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The Grand Master's Message:

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

"To learn, to subdue my passions and to improve myself in Masonry."

My brothers, this is a phrase that is familiar to all Masons. We learn this in the first degree of Masonry, but in the Wisconsin ritual the comma has been deleted, so it reads: "To learn to subdue my passions..."

First, we are to learn; next we are to subdue our passions; and lastly we are to strive to improve ourselves in Masonry.

We are not, "to learn to subdue our passions," as stated many times by ignoring a simple comma. This comma was dropped several years ago more than likely because it was thought to be insignificant. The importance is very significant, however, because with the comma we are charged with three rather than two charges.



John W. Wilke
Grand Master

The Entered Apprentice is charged with "learning" several times in the lectures: learning about one's profession is very important, as one can only understand and appreciate by the depth of his individual knowledge.

I remember as a child the excitement of the anticipation of my first deer hunt. I listened to all the stories of dad and his experiences while deer hunting. I did not miss a word and after a while could recite my father's successful hunts as well as he did.

After the first unsuccessful several seasons, I went to dad's library and read the two books he had on deer hunting to improve my success. I also paid attention to the lessons taught in these books whenever I was outdoors doing other activities. Today I continue this lifelong journey of deer hunting by reading books, watching videos and DVDs and listening to others regardless of their experience to improve myself as a deer hunter. I continue to learn about deer hunting even though I have been blessed with many successful hunts and have become a teacher and mentor to younger deer hunters.

As Masons we begin our journey as I did with deer hunting by listening to our mentors. We are encouraged to seek out Masonic knowledge through reading past and current publications. We study Masons of the past and present that have excelled in the practice of Masonry.

This constant, continual flow of knowledge is the well from which we all find refreshment to the joy of being Masons. It helps us stand as just and upright Masons and allows us the ability to explain Masonry to our family and friends. So my brothers, I stress to you to learn — about your lodge, Wisconsin Freemasonry, the ritual, the lectures and all the other wonderful things in Masonry — to improve yourself in Masonry.

I have asked each brother to learn a new part in the ritual this year for three reasons; first, to improve himself as a Mason; second, to improve his lodge in that it is better to receive new members; third, in learning the several degree parts or one of the lectures, for through this its teachings become integrated into our life and improves the world through our relationships with others.

Yours in Brotherly Love,
Grand Master John W. Wilke

Grand Lodge Officers to Raise Two at Waukesha Lodge on February 28

DOUSMAN – Grand Lecturer Ken Gorgen has announced that our Grand Lodge officers, with Grand Master John W. Wilke presiding in the East, will confer the Master Mason Degree at Waukesha Lodge No. 37 on Saturday, February 28.

There will be two candidates for the degrees, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Both candidates will receive their degrees individually.

Those wishing to attend are reminded that degree work will commence promptly at 10 a.m. A lunch is scheduled for noon or shortly thereafter.

The contact person for making a reservation for lunch is Waukesha Lodge Worshipful Master Shane Beecraft. He can be reached by phone at (262) 442-6084 or by e-mail at <sbeecraft@wi.r.com>.

Major features of these degrees are the proficiency with which they will be conferred and the utilization of a full compliment of Fellowcrafts, something not usually seen in lodges.

Waukesha Lodge No. 37 is located at 317 South Street in downtown Waukesha. Parking is available to the rear of the building. The building is handicapped accessible from the rear entrance and parking area.

On Our Cover

Inaugurating the new Masonic year, as did most lodges in Wisconsin, the newly installed officers of Mystic Tie Lodge No. 280 in Ladysmith took office in an open installation on January 6, 2009. Pictured from left to right in the front row are officers Mark Steckel, Senior Deacon; Bob Grunseth, Senior Warden; Al Jenneman, Worshipful Master; Zach Miller, Junior Warden; Glenn Felske, Junior Deacon. In the back row are Leon Warren, Chaplain; Ken Brown, Installing Master; Bill Howard, Secretary/Treasurer; DeWayne Steckel, Installing Marshal; Ed Anderson, Tiler. Worshipful Master Jenneman is also Grand Warder, Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star in Wisconsin.

– Submitted by Bro. Al Jenneman, Mystic Tie Worshipful Master

Sharon Wilke Takes Her Ladies' Appeal Silent Auction "Live" at 2009 Grand Lodge

Number, high quality of items donated, prompts change to live format to promote higher bidding

DOUSMAN – As reported in the September issue, this year's Ladies Appeal by Most Worshipful Grand Master John W. Wilke's lady Sharon is designated to raise funds to support the Scottish Rite's 32nd Degree Masonic Learning Centers for Children in Wisconsin.

To raise funds for this important Masonic philanthropy, the Grand Master's lady announced two initiatives. The first has been the offering for purchase of the wild foods cookbook, "My Favorite Recipes from the Wild," which was published by the Grand Master's mother, Helen R. Wilke.

Sales Going Great

Sharon reports that cookbook sales have been "going great." Sales have reached 600 so far and she anticipates 1000 to be sold by the end of January.

"The support for the learning centers statewide is phenomenal," she said. "It has just blown my mind! And they are enjoying Helen's wild food recipes."

She mentioned also that journalist Sandy Kallio included the cookbook in her column in the Wisconsin State Journal's "Community Cookbooks" back in October, highlighting the appeal for the Scottish Rite Learning Centers. Mention of the event also appeared on a Missouri couple's organic farm web site.

