

The Grand Master's Message:

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

The Seven Liberal Arts

Brethren:

This year's Grand Master's pin has the three great lights, five bees and seven layers to the beehive for symbolic reasons.

All these numbers should mean several things to a Freemason. In this article I will address the number seven and how the Seven Liberal Arts help us to become better men and Masons.



John W. Wilke
 Grand Master

As Entered Apprentices we are charged "to learn" among other things. This charge of learning should continue as long as we are on this earth. The study of the Seven Liberal Arts helps us all become better men through better thinking, speaking, interrelationships with others, enjoyment of our surroundings and appreciation of the accomplishments of the human race and God's great creation. As in last month's article, the following is from an old Masonic Monitor.

"Grammar teaches the proper arrangement of words, according to the idiom or dialect of any particular people; and that excellency of pronunciation, which enables us to speak or write a language with accuracy, agreeably to reason and correct usage.

"Rhetoric teaches us to speak copiously and fluently on any subject, not merely with propriety alone, but with all the advantages of force and elegance, wisely contriving to captivate the hearer by strength of argument and beauty of expression, whether it be to entreat or extort, to admonish or applaud.

"Logic teaches us to guide our reason discretionally in the general knowledge of things, and directs our inquiries after truth. It consists of a regular train of argument, whence we infer, deduce and conclude, according to certain premises laid down, admitted or granted; and in it are employed the faculties of conceiving, judging, reasoning and disposing; all of which are naturally led on from one graduation to another, till the point in question is finally determined.

"Arithmetic teaches the powers and properties of numbers, which are variously effected, by letters, tables, figures and instruments. By this art, reasons and demonstrations are given, for finding out any certain number, whose relation or affinity to another is already known or discovered.

"Geometry treats of the powers and properties of magnitudes in general, where length, breadth and thickness, are considered, from a point to a line, from a line to a superficies and from a superficies to a solid. A point is a dimensionless figure; or an indivisible part of a space. A line is a point continued, and a figure of one capacity, namely length. A superficies is a figure of two dimensions, namely length and breadth. A solid is a figure of three dimensions, namely, length, breadth and thickness. By this science, the architect is enabled to construct his plans, and execute his designs; the general to arrange his soldiers; the geographer to give us the dimensions of the world, and all things therein contained; to delineate the extent of seas and specify the divisions of empires, kingdoms and provinces. By it also the astronomer is able to make his observations, and to fix the duration of time and seasons, years and cycles. In fine it is the root of architecture and the root of the mathematics.

"Music teaches us the art of forming concords, so as to compose delightful harmony, by a mathematical and proportional arrangement of acute, grave and mixed sounds. This art, by a series of experiments, is reduced to a demonstrative science, with respect to tones and the intervals of sound. It inquires into the nature of concords and discords, and enables us to find out the proportion between them by numbers.

"Astronomy is that divine art, by which we are taught to read the wisdom, strength and beauty of the Almighty Creator, in those sacred pages, the celestial hemisphere. Assisted by astronomy, we can observe the magnitudes, and calculate the periods and eclipses of the heavenly bodies. By it, we learn the use of the globes, the system of the world and the preliminary law of nature. While we are employed in the study of this science, we must perceive unparalleled instances of wisdom and goodness; and, through the whole creation, trace the glorious Author by His works."

The above explanations of the Seven Liberal Arts are from an old Wisconsin Masonic Chart, or Hieroglyphic Monitor, and was given in the stair lecture. It is truly the Craft's loss that it has been dropped in Wisconsin ritual.

Wishing you all Happy Holidays,
 John W. Wilke, Grand Master

The result of a former lodge member's bequest:

Manawa Brethren Break Ground for Bold New Structure on 10 Acre Parcel

By William L. Stonecipher, Editor
 The Wisconsin Masonic Journal

Manawa is located in the center of Waupaca County midway between Waupaca and Clintonville on State Hwy. 110/22.

A Most Impressive Building

When completed, the peak of the new lodge's central rotunda will tower 56 feet above the ground (almost 6 stories) and be the tallest building in the city, according to Bro. Pat Storrs, project architect. Brother Storrs works

A light mist had been falling all day and the sky threatened more serious rain as a group of men, Masons mostly, gathered in the ankle-deep grass in the big empty field at the northeast corner of N. Bridge St. and Progress Road on Manawa's northern city limit.

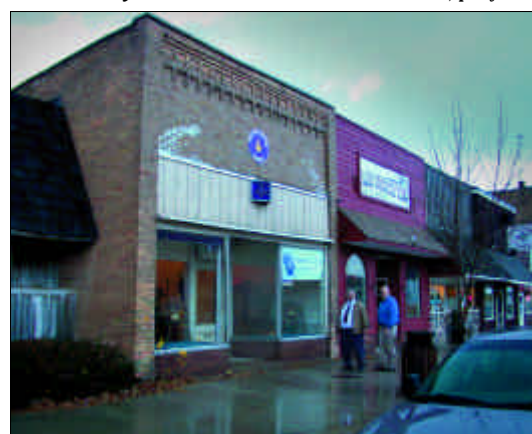
Many wearing white hard hats, they were there to observe the groundbreaking for the new home of Manawa Lodge No. 82.

Present were the Grand Master, Grand Marshal, District 6 Deputy, Manawa Lodge officers, members of the building committee, the architect, general contractor and excavator. All had roles to play in the symbolic groundbreaking ceremony as it unfolded.

Masons were arranged at the corners of a rectangle delineated by white cords laid out between stakes which were set at 12 by 16 feet with the diagonals marked off by cords of 20 feet each, situated due east and west and located as close as practicable to what would be the center of the future lodge room.

Earthmoving equipment waited nearby, poised to move dirt as soon as the ceremony was completed so that the foundation could be laid before winter. And so it will be, if all goes according to plan. As a matter of fact, the work on the foundation was underway as this issue went to press.

Above-ground construction will take place next spring so that when Manawa Lodge No. 82 resumes labor in September after being dark for the summer, members will meet in the brand new Manawa Masonic Center.



Manawa's present lodge building is located in the center of town at 407 S. Bridge Street. The front portion was once rented out as an office for the city's electric utility. The lodge room is approximately 25 X 50 ft. A fellowship room of equal size, kitchen and restroom are located behind the lodge room. Grand Master Wilke and Grand Marshal Tourville are shown as they entered the lodge for a post-groundbreaking reception.

for American Design and Build, Inc., the general contractor for the Manawa building.

The central polygon-shaped rotunda, which will serve as an entrance and lobby, is supported by 16 columns and have an illuminated globe bearing the Masonic Square and Compasses installed at the tip of the pyramid-shaped exterior peak, a beacon of Masonic Light for all to see.

The building's footprint will cover 12,392 sq. ft. and consist of a central polygonal rotunda connecting two wings. The north wing will house the lodge room and related areas, and the west wing will consist of a fellowship hall and food service areas. A commercial-grade kitchen has also been specified.

The building will be of wood frame construction with a steel-lathe and scratch cote over drip-wall sidewall sheeting. The lodge will have an exterior natural veneer of Chilton Kensington Blend dolomite from the quarries of Buechel Stone near Chilton.

The lodge room will feature steeply pitched gothic-style exposed wood trusses with the central peak being 32 ft. above the floor. A standing seam steel roof will cap the structure.

Please see **NEW LODGE** on page 2

Columbus and Warren Lodges suffered water damage during torrential June rains

By William L. Stonecipher, Editor
 The Wisconsin Masonic Journal

COLUMBUS – When late spring storms moved through the southern half of Wisconsin in early June of this year, many locations such as Columbus and Potosi were hard hit. Also affected, we recently learned, were Columbus and Warren Lodges.

Over a three-day period between June 5-7 Columbus received as much as 14 inches of rain with predictably dire consequences.

According to Brother Dave Bomkamp a Columbus Lodge Past Master and District 7 Deputy, rain began falling on Saturday, June 5, the final day of the 2008 Grand Lodge Annual Communication. Then, after a one-day break, another storm hit, bringing with it still more rain.

"My rain gauge measured 11 inches in 24 hours," Brother Bomkamp said, adding that it had rained before and after that. He estimated that between 13-14 inches fell during the three days before the rains ended.

Water damage to the lodge was not discovered until about two weeks after the rains, Bro. Bomkamp said. This was because the lodge was dark and lodge members had their hands full dealing with their own flood-related water damage issues, as were residents throughout other affect-

ed areas.

Bomkamp explained that evidently the force and volume of the runoff from the roof caused the downspouts to come off, allowing water to soak the brick walls of the building and penetrate the old fieldstone foundation.

Because the ability of the already saturated soil to absorb more water had been exceeded, the excess runoff took the path of least resistance and came up through the basement floor, lifting tiles and saturating the carpet. Water also soaked the walls and insulation. It also ruined the panels in the drop-ceiling in the process.



The rain was so heavy in Columbus that the force of the runoff from the roof caused the downspouts of Columbus Lodge to come off, allowing rainwater to flow down the fieldstone walls and perk up through the basement floor, lifting tiles, soaking the carpet, walls and insulation. Ceiling tiles were also ruined in the process. – Photos by Bro. Bill Barnes

Making matters worse, by the time the water damage was discovered, the growth of mold and mildew was well advanced and the stench was simply awful, Bro. Bomkamp recalled.

He related how one lodge member who was helping with the cleanup went home only to have his wife tell him to leave his clothes outside because the moldy smell had permeated his clothes and followed him home.

Because the lodge is small (35 members) and did not have cash reserves upon which to draw to cover the \$8,000 needed for clean up and repairs, the lodge appealed to Grand Lodge for help. They were granted \$2,500 in assistance from the Disaster Relief Fund, a spe-

Please see **FLOODED** on page 2

On Our Cover

Raindrops glistening as they fell failed to dampen the excitement in Manawa on Thursday afternoon, November 6, as Grand Master John Wilke (in straw hat) presided at the official parting of the sod that marked the start of construction for Manawa Lodge No. 82's new Masonic center. Pictured left to right were Chris Mollica, Manawa Jr. Deacon; Jeff Marquardt, District 6 Deputy; Tom Tourville, Grand Marshal; Grand Master Wilke; Dave Forsyth, a Manawa member and lodge attorney; Tom Squires, Worshipful Master; Dave Lindsay, lodge building committee member; Rick Squires, Manawa Sr. Warden; and lodge member Brian Squires. See story at right. – Photo by Wm. Stonecipher, Editor

FLOODED...from page 1

cial named fund of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation which was set up to provide financial help in situations such as this.

"This was a big loss for us," Bro. Bomkamp said. "We're very grateful for the help."

Warren Lodge flooded, too.

Also in June, a potent band of wind and rain struck the far southwestern corner of the state five days later than the rains Columbus experienced.

Potosi, home to Warren Lodge No. 4, was lashed by winds as high as 80 mph and intense rain. The tornado-like winds were accompanied by as much as 4 inches of rain that fell in a short period of time during the morning hours of June 12.

By early afternoon, the National Weather Service Weather Forecast Office in La Crosse had reported that wide-spread flash flooding was occurring, resulting in states of emergency being declared in several cities and rural areas, including Potosi.

Brother Davey L. White, Jr., Senior Grand Deacon, and Worshipful Master of Warren Lodge No. 4 of Potosi, vividly recalled that even though the rain fell a very short time, about five minutes he thought. It was so heavy that the main street was turned into a raging torrent, popping manhole covers and flooding everything in its way— including the lower level of Warren Lodge.

The lodge building in Potosi is set into the side of a hill and has a walkout lower level, Brother Davey explained.

"When I opened the front door of the lodge water ran out," he said. He thought there were 6 to 8 inches of water on the floor.

Like the water damage Columbus Lodge had received, ground water flowed up through the floor and foundation of Warren Lodge, saturating the walls and insulation, and ruining the wooden wainscoting on the lower level. For one month afterwards the lodge met in a nearby church.

Repairs included new carpeting, wainscoting and floor tiles. The lodge room on the second floor escaped damage. The areas affected were the fellowship room and kitchen. Repairs totaled about \$5,000 Bro. White said.

Asked why his lodge did not apply for funds from the Disaster Relief Fund, he replied that the lodge had sufficient financial resources to make the repairs and wanted to leave the disaster funds available to benefit other lodges that really needed the help.

