three cash prizes, there will be a silent auction featuring a wide variety of products, services and art. A 50/50 cash drawing will give attendees an additional opportunity to enjoy the evening and profit thereby.

Well-known West Bend woodworker, Brother Don Clement, will have several of his handcrafted artisan bowls offered for bidding.

Offered also in the silent auction will be a 30 minute air tour of the scenic Kettle Moraine and West Bend lakes area.

Tickets are priced at \$100 each and include two dinners, with a choice of two entrees: beef tenderloin or baked cod fillets. There will be a cash bar.

The Santa Klaus II dinner and drawing will be held at the Clairemont Inn, 2520 W. Washington Street (Highway 33) in West Bend. Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner beginning at 7 p.m. Evening entertainment is planned.

The cut-off for ticket sales is Wednesday, December 5. Tickets will be held at the door. Persons need not be present to win.

Because time is short, if you would like to attend, please contact Bro. Richard Slade, West Bend Lodge Past Master, at 262-334-9180 to reserve your ticket. Checks are to be made payable to West Bend Lodge No. 138 and mailed to PO Box 422, West Bend, WI 53095.

Thoughts for The Journey

By Grand Chaplain David Ritchie

Give the Gift of a Personal Visit

"At this festive time of year," wrote Charles Dickens, "it is most desirable that we should make some slight provision for the poor and destitute who suffer greatly at this time. Many thousand are in want of common necessities, hundreds of thousands are in want of common comfort, sir... a few of us are endeavoring to raise a fund to buy the poor some meat and drink and means of warmth. We choose this time because it is a time, of all others, when Want is keenly felt, and Abundance rejoices. What shall I put you down for?"



Rev. David Ritchie
Grand Chaplain

Starting right before Thanksgiving and running through the end of the year, we seem to yearn to do good unto others. We happily put something into the "bell ringer's" kettle, food drives are everywhere, and we happily do our part when the hat is passed at work. It feels good to help someone who is down on their luck. It is at this time of year when we believe that in this land of abundance no one should go without. These are wonderful things. We do, as Dickens wrote, "...choose this time because it is a time, of all others, when Want is keenly felt and Abundance rejoices."

Brethren, there is a hunger, though, that cannot be satisfied by food drives or by cash. It is not a hunger of the belly, but a hunger of the spirit. It is called loneliness. It is suffered by so many.

The wealthy suffer along with the poor, the elderly along with the young. In the dark days of early Wisconsin winter the basic need for friendship and family seems to magnify.

The college kid away from home for the first time sits in his dorm room thinking of the family and the traditions in which they are taking part. The soldier in foreign lands who is away from everything he holds dear, everyone he loves, everything he is willing to die for, they all seem so far away. The widow in her empty home that was once filled with children, and noise, and "him".

The elder who sits now in his chair in the home thinking how different this time of year used to be and the people, now missing, that he once shared them with. They all suffer from loneliness and this is "a time, of all others, when Want is keenly felt..."

This hunger will not go away by putting a can of soup into a box or a little cash into a kettle.

The currency here, as well as the cure, is time. Give that college student a call or invite him to your home for dinner. Write, e-mail, send a care package, or the hometown paper to that soldier.

Stop by and visit with the widow. (I know many lodges deliver fruit baskets to Masonic widows at this time of year, please make a visit part of the gift. The need for someone to talk to probably outweighs their need for apples and oranges.) The elder in the nursing home, assisted living center, or apartment drop in and visit with them. You would be amazed how many of the people in these places PROUDLY wear rings with the Square and Compass or a star engraved on them.

It has often been said, that time is money. I disagree. In today's world time can be more valuable than money. To the lonely, your time is a gift of great importance. Give it as freely as you can.

When you stop and visit with another human being it is amazing how often we find that the gift we meant to give away is given right back. It feels good to help others. Give yourself a gift. For it is a time, "...of all others, when Want is keenly felt, and Abundance rejoices. What shall I put you down for?"

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



Ft. Winnebago Lodge Recognizes Years of Service

Ft. Winnebago Lodge No. 33 in Portage recognized Brethren who believe in the concepts of Masonry, with their many years of service to the Fraternity by the lodge and the Grand Lodge. Those pictured, from left to right, are 60-year award recipients Sydney Jones, Robert Swan, Arthur Swan and presenter Richard Black, PGM; and 50-year award recipients Kenneth Whaley and George McQueen.

Fort Winnebago Lodge Honors Longtime Members for Service to the Fraternity

By Bro. Brad Macfarlane, Worshipful Master
Fort Winnebago Lodge No. 33

Ft. Winnebago Lodge No. 33 in Portage recently observed the recognition of Brethren who believe in the concepts of Masonry with their years of service to the Craft, our lodge and the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

Dinner was served to guests and family members at 6 p.m. and the ceremony commenced at 7:30 p.m.

Honored for 50 years each of service to the Craft were: George Mc Queen, Jr., Kenneth Whaley and Nicholas Grapsas. Honored for 55 years each were Eugene Hahn, Thomas Hawkos and Irving Hagen. Honored for 60 years were Arthur Swan, Robert Swan and Sydney Jones.

An aggregate total of 495 years in Masonry was compiled by these nine gentlemen. Seven additional brethren were also cited for their membership ranging from 25 years to 45 years in Masonry. They were: Todd Bennett, 25 years; Peter Lerum, 40 years; Don Sutfin, 45 years; Richard Strauss, 40 years; James Davis, 45 years; Larry Taft, 30 years; and Brad Macfarlane, 30 years.

Past Grand Master Richard Black officiated for the award presentations. The ceremony was conducted by Master Brad Macfarlane, Senior Warden Michael Statz, and Junior Warden Tyson Swan. The entertainment for the dinner was provided by Brother Erling Landsverk. *umj*

Job's Daughters Grand Guardian Council Heads

Laura Slavik, Past Honored Queen of Bethel 24, Appleton, and Past Guardian of Bethel 44, Sun Prairie, and Michael Allen, Associate Bethel Guardian of Bethel 64, Menomonee Falls, are the new Grand Guardian and Associate Grand Guardian of the Grand Guardian Council of Wisconsin Job's Daughters International. They took office at the 79th Annual Session held in Neenah recently. The Youth Page will return next month.