"The cookbook has even gone to Romania," Sharon continued. She also noted that the UW-Stevens Point has invited Sharon and the Grand Master to bring the cookbook to an ethical botany class where students have studied many of the foods. The class purchased about 40 cookbooks through Jeff Marquardt, District 6 Deputy, Sharon explained. The cookbooks are in each Scottish Rite office statewide for sale.

Silent Auction Goes Live

The second fund raising initiative for Sharon Wilke's Ladies Appeal to benefit the 32nd Degree Children's Learning Centers in the state involves what was initially conceived as a silent auction but is now taking shape as a "live" auction event.

Presently, it is planned that the auction will be held on Friday evening, June 5, following the Representatives Banquet at the 2009 Annual Communication in Madison. It is anticipated that auction items will be available for viewing by representatives and their ladies in the Madison Masonic Center on Friday before the auction.

Auctioneers for this "live" event will be Larry Teasdale and Randy Gill from Schullsburg, members of Amicitia Lodge No. 25.

"They are not only good auctioneers but they are fun, entertaining, and Masons," Sharon explained. "They will do a great job for us!"

In fact one of the main reasons the Wilkes decided to go live with the auction is to promote a sense of

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Grand Master's fund appeal brings big response: It's No Secret Masons Save Lives

DOUSMAN – Over the years, various Grand Master's Appeals have enjoyed a high degree of success and served as a testament to how Masons back up their words and beliefs with generous and continuing financial support for our Wisconsin Masonic Charities.

These charitable funds serve the needs of hundreds of individuals each year through programs that support Masonic relief, gifts of education, community health and safety, and youth activities.

Appeals have benefitted youth activities through the Masonic Youth Fund. The goal of this fund is to accumulate sufficient capital to provide an ongoing source of financial support for DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow for Girls independent of the Grand Lodge fiscal year budget.

Several appeals have targeted the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation's Matching Funds Program which backs up lodge efforts to purchase certain community health and safety apparatus. Such things as thermal imaging devices, respirators or other needed equipment for fire departments, and defibrillators for rescue squads and EMT units.

Another important charitable effort that has benefitted from numerous Grand Master's appeals is the Masonic Service and Assistance Fund. This fund offers direct financial support to Master Masons, their widows and dependents in time of need in keeping with our tenet of Relief.

The Masonic Home has also been the object of many Grand Master's appeals, including funding efforts for Village on the Square, the Masonic Health and Rehabilitation Center and most recently, Compass Point, the assisted living complex at our Three Pillars Senior Living Community in Dousman.

Grand Master Wilke's Appeal Enjoys Great Response

Last but certainly not least is the beneficiary of Grand Master John W. Wilke's appeal this year, the Masonic Foundation's Medical Fund. As one can see from the extraordinarily large number of contributors listed as "Contributions to the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation," under the Masonic Medical Fund on page 4, Grand Master Wilke's charity appeal for his term in office has met with a most generous response.

According to Ms. Erika Miller, Wisconsin Masonic Charities' Development Coordinator, gifts as of January 8, 2009, totalled \$16,800 from 448 gifts. Appeal giving was jump-started by a \$10,000 gift from Brother Robert Mund. Aside from this gift, \$6,800 has been contributed to the appeal so far, with contributions continuing to stream in.

The Masonic Medical Fund has been involved with providing matching funds for the purchase of AEDs since 1999, and over the past ten years has funded the placement of nearly 635 defibrillators in approximately

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Grand Master Wilke with Shawano High cross-country runner Eric Swiecichowski

Event is Tuesday, March 31 at Tripoli Shrine:

Sixth Combined Table Lodge With Prince Hall Masons Set

DOUSMAN – The sixth annual Combined Table Lodge between the Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Wisconsin and The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Wisconsin, Inc., will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2009.

This year's event returns to Milwaukee's Tripoli Shrine Temple where members of the two grand jurisdictions will join in Masonic fellowship and celebrate Wisconsin Freemasonry together. The Tripoli Shrine Center is located at 3000 W. Wisconsin Avenue.

The 2007 event was also held at Tripoli. Last year the Combined Table Lodge was hosted by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge at their Grand Masonic Center.

The evening will begin with a fellowship period at 6 p.m. This will be followed by the official opening ceremony at 6:45 p.m., according to Senior Grand Warden Joe Harker, a member of the Fraternal Relations With Prince Hall Committee.

"The Ceremony of Seven Toasts" (wine and non-alcoholic wine will be offered) and dinner will follow. Please bring your own toasting canons and aprons. At this time it is

not known whether commemorative toasting glasses will be available for purchase.

After the Table Lodge is officially closed a social period and cash bar at Tripoli will be available to those who wish to extend the evening in fellowship.

This event will be conducted on the Entered Apprentice Degree and is therefore open to all Masons.

Appropriate dress for the evening is a sport coat, shirt and tie or business suit. Grand Lodge officers will be in tuxedos.

Dinner will be served in buffet fashion, with the main entrees being sliced roast pork and breast of chicken accompanied by a salad, vegetable, potato, dessert, rolls and coffee.