Both lodges have completed or will soon complete all repairs. Both are back in Masonic business. **wmj**



Disaster Relief Funds Go to Columbus Lodge

Shown with the check for \$2,500 in disaster relief from the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Disaster Relief Fund (left to right) are Columbus Lodge members John Van Roo, Jim Fritchen, Counselor (PM); Gerald Sallmann, Jr. Warden; Ray Mielke, Chaplain (PM); Shawn Coyle, Worshipful Master; Jim Vale, Secretary (PM); Dave Bomkamp, Sr. Warden (PM); Lyle Elske (PM); and George Jordan (PM). The presentation was made by Bro. Bill Barnes, Wisconsin Masonic Charities Development Director, at the lodge's stated meeting on Monday, October 13.

— Photo by Bro. Bill Barnes, Director of Development, Wisconsin Masonic Charities

NEW LODGE...from page 1

The 10-acre Manawa Lodge site will also include a regulation soccer field, the only dedicated soccer field in the city and will be offered for school and club use. At this time the high school soccer teams use the football field which is smaller than a regulation soccer field (see site plan picture on page 6).

A New Ceremony?

The groundbreaking ceremony used during the Manawa groundbreaking has been submitted to the Grand Lodge Esoteric Committee for consideration to become an official Masonic groundbreaking ceremony.

According to Brother Pat Stors, architect for the Manawa Lodge project. The District 10 Lecturer, former District 10 Deputy, and a longtime member of the Grand Lodge Temple Plans and Financing Committee noted that we have established ceremonies for lodge and public cornerstone dedications (and rededications) among others, but nothing for groundbreaking ceremonies, so he decided to create one.

Manawa Media Coverage Featured

Providing local media coverage of the groundbreaking ceremony was Jane Myhra, Editor of the Herald-Advocate in Manawa. We exchanged information and she offered what she was writing for our use. She covered some important information that is reproduced in part here, with her permission.

Her story is as follows. After an introduction, she began by quoting the Grand Master:

"As the Grand Master of the State of Wisconsin, it is truly an honor for me to be invited to a groundbreaking for Manawa Lodge's new lodge building," Wilke stated. "I am sure the lodge will use the building for Masonic purposes for the benefit of those in the community now and into the future."

"This groundbreaking ceremony was first of its kind in Wisconsin and appreciation goes to Brother Pat Stors—he made it happen," stated Tom Squires, Manawa Lodge Worshipful Master and chair of the building committee. "Manawa and the area-wide community will be proud of this building and what it will mean to Masonry."

"I have to say that without the very generous benevolence from a former member of the lodge, Dr. Clifford Seelig this would not have happened," Squires said. "This opportunity to build a new Masonic Center will hopefully build on the future of Freemasonry for Manawa and Waupaca County and the Fraternity."

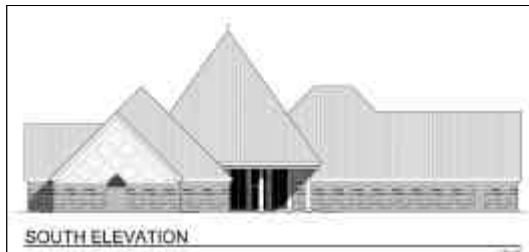
"This is probably the nicest building that I have ever designed," architect Pat Stors stated. "I have been an architect for over 30 years and this is the first time the client was more concerned about the quality and function of the building instead of the bottom line."

"According to Stors, the design was generated by the local lodge. The general layout is fashioned after the lodge in Fond du Lac.

"I had an opportunity to include many of the Masonic symbols into the structure," Stors explained. "Working

on this project has been a real thrill for me."

"Some of Masonic symbols found in the design include pyramids and use of the 3-4-5 geometric ratio in accord with the 47th Proposition of Euclid throughout the building. The three exposed columns (see drawings) at the entrance mirror the three great columns holding up King Solomon's Temple. In Masonry, these columns represent wisdom, strength and beauty.



"The building will have a lodge room for member meetings and also a large hall to accommodate Masonic as well as community events. Capacity will be about 275 people.

"Former lodge member Dr. Clifford Seelig, formerly of Weyauwega, provided funds for the new lodge. His generosity will also establish a scholarship program for students at all seven high schools in Waupaca County.

"Building committee members are Manawa Lodge members Tom Squires, David Lindsay, Don Pederson, David Forsythe, and the late Bob Squires. A spring cornerstone dedication is planned."

An Unexpected Gift

When asked to recount how Manawa Lodge learned of the benevolence of Brother Seelig, he explained that the lodge began receiving account statements from the Bank of America.

"At first, we thought it must have been a mistake," Worshipful Master Tom Squires said. "We turned the matter over to Brother Dave Forsythe, a member of Manawa Lodge and partner in the law firm of Omholt & Forsythe, and he said he'd contact the bank and look into the matter," Bro. Squires added.

The report that came back was totally unexpected according to Squires. The lodge was informed that this account was part of a trust (the Clifford and Nettie M. Seelig Trust) and the lodge was listed as the beneficiary.

The lodge received a copy of the trust agreement, along with members of family. The trust stipulated that upon the death of Nettie Seelig, who passed last winter, the proceeds were to go to Manawa Lodge for the construction of a lodge home that matched the high ideals of Masonry. The balance of the trust was specified for the establishment of perpetual scholarships to help qualified graduating students from high schools in Waupaca County continue their education in college or technical school.

In answer to questions raised during planning about how big the lodge should be, building committee chair Squires replied: "We're building with an eye towards future. You don't build it for today. We're building for the future, perhaps as a regional Masonic Center." The lodge will be roughly equidistant from Clintonville, New London, Waupaca and Iola.

About Brother Seelig

Manawa Lodge benefactor Clifford Seelig received his degrees in 1928 in Weyauwega Lodge No. 82. After retiring as a dentist he and his wife Nettie moved to Florida, where he died in 1987. Weyauwega Lodge merged with Manawa in 1995. **wmj**

THE WISCONSIN Masonic Journal

Published by the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin
DECEMBER 2008

The Wisconsin Masonic Journal, Publication Number 011-551 (ISSN No. 10770410), is the authorized publication of the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin. It is published monthly except for the July/August issue which is combined. Periodical postage paid at Dousman, Wisconsin 53118 and additional offices. Postmasters: send address changes to The Wisconsin Masonic Journal, 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 53118.

Subscription Rates:

Non-members (within United States): \$15.00 per year (payable in advance)
Non-members (mailed outside of the United States): \$50.00 (payable in advance)
Members: \$8.50 per year (included in the Grand Lodge per-capita)

Address all correspondence to:

The Wisconsin Masonic Journal
36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 53118
Phone: 262-965-2200 FAX 262-965-4211
Grand Masonic Center - Toll Free in Wisconsin 1-800-242-2307

Editorial Production Office Phone/FAX 262-334-1876
William Lawrence Stonecipher, Editor
232 Lincoln Drive South, West Bend, WI 53095
e-mail <wmjedit@sbcglobal.net>

Advertising Office Phone/FAX 262-965-3979
Diane Igl, Advertising Manager
e-mail <eieio@execpc.com>

Advertising rates upon request. Deadline for submission of news or advertising copy is the fifth of each month preceding month of scheduled publication.

Directory of Grand Lodge Officers 2007-2008

<p>Elected Officers Grand Master John W. Wilke (32) Bus. (608) 921-9907 Res. (608) 463-7754 Fax (608) 463-7754 <jswilke@centurytel.net></p> <p>Deputy Grand Master Craig S. Campbell (183) Res. (262) 375-8937 Bus. (262) 512-4104 <cscampbell@tsmet.com></p> <p>Senior Grand Warden Joseph B. Harker (1) Res. (262) 782-1723 Bus. (414) 382-3179 <jharker@wi.rr.com></p> <p>Junior Grand Warden Davey L. White, Jr. (4) Res. (608) 348-9352 <dwhite_jr@hotmail.com></p> <p>Grand Treasurer John Benedict (151) Res. (608) 835-3705 <jaben@powercom.net></p> <p>Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM (267) Res. (715) 849-4260 Bus. (800) 686-0070 Fax. (715) 298-3000 <grandsecretary@wisc-freemasonry.org></p> <p>Appointed Officers Grand Chaplain David Ritchie (64) Res. (608) 776-2698 <hickorysp@yahoo.com></p> <p>Grand Lecturer Kenneth C. Gorgen (307)</p>	<p>Res. (262) 691-0859 <jkgorgen@att.net></p> <p>Senior Grand Deacon Dennis V. Siewert (332) Res. (920) 339-8995 Bus. (920) 435-6061 <dsiewert@greenbaylighting.com></p> <p>Junior Grand Deacon Daniel L. Slavik (63) Res. (608) 244-4562 Bus. (608) 327-5116 <dslavik@sbcglobal.net></p> <p>Senior Grand Steward William Beetcher (244) Res. (715) 349-8021 <beetcher@sirentel.net></p> <p>Junior Grand Steward Franklin Struble (60) Res. (608) 269-4509 <strublesports@centurytel.net></p> <p>Grand Marshal Tomas C. Tourville (60) Res. (608) 823-7503</p> <p>Grand Tiler Dwight R. Redders (32) Res. (608) 882-5440</p> <p>Grand Orator Robert Strader (363) Res. (262) 827-1606 Bus. (414) 382-4956 <rstrader@wi.rr.com></p> <p>District Deputies District 1 L. Arby Humphrey (329) Res. (715) 364-2492 Bus. (218) 723-2510 <arby.humphrey@usps.gov></p> <p>District 2 H. Scott Paulson (56)</p>	<p>Res. (715) 386-2040 Bus. (612) 849-3708 <hspaulson@yahoo.com></p> <p>District 3 Frank J. Dennee (225) Res. (715) 339-2668 Bus. 715-339-2191 <theden@pctcnet.net></p> <p>District 4 Christopher J. Hirthe (322) Res. (920) 328-7103 <chrish@bsmw.com></p> <p>District 5 Raymon C. Kline (345) Res. (608) 781-6888 <raykline@centurytel.net></p> <p>District 6 Jeffrey Marquardt (71) Res. (608) 339-7832 <zsazsa15@verizon.net></p> <p>District 7 David C. Bomkamp (75) Res. (920) 623-9464 Bus. (608) 225-3631 <davetam@charter.net></p> <p>District 8 Ted Lee Hall (34) Res. (608) 355-2544 Cell (608) 469-5656 <dr_t.hall@yahoo.com></p> <p>District 9 Ralph L. Behlke (9) Res. (920) 988-0783</p> <p>District 10 David Tainter (17) Res. (262) 268-3091 Bus. (262) 898-2824 <dtainter@bucyrus.com></p> <p>District 11 John P. Marra (12)</p>	<p>Res. (262) 245-9373 Cell. (262) 206-2849 <ref-ump@sbcglobal.net></p> <p>District 12 Donald W. Hensiak (189) Res. (414) 433-4741 Bus. (414) 545-3370 <weburger@prodigy.net></p> <p>Grand Masonic Center Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin 36275 Sunset Dr., Dousman, WI 53118 Toll-free (800) 242-2307 • Fax (262) 965-4211 • Metro (262) 965-2200</p> <p>Grand Lodge Office Contacts in Dousman Receptionist: Cheryl Martin <cheryl@wisc-freemasonry.org> Bookkeeper: Alicia Darr <alicia@wisc-freemasonry.org> Office Manager: Jan Gorgen <jan@wisc-freemasonry.org></p> <p>Grand Lodge Website www.wisc-freemasonry.org</p> <p>The Wisconsin Masonic Journal William L. Stonecipher, Editor 232 Lincoln Drive South West Bend, WI 53095 Phone/Fax (262) 334-1876 <wmjedit@sbcglobal.net></p> <p>WMJ Ad Manager Diane Igl 36275 Sunset Dr., Dousman, WI 53118 Phone/Fax (262) 965-3979 <eieio@execpc.com></p>
--	--	---	---



Wisconsin Masonic Home Board Members, Three Pillars CEO Attend National AAHSA Conference

DOUSMAN – Mark Strautman, Three Pillars' President/CEO; Robert Roth, Wisconsin Masonic Home Board Chair; and Frank Struble, Wisconsin Masonic Home Board member and Junior Grand Steward, recently attended the annual American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA) Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The annual conference featured information about current issues for not-for-profit organizations. Mr. Strautman and Mr. Roth were guest speakers at the conference's education sessions and presented their topic, "Effective Governance in a Post-Enron World." Over 150 AAHSA members attended their education session.