Brother Ed Ganske, Sr., at 90 Years Is Still Working In The Craft

Shell Lake-Spooner Lodge No. 221 recognized Edward C. Ganske, Sr., on his 90th birthday. Brother Ganske assisted in the evening's degree work by giving both the 2nd and 3rd section lectures of the Entered Apprentice degree for two candidates. Certificates of recognition were presented to Brother Ganske by GM Van Hollen, and area lodges thanking him for his years of service by helping lodges with degree work. Pictured above, sitting, is Edward Ganske. Standing left to right are: Arby Humphrey, District 1 Deputy; Robert Scheff, Shell Lake-Spooner Master; Brothers Gerry Winch and William Odell; and Frank Struble, District 2 Deputy.

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Scripture Readings: The Fellowcraft Degree

A Short Talk Bulletin

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SCRIPTURE READINGS (1ST DEGREE)

By Wade D. Bridges, P.M.
Georgia Lodge of Research

This Short Talk Bulletin for October 2007 was taken from a paper by Bro. Wade D. Bridges, P.M., of the Georgia Lodge of Research. In the entire paper the scripture readings for all three degrees were explained.

This portion of the paper deals only with the Scripture lesson of the 2nd Degree. The paper was published in Vol. XIX, Transactions 2005, Georgia Lodge of Research.

(Note: This paper has been compiled from a set of three by W Bro. Wade D. Bridges, P.M. of Georgia Lodge of Research, who expressly asserts they are not his original work but a compilation of, and commentary on, the work of others. Unless otherwise stated, Bible references are to the Standard King James Version.)

THE FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE Amos 7: verses 7-8

Verse 7: Thus he shewed me, and behold, the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand.

Verse 8: And the Lord said unto me 'Amos, what seest thou?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then said the Lord, 'Behold, I will set a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel. I will not again pass by them anymore.'

SCRIPTURAL BACKGROUND Historical

God delivered the nation of Israel from slavery in Egypt about 1270 B.C. by many miracles, signs and wonders including:

1. The Egyptian plagues;
2. The parting of the waters of the Red Sea;
3. Moses' meeting with God on Mount Sinai to receive the stone tablets containing the Ten Commandments;
4. Bringing water from a rock to quench their thirst;
5. Giving them manna from heaven for food;
6. Not letting their clothes wear out in forty years;
7. Parting the waters of the Jordan River;
8. Bringing them into the land of Canaan, the Promised Land and defeating the idol worshippers who lived there.

Despite all these and many other miracles, the Israelites continued to be an obstinate and disobedient people. God tried on numerous occasions to bring them back into fellowship with Him, but the Israelites always reverted to their wicked ways.

Prior to the reign of King Jeroboam I, the Israelites were involved in Baal worship. Jeroboam instituted the Golden Calf worship in an effort to discourage the Israelites from making pilgrimages to Jerusalem. The northern kingdom of Israel was in continual fear the worship of Yahweh in the capital of Judea would cause the people to turn their sympathies to the southern kingdom.

In 783 B.C., Jeroboam II ascended to the throne, ruling Israel for forty years. Jeroboam II achieved great military success, expanding the borders of Israel as far as they had ever been (2 Kings 14:25-28). The nation was prosperous, but its prosperity was based on selfishness, unfairness

to the poor (Amos 4:1, Amos 5:11), robbery, theft and murder. The people practiced only a token worship of God, but they perverted true worship by paying homage to pagan gods and idols. There was a complete lack of mercy and justice and absolutely no regard for human life. Israel was still involved in the worship of Baal and the Golden Calf, which Jeroboam II encouraged. The Israelites had sunk to an all time moral and spiritual low.

Amos, the Man

Amos was one of the lesser prophets of the Old Testament. He was a shepherd and a 'tender' of sycamore (fig) trees in and around Tekoa, a small village about 10 miles south of Jerusalem in the Judean highlands. Amos is the earliest prophet of the Old Testament whose actual writings we possess. He preached to the northern kingdom of Israel (ca. 750 B.C.).

Amos prophesied during the reign of Jeroboam II of Israel. Amos faced opposition from the religious establishment of Baal and Golden Calf worship in Bethel. The priest Amaziah criticized Amos for his prophecy, claiming it was politically motivated and part of a Judean conspiracy to overthrow Jeroboam II.

Amos responded to this charge by Amaziah by restating his occupation and the fact he was not a professional prophet, but only following God's call. Professional prophets were common throughout Israel's history. They would proclaim oracles from God for profit, or attempt to divine the future for a fee. Most were false prophets who only proclaimed what the people wanted to hear (Jeremiah 6:13-14). Not only was Amos not a professional, but he was not even a student prophet or "son of a prophet". Instead, he was given a special call by God, which he shares in Amos 7:15.

Briefly put, Amos' message was to warn the people of Israel, that unless they worshiped and obeyed God and created a just society, they would be destroyed. True to form, the people of Israel, being complacent in their prosperity, did not heed Amos' warning. As a result, Jerusalem was destroyed, and the people enslaved in Assyria in 722 B.C.

STRUCTURE OF THE BOOK OF AMOS

The Oracles Against the Nations (Chapters 1-2)

The book of Amos starts with a series of oracles from God proclaiming the sins and punishments of various nations. The oracles follow a very specific pattern. But as interesting as what is part of the formula, is what is not part of the formula. Previous prophetic judgments nearly always included a call for repentance. The purpose of prophecy is always to move people to change their ways to avoid punishment. But these judgments on the nations do not make a call for repentance.

For that reason, many Biblical scholars believe this is because these messages were not actually spoken directly to the various nations. Rather, this is part of Amos' message to Israel. The structure and message of the book would tend to support this belief. The nations chosen are all the nations surrounding Israel. The primary sin mentioned for each of the nations is their inhuman treatment of people. In each case, pun-

ishment was inevitable and irrevocable.

The Israelites would have been drawn in to these prophecies, agreeing with Amos' conclusions and welcoming the punishment. When Amos completes this with the condemnation of Israel, his listeners would be forced to make the same conclusion: they had sinned in their treatment of people, and punishment would be inevitable and irrevocable. These are the major themes of the book.

The Word against Israel (Chapter 3-6)

Amos then elaborates on this condemnation of Israel in the succeeding chapters. He proclaims God's Word against Israel, listing their sins and detailing their impending punishment.