The cost of this event is \$22 per person and reservations must be received no later than Monday, March 16 at the Grand Lodge office in Dousman. Make checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

Please use the clip & mail registration coupon on page 6. If a lodge wishes to submit a combined reservation and payment for multiple attendees, please list each individual's name attending. **umj**



James Althoff Raised at River Falls

A good crowd was on hand to celebrate the raising of Brother James Althoff to the sublime degree of Master Mason at the River Falls Masonic Lodge on Tuesday, January 20. Pictured left to right is William Beetcher, Worshipful Senior Grand Steward; Harold Christiansen, District 2 Lecturer; Ozcan Kilic, Worshipful Master, who conferred the degree; Brother James Althoff, and Scott Paulson, District 2 Deputy. Also participating in the degree was Past Master Rod Rommel, who served in the East in the second section.

- Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer, Northwest Wisconsin Masonic News Hawk

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competition between bidders in order to take full advantage of the fund-raising potential of the quantity and high quality of the items donated or committed.

Auction Items Varied

A sampling of some of the handcrafted items received to be offered at auction so far include:

• **Handmade King-size Quilt** – a quilt donated by the Order of The Eastern Star and handcrafted by Mary Olson (Stoughton). This prized quilt features the Grand Master Wilke's Beehive Pin motif and is a one-of-a-kind work of art. Quilts by Mary Olson have fetched prices as high as \$1800 at auction.

• **Mama & Papa Bear Chairs** – These handcrafted chairs are not only beautiful and interesting to look at but are comfortable and durable. No two chairs are alike. The frame is mostly aged Aspen and Cherry wood. The seat and back is an ancient Native American hexagonal weave. They will spice up your deck or porch or create a unique living room. Handcrafted and donated by Maggie & Scott Bishop, Eagle River (Eagle River Lodge).

• **Rocking Horse** – The wood rocking horse begins its life as a series of blocks, glued and pegged together. They are then roughed out, assembled, carved, sanded and finished. If the horses were made from solid blocks of wood they would crack and split.

Each horse is handcrafted by Ryan B. Walden and the number produced is limited. The manes and tail are real horse hair, while the saddle and bridle are leather with custom made saddle blankets.

The horses are actually "swinging horses" as they are suspended on swing irons imported from England. This horse is about 24 inches at the

saddle, 36 inches to the top of the ears, and 40 inches long. Handcrafted and donated by Ryan B. Walden (Walden's Woods), Portage (Fort Winnebago Lodge). These rocking horses are valued at between \$600 and \$1,000 depending on the size.

• **Packer Tickets** (4) plus Parking – Four tickets plus parking to one Green Bay Packer game in the 2009 season. Excellent seats. (Game date to be determined after 2009 schedule is announced.) Donated by Bob Gorsuch, Fitchburg (Commonwealth Lodge).

• **Simmons Spotting Scope** – 20-60x60 Zoom Compact Spotting Scope with case. Donated by Keith Chamberlain, PGM, Viola (Richland Lodge).

• **Square & Compass Wall Clock** – Handcrafted oak Square and Compass wall clock. Handcrafted and donated by George Jordan, Columbus (Columbus Lodge).

• **Afghan, Burgundy & White, includes Framed Rose Print 13"x19"** – A treasure to display or snuggle under. 62"x56" this bright and colorful burgundy afghan is made of crocheted rose squares, cable stitch and afghan stitch. It is hand embroidered with rose buds. Handcrafted by Dorothy Anderson. Adorning the afghan is a lovely framed rose print 13"x19" by photographer Tom Pinney. Tom and Myra used 100-year ink to print the framed image.

The afghan is handcrafted and donated by Dorothy Anderson (widow of departed Brother Howard Anderson) (Phillips Lodge). The Rose Print was photographed, framed and donated by Tom and Myra Pinney, Sturgeon Bay (Henry S. Baird Lodge).

• **Fisherman's Afghan, Blue & White includes Framed Rose Print 13"x19"** – Perfect for a cold winter's

night. 48"x56" crocheted in cable stitch, basket weave shell stitch and squares with roses. Handcrafted by Dorothy Anderson.

Adorning the afghan is a lovely framed rose print 13"x19" by photographer Tom Pinney. Tom and Myra used 100-year ink to print the framed image. Fisherman's Afghan donated by Alice & Don Schmidt, Phillips (Phillips Lodge). Rose Print photographed, framed and donated by Tom and Myra Pinney, Sturgeon Bay (Henry S. Baird Lodge).

• **Display Knife** – Handcrafted and donated by noted artisan knife maker John Haggeman, Stoughton.

Other items offered include such things as a day of sailing on Lake Michigan on a yacht (and dinner for two), several pieces of furniture and woodwork objects, leatherwork, a two-night stay at a Wisconsin Dells hotel, and even a GPS unit.

Please watch the Grand Lodge Web Site for more complete descriptions along with photographs of these and other live auction items at <www.wisc-freemasonry.org> starting in February.

During a visit with the editor in early January, Sharon reiterated that the live auction will be strictly limited to 25 items. She said as of January 11, twenty-three auction items have either been completed or pledged, and that two more will be accepted. She is looking for items with a minimum starting bid of \$100.

If you or someone you know is willing to donate a high quality item to the auction, please contact Sharon Wilke at (608) 921-9908 (cell) or (608) 463-7754 (home) or e-mail at <jswilke@centurytel.net>.