While visiting Philadelphia, Mr. Strautman, Mr. Roth, and Mr. Struble (pictured in the photo) visited Valley Forge, including a monument dedicated to the Continental Army from the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania. The monument states, "In remembrance of the Continental Army led by George Washington, a member of the Masonic Fraternity, and in honor of the many Freemasons who were a part of the encampment of this site, the Freemasons of Pennsylvania placed this monument so that the future generations will know that freedom was as important in 1777 as it was in 1997." dedicated August 27, 1997.



Grand Master Visit to Tomah Veterans Hospital

On October 7, 2008, the Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, John Wilke made an official visit to the VAMC in Tomah. GM Wilke was accompanied by his lady Sharon and joined by PGM (95) Beecher Daniels and his lady Doris and MSA Rep. Steve Hanson. Following a presentation by Acting Associate Director, Brother Toby Lane of Kankakee, IL Lodge, the Grand Master and his entourage visited portions of the facility. They met with Brother Charles (Captain Bob) of Rockford Lodge 102 of Loves Park, Illinois. He presented a pin to the Grand Master along with the explanation of its symbolism. That evening the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin hosted a volunteer appreciation dinner at the Tomah Masonic Center attended by about 50 persons. The Grand Master thanked all for their efforts and encouraged them to continue serving others. Pictured left to right are: Steve Hanson, MSA Representative; PGM Beecher Daniels; Laura Bishop, VA Voluntary Services Coordinator; Grand Master Wilke; Sharon Wilke and Tomah VAMC Acting Associate, Toby Lane.

– Photo courtesy Tomah VAMC



William Krause, Sr. with children.

"OUR DAD ALWAYS BELIEVED IN FAIR PRICES... and we do, too."

When Dad started our funeral home in 1933, he believed in providing families with the very best facilities and service at a reasonable cost. Today, more than ever, we know the importance of helping each family plan the funeral they want within their budget.



FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATION SERVICES

9000 West Capitol Dr. - Milwaukee
414-464-4640

7001 West Brown Deer Rd. - Milwaukee
414-354-9400

12401 West National Ave. - New Berlin
262-786-8009

NOTES FROM THE GRAND LECTURER

By Brother Kenneth C. Gorgen

Getting to know our ritual cipher

My Brothers:

If you have been following the last few articles, it becomes apparent that the theme centers on the cipher as our road map to learning, understanding, and performing the work.

The past focus has been on memorization. However, the cipher offers us much more. We touched briefly upon the work assignments, but let's take a look at more of the information towards the beginning of the book.

When you look closely at the cipher, it becomes apparent that a lot of thought and work went into producing it. Peruse through what I would call the acknowledgements and table of contents. These are basically the pages numbered with lower case Roman numerals. This area gives a history of the making and revising of the cipher and a table of contents for locating a specific section. Look at the bottom of page ii. It contains a special notice about the use of the cipher, and who can possess it. Please read on because I am going to include the notice here.



Kenneth C. Gorgen
Grand Lecturer

Special Important Notice

"This cipher is NOT to be open during ANY portion of a degree, Opening, Closing, or Examination; or at an Official Grand Lodge School of Instruction unless permitted by the Lecturer. Its use is for rehearsal or practice session only. Since only Master Masons are entitled to receive a copy of this cipher, all schools of instruction will be conducted in the Master Mason Degree, regardless of the degree rehearsed."

I will bet there are many of you who were not aware of this notice in the cipher. As a side note, ciphers are allowed open at Grand Lodge Schools of Instruction, but only on the sidelines. Looking further, we see this section also includes a table of contents.

The next section (of the cipher) holds some valuable and interesting information. Please take time to read from page 1 through the top of page 12. It is here that we learn about things normally fumbled on when they arise during lodge or that we thought we knew. When I first read this material, and really understood it, I recalled a piece of advice that was once given to me. The advice goes like this: "You never really understand how much you don't know, until you actually do know something." I'll bet most of us will come to that conclusion after we have read these pages. Let's call this the 'new information' and 'how to' section. I see so many brothers struggling with the rods from not knowing how to handle them, or from not being taught properly. Pages 10, 11 and 12 will help solve that issue. My Brothers, do me a favor, and put down this article, go grab your cipher, and read these pages. You will know what I am talking about. When you finish reading these pages, think about what you have just learned.

Pages 12 through 26 explain 'Rod and Floorwork Positions and Movements' and are our roadmap for success. The 'X' designates the explanation and 'F' references the figure of the actual movement which will be pictured in the back of the book. When learning the ritual, these explanations will be noted in the applicable area. As an example, on page 31, line 22, there is reference to explanation {X-6}. Reading this explanation allows us to gain a clear understanding of what must happen at this time.

Think about balloting. Many of the lodges are beginning to perform this work as they receive new petitions. I have seen many lodges struggle with balloting. A simple study of explanation {X-31} on page 26 will remove all the mystery and give that Senior Deacon a high degree of confidence in this floorwork.

In closing, I invite you to look over and study the first 26 pages of the ritual. Take time to read carefully and understand the explanations. The cipher will give you a new understanding of the work, and a new appreciation for the developers of the book. Think about the fact that it took an extreme amount of time and effort to assemble this work. What other organization would put so much time and effort into a work of this nature? Not many, if any. Understanding that fact helps us to see why Masonry can only exist when the ritual is known, practiced, and shared with a newly made Brother. It might be thoughtful for a lodge to add to the gifts given to a newly made Master Mason on his special night by adding a cipher to those items of importance.

Good luck in your studies of the work, strive to learn more, and then my brothers you will all see more Light.

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

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

GOING SOUTH/COMING NORTH? MOVING? ADDRESS CHANGE?

It is important that you notify the Grand Lodge Office before your address changes either TEMPORARILY or PERMANENTLY!

By Mail: Address Correction c/o The Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin, 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, Wisconsin 53118

Address Changes By E-mail:

<glo@wisc-freemasonry.org>

<cheryl@wisc-freemasonry.org>

or <jan@wisc-freemasonry.org>

Wisconsin lodges continue to create scholarships through your Wisconsin Masonic Foundation

DOUSMAN – In 2008 approximately 145 Masonic Lodges gave 282 scholarships. This generosity has resulted in \$213,450 being given to worthy students.

Today lodges wanting to leave a lasting legacy can create a special named scholarship that will distribute 5% (of the proceeds of the amount) to the students in their area.

The Wisconsin Masonic Foundation manages and distributes the funds. To discuss a scholarship please contact William Barnes, Director of Development toll-free at (800) 242-2307.

Below is a history of some of our blue lodge or individual scholarships that chose to name them or to honor an individual, or a former lodge. There are other lodges with unnamed perpetual scholarships.

This list was prepared by Erika

- Corrections - Foundation-Lodge Scholarship Listing

DOUSMAN – The following corrections to the listing of foundation-lodge scholarship recipients published in the November issue have been reported.

As listed: Alexandra Trummer, Marshall High School, Waterloo Lodge No. 68. Should read: Waterloo Lodge No. 63.

As listed: Reidun Schneider, Antigo High School, Antigo Lodge No. 231. Should read: Reidun Schneider, Antigo High School, Antigo Lodge No. 231 - Floyd Meyer Scholarship.

As listed: Klint Hirschke, Suring High School, Gillett Lodge No. 344, Gustav Kindt Memorial Scholarship. This listing is technically correct because this scholarship is presented in the name Gustav Kindt, a member of Gillett Lodge when the scholarship was instituted. Gillett Lodge, however, was subsequently closed and its membership and lodge affairs transferred to MasonWoods Lodge No. 368. The listing should have listed Gillett/MasonWoods Lodge No. 368.

As listed: Kerryu Grippen, Niagara High School, Niagara Lodge. Should read: Andrew Thew, Niagara High School, Hiram D. Fischer Lodge No. 222 (in Florence).

Miller, Coordinator of the Wisconsin Masonic Charities.

•Verona Lodge #294 established the Gill Bailey Perpetual Scholarship before merging with Madison Lodge #5. After merger, Madison Lodge #5 established two other Perpetual Scholarships in honor of Verona Lodge #294. All are awarded to Verona High School.

•Jefferson Lodge #9 established a Perpetual Scholarship in honor of Billings Lodge #139, after their two lodges merged. Awarded to Ft. Atkinson High School.

•Sheboygan Lodge #11 established two Perpetual Scholarships, one in honor of Arthur J. Olsen, Jr. and one in honor of Rick E. Gustafson, awarded to Sheboygan North and South High School respectively.

•Elkhorn Lodge #77 established a Perpetual Scholarship in honor of their Lodge, before merging to become Southern Lakes #12, awarded to Elkhorn Area High.

•Fond du Lac Lodge #26 has four Perpetual Scholarships, the Wilbur & Avis Craw Scholarship, the LeRoy Schaezel Scholarship, the Wilbur Guell Scholarship and the John Zeller Memorial Scholarship. All are awarded to Fond du Lac High School, with the exception of the Zeller Scholarship that is awarded to Oakfield High School.

•Burlington Lodge #28 has three Perpetual Scholarships, the Krueger Scholarship, the Schuette Scholarship and the Kuebler Scholarship, awarded to Waterford Union, Burlington and Catholic Central High Schools respectively.

•Berlin Lodge #38 has a Perpetual Scholarship in honor of Alfred Krause, awarded to Berlin High.

•Oconomowoc Lodge #42 has a Perpetual Scholarship honoring Harland Lodge #122, established after the two Lodges merged, awarded to Arrowhead High School.

•Geneva Lodge #44 has a Perpetual Scholarship from Genoa City Lodge #256, awarded to Badger High School.

•Waupun Lodge #48 has a Perpetual Scholarship in honor of Alfred Krause, awarded to Waupun High School.

•Evergreen Lodge #93 has the Gotham Perpetual Scholarship, awarded to Stevens Point Area High School.

•Prairie View Lodge #95 has two Perpetual Scholarships, the Krause and Rosendale Scholarships, both awarded to Laconia High School.

•Crescent Valley Lodge #97 has three Perpetual Scholarships, in honor of R.H. Niendorf, Henry & Louise Niendorf and Rolland L. Niendorf, all awarded to Wisconsin Heights High School.

•Neosho-Mayville-Horicon Lodge #108 has Perpetual Scholarships in honor of Tim Wilton and Alan R. Borchardt, awarded to Mayville and Horicon High Schools respectively.

•Spring Green Lodge #113 has two Perpetual Scholarships honoring Sauk Prairie Lodge #113, established after the two Lodges merged, both awarded to River Valley High.

•Hartford Lodge #120 has three Perpetual Scholarships— one in honor of Reno Zancanella, and two in honor of Gary Pike. The Zancanella Scholarship is awarded to Slinger High School and the Pike Scholarships are awarded to Hartford Union High School.

•Cassia Lodge #167 has two Perpetual Scholarships in honor of St. John's Lodge #24, established after the two Lodges merged, both awarded to Sheboygan Falls High.

•Shawano Lodge #170 has seven Perpetual Scholarships—the Routzahn, Winter, Allord, Zimmerman, Harold & Edna Best, Dale Druckerey and the Krause Scholarships, awarded to Tigerton, Shawano, Bowler, Gresham, Bonduel, Bonduel and Witt-Birn High Schools respectively.

•Pardee Lodge #171 has two Perpetual Scholarships in honor of Rio Lodge #52, formerly Rio Lodge #33, both awarded to Rio High.

More named scholarships will be listed in next month's issue.

GRAND MASTER'S 2009 TOUR DATES TO VISIT MASONS IN ARIZONA & FLORIDA ANNOUNCED FOR JANUARY

The following dates have been scheduled for Grand Master John W. Wilke's visitation to Wisconsin Masons living permanently or temporarily in Arizona and Florida.

- January 23, 2009 - Luncheon in Sun City West, AZ
- January 26, 2009 - Luncheon in Ft. Myers, FL
- January 27, 2009 - Luncheon in Davenport, FL

• Sun City West, Arizona – Friday, January 23, 2009, Briarwood Country Club, 20800 - N. 135th Avenue, Sun City West, AZ <www.briarwoodcc.com>. 11 a.m. cash bar, noon luncheon, follow by remarks from Grand Master John W. Wilke. RSVP and forward checks to: Paul (Yash) Handa, 14644 W. Ravenswood Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375. Phone (623) 546-1826. E-mail <yashphanda@yahoo.com>.