In the middle of this, Amos shares a lament for Israel's destruction, and then calls the people to repent. He then gives his invitation to repentance. This is his only invitation in the book, and is placed strategically in the center of the book. The call is to seek the Lord and live. Punishment may be imminent and inevitable. But here Amos states that by seeking God and forsaking the pursuit of false religion, the punishment may be revocable.

The Visions (Chapters 7-9)

The book finishes with a series of five visions revealed to Amos. After the first two visions (locusts and fire), God relents after Amos' plea for mercy. In the second two visions (plumb-line and summer fruit), Amos does not make a plea, nor does God relent. The people are off the plumb-line and now the Lord refuses to relent. The final vision, that of the Lord himself at the altar, proclaims their destruction, and then finishes with hope of restoration.

INTERPRETATION

The scripture selection for the Second Degree is far less direct than that for the First Degree. Initially, upon hearing this Scripture, a Mason will notice the plumb-line in the passage and suppose that was the reason for its selection. Otherwise, one may presume that this scripture is just a vague promise by God that he would never overlook his people, that he would ever protect them. 'I will never again pass them by.'

In the Seventh Chapter, Amos describes four visions shown to him by God. In this vision God represents to Amos the judgments he is about to bring upon Israel for their many iniquities.

In the first vision (7:1-3), God fashions a plague of locusts to devour the land. Amos pleads for Israel on the grounds of its weakness and God relents. In the second (7:4-6), God prepares destruction by fire. Amos makes the same plea and again God relents. The Fellowcraft scripture (Amos 7:7-8) is the third vision of Amos. The fourth of the visions (8:1-3) alludes to the inevitable result of failure. Using the image of the last fruits of summer, proverbially small and stunted, the prophet points to the immediacy of the end.

It is this ominously unspoken element of the other three visions that make our passage so particularly powerful. We receive only one of the four, in isolation, but we are supposed to know and understand the implications of the others. Ours is like an unresolved harmony in a musical cadence, pointing to a resolution that

we by our actions must avert. The last vision goes beyond the simple statement of urgent need to give us a glimpse of the resulting catastrophe. It is a glimpse of the future, all the more emphatic and chilling, for remaining implicit only.

The Lord standing upon a wall made by a plumb-line signifies the laws and commandments He has communicated to the people of Israel to build them into a just and upright nation. The plumb-line in His hand symbolizes the strict justice He will visit upon them according to their iniquities. The phrase, "I will not again pass by them anymore," is an indication that God will no longer show them any mercy in His administration of justice.

The underlying theme of this Scripture as it applies to the Fellowcraft Degree is to admonish the candidate that he is now crossing the threshold from youth to manhood.

As a man and a loyal member of the Masonic Fraternity, he will be more strongly bound to the Fraternity by strict moral guidelines.

Likewise, as an adult member of society, he will be expected to exemplify the highest standards of behavior and uphold the civil laws.

As an Entered Apprentice, the candidate was introduced to the most basic moral principles — loyalty, trust and charity — which serve as the foundation upon which to build strong relationships. His development as a Fellowcraft will expose him to greater responsibilities that require a stronger discipline.

Note that the Lord set a plumb-line in the midst of his people Israel. He did not intend to judge them by a plumb-line from afar, but here, here in the midst of them. This should be of great interest to the Fellowcraft Mason, since it teaches him how he should judge his own work and, just as important, how he should judge the work of others.

Plumb-lines all hang alike; all Plumbs, like all Squares and all Levels, are equally accurate. Yet a man may use a tool, thinking it accurate, which to another man is not true.

The builders of the Washington Monument and the Eiffel Tower in Paris both used plumb-lines accurate to the level of the latitude on which these structures stand. Both are at right angles with sea level. Yet, to some observer in space or on the moon, equipped with a strong telescope, these towers would not appear parallel.

As they are in different latitudes they rise from the surface of the earth at an angle to each other. Doubtless the engineers on each project were certain that the construction on his tower was true and accurate. But since they aren't parallel each to the other, how are we to judge the builders? The Great Architect, we may hope, would think both right, knowing each was perfect by the plumb by which it was erected.

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 debarred 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

Thus the lesson from Amos is that we are to judge our work by our own plumb-line, not by another's; if we erect that which is good work, true work, square work by our own working tools, working tools provided by God — in other words, by our own standard — we will do well. Only when a Fellowcraft is not true to his own God-inspired conscience is he building that which is defective.

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Oregon Lodge No. 151 Officers for 2007 – Picture Misplaced

We are publishing this picture of Oregon Lodge officers for this past year, with our apology. They were installed on December 16, 2006, and the picture was received on March 25 and subsequently misfiled. Pictured front row from left to right: Dennis Erfurth, P.M., Chaplin and Trustee; Donald Haugen, P.M., Treasure; Edward Showers, Senior Warden; Kenneth Haugen, Worshipful Master; Mike Nelson, P.M., lodge member; and Robert Markham, P.M., Junior Deacon. In the back row from left to right: Richard Richardson, P.M., Lodge Counselor; John Wilke, then Senior Grand Warden, Installing Master; Mark Nelson, P.M., lodge member; and Charles Nelson, P.M., Installing Marshal. We look forward to publishing a picture of their 2008 officers. – Submitted by Bro. Kenneth Haugen, Oregon Lodge Master



Where Are The Widows Sons?

One of our many events this summer was at the Tripoli Shrine Hospital Benefit Ride for the Shrine Hospital in Chicago held in Milwaukee on August, 25, 2007. A few of our members who participated included from left to right: Brian Graff, Dale Graven, Jr., Dennis Wilson, Dennis McNulty, Curt Compagna, Don O’Kray, and Chris Favero. As a member of the Widows Sons Motorcycle Association all our information can be found at www.widowssons.org. – Submitted by Bro. Curt Compagna <ccompagna@wi.rr.com>



Owen Lodge Places Legacy Stone at High Ground

Owen Masonic Lodge No. 317 took part in a very impressive ceremony this past summer at the most patriotic venue known as “The High Ground Veterans Memorial Park” near Neillsville, Wisconsin. On August 4 members of Owen Lodge sponsored and placed a legacy stone in the walkway with the inscription: “Owen Masonic Lodge No. 317 Brethren Remembered.” The legacy stone was placed as a tribute to past and current members of the Lodge who served in various branches of the Military and need to be remembered for the many sacrifices made by them in times of conflict. Pictured holding the legacy stone on the day it was placed, from left to right, were Brothers Paul Stasek, Jack Voter, Vernon Smith, Anthony Ring, Leslie Himes, Robert Bredlau, Charles Edgar, Frank Olszewski and James Oehler. – Submitted by Bro. Frank R. Olszewski, Masonic News Hawk

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Rolf and Lynette Kurandt with the plaque expressing the deep appreciation of Juneau County Lodges at the surprise presentation August 17 meeting in Camp Douglas.