Interestingly, as of yet no gavels have been committed to the auction. This is surprising because a number of Masonic brethren craft beautiful gavels that are works of art. **umj**

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fifty-eight per cent of Wisconsin's high schools and a number of other public facilities. This represents a financial commitment of about \$1.3 million. Matching grants for AEDs from the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation or Masonic Medical Fund are presently \$800 or less per unit at this time.

The letter that announced Grand Master Wilke's appeal this year is printed below. Also, it is not too late to have your donation count.

Grand Master Wilke's Appeal

Dear Brethren and Friends:

I have spent a lifetime in the health field as a doctor of Chiropractics, and it has been a very rewarding endeavor. The knowledge that I have helped others through the practice and art of chiropractic manipulation has been one of the greatest rewards of my career.

My charity appeal this year is on behalf of the Medical Fund which is a part of our Wisconsin Masonic Foundation. I focused on this particular charity because through it, we as a fraternity are able to aid and assist others. These Medical Fund grants continue to make this valuable service available to save lives, and in doing so, afford individual lodges an outstanding opportunity to be of service to their communities as well as their fellow beings.

As many of you know, monies from this fund provide for matching grants to individual lodges for the funding of Project Adam, which places Automated External Defibrillators in Wisconsin's high schools. The growth of this program has been phenomenal, with requests for AEDs expanding beyond the parameters of Project Adam and into individual communities as well.

Recently, I had the wonderful opportunity to personally meet a young man who was saved by the use of an AED the local lodge placed in his high school. His parents could not show enough appreciation to the Craft. He was their youngest child, fifteen years old, and a vibrant cross-country runner. At practice he collapsed after his heart stopped. A school nurse and a janitor, both present on that Saturday and trained in the use of the AED, used it to restore his heartbeat and his life.

His plans, now altered because of his unknown heart problem, are to continue on the cross-country team as a coach. He is very positive about his future and because of our efforts he was given the gift of life. There have been eight people saved from death because of the past efforts of our lodges to place AEDs where they are needed.

It is my hope you will consider giving to my appeal for the Medical Fund. I thank you in advance for your donation of \$15, \$25, \$50 or \$100, or even more if you choose. Every day you live and enjoy life's blessings you will have the satisfaction of knowing you have been a part of giving the greatest gift one can give...life.

Warmest Fraternal Regards,

Dr. John W. Wilke

Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin

Fifteen year-old Shawano Community High School cross-country runner Eric Swiecichowski's parents, Carl and Cindy Swiecichowski, expressed their appreciation to Grand Master John W. Wilke for the AED that restarted Eric's heart after it stopped during a practice session in August. The AED was purchased with matching funds from the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation. The application was sponsored by Shawano Lodge No. 170 in 1999. Shawano Past Master Fred Goering represented the lodge during the Grand Master's visit to Mason Woods and Shawano Lodge on September 16, 2008.



Lodi Valley Aids Pantry

Lodi Valley Lodge in cooperation with The Lodi Rotary Club sponsored the annual breakfast with Santa. Proceeds of \$1,000 have been donated to the Lodi Food Pantry and \$700 to the MSA program at the Madison VA Hospital. Shown is Brother Roger Severson presenting the check to Judy Brownrigg and Carol Meyer, co-chairs of the Lodi Food Pantry.

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Two MORI Training Sessions Planned for February 7 and 28

DOUSMAN - The two remaining scheduled training sessions for the Masonic Online Registry Interface (MORI) announced earlier by Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, will be held this month. The first will be held February 7 in Milwaukee and the second on February 28 in Madison.

It is required that lodge secretaries or their designated assistants be trained to qualify to use MORI, the new on-line membership database system adopted by Grand Lodge.

MORI allows individual lodge secretaries or their designated assistants to maintain their lodge's member information directly from their home or lodge computer.

Registration for the training seminars is limited to lodge secretaries or their assistants. These brethren are asked to select one of the remaining dates and locations. Please register by email at: <grandsecretary@wisc-freemasonry.org>.

Secretaries can also register on-line by clicking on the MORI tab on the Grand Lodge web site <www.wisc-freemasonry.org>.

Please indicate the MORI training session you wish to attend in your e-mail. Classes run from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and include lunch. Attendees will receive full details at the time of registration. There is no charge for the seminars.

Once lodge secretaries begin using MORI, they will also be responsible for making member address changes for their members.

To assist secretaries make temporary changes, MORI allows more than one address to be listed for lodge members who live part of the year away from Wisconsin. These address changes can be programmed by the lodge secretary to automatically coincide with expected dates of departure and return.

Don't delay, enroll today. **wmj**

Part of being a Mason is being active in the life of your lodge

The Grand Court Order of Amaranth is hosting its annual "Renaissance Banquet for Diabetes" and Ways and Means on Sunday, March 1, 2009

1 p.m. Social, 2 p.m. Dinner at the Delafield Brewhaus All are welcome to attend.

Call Mary at 262-526-2715 for more information.

Blue Lodge Warden's Seminar Planned for Feb. 25 in Madison

MADISON - Attention any and all Master Masons. You are invited to the Blue Lodge Warden's Seminar which is being hosted by the Valley of Madison Scottish Rite.