• Fort Myers, Florida - Monday, January 26, 2009, Luncheon at The Edison, 3583 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers, FL (Overlooking the historic Ft. Myers Country Club) www.edisonfl.com. 11 a.m. cash bar, noon luncheon, followed by remarks from Grand Master Wilke. RSVP and forward checks to: Erika Miller, 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 53118 (800) 242-2307.

• Davenport, Florida - Tuesday, January 27, 2009, Luncheon at Deer Creek RV Golf Resort, 42749 Highway 27, Davenport, Florida www.deercreekrv.com <http://www.deercreekrv.com/>. 11 a.m. cash bar, noon luncheon, followed by remarks from the Grand Master. RSVP and forward checks to: Carl Wussow, PGM, 111 Laurel Oak Pass, Davenport, FL 33837, (863) 420-1839.

Note: There is a \$15 refundable reservation fee for each person attending these receptions. Checks are to be made payable to the **Wisconsin Masonic Foundation** and mailed directly to the luncheon coordinator. Persons interested in attending can also contact the Development Office with questions at 800-242-2307.

Please contact Erika in the Development Office with any questions or concerns at 1-800-242-2307. Reservations can also be made online, at <www.wisc-freemasonry.org> Remember, checks must still be forwarded to the appropriate coordinator to secure a place at the luncheon.

Support Your Wisconsin Masonic Charities

Plan for the future. Remember to include the Wisconsin Masonic Charities in your will today.

Memorials and Contributions

Masonic Service and Assistance General Fund

Wolfgang Lauck, Frank Landrie, Frederick Lavey, Clifford Lawton, Robert Le Febve, John Leask, Terrance Lee, Richard Lee, Earl Lehsl, Ralph Lemke, Eldean Letto, Allen Leverich, Harley Lichtenwalner, E. Lidel, Gordon Lillge, James Linderman, Lodi Valley Lodge No. 99, Carroll Lohr, Peter Lorenzen, Robert Lotzow, Robert Luening, James Luft, Lillian Lutsey, Chris Luttrell, Donald Mac Swain, Lowell Mack, Mark Magnuson, Patrick Malinger, Robert Markham, Dick Mars, Carroll Martin, John Matt, Frank Mayer, William Mc Clain, Cecil Mc Cready, Boyd McEwen, James Mc Ghee, George Mc Gilligan, Arthur McGlothlin, Maria Mc Kay, Marlis Mc Lean, Thomas Mc Lenahan Jr, Roger Meade, Merle Meister, Melody Chapter 150, OES, Ludwig Menzl, Quentin Meracle, William Mercer, John Metcalf, Chris Mihas, David Miller, John Miller, Marvin Missman, Dean Moen, Robert Moline, Willus Morgan, Arliss Morrison, Janet Morrow, Winford Moseley, Charles Mowbray, Clarence Mullen, William Murphy, John Natwick, Jerome Nelson, Ellen Nelson, Milo Nelson, Larry Nelson, Gerald Nelson, Ronald Nelson, John Nesvold, Thomas Neubauer, Edward Nielsen, Henry Niemeyer, Richard Noennig, Donald Nordholm, Thomas Nordquist, Richard Northey, Mark Norville, Lawrence Nyberg, William Olson, John Olson, Wendell Olson, Helmer Olson, Gustave Olson, Orville Ostrander, Alexander Owen Jr, Mark Pachefsky, Everett Papke, Robert Patterson, Dale Paust, Raymond Paynter, John Perkins, Michael Peters, Barbara Peterson, Phillip Philbrook, William Pickett Sr, Bernard Picus, Richard Pipke, Leonard Pishon, Lavem Plantiko, Philip Pofahl, Ronald Polpeter, Howard Poulson, Duane Preisler, Lawrence Presnell, Josef Pronnet, Henry Pynakker, Richard Radtke, Robert Rasmussen, Peter Rasmussen Jr, Gary Raybern, William Raymond, Gail Reddell, Edward Redlin, James Reilly, Frederick Reineking, Earl Reistad, William Reitter, Paul Reynolds, Clyde Richards, Larry Riemenschneider, Kenneth Ripple, Robert Risberg, Charles Roeder, Gregory Roelli, David Rogers, Louis Romell Jr, Thomas Rondeau, Jerry Roscoe, Robert Rose, Robert Rubner, Herman Ruck, David Ruhnke, Robert Safford, Robert Salisbury, Helen Saloutos, Robert Samuelson, Gerald Sandry, Theodore Sattler, Harry Savagian, Jerome Sayles, La Veme Schaller, John Scharer, Eleanor Schaub, Robert Scherbarth, Carl Schluter, Neal Schmidt Sr., Thomas Schneckloth, Vincent Schneider, Robert Schultz, Otfried Schultz, Donald Seaholm, Russell Selbo, James Sells, Shane Senn, Morris Severson, Douglas Sherman, Dennis Siewert, Stephen Silber, Luiz Silva, Joseph Silverberg, Robert Simon, Jr, Archie Simonson, David Singstock, Gary Skon, Dale Slaasted, Robert Sloan, Col. Smith, Garland Smith, R. Smith, Steven Smith, Donald Soderberg, Albert Soforenko, Nick Spinelli, Jr, Kenneth Starkman, John Starr, William Steaffens, John Stears, James Steel, William Stern, Orloff Styve, George Sutton, John Swafford, Richard Swan, Arthur Swan, Harold Swanson, James Swanton, Kirby Symes, Lois Sywulka, Robert Taylor, Eric Teifke, Wayne Terpstra, Aaron Tetzlaff, Richard Thies, Randy Thorman, Roy Tice, George Tillema, Tomas Tourville, Dale Travis, Wayne Tubbs, Edward Tuecke, Howard Turk, Harlyn Turner, Donald Ulness, Arthur Van Den Berg, Charles Veit, Maynard Velier, Heinrich Villing, Douglas Von Hoff, Phillip Waitkus, Claire Walker, Clifford Wall, Herold Walters, Richard Waters, Arthur Weber, Ralph Weber, William Weinkauff, Melvin Werch, June Werner, Roy West, Charley White, Richard White, Mathilda Wieck, James Wiggins, Christopher Wilbur, Jon Wilcox, Clinton Wilde, Lloyd Williams, Duane Wilson, Charles Wilson, Bruce Wimann, John Winslow, George Witkowski, Ralph Witt, L. Wittel, Charles Wolfer, Merle Wood, Scott Wood, Theodore Wood, Roy Woolsey, Gene Wright, Carl Wussow, Roger Wuthrich, Gary Young, Louis Zagame, Jose Zarate, Edmund Zarwell, Robert Zeek Jr, David Zeff, Wilfred Zeirke, Conrad Zielski, Stanley Zvara, Conrad Zvara

Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Home Endowment

William Murgas, Villa Siefert Survivor's Trust

Masonic Foundation General Fund

Aurora Health Care-Sinai Samaritan Medical Center payroll gift-Jim Thompson, Wautoma Lodge No. 148 in memory of Leonard Miller

Masonic Medical - Lodge Matching Fund

Dousman Lodge No. 315 for support of the Dousman Police Department's K-9 Unit, Eagleville PTO for the purchase of an AED for Eagleville Elementary School in partnership with Laflin-St. James Lodge No. 247

Masonic Medical Fund

Robert Mund in memory of Marilyn I. Mund and her work as a medical technologist for 20 years at Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital

Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc.

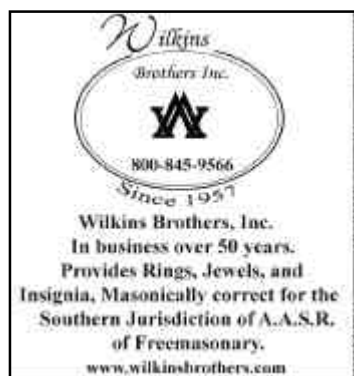
Masonic Health Care Center Fund

Barbara De Young, Mrs. Leo Roethe in memory of her husband

Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation, Inc.

Soccer Foundation Program Fund

David & Janice Pinka



SINCE 1887

**Schmidt &
Bartelt**
FUNERAL SERVICE
A Friend to the Family
Grant Schmidt
774-5010

- Milwaukee • Wauwatosa
- Mequon • Mukwonago
- Menomonee Falls • Sussex
- Whitefish Bay • Oconomowoc



Masons Aid Portage Restoration Dedication

On October 11, 2008, Grand Master John Wilke, Junior Grand Warden Davey White, Jr., Grand Chaplain David Ritchie, Grand Tiler Dwight Redders, Jr., Grand Marshal Tomas Tourville, Junior Grand Deacon Daniel Slavik, Senior Grand Steward William Beecher, and members of Fort Winnebago Lodge, Jeff Little, James Swan, Jr., Mike Oganezov, Art Swan, John Oganezov, Robert Swan, James Swan, Sr., and Order of the Eastern Star members participated in the Downtown Portage Restoration and time capsule dedication. Lodge was opened by Grand Lodge Officers and Grand Master Wilke dedicated the project. – Submitted by James Swan, Ft. Winnebago Secretary

Thoughts for The Journey

By Grand Chaplain David Ritchie

Seeking light to drive away the dark is part of what we are as men and as Masons

Brethren:

At this time of year, I wonder what primitive man must have thought. Each day the sun light grows shorter. Temperatures fall. The lush green of summer is replaced by dying brown which in turn becomes covered in grey and white. His world in the space of a few short weeks completely changed. His food supplies diminished, and with no knowledge of the seasons, with no knowledge of the coming spring, what hope would he have had? Yet, the human spirit is a remarkable thing.

There is something very human in railing against the dark. For it is in the dark that we are most vulnerable. Even modern man feels it. Depression is far more common in the winter than during the summer months. How often have you heard someone remark, "I don't mind the cold as long as the sun shines. It is the grey days that get to me." Even as modern scientific man we rail against the dark. So we seek light and in true human fashion we celebrate that which we do not have.

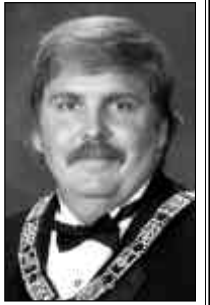
At the darkest time of year we celebrate light and life. Some of us celebrate the light which burned in the temple. Some of us celebrate the light of a star which guided kings, and others celebrate the solstice. Most of us will celebrate and do so with light. It is said that the American holiday season begins with Thanksgiving (the end of November) and runs through the Super Bowl (at the beginning of February). We celebrate throughout the darkness.

As Masons, we celebrate when we bring a man from darkness to light. The man no longer wanders alone in the darkness of ignorance, prejudice, and vanity — no longer alone but part of something greater than himself which he finds by the help of the Three Great Lights — the Volume of Sacred Law, that we should be guided by divine blessing; the Square, that our actions be just, virtuous, and benevolent; and the Compasses, that we may walk in peace and fellowship without contention or animosity. Are we not as Master Masons admonished to continue to seek further light by talking with learned brethren and practicing that with which we were charged? Moreover, isn't it interesting that at the darkest time of the year we install our new officers, and the new Worshipful Master, one of the Three Lesser Lights, ascends to his place in the East? In most lodges a special dinner and celebration follow.

My Brothers, we celebrate light to drive away the dark. Some of us will light the candles in a Menorah. Others will sting lights upon a tree with a star on top. Some will illuminate the night with lighted icicles and snow flakes to celebrate the change in celestial seasons. However you do it, the message is the same. It is one of hope, charity, brotherhood, and divine blessing. For these are the things that truly drive darkness away. So when you exchange greeting of the season whether by card, word, or deed we celebrate the light. We drive a bit of the darkness from our hearts and the world becomes a better place.

My Brothers, as we as Masons head into the season when we elect and install our new officers may the light of the Lord's wisdom be upon them and our lodges. In my corner of the state we celebrate installation with chili and oyster stew. However your lodge celebrates, may it be with laughter and brotherly love. As we as men head into the holiday season may it also be with peace, benevolence, and brotherhood. In your celebrations, may the Supreme Architect of the Universe bless your traditions and customs. May you be surrounded by those you hold dear and may it be a time of joy and light in the dark season of the year.