Rolf & Lynette Kurandt honored by Juneau County Masons for unselfish support

CAMP DOUGLAS – Representatives of Juneau County Masonic Lodges joined together October 17 in Camp Douglas to honor the many years of service to the Craft and to the community by brother Rolf Kurandt and his wife, Lynette.

Members of Northern Light Lodge No. 81, Mauston; Juneau Lodge No. 103, New Lisbon; and Camp Douglas Lodge No. 272 held a special meeting to surprise the Kurandts and present them with a plaque created for the occasion.

The inscription on the plaque proclaimed that as a testimonial of sincere appreciation, it was “Presented to Rolf and Lynette Kurandt in Honor and with Deep Appreciation of Distinguished, Unselfish, and Professional Service Given to All People and Organizations as well as All Masonic Bodies.”

Brother Kurandt and his wife Lynette established the well-known Target Bluff German Haus restaurant in Camp Douglas in 1959.

Over the years, Brother Rolf and Lynette have served the various Masonic bodies through both membership and their support. Additionally, they are widely known as good citizens and active participants in the affairs of their community, the state and the wider world. Among his many achievements, Rolf is a six-time Past Master of the Camp Douglas Lodge and a former District Deputy.

– Submitted by Bro. Leo V. Clark



District 2 Gets Back to Basics Brother Dan Walters Honored at Fall Meeting

The Lodge at Menomonie was packed with Masons from District 2 on Tuesday, October 30 for the annual fall district meeting of lodge officers from all around west-central Wisconsin. Newly appointed District 2 Deputy Frank Struble was in charge of the two-hour session which featured a Power Point presentation about getting back to the basics of Freemasonry as outlined by the Grand Master at the Grand Lodge Communication this past June.

Struble also asked for opinions from the brothers concerning a Grand Lodge proposal to standardize degree costs. Feedback from the assembled brothers indicated that they were in favor of a set minimum but not in favor of uniform degree costs statewide. They felt the local lodges were in the best position to set their own fees. Recent surveys showed the average costs of bringing a brother from Entered Apprentice to Master was around \$170.

Brother Hank Paulson of Hudson gave a presentation on the life and times of Albert Pike, the author of a book called “Morals and Dogma.” Pike, says Paulson, was not only a Master Mason, but a general in the Civil War and was considered a foremost author, journalist and political activist of his time.

District Deputy Struble also announced the testing and training sessions for the new MORI computer system was progressing as planned. Bill Beecher, Junior Grand Steward, presented Dan Walters with a special plaque naming him the District Mason of the Year. Deputy Grand Master John W. Wilke was present to add his congratulations to Dan on a job well done.

Pictured above following at the District 2 Fall Meeting in Menomonie are, left to right: Bill Beecher, Grand Junior Steward; Brother Dan Walters, District 2 Mason of the Year; John W. Wilke, Deputy Grand Master; and Frank Struble, District 2 Deputy.

– Photograph and story by Brother Milt Helmer



Regulations Complicate Doric Lodge Project

Doric Lodge Trustee Roy Holm (left) and Secretary Mitch Custer stand where the Master will be stationed in the East when Doric members meet in their new lodge when it is completed in late January or early February of 2008. Unless exempted from ADA accessibility requirements imposed by the City of Madison, Doric officers will be sitting “on the level” instead of on the usual stepped platforms in the South, West and East. The city is requiring that permanent ramps with railings be installed leading to each raised platform. Brother Pat Storrs (right), Chairman of the Grand Lodge Temple Building Plans and Finance Committee and architect for the project, stands where the ramp with railings would have to begin to permit handicapped access to the three-step dais in the East if the raised platforms are installed. If enforced in Madison, the ruling could become a standard ADA requirement for all similar situations in lodges statewide once certain cost-of-project thresholds are crossed. Madison’s interpretation also calls for dedicated seating space for handicapped persons and one attendant, if needed, on the sidelines. – Photography by Wm. Stonecipher, Editor

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the City of Madison is requiring, however, is an altogether different matter that goes well beyond external access to the building, internal access to modified toilet facilities (as well as other amenities), elevator access to multiple levels and removal of obstacles to internal circulation.

Storrs explained that in Wisconsin, it is the Safety and Buildings Division of the State Department of Commerce which oversees ADA compliance, with the exception of the cities of Madison and Milwaukee. These two municipalities handle their own ADA compliance matters, and Madison is requiring Doric Lodge to install permanent, railed ramps leading to the elevated Wardens’ platforms in the South and West, and to the Master’s station in the East. This requirement has serious implications for all lodges, not just Doric.

Here’s how this regulation will affect lodge room layout. The elevation requirement for the ramps is 1 foot of linear travel for each inch of platform rise at each Warden’s station and the East. This would mean that a ramp of 7 feet would be required

leading to the Jr. Warden’s station; a ramp of 14 feet leading to the Sr. Warden’s platform; and a ramp of 21 feet leading to the Worshipful Master’s three-step platform. These ramps must be railed on both sides and must be a minimum of 36 inches in width between them. Also, the ramps must be permanent.

Why is this important to any other lodge in Wisconsin?

Brother Storrs is concerned because should this interpretation of ADA accessibility by the City of Madison that a Masonic Lodge incorporate ramps, this requirement will automatically become part of the master ADA database in Wisconsin.

This means that when a lodge applies for a building permit for a major remodeling project or purchases an existing property for a lodge that constitutes a change in use, this railed ramp requirement will be shown as an ADA accessibility requirement.

There are some qualifying thresholds in cost, based on the relationship of the cost of accessibility compliance to the total cost of improvements, and there is also an order of preference that comes into play. These revolve around what is known as

the Disproportionality Clause that can require that up to 20 percent of the cost of a remodeling or construction project be dedicated to ADA accessibility issues.