You do not need to be a Scottish Rite Mason or a Blue Lodge officer to attend. Any Master Mason is welcome.

This free seminar will be held at the Madison Masonic Center on Wed. February 25 starting at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Craig S. Campbell, our Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master. According to Deputy Grand Master Campbell, "You will leave this seminar inspired."

Please make your reservations for this free seminar by calling the Valley of Madison Scottish Rite at (608) 256-2351. **wmj**

Masonic Memorial Service Workshops Continue This Month

DOUSMAN - Grand Chaplain David Ritchie announced in January that four Memorial Service Workshops would be offered throughout the state in January and February.

Two workshops were held in January, one in Lone Rock and one in Green Bay. The remaining two workshops will take place in:

- Eau Claire (Eau Claire Masonic Center) 7-9 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 9.
- Whitewater (St. Johns Lodge) 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, February 19.

These workshops are open to all Masons. Masters of lodges and chaplains are encouraged to attend. These workshops should be of interest to all Masons, from those just learning a memorial service, to those who have seen many brothers on their way. The Memorial Service is often the public face of Masonry and therefore an important part of who we are as a fraternity.

Topics covered will include etiquette, memorial services, frequently asked questions, Masonic tradition and the Masonic Code. There are many questions that have arisen and this is a chance to have them answered.

Participating brothers are asked to bring the memorial service that they use with them to the workshops.

If you are interested in participating please contact Grand Chaplain Dave Ritchie by phone at (608) 776-2698 or e-mail at: <hickorysp@yahoo.com>.

In case of inclement weather, those who have signed up will be notified of any changes. **wmj**

New Glarus Masons Gift Three Area School Districts With Audiometers

NEW GLARUS - New Glarus Masonic Lodge No. 310 recently donated audiometers to the school districts of Monticello, New Glarus and Belleville.

An audiometer measures the acuity of hearing by using tones presented at different frequencies, or pitches, and at different intensities, or levels of loudness. Involved in the presentation to the Monticello School District were Dave Jackson, Junior Warden; Dr. Karen Ballin, Monticello School District Administrator; Elizabeth Lamb, Monticello Schools Pre-K-12 Speech and Language Pathologist; Jim McNeill, Master; and Don Rupnow, Secretary.

Present for the audiometer presentation at the New Glarus School District were Suzy Way, New Glarus School Nurse; Barbara Thompson, New Glarus School Administrator; Jim McNeill, Master; and Dave Jackson, Junior Warden; Jason Tadlock, New Glarus High School Principal; Jennifer Krantz, Special Education Director for New Glarus Schools; Laura Eicher, New Glarus Elementary School Principal; Carey Schneider, Senior Steward; and Don Rupnow, Secretary.

At the Belleville schools, Bob Smith, Junior Deacon; Carey Schneider, Senior Steward; Maria Stuessy, Belleville School District Assistant Intermediate Secretary; Jim McNeill, Master; Dave Jackson, Junior Warden, and Don Rupnow, New Glarus Lodge Secretary.

(Editor's note: This article first appeared in a recent copy of the "Post Messenger" serving the southern Dane County community of Belleville and northern Green County communities of New Glarus and Monticello.)

What Designs Are On Your Trestleboard for 2009?

Does your new Master have the year's activities planned? Does your lodge have a Friend's Night program planned? How about a Prospective Member list? Does your lodge sponsor a Masonic youth group? If not, why not?

NOTES FROM THE GRAND LECTURER

By Brother Kenneth C. Gorgen

My Brothers, it has been a pleasure to explore the Wisconsin Masonic cipher with you over the past few months. Hopefully, you have had some time to do some digging in an effort to answer many of your questions.

One important item to remember is that we actually begin to understand how much we do not know on a particular subject once we begin to learn and gain knowledge of that subject. Knowledge, along with understanding, is power and knowledge also gives an individual control.

Please do not mistake having power and control as a negative. Power and control used in the proper manner can benefit anyone who comes in contact with you. In order to make knowledge valuable, it must be shared. Sharing your new found knowledge of the ritual gives you the power to help elevate your lodge to a higher standard. It gives you the power to mentor new Lodge members. It gives you power to make a difference.

Your knowledge of the ritual can put you into a position of raising the cognizance of the fraternity so that it becomes a stronger influence in future societies. Use this knowledge wisely and build relationships that will grow your Lodge into a meaningful part of Wisconsin Masonry and the community in which it resides.



Kenneth C. Gorgen
Grand Lecturer

When the ritual is well known, many questions can be answered. I had promised in prior articles to make part of this column an open forum to clarify and answer questions. Last month the clarification of saluting the Flag was an example. Let's continue with this practice and open the floor for more questions. Here we go and let's have some fun and learn something new at the same time.

Question No. 1 - Is a member required to rise and give the DG and S when making or seconding a motion?

The answer is "yes" and this action applies to any member who gets up to speak when Lodge is open and in session. I have sat it many lodges where activity and conversation on the sidelines has become very informal and members have a tendency to interrupt the conversation at hand without being recognized. This kind of activity leads to confusion, and disruption of the proceedings, plus, I'm sure the secretary is scrambling to record what is happening during this state of confusion. I would also like to add that the Master must take control of the meeting at this time.