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



Rev. David Ritchie
Grand Chaplain



In honor of Lodi Valley Lodge's 150th year, Grand Lodge officers rededicate Lodi Valley Lodge No. 99. Shown left to right are: Grand Chaplain David Ritchie, Grand Master John Wilke, Junior Grand Steward Franklin Struble and Lodi Valley Worshipful Master Nathan Gindt.

Lodi Valley Lodge Turns 150 With Grand Master Presiding

LODI – In the winter of 1856-1857, the future members of Lodi Valley Lodge met in a local blacksmith shop. On June 3, 1857, they voted to procure a dispensation and on June 9, 1858, Lodi Valley Lodge was granted its charter.

During its long history, the lodge has met in several locations. In 1928 they purchased a vacant Baptist Church which had been constructed in 1867. After extensive remodeling, they moved into the building in 1929. This building has been updated over the years and still serves as

the home of Lodi Valley Lodge.

The two day sesquicentennial celebration consisted of participating in the annual 'Susie the Duck Days' parade on August 9 followed by an open house for the public. On August 10 Grand Master John Wilke and other Grand Lodge officers rededicated the lodge and dedicated an exterior monument noting the 150 years, 1858 to 2008. The program concluded with a dinner served in Fellowship Hall to over 100 guests. – Submitted by Cod Cramer, Lodi Valley Secretary

Send your News of the Lodges submissions to the Wisconsin Masonic Journal by e-mail or USPS. Please give complete information, including the date the event occurred. Keep your news fresh. Don't delay.

The Gavel Locator

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

District 1

Superior Lodge No. 236

District 2

Eau Claire Lodge No. 112

District 3

Park Falls Lodge No. 300

District 4

Crandon Lodge No. 287

District 5

Valley Lodge No. 60

District 6

Evergreen Lodge No. 93

District 7

Doric Lodge No. 356

District 8

Richland Lodge No. 66

District 9

Oconomowoc/Hartland No. 42

District 10

Dodge County Lodge No. 72

District 11

Lafin-St. James Lodge No. 247

District 12

West Allis Lodge No. 291

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? We can't know unless you tell us!

Mason City Fraternal Supply

75 So. Georgia Ave.

Mason City, IA 50401

Masonic Organizations Supplies

To view or print catalog

www.mcfatrsupply.com

1-800-891-9285

Free gift with 1st order

Convenient Milwaukee Area Location!

Meeting Space AVAILABLE

- Modern Lodge Room
- Spacious Dining Hall
- Ample Parking
- Easy Access
- Northwest Milwaukee

HENRY L. PALMER LODGE
4315 North 92nd Street
CALL: 414-817-9781

HARDER FUNERAL HOME

DEAN K. HARDER,
President

18700 West Capitol Drive
Brookfield, Wisconsin 53045
(262) 781-8350

Send lodge news items to the Wisconsin Masonic Journal at <wmjedit@sbcglobal.net>. Make e-mail submissions to the Editor at <wmjedit@sbcglobal.net> Phone (262) 334-1876. By mail, send submissions to William Stonecipher, Editor, 232 Lincoln Dr. South, West Bend, WI 53095

MASONIC SUPPLIES

Aprons • Gifts • Jewelry • Printing
Secretary's Supplies • Altar Lights • Fraternal Ties
Now Available – Online Ordering

Please visit our updated website. Online ordering is now available for your shopping convenience. Browse through the many items available online to find that special "Masonic Item" you've been looking for.

Catalogs may be downloaded online or e-mail a request for a printed copy. As always, our friendly and knowledgeable staff will assist you with phone orders or any special requests you may have weekdays 8-5 CST.

Call or Write for our Current Catalog

J.P. Luther CO.

P. O. Box 344 • 173 S. Pearl Street • Berlin, Wisconsin 54923
920/361-1555 FAX: 800/842-9357 Toll Free: 800/558-8292
WEBSITE: <http://www.jpluther.com> • E:MAIL: jpl@vbe.com

– ATTENTION READERS –

Send your NEWS items to the Wisconsin Masonic Journal at <wmjedit@sbcglobal.net>. Remember, "who, what, when, where and why" will make the submission from your lodge special.

We accept conventional photos as well as digital. Make e-mail submissions to the Editor at <wmjedit@sbcglobal.net> Phone (262) 334-1876. Also, check out the Masonic News Hawk information under the Masonic Journal heading on the Grand Lodge Web Page at <www.wisc-freemasonry.org>

Rhinelanders Masons, Wisconsin Masonic Charities, Honor Widows



Rhinelanders Widows Honored at Charities' Table Lodge

On October 21 the Wisconsin Masonic Charities and Rhinelanders Lodge hosted a Widows at the Table Lodge. Twelve Widows and 24 members from local lodges attended. They were greeted with warmth and humor by Grand Master John W. Wilke and his lady Sharon. The widows received a Widow's Pin and the Grand Master performed the Widow's Pin Presentation. Individual toasts were made to the widows and then each spoke about their ties to the Masonic Fraternity. The widows left with a red rose and other gifts provided by the lodge. Many thanks to the brothers of Rhinelanders Lodge for a dinner well prepared. Above, right: Grand Master Wilke and participants presenting a toast. Above, left: Grand Master Wilke presenting the widows pin. Below, left: Rhinelanders Lodge wine steward Barry Maxwell serving the widows. – Photos and text by William H. Barnes, J.D., Director of Development



Clintonville Lodge Float

A seven-foot Masonic symbol dominated the parade float of Clintonville Lodge No. 197. The journey of this particular symbol reflects the way Masonry is best conducted throughout the Fraternity. It was built by Masons in Kiel, making its way to Clintonville via Port Washington and Shawano.

Clintonville Masons make a statement with a well-traveled parade float

CLINTONVILLE – A seven-foot replica of a Masonic Square and Compasses dominated the parade float of Clintonville Lodge No. 197.

The historical journey of this particular symbol reflects the way Masonry is best conducted through out the Fraternity. It was built by Masons living in Kiel, Wisconsin and used in community parades.

The Square and Compasses was then donated to Ozaukee Lodge No. 17 in Port Washington and finally to Shawano Lodge No. 170. This symbol of giving, sharing and the support of the public good is a basic premise and ideal of international Masonry which is reflected in the following story.

Some time ago Jim Herman, a Brother of Shawano Lodge, rode his motorcycle to the southwestern part of our nation, the Square and Compasses vividly displayed on the saddlebags. He stopped at a small cafe in Texas for a coffee break where three local men were the only other

customers. A fourth man entered and asked who owned the cycle. Jim raised his hand and the man said, "come over and join us brother." A new Masonic bond was formed that endures to this day.

Brother Howard Unrath, Tiler of Shawano Lodge, was commissioned to build a parade float. Word got back to Ozaukee Lodge which donated the seven foot Square and Compasses. Unfortunately it had previously toppled from a moving float and was in sad shape. Three Brothers from Clintonville Lodge offered to help with the project and as both lodges worked together it was completed in time for the Clintonville Firemen's Parade this summer.

The plan was to have a contingent of Masonic marchers with the Float. The active members of Clintonville Masonic Lodge are now older men and most of them are unable to march, but the Masons did march.

They came from Green Bay/Twin Cities Commandery, Oshkosh Lodge No. 27, Twin Cities Lodge No. 61, Appleton Lodge No.51, Shawano Lodge No. 170 and two from Clintonville Lodge No. 197.

The tenets, Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love adorn the back of the float. – Submitted by WM Danford Jesse



Waukesha Lodge Honors 50-year Member Michel

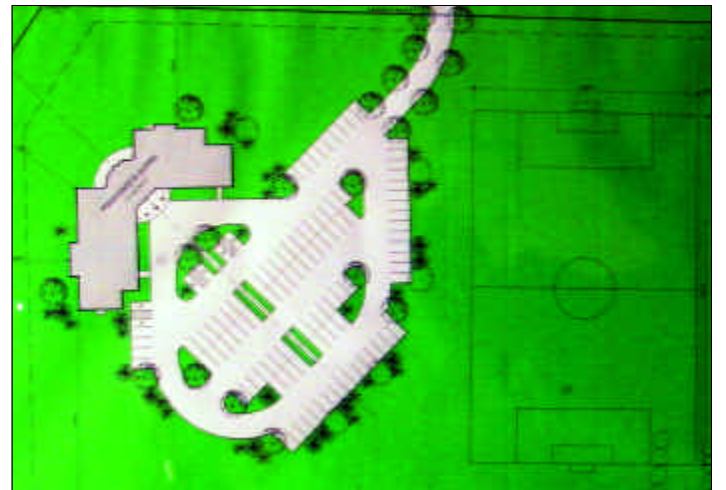
Bro. Sanford A. Michel, left, was presented his 50-year pin by Waukesha Lodge Master Robert D. McQuillan, right, at the September 15 meeting of Waukesha Lodge. Brother Michel received his degrees in Lodge No. 591 in Michigan over the months of June, July and August which is unusual because most Lodges are dark during those months.

Manawa Lodge Looks Ahead



Manawa Groundbreaking Reception

Manawa Master Tom Squires (right) spoke with Waupaca Lodge Master Don Gans and his brother, Chris Gans, during the after-groundbreaking reception at the lodge's present location at 407 S. Bridge Street. Manawa has a membership of 50, many of whom live out-of-state.



Manawa Site Plan

The new Manawa Lodge will occupy the shaded grey area on 10 acres of land at the northeast corner of N. Bridge Street and Progress Road on Manawa's north side. The light areas are for parking and driveway access off of Progress Road. A soccer field (right) is also planned for the site. It will be the only dedicated soccer field in the city.

The Tripoli Highlanders – Open to all Masons –

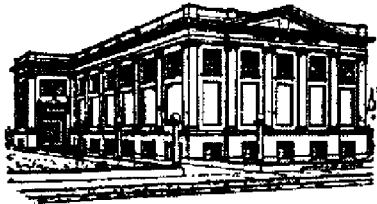


Instruction available for bagpipes and drums.

Clay Simchick
414-852-8855

www.tripolihighlanders.org

"We Play So Children Can."



Stated Communications

for the Traveling Mason in Wisconsin

A paid service by Masonic Lodges in Wisconsin

Adams

Adams Lodge No. 332
148 S. Grant • 608-339-2126 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark January & February

Albany

Albany Lodge No. 36
205 N. Water St. • 608-862-3327 (Sec) • Meet 1st & 3rd Wed., 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Antigo

Antigo Lodge No. 231
American Legion Hall, 619 8th Ave.
Meet 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Appleton

Waverly Lodge No. 51
315 S. Bluemound Dr. • 920-738-9220
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Ashland

Ancient Landmark No. 210
206 Sixth Ave. West • 715-682-2700
Meet 1st Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Baldwin

Collins-Spring Valley Lodge 192
790 Main St. • 715-796-2133 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Baraboo

Baraboo Lodge No. 34
108 Second Ave. • 608-356-6739
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Barnes

Barnes Lodge No. 365
City Hwy. N • 715-372-4957 (Sec)
Meet 2nd Tues. - 4th Tues. in June only
7 p.m. Dark Jan., Feb. & March

Barneveld

Barneveld Lodge No. 319
108 S. Jones St. • 414-758-0512 (Sec)
Meet 2nd Tuesday only, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Bayfield

Bayfield-Washburn Lodge No. 215
29 N. 2nd Street • 715-779-3174 (Sec)
Meets Monthly, 1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

Beaver Dam

Dodge County Lodge No. 72
Best Western Campus Inn, 815 Park Ave. • 920-887-2530 • Meet 3rd Monday 7 p.m. - Dark July & August

Beloit

Morning Star Lodge No. 10
229 W. Grand Ave. • 608-362-6073
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
3rd Wed. only in July & August

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

Black Earth

Crescent Valley Lodge No. 97
1020 Mills St. • 608-795-4484 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Black River Falls

Black River Lodge No. 74
314 Main Street • 715-284-2234
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Bloomer

Bloomer Lodge No. 281
2122 16th Ave. • 715-568-5152
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark January & February

Bristol

Washburn Lodge No. 145
8102 - 199th Ave. • 262-857-7801
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Brodhead

Bicknell Lodge No. 94
302 1st Center Ave. • 608-897-8069
Meets 2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Brookfield