Ramps are relatively inexpensive, Storrs said, and can easily fall within this 20 percent range if other ADA access requirements have already been satisfied.

“If other access issues cost more than the 20 percent limit, then the order of priorities will be adjusted downward to ensure that 20 percent will be spent if this ruling is allowed to stand,” Architect Storrs pointed out. The costs associated with ADA compliance improvements are cumulative and will carry over from one project to the next.

As things now stand, Brother Storrs sees the railed ramp regulation for Doric Lodge as a threat to an important part of our symbolic heritage if the regulation goes uncontested.

“Until this is resolved, we’ll be meeting on the level,” commented Doric Lodge Secretary Custer. **wmj**

Doric Lodge Moves to New Quarters

Many brethren will recall that in 1967 Doric Lodge bought the former Estes grade school on Cottage Grove Road on Madison’s far east side. In April 2006, after five years of negotiation, the building was sold to a developer for an undisclosed price that was described as too good to refuse.

Without a building of their own for two years, the lodge met in a church immediately after the sale, then at the East Side Businessmen’s Club in Monona from 2006 until now, or until another building could be found that would more closely fit their needs for an energy efficient single-level Masonic center.

Doric Secretary Mitch Custer, a Doric Past Master and present Secretary, chairman of the remodeling committee, explained during an interview with the editor on October 10, 2007, that last April Trustee Holm located an industrial-style building on Madison’s east side that seemed to meet the requirements they had set.

As Doric Trustee Roy Holm explained, the property, which had been a used car dealership, had been on the market for some time and hadn’t sold—meaning that the price might be right. The price had come down about 25 percent from the \$450,000 asking price. Since the building offered ample parking, easy access to Stoughton Road, and the building’s open interior (all on one level) could be economically remodeled and partitioned to meet the needs of the lodge’s present membership of 148, it was seen as a good buy.

Remodeling plans call for partitioning the interior into a 32 by 40-foot lodge room, a 24 by 40-foot dining and common area, two rest rooms (both ADA compliant), and room for a future kitchen. A drop-ceiling will close off the cavernous overhead space once the interior walls are completed. Project architect Pat Storrs said that the existing furnace was able to be used but that the air conditioning had to be upgraded. The budget for remodeling is \$200,000 according to Custer.

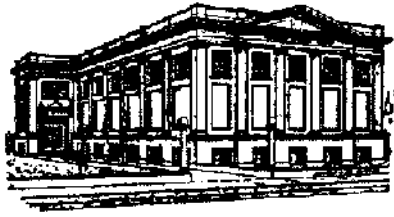
“We’re pretty much on schedule and on budget,” Brother Custer said. This included contractor-mandated asbestos testing and remediation which added about \$3,000 to the cost and delayed interior work for a brief period. Completion is set for late January or early February 2008.



Parking Lot Islands Required

Persons parking at Doric Lodge’s new facility will find several city-mandated islands in the 27-car parking lot like the one at left. Two spaces are handicap-designated. Those preferring to ride their bicycles to lodge will find a bike rack at the south end of the building. Doric’s new lodge home is located between two other auto service businesses on the east side of Stoughton Road. **Below:** the building, which housed a used car dealership, has been painted white. Shrubs and berms will border the front lot line facing Stoughton Road.





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Rhineland

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Dark July & August

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West Allis

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West Allis

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Quarry Notes

William L. Stonecipher, Editor

• **Brother Stewart G. Honeck, Too** – Brother Stewart G. Honeck, Jr., is a third Wisconsin Mason who served as Attorney General of the State of Wisconsin. This fact came to light when Brother William Huegel, a member of both George Washington 1776 and Aurora Lodges, dropped me an e-mail the other day mentioning that Bro. Honeck also served as Attorney General.

Stewart G. Honeck, Jr., (1906-1999) was raised a Master Mason on March 7, 1932, in James M. Hays Lodge No. 331 in Milwaukee and was elected Attorney General as a Republican, serving a two-year term in 1957-1959.

In service to the Craft, Bro. Honeck assisted in defending several Wisconsin Masonic lodges during a state investigation into whether specific lodges practices racial discrimination and should therefore lose their tax-exempt status during the mid- to late-1970s.

Bro. Honeck assisted in mounting a response to a federal court-directed Wisconsin Department of Revenue probes into the admittance requirements for membership of several lodges as part of a larger investigation to determine whether or not the constitution, by-laws or actual practices of fraternal organizations required discrimination in membership on the basis of race.

One case involved defending Independence Lodge No. 80 against charges that it had discriminated against a black man on the grounds of race by denying his petition for membership. Independence Lodge was found guilty of the charge and was subsequently required to pay state income and local property taxes until the early 1990s.

A second case involved an investigation into whether Kenwood, McKinley, Shorewood, Myron Reed and Racine Lodges practiced discrimination because they had no black members and so should also lose their tax-exempt status. The lodges were eventually exonerated.

The former Attorney General also was a member of the Currie Committee appointed by Grand Master A. D. Anderson in 1973 to study Prince Hall Masonry. This background work eventually led to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin granting recognition for the purpose of visitation to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin, Inc., in 1990.

Please see pages 190-194 and 252-262 of "Forward Freemasonry, Vol. II" for a more thorough discussion of both of these important matters.

• **What's Going On Out There?** One can see by the small number of events listed in the Wisconsin Masonic Calendar on the back page that apparently there are few designs drawn upon the Trestleboards of our Wisconsin lodges as we enter the eighth year of the 21st Century. Lodges are urged to communicate their important events during the year to your Wisconsin Masonic Journal so that notice of these events can be shared with the Fraternity statewide. You may e-mail your information to Receptionist Cheryl Martin <cheryl@wisc-freemasonry.org> at the Grand Lodge Office in Dousman or directly to William Stonecipher, Wisconsin Masonic Journal Editor at <wmjedit@sbcglobal.net>. Hope to hear from you soon.

• **New Grand Lodge Address Change Capability** – At the top of page 6 there is new address change information for those persons going south, coming north, or otherwise changing their address temporarily. You may now register a start date for your address change and an end date when you will be returning to your permanent or summer address. The Grand Lodge database now has the capability of tracking regular address changes and can automatically update to reflect the beginning and ending dates of your mailing address change. If you wish to use this feature to automatically change your address at the date of your choosing, you may now do so.