Let's look to the ritual for an answer. On page 5, lines 17 through 22 of the cipher gives a brief overview of the requirements for officers. However during the degrees, the Worshipful Master instructs the candidate about using the DG and S when rising to address the Worshipful Master.

This instruction includes everything. When wanting to make a motion, address the Worshipful Master with the appropriate salutes, and quietly wait to be recognized before proceeding.

Please remember that this is his meeting and he controls the business. If you are going to second a motion, do not do it nonchalantly from your seat. Rise, address the Master with the appropriate salutes, wait to be recognized, and then proceed to second the motion. If there are several Brothers in the discussion, you might have to stand quietly and wait for an opening.

Let's take this whole thought even further. The Master is controlling and running the meeting. A Brother from the sidelines arises to respond to something that another Brother who is seated on the sidelines has said. This discussion should go through the Worshipful Master, and unless the Master directs it differently, these two Brothers should not carry out their own conversation while the Master sits and listens.

In summary, a Masonic meeting is a very formal business activity. It is important that the minutes accurately reflect what happened and the only way to be sure that this happens is to keep all business going through the Master; do not speak or interrupt until you are recognized to do so.

Plus, there is another important part to this procedure. When you rise to present your business, speak clearly and loudly so that all the Brothers can hear. I wear hearing aids, and I know many Brothers that wear them also. Many times I strain to hear what is going on in the Lodge.

Question No. 2 - Is the "G" light turned on at lodge opening or just for the "G" lecture?

The ritual does not specifically mention this illumination. In some lodges the "G" might not have a light on it, but it is still displayed. When a lodge does not put a light on it, the decision to light it or not becomes a non-issue. I feel that lighting the "G" is our innovation which calls attention to its importance as a symbol to us as Masons. It is unlike the ritual specifically calling for the lodge room to be darkened during the obligation.

As a side note, the only lights used to illuminate the Three Great Lights are the Three Lesser Lights; no ceiling or spot lights, please. Some lodges, during the end of the FC lecture, like to dim the lights of the lodge to have it stand out when it is illuminated. It really boils down to adding some aesthetics to the degree and reminding all Brothers of the importance of this symbol.

Here is my take on the subject (of whether to light the letter or not). The letter "G" and its significance become meaningful to the candidate at the end of the Fellowcraft Degree. The actual introduction to this symbol starts with the FC Degree, and awareness of it continues as part of the knowledge of a Master Mason. If your lodge has the "G" illuminated, I would recommend having a light on it prior to the opening of a Lodge of Fellowcrafts and Master Masons, and keep it on during the entire meeting. Please remember the real significance is that it is displayed, and not that it is illuminated.

As always, I welcome feedback and your questions. The sharing of your knowledge is always welcome and if we continue to discuss these things we will all increase in Masonic understanding and then my brothers we 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.



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Brother leaves entire estate to the Masons

By Bro. William H. Barnes,
Development Director,
Wisconsin Masonic Charities

Brother Bill Haase had been told not to feed the sea gulls. An avid fisherman, Bill loved to walk along Lake Michigan tossing food to the sea gulls. That is until the Racine County Sheriff's Department issued him a written warning for doing so.

Bill died last November, but his caring continues as his estate will divide over \$300,000 between the Wisconsin Masonic Home Endowment Fund, the Racine Masonic Temple Association and the Shriner's Hospitals.

Fast with the wisecracks, Bill was a true Blue Lodge Mason. After retiring as a tool and die maker he spent nearly every morning at the Racine Lodge, helping maintain the building, or playing cards and drinking



In this picture dated July 17, 1976, brother Bill Haase displays a 23 pound Chinook Salmon he landed, most likely in Lake Michigan off Racine.

coffee with his Brothers.

Never married, Bill had no remaining family except for his family of Brothers at Racine-Belle City Masonic Lodge. True to those relationships, his bequest will help maintain the beautiful Masonic Center overlooking his treasured Lake Michigan on Main Street in Racine.

His Brothers took care of him. After Bill became frail he moved to the Sheridan Medical Complex in Kenosha. His Masonic brothers, John Christensen and Ernie Anderson, served under his power of attorney, helping make decisions for his maintenance and care. His good friend Les Lucareli and other Brothers helped maintain his good spirits.

At 80 years of age, Bill passed on to that great house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, there, where as Brothers, we all will meet again.



Grand Master's Appeal Receives Donation From Phillips' Ambulance Crew

Representatives of the Central Price County Ambulance Service (CPCAS) of Phillips on January 5 presented a check for \$100 to Phillips Lodge No. 225 Worshipful Master John Kosina. The money comes from their "Sunshine Fund," which is funded by the individual members of CPCAS, as a personal donation for worthy causes. The ambulance service has requested that the donation be forwarded to Most Worshipful Grand Master John W. Wilke, to be put into the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation's Medical Fund, which is his project for this year. Increasing size of the donation, Phillips Lodge has chosen to match the donation with a \$100 check to the Medical Fund. "On behalf of the EMTs of Central Price County Ambulance Service would like to extend a BIG thank you to Phillips Lodge. It was wonderful to use our employee "Sunshine Fund" to give to an organization that is always giving. Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts." - Bonnie Dennee and the entire crew of CPCAS. Pictured is Bonnie Dennee (yes, Frank Dennee, District 3 Deputy, is her husband) shaking hands with Worshipful Master Kosina.