Elmbrook Lodge No. 354
4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-549-0923
Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Brookfield

McKinley Lodge No. 307
4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-781-9907
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Brookfield

Myron Reed No. 297
4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-780-0176
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July and August

Burlington

Burlington Lodge No. 28
325 N. Kane St. • 262-763-6290
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Cambridge

Social Lodge No. 245
105 S. Spring St. • 608-215-4346 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July, August

Camp Douglas

Camp Douglas Lodge No. 272
211 Main St. • 608-427-6542 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Cecil

Mason-Woods Lodge No. 368
N6446 Emery Ansonge Rd • 715-745-2943 (Sec) • 1st & 3rd Tues., 10 a.m.
Dark January & February

Cedarburg

Victory Lodge No. 320
501 W. Grand Ave., Port Washington
262-275-2931 (Sec) • 2nd & 4th Mon.
7:30 p.m. • Dark June, July & August

Chetek

Chetek Lodge No. 277
216 Hwy. N • 715-296-5537 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Chippewa Falls

Chippewa Falls Lodge No. 176
650 Bridgewater Ave. • 715-723-6341
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Clear Lake

Clear Lake Lodge No. 230
411 Third Ave. • 715-263-3033
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Columbus

Columbus Lodge No. 75
318 N. Ludington St. • 920-623-3705 (Sec)
• Meet 2nd Monday, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Crandon

Crandon Lodge No. 287
211 S. Lake Ave. • 715-478-2797 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark 4th Tues. in June, July & August

Crivitz

Tri-County Daylite Lodge No. 218
918 Louisa St. • 715-854-3088
Meet 2nd Wednesday 10 a.m.
Dark January & February

Darlington

Evening Star Lodge No. 64
433 Wells St. • 608-776-4213 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 8 p.m.
Dark July & August

Delavan

Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12
1007 S. Second St. • 262-728-6822 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Dodgeville

Dodgeville Lodge No. 119
200 W. Chapel St. • 608-935-3548
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Dousman

Dousman Lodge No. 315
214 Main St. • 262-593-2647 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Dousman

Glen L. Humphrey Lodge No. 364
375 Hwy. 67 • 262-965-9390
Meet 2nd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.
Dark June

Durand

Durand-Pepin Lodge No. 149
203 W. Main St. • 715-672-8052 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Eagle River

Eagle River Lodge No. 248
610 E. Division • 715-479-8646
Meet 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Eau Claire

Eau Claire Lodge No. 112
616 Graham Ave. • 715-824-4275 (Sec.)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Eau Claire

George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351
616 Graham Ave. • 715-832-7759
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Eau Claire

Sanctuary Lodge No. 347
616 Graham Ave. • 715-832-7759
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Edgerton

Fulton Lodge No. 69
312 W. Fulton St. • 608-884-6679 (Sec)
Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Ellsworth

Hancock Lodge No. 229
400 High Point Dr. • 715-273-5230 Meet
2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Evansville

Union Lodge No. 32
104 W. Main St. • 608-882-6087 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Fond du Lac

Fond du Lac Lodge No. 26
500 W. Morrison St. • 920-922-5800
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July and August

Frederic

Landmark Lodge No. 244
109 United Way • 612-998-7901 (Sec).
Meets 2nd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Friendship

Quincy Lodge No. 71
210 Main St. • 608-564-7144 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Galesville

Decora Lodge No. 177
16794 S. Main St. • 608-582-4130 (Sec)
Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m.
Dark July & August, 1st Mon. Sept.

Grafton

Victory Lodge No. 320
1645 Highland Dr., #2 • 262-376-9619
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June - August

Green Bay

Des Peres Lodge No. 85
525 N. Taylor • 920-499-7265
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Green Bay

N.E.W. Daylite Lodge No. 360
535 N. Taylor • 920-499-7265
Meet 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m.
Dark July & August

Green Bay

Theodore Roosevelt Lodge 322
525 N. Taylor St. • 920-499-9777
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Green Bay

Washington Lodge No. 21
525 N. Taylor St. • 920-494-5205
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Hartford

Hartford Lodge No. 120
147 N. Rural St. • 262-673-2074 (Sec)
Meet 2nd Monday, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Hayward

Keystone Lodge No. 263
10629 Main St. • 715-634-8735 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Hudson

St. Croix Lodge No. 56
209 Locust Street • 715-377-0817
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Janesville

Janesville-Western Star No. 55
2322 E. Milwaukee St. • 608-752-3098
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Jefferson

Jefferson County Lodge No. 9
617 Masonic Blvd. • 920-674-6715
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Kenosha

Kenosha Lodge No. 47
807 - 61st St. • 262-657-7631
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Kenosha

Sunrise Lodge No. 359
807 61st St. • 262-694-7817
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 9:30 a.m.
Dark July & August

Kenosha

Unity Lodge No. 367
4320 Washington Rd. • 262-657-5575
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

La Crosse

Frontier-Badger Lodge No. 45
118 8th St. • 608-782-1616
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

La Crosse

La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190
118 8th Street So. • 608-782-1616
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Ladysmith

Mystic Tie Lodge No. 280
705 S. 3rd St. N. • 715-532-7696 (Sec)
Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Lake Geneva

Geneva Lodge No. 44
335 S. Lakeshore Dr. • 262-248-9900
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Linden

Linden Lodge No. 206
618 Main St. • 608-623-2498 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 8 p.m.
Dark July & August

Lodi

Lodi Valley Lodge No. 99
114 First St. • 608-592-4392 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Lone Rock

Franklin Lodge No. 16
237 S. Oak St. • 608-583-4303 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 8 p.m.
Meets All Year

Madison

Commonwealth Lodge No. 325
301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-0793
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Madison

Doric Lodge No. 356
85 S. Stoughton Rd. • 608-224-0895 (Sec)
• Meet 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Madison

Four Lakes Daylite Lodge No. 362
810 Chicago St. • 920-684-4334
Meet 1st Mondays, 10 a.m. (except Sept.
2nd Monday) Dark July & August

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

Madison

Madison Lodge No. 5
301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-0793
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Meet 1st Thursday July & August

Manitowoc

Manitowoc Lodge No. 65
810 Chicago St. • 920-684-4334
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Marinette

Marinette Lodge No. 182
1610 1/2 Tenth St. • 715-735-3315
Meet 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Marshfield

Marshfield Lodge No. 224
402 W. 11th St. • 715-384-8646
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Medford

Medford Lodge No. 217
150 S. Seventh St. • 715-748-6851 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark January & February

Menomonie

Menomonie Lodge No. 164
N5729 - 410th St. • 715-235-2667
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Mercer

Hurley Lodge No. 237
5179 N. Hwy. 51 • 715-475-2453
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark January, February & March

Merrill

Virginia Falls Lodge No. 226
916-1/2 E. Main Street • 715-675-3440
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Merrillan

Merrillan Lodge No. 279
103 S. Main Street • 715-333-2083 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark January, February & March

Middleton

Middleton-Ionic Lodge No. 180
7409 Franklin Ave. • 608-831-4418
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Milton

Milton Lodge No. 161
508 Vernal Avenue • 608-754-2464
Meets 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Milwaukee

Damascus Lodge No. 290
1235 E. Howard Ave. • 262-853-5631 (Sec)
• Meet 2nd & 4th Tues., Dinner 6 p.m., Lodge at 7 • Dark July & August

Milwaukee

Excelsior Lodge No. 175
1235 E. Howard Ave. • 414-744-4609
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark July and August

Stated Communications (continued from page 7)

Palmyra

Palmyra Lodge No. 68
125 N. 3 St. • 262-495-4887
Meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark January & February

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

Pewaukee

Pewaukee Lodge No. 246
126 Main St. • 262-367-4816 (WM)
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Phillips

Phillips Lodge No. 225
137 N. Lake Ave. • 715-339-3785
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Platteville

Melody Lodge No. 2
783 Enterprise Drive • 608-349-6021
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Plymouth

Cassia Lodge No. 167
441 Smith St. • 920-892-6336
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

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

Port Washington

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
(Sec) • Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

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 Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Racine

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

Reedsburg

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

Rhineland

Rhineland Lodge 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
225 W. South St. • 715-234-1888
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 & 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Shawano

Shawano Lodge No. 170
201-1/2 S. Main St. • 715-526-3920
Meets 1 & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark January & February

Sheboygan

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

Shell Lake

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

Shullsburg

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

Shullsburg

Benton Lodge No. 268
404 N. Virtue St. • 608-965-3575 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 8 p.m.
Dark January & February

South Milwaukee

South Shore Lodge No. 3
1327 Marshall Ave * 414-294-9332 (Sec.)
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 pm
Dark July & August

Sparta

Valley Lodge No. 60
603 N. Court St. • 608-269-2616
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 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
2854 Church Street • 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. • 920-493-3727
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 Bellnap St. • 715-392-1398 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 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 Saturday, 8:30 a.m.
Meets 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 Street • 715-845-5198
Meet Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Wautoma

Wautoma Lodge No. 148
203 S. Scott St. • 920-787-7657 (Sec.)
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark Jan. & Feb. - 4th Monday of 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
7515 W. National Ave. • 414-257-9450
Meet 1st & 3rd Fridays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

West Bend

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

West Salem

Salem Lodge No. 125
101 W. Hamilton St. • 608-786-0930 (Sec)
Meets 4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Whitefish Bay

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

Whitefish Bay

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

Whitewater

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

Wilmot

Wilmot Lodge No. 241
30702 113th St. • 262-889-8181 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Winneconne

Winneconne Lodge No. 186
100 W. Main Street • 920-582-7815 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Wisconsin Dells

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

Wisconsin Rapids

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

Armistead-Bingham

Lodge No. 1862
Call Secretary at 815-623-8460 for next meeting
date & location <g2minime@aol.com>
Meets 5th Saturdays, 1 p.m.

ABOUT LODGE LISTINGS

Lodge listings are \$20 for one year. To have your lodge listed in this column, mail your lodge check made payable to the Wisconsin Masonic Journal to: **WMJ Lodge Listings** c/o Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin, 36275 Sunset Dr., Dousman, WI 53118.



New Float Constructed by Owen Lodge

In celebration of our charter dated June 1918, it was decided to construct a parade-quality float. As a result of consolidation in the past, our lodge membership is comprised of members from six former lodges and communities, which offered us the opportunity to take part in several celebrations in our area. Our very talented Bro. D. J. Oehler (pictured with the float) constructed a "Square and Compasses" to be placed on a trailer or truck where some of our brethren could ride. We did participate in three parades this past summer and even had one recipient of our scholarship program join in and ride on our float. Plans are to continue this activity in the future, thanks to the fantastic craftsmanship of our Brother, D. J. Oehler.

– Submitted by Owen Lodge Masonic News Hawk Frank R. Olszewski



Chippewa Falls Mason of the Year is Richard Kemp

The Chippewa Falls Mason of the Year Award was presented recently to Brother Richard Kemp. He deserves it because not only is he our Lodge Treasurer, but he is also a Trustee and, as such, also administers the Hopkins Educational Fund which supplies the funds, including the matching funds from the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, for the five scholarships of \$1,000 the lodge presents each every year. He also solicits the scholarship applications and assists in interviewing potential recipients. In addition to this Bro. Kemp puts together, prints, sorts and mails the monthly four-page Chippewa Falls Masonic Center Trestle Board.

– Submitted by Bro. Richard Frazier, W.M., Chippewa Falls Lodge



Bro. Ervin Schlenvogt Celebrates 100th Birthday

Members of Ozaukee Lodge No. 17, Port Washington, visited Bro. Ervin Schlenvogt on Saturday, November 1 in honor of his 100th birthday. Ervin has been a member of Ozaukee Lodge for 56 years. Pictured are (standing left to right) Allan Leeb, WM; Sid Arthur, SD; Lincoln Smith, PM; Craig Heatwole, PM/Secretary; and Lowell Tainter, PM/Chaplain. Seated is Ervin Schlenvogt. Missing from the picture is David Tainter, PM, who was taking the picture.