• **ADA Ramp Requirement Will Impact Our Lodges** – The story on pages 1 and 9 of this issue draws attention to a matter that will most certainly impact our fraternity, and eventually your lodge. In fact, it is already affecting Doric No. 356 in Madison.

When reviewing Doric's plans, the City of Madison told the lodge that permanent railed ramps had to be installed on the lodge room floor to provide access by handicapped persons to the platforms in the South, West and East to comply with the city's interpretation of the internal circulation aspect of the Americans With Disabilities Act. We're all for access, but permanent ramps?

If Madison's interpretation of these regulations is enforced, it will negate a long standing Masonic tradition that calls for the Jr. Warden's station to have one step, the Sr. Warden's two and the Master's three.

The truth of the matter is that if permanent ramps are installed, as Madison says they must be, there will be little room left on the lodge room floor for much more than the access ramps. A movable ramp is not allowed.

Here's the rub for other lodges. Because this ramp requirement for Doric will be entered into the ADA database, any time a lodge in Wisconsin applies for a building permit, for any reason, this City of Madison requirement will automatically appear as an ADA compliance item statewide.

Be forewarned: if this requirement is allowed to stand, get ready to meet on the level all of the time, not just when closing a lodge. **wmj**

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Rural River Falls Brother Receives Master Mason Degree at Hancock Lodge

Brother Jason Decheine of rural River Falls, received his Master Mason Degree in ceremonies held at Hancock Lodge No. 229 in Ellsworth on Tuesday, November 13. The degree was conferred by Past Master Al Krause in the first section and Gary Waltz who presided over the second section. Worshipful Master Rick Swan was also present for the degree. Dan Fischer, acting Worshipful Master presided over the opening and closing of the lodge. Past Master Jerry Bristol gave the charge. Al Krause gave the apron address, while John O'Keefe gave the bible address. Visiting brothers from River Falls also assisted in the degree work. Past Master Fred Benson presided over the historical and third section lectures while Past Master Mike Elliott assisted with Chaplain duties. Decheine is the owner of Marquette Homes in Hudson. Acting Worshipful Master Dan Fischer (above, left) and Past Master Al Krause (right) are shown congratulating Brother Decheine (center) on receiving his Master Mason Degree.

— Submitted by Brother Milt Helmer

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Is there a 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 anyone who could use a little help. Someone will surely be glad you did.



Waukesha Lodge's Andy Kallin Community Service Award Goes to Waukesha Police Officer Tim Probst

Pictured from left to right are: Cody Kallin (Andy Kallin's son), Police Officer Timothy Probst, Senior Warden Robert McQuillan and Worshipful Master John Krinke.

Waukesha Lodge Presents Second Annual Community Service Award

By Bro. Gary Ebert, P.M.
Waukesha Lodge No. 37

WAUKESHA – Waukesha Lodge No. 37 is proud to announce that Waukesha Police Officer Timothy Probst has been selected as this year's recipient for the Andy Kallin Community Service Award.

Officer Probst was selected for his many years of service and in honor of the program he stewards, Operation Clean Sweep, which diverts youthful offenders from municipal court punishment if they complete supervised public service projects.

The officer also organizes food collection programs for the Food Pantry of Waukesha County and participates in Big Brothers, Big Sisters. In addition, Officer Probst also demonstrated the need to assist the distressed by camping out overnight in front of the YMCA.

The Andy Kallin Community Service Award will be given out annually to an individual in the Waukesha area that best exemplifies the true spirit of volunteerism, who has unselfishly given back to the community, while better fostering friendship and cooperation among all people.

"The award is dedicated in memory to Andy Kallin, a Waukesha County Supervisor and fellow Freemason, who lost his battle with

cancer back in July, 2006," commented John Krinke, Worshipful Master of Waukesha Lodge.

"Andy was a true servant to the people he represented in our community and the Waukesha Lodge wants to keep his spirit of volunteerism alive through this annual award," added Krinke.

Cody Kallin, Andy's son, was on hand to present this year's award, which was given out at the Waukesha Lodge's annual Past Master's Dinner on Friday, November 9.

"I know my Dad would be very proud to have such an award named after him," said Kallin.

"The fraternity he felt here at the Lodge from his fellow brothers was something he held near and dear to his heart. We are honored the Lodge did such a wonderful thing in his memory," added Kallin.

The Lodge looks forward to honoring Andy with this award in years to come. The award is open to anyone in the community who best represents Andy's spirit of unselfishly giving back.

The plaque presented to Officer Probst carried this inscription: "In recognition to the individual who best exemplifies the true spirit of volunteerism, who has unselfishly given back to the community, better fostering friendship and cooperation among all people." *wmj*

Say, Brother, haven't been to your lodge in some time? Why not drop in to say hello at the next stated or special meeting? You know you will always have friends in Masonry.



UW-River Falls Student Ben Nikosch Receives Master Mason Degree at November 20 Ceremony

Ben Nikosch, a senior majoring in marketing at the University of Wisconsin – River Falls, was raised to the degree of a Master Mason at River Falls Masonic Lodge on Tuesday, November 20. Pictured are the lodge members who helped in his degree work. Left to right is Sterling Brazier, Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 109, new Master Mason Ben Nikosch and Brother Rod Rommel, Past Master. Brother Brazier officiated in the first section while Brother Rommel was in the East for the second section.

— Submitted by Brother Milt Helmer



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Director of Fraternal Relations

We are in midst of the holidays and the hustle and bustle is just beginning. I can't believe that the Christmas music is already started and it we haven't celebrated Thanksgiving as yet. Soon everyone will be thinking of what gifts to buy I have a suggestion, give the gift of **TIME**. Spend some time with your loved ones and friends, share stories of the past or laugh at the present. Is there a chapter or lodge member that you haven't seen lately? Give them a call or better yet stop by and see them. I can guarantee you, it will make their day. You may also want to take some time to reflect: Who would I like to talk with or spend some time with? Have I told my friends and loved ones how much I appreciate them. Your **TIME** costs very little, but it may be the most precious gift to someone. Enjoy the holidays and give the gift of **TIME**.