- Submitted by Phillips Lodge Masonic News Hawk Gary Metz

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For many years John's mother Helen Wilke taught identification, harvest, preparation and storage of wild edibles, sharing and receiving wild-foods' knowledge with George Bachay, former outdoor writer for the Janesville Gazette, and Euell Gibbons, noted author, both experts in this field.

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Northwestern Lodge Installs Officers

The officers (photo at left) who will lead Northwestern Lodge No. 105 of Prescott for the coming year were installed in ceremonies held on Wednesday, January 7 at the Masonic Hall at 132 Court Street. Pictured are left to right front row: Dave Finley, Sr. Warden; Matt Knott, Worshipful Master, and Mike Elliott Jr. Warden. Back row left to right are: John Howard, Installing Master; Milt Helmer, Installing Marshal; Fred Benson, Treasurer; Dennis Donath, Sr. Deacon; Larry Fischer, Tiler and Trustee; Steve Schwartz, Jr. Deacon; Gary Melstrom, Councilor; and Jacob Sobaszloewicz, Secretary. Also installed but not present for the photo was Bro. Charlie Church, Chaplain.

— Photo by Mrs. Mike Elliott

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Thoughts for The Journey

By Grand Chaplain David Ritchie

Chaplains can do more than just pray!

Now that we have completed the installation of lodge officers around the state, I want to congratulate the men who have been elected and appointed to oversee Masonry. Whether this is your first time in a chair or you are a seasoned veteran, your brothers have placed great trust in you.

To serve in this capacity is quite an honor. With this honor, however, goes hard work and dedication, with each officer doing his job to help make his lodge and the Craft all that it can be, with each office comprising the unique duties which accompany that chair.

In our openings and closing we highlight the duties of many of the officers. We know that each officer has a sphere of influence. The Lodge Chaplain is no different. In the installation ceremony the Chaplain is charged, "...to perform those solemn services which should remind us of our creator whose spirit is refining our souls, strengthening our virtues, and purifying our minds, that we might fulfill our lives in service to him, as who serve others in masonry and all people throughout the world." As the Stewards are responsible for the physical comfort and well-being of the brethren, it is the Chaplain's duty (along with the Counselor's) to tend to the spiritual comfort and well-being of the brothers.



Rev. David Ritchie
Grand Chaplain

The most visible duty of the Chaplain is of course prayer. It is the Chaplain's duty to offer prayer at the opening and closing of lodge but also to offer prayer whenever called upon. As Masons, we are reminded never to begin without first invoking the blessing of Deity. This means having an appropriate prayer ready for the occasion whether it is a lodge dinner, the start of a friend's night, a fund-raising activity, flag pole dedication, or any other activity. As the Chaplain, like the Stewards, looks after not only the well being but also the comfort of the brothers, the prayers should be ones that all brothers are comfortable with.

The Chaplain's duties are not just limited to prayer but also include the learning of and giving of the circumambulation in all three degrees, learning and being comfortable in doing a Masonic Memorial Service (Memorial Service Workshops are being offered this month: contact me for details), visiting brothers in hospitals and nursing homes, visiting Masonic widows, as well as the duties of any lodge officer.

The Chaplain seems a "natural" on an interview committee or community service project. The Chaplain should also be a man the brothers of the lodge feel comfortable coming to in times of need. It should be remembered, however, that we are not all trained or comfortable in counseling. It can be amazing how far the gentle tongue and attentive ear can assist a brother. Sometimes just listening is of far greater value and the wisest advice.

The Chaplain's office is not an honorary one. It comes with duties and responsibilities. The Chaplain is a lodge officer, so Masters, use this good man that you have appointed. Use him not just in the opening and closing of your lodge, but in degree work, memorial services, visitations, officer's meetings, and wherever you have need.

Again, congratulations to all officers for their election and appointments. Enjoy your work and the sense of brotherhood and friendship you will share and spread to the members of your lodge.

The remaining Memorial Service workshops will be held on February 2 in Green Bay, February 9 in Eau Claire, and February 19 in Whitewater. All workshops are open to all Masons and will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. These workshops are provided at no cost. If you already do a memorial service, please, bring a copy of it with you.

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>.

Brethren: When submitting pictures and text, please include the date that your event occurred.

The Gavel Locator

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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!

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Melody & Warren Lodges Combine Installation of Officers

On December 2, 2008, Warren Lodge No. 4, Potosi, and Melody Lodge No. 2, Platteville, held a combined installation of officers for the year 2009. The installation was conducted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master John W. Wilke and Grand Marshal Tom Tourville. Pictured in the front row, left to right, are Gary Olson, Melody Lodge Sec/Treas; Terry Potter, Warren Lodge Counselor; Emmett Reilly, Warren Chaplain; Roger Sedgwick, Warren Sec/Treas; and Kevin Hansen, Melody Sr. Warden. In row two: Jens Lindner, Melody Jr. Warden; Thomas Schwantes, Warren Jr. Warden; Most Worshipful Grand Master Wilke; Owen Demo, Melody Jr. Steward; Francis Reding, Warren Jr. Steward; and Remy Colas, Melody Trustee. Back row: Keith Turner, Warren Sr. Warden; Ron Jakes, Warren Worshipful Master; Right Worshipful Grand Marshal Tom Tourville; and William Trouter, Melody Jr. Deacon. Not pictured is Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden Davey L. White, Jr.