– Submitted by Allan Leeb, Worshipful Master

Classified Advertising

Wisconsin's Masonic Marketplace

FOR SALE:

Blue Lodge Wall Hanging hanging is 27" x 36". Made of 100% Cotton, beautiful colors and detail. Made of upholstery material with a sewn liner on back. Dry Clean Only. Cost \$49.95 price includes a \$7.00 donation to your Grand Lodge, shipping & insurance. Send Check or Money order to: Sandra D. Knotts, P.O. Box 158 Trexlertown, PA 18087

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING GUIDELINES:

Each word is 40 cents. All type will be set in 9 pt. Southern type. Italicized words are not permitted. 1 point leading will be standard between lines. Standard spacing between letters and words will apply. Blank lines will be charged at \$2.15 per line. Ads containing non-standard letters and words will be considered display advertising and will be priced accordingly. Ads will not be accepted for alcohol, tobacco, political advertising or personal ads pertaining to sexual preference or orientation.

All abbreviations are counted as one word. Words such as "a", "and", "the", or "it" all count as one word. Phone numbers or street numbers will also be counted as one word. Only one line of bold type is allowed for each ad and shall be limited to the first three words in the ad. For information call Diane at 262-965-3979.

Insert _____ words X .40 cents _____
 blank lines @ \$2.15 each line _____
 X number of times published _____
 Total Ad Charges (Enclosed) _____

• Payment must accompany your ad for each publication • Deadline is the 5th of the month preceding publication • Ads received after the deadline will appear in the next issue.

Make checks payable to: The Wisconsin Masonic Journal
 Mail to: Grand Masonic Center, c/o Masonic Journal Ad Department, 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, Wisconsin 53118. A Classified Advertising rate sheet can also be found on the Grand Lodge Web Page under the Masonic Journal heading.

ATTENTION LODGES:

LET OUR CLASSIFIEDS WORK FOR YOUR LODGE!

Our classifieds offer a cost-effective way to find or trade unused lodge furniture, kitchen equipment, dishes, books, ritual paraphernalia or other items of interest to lodges. If your lodge has unwanted items, please consider using The Wisconsin Masonic Journal, your statewide Masonic publication, to spread the word. All this and much more can be achieved by placing a classified ad.

At only 40 cents per word, this offer is simply too good to pass up!
Call Diane at 262-965-3979

(Classifieds are pre-paid only.)

Check out our Classified Advertising rate sheet on the Grand Lodge Web Page at <www.wisc-freemasonry.org>

Attention Small Business Owners – Your Business Card Ad Will Be Noticed In the Masonic Journal

If you would like to display your business card here, call Wisconsin Masonic Journal Advertising Manager Diane Igl at (262) 965-3979 or contact her by E-mail at <eieio@execpc.com>

The price is just \$374.50 for one year (11 issues)

Advance payment is required to receive this special offer. If billed monthly, the price is \$37.45 per month or \$411.95 per year. Pay early and save! Repetition works!

This space is reserved for you.
 Call today and ask for Diane.

262-965-3979

Noticed this ad, didn't you?

THE WISCONSIN Masonic Journal

BUSINESS CARD ADVERTISING



Earl Casto
 Realtor®
 Senior Real Estate Specialist

Direct: (262) 797-3515 Ext. 246
 Office: (262) 784-8466
 E-mail: ecasto@shorewest.com

New Berlin Office:
 3560 South Moorland Road
 New Berlin, WI 53151 Fax: (262) 784-8359
shorewest.com BPO




Lakeside Wealth Management LLC
 Securities Offered Through LInco/Private Ledger (LPL) • Member NASD/SIPC

Michael D. Kugler
 LPL Financial Advisor

3924 Highway NN
 West Bend, WI 53095

(262) 306-1730
 Fax: (262) 306-1948
 Toll Free: 866-306-1730
 E-Mail: michael.kugler@lpl.com



Chamberlain's
FLOWERS

Family Owned Since 1965

153 N. Main St. Dousman, WI 53118 (262) 965-3384

6737 W. Washington Sr., Ste. 2147 West Allis, WI 53214 1-800-353-1525 (414) 453-1525

Around the corner or around the world... flowers for all occasions




HOLL MOTORS

5961 S. 108th PLACE • HALES CORNERS, WI 53130
 FAX: (414) 425-7245 (414) 425-2400

**WISCONSIN'S LARGEST
 19 STRAIGHT YEARS**

OVER 90 YEARS OF QUALITY SERVICE & RELIABILITY

JOHN SAGE
 PHD
 Senior Consultant



Teach • Change • Perform
Optima Associates, Inc.

1580 Mid Valley Drive • DePere, WI 54115
 p: 920.425.1005 f: 920.425.1009 c: 920.471.2361
 email: john.sage@optimatcp.com web: optimatcp.com


For all of your Hazardous Material, DOT, OSHA, EPA, and Lean Management Needs

BMES Bill Mount Exhibit Storage

141 S. Lakeshore Dr. E8
 Racine, WI 53403
 262-553-1338 Fax 262-553-1339
bill@wi.net

Bill Mount

Tradeshaw Exhibit Storage, Surveying, Containerizing, and Transportation



ROBERTSON RYAN & ASSOCIATES, INC.

CHARLES V. JOHNSON
 Sr. Vice-President of Agency Development

Complete insurance for Personal, Commercial, National and International Programs

20975 Swenson Drive, Suite 175, Waukesha, WI 53186
 Telephone 414/271-3575 Direct 414/221-0335 Fax 262/717-9434
 Cellular 414/333-1575 Home 262/567-7712
 e-mail: cjohnson@robertsonryan.com

Masonic Jewelry
 Buy~Sell~Trade
 Custom Design
 We buy and sell Masonic Jewelry



David H. Paul
 414.272.2356
 fax: 414.272.2359
david@steinsjewelers.com

Ken Stein
 715 W. Wisconsin Ave.
 Milwaukee, WI 53233
www.steinsjewelers.com

WOODWARD PRINTING SERVICES
 Exceeding expectations.

DESIGN | PREPRESS
 SHEET-FED & WEB PRINTING | BINDERY
 INKJET LABELING | MAILING | DELIVERY

For a FREE estimate contact JEFF GOURLEY
 800 348 5515 | call 608 778 4654
jgourley@wcinet.com



www.woodwardprinting.com

W235 N1264 Busse Rd. Waukesha, WI 53188 ☐ \$75

Deer Creek Processing L.L.C.

No. _____
 Cutting, Wrapping, Sausage & Jerky Making

262-391-1620
 262-691-1780 www.deerprocessingwisconsin.com

Midwest Plastic Products Inc.
 Gary Fish, President



920-674-2752
 800-863-3954
 920-674-2782 Fax
 201 W. Plymouth St. Jefferson, WI 53505
 • Custom Blow Molding •

Pratt Security and Investigations, Inc.

1-866-90PRATT
 (920-405-3700)
 Call for a free consultation

Security Officers
 Armed/Unarmed Security Officers
 Mobile Patrol/Alarm Response

Investigations
 Accident Reconstruction
 Conceal Surveillance

Security Consulting
 Facility Security Audits/Inspections
 Security Planning and Training
 1445 W. Mason St. Ste. 201
 Green Bay, WI 54303
prattsecurity.com

John M. Pratt
 President



Det. Matt Elliott

**SPECIAL OPERATIONS
 DETECTIVE AGENCY**

1517 South 12th Street
 Sheboygan, Wisconsin 53081

Phone: (920) 457-9008 / Fax: (920) 457-9260
 Email: specialops@unit@sbcglobal.net
www.special-operations.com

Armed & Unarmed Security Officers / Vehicle Patrols / K-9 Units

NEED A NEW OR USED CAR, TRUCK, OR VAN?



EWALD
 AUTOMOTIVE GROUP

(414) 258-5000



2000 VEHICLES 24/7 WWW.EWALDAUTO.COM



Three Pillars

SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITIES

Masonic Center for Health & Rehab | Riverside Lodge
Village on the Square | Mason Woods | Compass Point

410 North Main Street
Dousman, Wisconsin 53118
800.848.5306 / www.threepillars.org



A Message from Mary Millard - Director of Fraternal Relations

GIFTS

It's holiday time and our thoughts turn to the gifts we need to purchase. With the stock market and our economy the way it is, our budget may be a little tight.

We may have to do some creative thinking – the first thing that pops into my mind is the "gift of time". In our busy world, rushing from place to place, we never seem to have enough time for everything or everyone.

A gift of time may be one of most appreciated gifts we can give:

- **time** to call a friend to see how they are
- **time** to visit a loved one
- **time** to spend with a special someone doing "NOTHING"
- **time** to enjoy the holiday season and all the decorations

Who on your list would love to receive this gift?

I would like to offer the **gift of my time** to come and share with you what Three Pillars has to offer. Just give me a call at 1-800-848-5306 and we can set up some "time" to do this.

"The Journey of a Lifetime"

In honor of veterans, residents of Three Pillars had the opportunity to listen to Sgt. Rick Martinez talk about his tour of duty during the Iraq War. He and his mother have compiled a book from the collection of e-mails, poems and prayers over the course of a year. The family's correspondence reveals the hardships each endures individually whether at home or in the field, and the faith and love that keeps them together. Pictured is Sgt. Rick Martinez autographing his book "The Journey of a Lifetime" that was presented to Three Pillars.



Haunted Halloween Woods

Haunted Halloween Woods was a huge success. We had over 1400 guest visit our campus and facilities. Pictured on the left are Oconomowoc Lodge members who were dressed as part of the "Monster Mash" crew for the evening. Check out our website at www.threepillars.org and view some of the pictures.

Eagle Scout Project at Riverside Lodge

Congratulations to Kevin Stachowiak on receiving his Eagle Scout award this month. His Eagle Scout project was to make a "Handicapped Garden" at Riverside Lodge, so residents could enjoy doing some gardening. His fellow scout members from Boy Scout Troop #612 helped him to complete his project. It was utilized by our residents this Spring and Summer. He was referred to us by a friend whose mother now lives at Riverside Lodge.



PillarsPlus

An Outreach Website for Wisconsin Masonic Seniors



Do you have questions about health care options or Wisconsin Senior Care Programs?

Visit www.threepillars.org

- Click the "PillarsPlus Wisconsin Senior Resources" link.
- Click the "Wisconsin Resources" link to direct you to Wisconsin Government Links.

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

Box Lunch Auction

Residents and staff at Mason Woods enjoyed an old fashioned Box Lunch Auction.



Containers were decorated in many different ways by the residents. The containers contained a sandwich and any other goodies you wanted to add. Each bid started out at \$1.00 with a limit of \$5.00. After all bidding was done, a great lunch was enjoyed. All proceeds from the auction will go to purchase items for a needy family in the area.

Happy Holidays
to all of You
from all of us
at Three Pillars



For more information, or to schedule a tour call 800.848.5306 / www.threepillars.org





Initiation at Starlite Chapter, Madison

Starlite Chapter #283 Madison was pleased to welcome new members Megan Engbring and Jennie Slavik at their July 16, 2008 meeting. Over 50 members of the Order were on hand to share in the celebration, and to make the evening more special, the girls' mothers, Kris Engbring and Laura Slavik, served as the Conductress and Associate Conductress for the initiation. Megan and Jennie are PHQ's of Bethel 44 and are attending college out of state, but will carry the fraternal love of Eastern Star with them. Pictured above are the new members and their proud parents: Doug Engbring, Kris Engbring, Megan Engbring, Jennie Slavik, Laura Slavik, and Dan Slavik.

WGM/WGP and Chapter Calendar

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

December

- 1 - Star of Bethlehem, Portage – Slipper night
- Wautoma, Wautoma - WGM/WGP Visit
- 2 - Dodgeville, Dodgeville – Teddy Bear Parade & Honor Youth Night
- Ruth, LaCrosse – Honoring 50 Year Members
- Electa, Milwaukee - WGM/WGP Visit, PJ, Robe and Slippers Night
- 3 - Queen Esther, Lodi – Honor Masons & ESTARL Program
- Starlite, Madison – ESTARL speaker
- 4 - Sheboygan, Sheboygan – Friends Night w/entertainment at First Presbyterian Church, Sheboygan
- Edgerton-Milton, Edgerton - WGM/WGP Visit & Grand Representative Reception
- 5 - Eau Claire – All State Christmas Party (North)
- Vega, Milwaukee – Honor Martha & Ruth
- 6 - Oconomowoc – All State Christmas Party (South)
- La Belle, Mukwonago – Chili Dinner
- 7 - Dousman – Three Pillars Christmas
- 8 - Merrilan, Merrilan – WGM/WGP Visit
- 9 - West Allis, West Allis – Compass Night, WGM/WGP Visit & Cookie Sale
- Ozaukee, Port Washington – Honor Appointed Officers, Cookie Exchange
- 10 - New Holstein-Calumet – Honor Chaplain & Treasurer
- Wauwatosa, Brookfield – Honor Warder & Sentinel
- 13 - Madison – Unity Meeting
- 15 - Pike, Kenosha – Grand Representative Reception & WGM/WGP Visit

January

- 3 - Kinnickinnic, River Falls – Grand Officer Party
- 7 - Chippewa, Chippewa Falls – WGM/WGP Visit
- 10 - Honor, Sturgeon Bay – Grand Officer Party
- Beloit – Madison Area Club

New Sisters and Brothers

Congratulations to the following Chapters who have shared Eastern Star with family and friends. Many of the Chapters listed have welcomed more than one person into their Chapter since September.