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15th Annual Halloween Haunted Woods at Three Pillars



The 15th annual Halloween Haunted Woods was a fun night for all who attended. Staff, residents, and volunteers showed off their creativity with the decorations and costumes. Children wandered through the event while being entertained by the sites of Charlotte's Web, Scooby Doo, a visit to the Spooky Manor, and more. This year's festivities took place on Thursday, October 25th. 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 invited to attend. Non-perishable food items are collected for the local food pantry. Free parking is made available at the Dousman Elementary School with buses transporting guests back and forth throughout the event.

Pictured above are Allan and Doris Lurvey, residents at the Village on the Square with their great grandchildren. From the left are Nicholas, Cassie, Gage, and Carter.

Masonic Center for Health & Rehab CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY



Festivities were held on November 15th to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Masonic Center for Health & Rehab. A couple of the key people involved in the original project Grand Masters, Allan Iding and Russell Selbo spoke at the celebration.

Refreshments and entertainment provided by Sam the Piano Man were enjoyed by all.

Pictured above serving cake is Karen Stravs, Lifestyles Manager at Three Pillars and Gerry Beier, a resident at Compass Point enjoying the event.

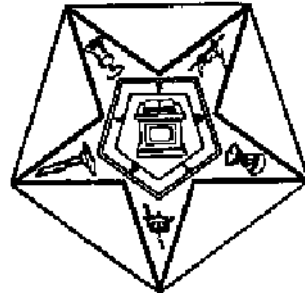
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Past Matrons, Patrons honored at Special Star Meeting

Mary Bristol, Worthy Matron of Ellsworth Eastern Star Chapter, invited Past Matrons and Past Patrons to be guests of honor at a special daytime lunch and meeting on Tuesday, June 5 in Ellsworth. Pictured left to right, front row are: Dick Carpenter, Vera Eaton, Madelyn and Rollin Brown, and Charlotte Krause. Back row, left to right are Rolland Krauss, Myrna Melby, Marcey Kenall, Don Eggers, Janet Arndt, Vi Wilhelm, Jean Krauss, Doris Coulson, Dorothy Thompson, Warren Walters, Lorelei Hedin, Emma Stafford and Bea Steltzner. – Photo by Milt Helmer.



Order of Eastern Star



Worthy Grand Matron Laurie Twardy and her husband Paul represented Eastern Star at the recent Arthritis Annual Ball

From The Worthy Grand Matron

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
Happy Holidays! It is hard to believe that it is December already. The month of November the Obligation of our Order was repeated in most of our Chapters. It is good that we reflected on the meaning of our Obligation. We need to remember to live our obligation in our every day lives. Thank you to the Chapters who invited our Brother Grand Officers to share the evening with your members. Thanks also to our Grand Officers for leading the Chapters in the Obligation.

The Christmas season is here. We hope that we can share this wonderful time of year with as many of our Sisters and Brothers as possible. We are looking forward to the two Christmas parties in Wausau and Madison. If you haven't made a reservation, call! The evenings will be filled with holiday spirit. The Grand Officers will entertain you and some new Grand Representatives will be announced. You really don't want to miss the fun.

The Grand Family is looking forward to celebrating Christmas with the residents at the Three Pillars campus. On December 9 we will attend church, have lunch, sing carols, entertain, and we heard that Santa might visit also. This is a great day and we are looking forward to it.

January will find us and many of our sisters and brothers in sunny, warm Las Vegas. This trip will be filled with fun things to do, relaxing and lots of fellowship. We may even be joined by some of our sisters and brothers who live in Las Vegas. Who knows, we may even win a bit of money for the project!

The year is about half over, or, we have half of the year left to serve our sisters and brothers. So far we have had a great time and we hope you have also. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events.

We wish you a safe and happy holiday season filled with love, family and friends.

Bug hugs and otter smacks, Laurie and Cal

Thank You!

The Joint Venture Motorcycle Ride was a huge success! You raised over \$6,000 for the ride. The support, enthusiasm and encouragement of our Sisters and Brothers is greatly appreciated. Our thanks to the Chapters who hosted our stops along the route; we appreciated all the fellowship, laughter and good food. Thank you Sisters and Brothers for a Great Ride!

Chapter Calendar Dates

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

December

- 1 - Gloria Wedow, Grand Martha Party – Eagle River
- 2 - Grand Representative Reception for Jean Chadderton, Grand Representative to Saskatchewan at West Allis, West Allis
- 4 - Elected Officer Night – Electa, Milwaukee
- 5 - Compass Night- Starlite, Madison
- 6 - Compass Night – Edgerton-Milton, Edgerton
- 7 - All-State Christmas Party- Wausau
- 8 - All-State Christmas Party - Madison
- 11 - Grand Representative Reception for Neil Schulze, Grand Representative to Kansas at Ozaukee, Port Washington
- 13 - Compass Night – Lila B. Graser Chapter, Sussex

January

- 10 - Compass Night – Golden Rule Chapter, Wauwatosa with picnic and pound auction
- 15 - Honor Chaplain, Marshal, Organist, Warder and Sentinel – Electa Chapter, Milwaukee

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A Sister who Loves Genealogy



Sister Kathy Wolfe

PLATTEVILLE – Sister Kathy Wolfe, Miriam Chapter in Platteville, became interested in tracing her family tree when she was in high school.

She visited a great uncle at that time and asked him to tell what he knew about her father's family from Ireland.

She wrote down all that he told her, but did not actively do any research until much later. When Kathy married and came back to live in Grant County, she started doing research.

Kathy joined the Grant County Genealogical Society and met wonderful people that could give her some real helpful suggestions on how to proceed.

Many people tell you to take just one family and research them but Kathy was so afraid that some of those older folks would die or lose their memory of events that she worked on eight different lines for her family and eight for her husband. That was quite an undertaking and often confusing, but it did work well for Kathy.

Kathy began making trips to the Grant County Register of Deeds office, checking and copying birth, death and marriage records. The marriage records dated back the earliest and were the most help in tracing the line backwards. In those days most marriages were indexed just under the grooms' names, though, and that did not help find who the early women married.

Kathy then went to the record books and scanned all the pages, checking out the father's and mother's names on the documents. By doing this she was able to find out who those early women married when they were listed on their chil-

dren's marriage licenses.

Many people had married before coming to this county or else crossed state or county lines to marry, so their marriage records were not available locally.

The Grant County Genealogical Society had decided that they wanted to produce index books on marriages and Kathy offered to do the computer work for that project. This set of indexes listed not only the groom's names but also the bride's names, and whenever Kathy could find maiden names in the case of later marriages, that information was also put in the indexes.

After some time, Kathy decided that it really helped her to have those mother's names checked so she decided to take that on as a project. Kathy was able to talk to the Register of Deeds and was allowed to access the original documents. She found that many names were not indexed properly in their index books.

After indexing the marriage records from the earliest date up to 1999, Kathy decided that she would tackle death records in much the same way. In those indexes, again working from the original documents (which most people don't even know exist), Kathy produced indexes for deaths by the father's name, the mother's name, and the spouse's names, and completed all those records up through 1999.

Kathy has started indexing the birth records and knows it will be quite some time before that information will be completed. Kathy has enjoyed the indexing projects and feels they will benefit people doing genealogy long after she is no longer here.

For doing her own family research, Kathy found that trips to Madison to the State Historical Society Library really helped, as they have an extensive genealogical library. There one can find census records from all over the United States and even some from Canada.

There are many family genealogies as well as books covering communities all over the United States, as well as cemetery records and any number of other helps for those people wanting to do research.

Also, joining a genealogical society can be of real help to anyone doing research.

Chapters With New Initiates

November-December 2007

- Chippewa Chapter, Chippewa Falls
- Eagle Chapter, Eagle River
- Mabel Chapter, Rhinelander
- Martha Chapter, Jefferson
- Melody Chapter, Middleton
- Phoenix Chapter, Beloit
- Shullsburg, Shullsburg
- Union Grove, Union Grove

New Eastern Star 50-Year Members

- Eloise Kuehlthau, New Holstein-Calumet Chapter, New Holstein
- Joy Brown, Martha Washington Chapter, Green Bay

Grand Representative Receptions

December 2

West Allis Chapter, West Allis Reception honoring **Jean Chadderton Grand Representative to Saskatchewan** at the West Allis Masonic Center, 7515 W. National Ave, West Allis. 1:00 p.m.. with refreshments to follow.

RSVP to Pamela Weed, 232 N. 75th St., Apt. 2, Milwaukee, WI 53213 414-476-7870

December 11

Ozaukee Chapter, Port Washington Reception honoring **Neil Schulze Grand Representative to Kansas** at the Ozaukee Masonic Center, 504 Grand Ave, Port Washington. 6:30 p.m. meeting with 7:30 p.m. program with refreshments to follow. Go dressed as your favorite Wizard of Oz character (women – dresses for the meeting, please). RSVP to Deb Morgenstern, 150 Teddy Avenue, Hartford, WI 53027, djmorgee00@nconnect.net or (262) 673-2074 by December 6.

Grand Representative Appointments

George Gay, Oklahoma
Honor Chapter, Sturgeon Bay

SISTERS AND BROTHERS

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

NOTE: Chapter Secretaries: please send me a copy of your 2007-2008 calendars so that your chapter's special dates may be listed.



Please see page 4 to read about how Milwaukee Harmony Lodge is partnering with the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation to purchase a \$50,000 "Giraffe" neo-natal intensive care incubator for Aurora's Sinai Samaritan Hospital.

Ringling DeMolay, Warren Lodge & Boy Scouts
 On Nov. 3 and 4, Ringling Brothers Chapter DeMolay, Boy Scout Troop 82, Platteville, and Warren Lodge No. 4 held a campout near Reedsburg. The groups got a chance to work and fish together, and exchange ideas. Although the weather was a bit cold, all enjoyed the experience. The groups hope to meet for a repeat in 2008. Pictured left to right, back row: Roger Chase, Ringling DeMolay Committee Chair; Bob Plourde, Troop 82 Scoutmaster; Dana Harkness, Asst. Scoutmaster; Jerry Potter, Warren Lodge; Tom Schwantes, Warren Lodge Master; Jodi Ott, Ringling Advisor; Ron Jaacks, Warren Lodge. Front row: Scout Kyle Mowry, Scout Jon Plourde, PMC Ringling DeMolay, Ryan Ott, Scout Chris Harkness, Scout Cody Jaacks and Scout Shane Ferrari.



Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

December 2007

- 7 Ozaukee Lodge & Ozaukee Chapter OES Fish Fry, Ozaukee Masonic Center in downtown Port Washington. All-You-Can-Eat. Adults \$8.50, children 6-12 \$4.50, under 6 free. Serving 5-8 p.m.
- 7 Grand Lodge Full Staff Meeting (GM) Madison Concourse Hotel & Madison Masonic Center.
- 8 Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843, Annual Meeting & Election of Officers, Oconomowoc/Hartland Lodge No. 42, Oconomowoc.
- 8 Full Staff Meeting (GM) Madison, 9 a.m.
- 9 Full Staff Meeting (GM) Madison, 8:30 a.m.
- 11 Santa Klaus Raffle II fund raiser sponsored by West Bend Lodge No. 138, 6 p.m., West Bend Clairmont Inn. Grand Prize is \$1,000. Other cash awards & Silent Auction. Only 150 tickets will be sold! Price is \$100 per ticket & includes two meals. See ad & registration coupon on page 3.
- 13 WMBAB at Grand Masonic Center, Dousman (GM)
- 14 Open Installation of Officers West Allis Lodge No. 291 7:30 p.m., West Allis Masonic Center.

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Ozaukee Lodge No. 17 will host a "Masters Feast" Medieval Dinner on Saturday, December 29. The event will be held at the Port Washington Masonic Center, 504 W. Grand Ave., in Port Washington. The cost is \$15 per person. Medieval dress is encouraged. Reservations and checks are to be made payable to Ozaukee Lodge No. 17 and sent to: Brother David E. Tainter, 1027 W. Lincoln Ave., Port Washington, WI 53074. See story on page 5.

January 2007

- 5 Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge Open Installation of 2008 Officers, 6:30 p.m., Sheraton Four Points in Brown Deer, corner of Brown Deer and Green Bay Roads.

Please Note: events listed here are drawn from the Grand Lodge Web Site and reader requests. To have events listed in this calendar please e-mail the date and a brief description to any of the following: Grand Secretary DeWolf at <mdewolf@charter.net> or <grandsecretarywi@charter.net>; Wisconsin Masonic Journal Editor Stonecipher at <wmjedit@sbcglobal.net> or to the Grand Masonic Center in Dousman, attention Cheryl, at <cheryl@wisc-freemasonry.org>.