Welcome to our new Sisters and Brothers.

- Bristol, Bristol •Columbia, Evansville •Ellsworth, Ellsworth
- Frederic, Frederic •Golden Rule, Wauwatosa
- Mabel, Rhineland •Northwest, Clear Lake
- Rainbow, Wisconsin Rapids
- Vega, Milwaukee •Wautoma, Wautoma
- West Allis, West Allis •Willow River, New Richmond

SISTERS AND BROTHERS

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

ATTENTION CHAPTER SECRETARIES:

Please send me a copy your chapter's 2008-09 calendar so that your special nights may be listed in the OES Calendar on this page. Please send your calendar to Sister Jane Blackwood at, stormkat@sbcglobal.net or 937 Euclid Ave, Beloit, WI 53511-6006

Grand Officer Parties

Kinnickinnic Chapter #80, River Falls invites you to join us in honoring CAROL PETERSON Grand Electa of Wisconsin
 Saturday, January 3, 2009
 University Center – Ballroom
 University of Wisconsin-River Falls
 5 P.m. Social Hour • 6 P.M. Dinner
 Entertainment and introductions to follow
 Cost \$24.00 per person (no refunds)
 RSVP by December 18, 2008
 With name and title and remittance to: Brenda Gaulke
 221 W. Hamilton Dr., River Falls, WI 54022 • (715) 425-6698
 Carol has stated that your presence is the only gift necessary, however if you would like to bring a gift for the WGM/WGP Project, that is appreciated.

Honor Chapter #1, Sturgeon Bay

Invites you and your escort To celebrate with a dinner and program Honoring **CONNIE SKARVAN Grand Marshal of Wisconsin**
 Saturday, January 10, 2009
 The Mill Supper Club, 4128 Hwy 42/57 N, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235
 5 P.m. Social Hour • 6 P.M. Dinner
 Entertainment and introductions to follow. Cost \$19.00 per person (no refunds)
 RSVP by December 31, 2008
 With name and title and remittance to:
 Jennifer Corbisier, Secretary
 729 Memorial Dr., Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235 • (920) 743-4160
 Make Checks payable to Honor Chapter #1

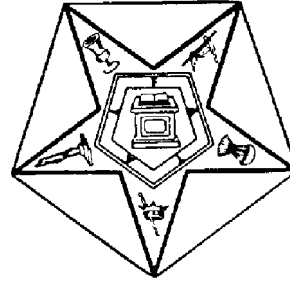
Rae-Ellen Preuss Grand Esther



I am originally from Wauwatosa, and am a majority member of Bethel 9, Job's Daughters. After I married Tom, 37 years ago, we moved to the Mukwonago area on Eagle Spring Lake and have been here ever since! We have two daughters, Rachel and Elizabeth. Rachel is married to Christopher and they live in Oconomowoc. Rachel is a PHQ of Bethel 63 and also a member of La Belle Chapter. My greatest blessing calls me "Grandma". Rachel's son, Clinton, our grandson, is thirteen and very involved in music. I am so proud to have been able to share him with his paternal great grandparents, Darleen and Chester Cholka. Our youngest daughter, Elizabeth, is in her sophomore year at U.W. Madison.

Not being eligible for the OES in the 1990s, I encouraged my dad, Raymond Belz, to become a Mason, so I could join Star. At the age of 72, he joined through the Wisconsin (Shawano) program. He kept saying, "I'm only doing this so my daughter can join Star."...until the night he was raised....then he said, "I'm sorry I didn't do this sooner." So, on November 14, 1991, I joined La Belle Chapter. The many friendships I have made are some of my most treasured blessings.

Over the years, I've worked for the State of Wisconsin and the Social Security Administration. I have volunteered at my church as Sunday School superintendent, chairman of our church preschool, church clerk, flower committee chair, memorial committee chair and deacon. I'm the moderator in 2008-09 for the Wisconsin Congregational Association. I have a BA in communication from U.W. Milwaukee and a certification in floral design. I'm still not sure what I want to do when I grow up. I'll let you know.



Order of Eastern Star

Message From The WGM & WGP



Kristin K. Engbring

Worthy Grand Matron of Wisconsin
Ronald R. Rasmussen
 Worthy Grand Patron of Wisconsin

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

It hardly seems possible, but 2008 will soon be a memory. As we prepare for a New Year to begin, we encourage you to look back and think about the many blessings that were yours during the past year. For some the list will be long, and for others, not quite as long, but each day brings us a new opportunity to live, to love, to trust, and to give thanks. Let us remember to appreciate everyday blessings and move into 2009 filled with hope and optimism.

In previous issues we have shared thoughts about the virtues of our Order. This month we'll look at the lesson taught by Martha, which is faith. Faith typically refers to a reli-

gious belief, a belief in a Supreme Being. It is an acceptance of what we cannot see or touch but feel deep within our hearts. It means trust and confidence. From Martha we learn that a trustful faith can be greater than knowledge, and that we walk by faith, not by sight. What powerful words. In our society, where education is highly regarded, it can be difficult to see beyond wisdom, knowledge, commonsense, facts. Faith does not contradict reason, but it may go beyond reason. What a wonderful time of year this is to reflect on faith as we ponder the birth of a baby many, many years ago. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." A gift given completely in love; let us have the trustful faith to accept the gift and to live in grace, guided by faith.

As we observe this beautiful season of Christmas, we pause to reflect on its meaning in our lives. We celebrate the baby in the manger. We celebrate our family and friends. We give thanks that this season resonates to the sweet, childlike innocence that resides in all of us. Enter into the spirit of the season with a loving heart, pray for peace in the world and love towards one another. Merry Christmas and many Blessings in the New Year, Kris and Ron



Oregon Chapter Entertains International Guests

Oregon Chapter Order of the Eastern Star was honored to have three guests from Brazil visit our chapter on July 21st for our Stated Meeting. Pictured from left to right, Mindy George, Oregon Chapter's Worthy Matron Thais, Dodora, Mariana from Brazil and Don Haugen, Oregon Chapter's Worthy Patron.

Oregon Chapter Order of the Eastern Star entertained three guests from Brazil on July 21 at the Stated Meeting. The two who were Eastern Star Members did not speak English. The third visitor who spoke English was a member of Job's Daughters. The Brazilian contingent had been in Middleton for the Supreme Session of Job's Daughters. The two members were vouched for so an examination was not necessary, however the translator told them what Pass we were taking at the door and the members gave the sign. DoDora holds the station of Esther in her local chapter. It was a dream of hers to attend a local meeting while they were here. DoDora, through the translator, pointed out that even though she could not understand the words, the floor work was the same. It is great that our Ritualistic work is universal and can cross the language barrier. DoDora gave the Esther opening charge in her language. We also have an antique crown and scepter and she was thrilled to be able to try the crown on.

Thais, the English speaking member of Job's Daughters presented the Flag of Brazil as the other members sang their National Anthem. She also explained the significance of the emblems on their flag.

Marina, daughter of DoDora, is the Musician in their chapter. They explained that the youth groups are growing in Brazil but that they only have one local Eastern Star Chapter.

It was a wonderful experience to host these Sisters from Brazil. Everyone had a wonderful time. They explained that their Grand Chapter was coming up and that they were expecting a visit from Sister Barbara and Brother Bill, the MWGM and MWGP during November.

This page is sponsored by The Order of The Eastern Star



Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

December 2008

- 6 District 3 School of Instruction, Medford Lodge, 9 a.m.
- 6 MORI Training Seminar for Lodge Secretaries and Assistants at Lone Rock. Register via the Grand Lodge web site at <www.wisc-freemasonry.org>.
- 11 Santa Klaus III Dinner & Drawing sponsored by West Bend Lodge No. 138. Grand prize is \$1,000 cash, 2nd prize is \$500 and 3rd prize is \$250. Tickets are \$100 and included dinner for two. Silent auction and 50/50 cash drawing, too. Event will be held at the Clairmont Inn, 2520 W. Washington Street (Highway 33) in West Bend. Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner beginning at 7 p.m. Ticket sales are limited to 150 and will end on Wednesday, December 3. Persons need not be present to win. Please contact Bro. Richard Slade, West Bend Lodge PM at 262-334-9180 to reserve your ticket.
- 13 Installation of Officers at Landmark Lodge No. 244 in Frederic 11 a.m., lunch at noon. Installing Master will be Grand Master John W. Wilke.
- 12 West Allis Lodge No. 291 Open Installation of Officers, Friday, 7:30 p.m., 7515 W National Avenue. in West Allis. Any questions, contact Sr. Warden (WM-Elect) William Krohn at 414-303-8657
- 20 Installation of Officers for Morning Star Lodge No. 10 in Beloit by Grand Master Wilke, 3 p.m.
- 22 Janesville-Western Star No. 55 installation of officers, 7:30 p.m. with MW/GM Wilke as Installing Master
- 4 District 2 School of Instruction, Sanctuary Lodge, 7 p.m.
- 5 District 12 School of Instruction, Nathan Hale Lodge, 7 p.m.
- 7 MORI Training Seminar for Lodge Secretaries and Assistants at Milwaukee. Register via the Grand Lodge web site at <www.wisc-freemasonry.org>.
- 8 District 11 School of Instruction, MM Degree, Washburn Lodge, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 District 11 School of Instruction, EA Degree, Racine-Belle City Lodge, 7 p.m.
- 9 District 11 School of Instruction, FC Degree, Burlington Lodge No. 28, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 District 11 School of Instruction, FC Degree, Laflin St James Lodge No. 247, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 District 11 School of Instruction, FC Degree, Elmbrook Lodge No. 354, 7 p.m.
- 13 District 12 School of Instruction, West Allis Lodge, 7 p.m.
- 17 District 12 School of Instruction, Milwaukee Harmony Lodge No. 261, 7 p.m.
- 21 District 2 School of Instruction, Landmark Lodge, 9 a.m.
- 24 District 2 School of Instruction, New Richmond Lodge, 7 p.m.
- 24 District 12 School of Instruction, Damascus Lodge, 7 p.m.
- 26 District 2 School of Instruction, Northwestern Lodge, 7 p.m.
- 28 District 4 School of Instruction, Des Peres Lodge, 9 a.m.
- 28 MORI Training Seminar for Lodge Secretaries and Assistants at Madison. Register on-line by clicking on the MORI tab on the Grand Lodge web site <www.wisc-freemasonry.org>.

March 2009

- 5 District 12 School of Instruction, Wisconsin Lodge, 7 p.m.
- 12 District 12 School of Instruction, Independence Lodge, 7 p.m.
- 14 District 4 School of Instruction, N.E. W. Daylite Lodge, 9 a.m.
- 19 District 12 School of Instruction, Lake Lodge, 7 p.m.
- 25 District 12 School of Instruction, Freemasons Lodge, 7 p.m.
- 28 District 7 Spring Meeting, Four Lakes Daylite, 9 a.m.
- 31 Grand Lodge of Wisconsin/Prince Hall Grand Lodge Joint Table Lodge, Tripoli Shrine, Milwaukee, 6 p.m.

April 2009

- 4 District 4 School of Instruction, Oconto, 9 a.m.
- 17 Scottish Rite Valley of Madison Spring Reunion - Madison

February 2009

- 1 Grand Lodge Staff Meeting (GM) TBD
- 3 District 2 School of Instruction, Eau Claire Lodge, 7 p.m.