– Picture submitted by Bro. Remy Colas, identification by Bro. Emmett Reilly



Dousman Lodge Awards Presented

At the Past Master's Dinner in November, Dousman Lodge No. 315 W.M. John Werner (left) presented the Lodge Service Award to Terry Brown, WM Elect (center) and the Mason of the Year Award to Gerald Beier.

– Submitted by Henry Pynakker, News Hawk

64-Year Menomonic Lodge Mason Boyd Welch Honored

MENOMONIE – Brother Boyd Welch, a 64-year member of Menomonic Lodge No. 164, was born in Menomonic, Wisconsin in 1912 and was raised a Master Mason in 1944. He is one of two members of our lodge who are 50-plus year members. Our lodge wishes to salute this brother and recognize his longevity in the Craft as well as in this life. Our hats are off to this fine gentleman and Mason.

– Submitted by Bro. Dan Sembach
Menomonic Lodge Sec/Treasurer



64-year Mason Boyd Welch



Masonry A Family Affair in St. Croix Lodge

A father and son were made Master Masons of St. Croix Lodge No. 56 in Hudson. Hudson attorney Jeffrey Redmon and his son Thomas were honored. Thomas Redmon is a student at St. John's University. Father and grandfather Dean Redmon were also involved in the ceremony; Dean is a member in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Involved in the ceremony were, from left, Jam Mulhnx, Thomas Redmon, Worshipful Master Jon Jansen, Jeffrey Redmon and Dean Redmon. – Submitted by Bro. David Kvames, Past Master & Past Secretary of St. Croix Lodge



2009 Officers of Dousman Lodge

Dousman Lodge No. 315 held the Installation of Officers in conjunction with the Glenn L. Humphrey Daylite Lodge at Three Pillars in Dousman on December 21, 2008. The officers of Dousman Lodge are pictured above, front row left to right: Junior Warden Roy Radke; Organist Henry Hanson; Counselor Henry Pynakker; Worshipful Master Terry Brown, Jr. PM; and Trustee John Werner. Back row: Treasurer John Quaden; Secretary Glenn Shong; Junior Steward Karl Buschhaus; and Senior Steward Duane Roehl. Not pictured: Installing Master PGM Bill Day and Installing Marshall Joseph Harker. – Submitted by News Hawk Henry Pynakker



Harold Lewitzke Honored for 70 Years

Damascus Lodge No. 290 is proud of our Brother Harold Lewitzke who recently celebrated his 70th Masonic Anniversary. Since Brother Harold was unable to venture out in the winter ice and cold, Worshipful Master Mick Olson, Sr. Deacon Mike Fairbanks and Jr. Deacon Sean Schult delivered a 70-year pin and a beautifully framed certificate from the Grand Lodge commemorating the anniversary. During our visit Brother Harold told us of his "adoption" by a French national Brother Mason who looked after Brother Harold while he served in the Afrika Corps during WWII. Yet another story of worldwide fraternal bonds. Bro. Harold is pictured with Sr. Deacon Fairbanks (left) and Worshipful Master Olson (right).

– Submitted by Damascus Lodge Master Mick Olson

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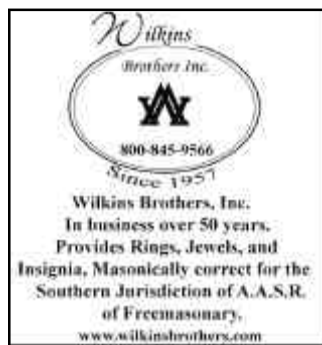
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Conner Brothers Installed as Worshipful Masters of Acacia-Itasca and Barnes Lodges

On December 6, 2008, Grand Master John Wilke installed two Brothers as Masters of their lodges, and not just brothers in the Masonic sense but brothers in the natural sense. Brothers John Conner, Acacia-Itasca Lodge No. 329 in Superior and Brother William Conner III, Barnes Lodge No. 365 and Past Master of Acacia-Itasca Lodge No. 329 were installed as Masters of their respective lodges. The event took place at Superior Lodge No. 236 where Brad Engstrom was installed as Master of his lodge. A fine dinner and musical entertainment were enjoyed by all lodge members as well as visiting brethren from our friends from Connaught Lodge and Cam Lodge of Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada. – Submitted by News Hawk Don Miller



Excelsior Lodge No. 175 Installation of Officers

2009 officers of Excelsior Lodge were installed recently. Pictured left to right in the first row are: Installing Marshall, Past Master Gary Beier; Chaplain, Robert Solorio; Tiler, Norbert Bloes; Junior Warden, Worshipful Brother Mike Cinnin (WM of Lake Lodge No. 189); Worshipful Master, Past Master Joseph Schoemann; Senior Warden, Joseph Scites; and Junior Steward, Herman Manske. Back Row: Secretary, Past Master Joshua Armstrong; Senior Deacon, Michael Gerszewski; Junior Deacon, Past Master Daniel Gerszewski; and Treasurer, Robert Lijewski. The installation was held at Lake Masonic Center, Milwaukee, on January 3 at 7 p.m. Dinner preceded the ceremony, and cake and coffee followed. Job's Daughters Bethel 6 performed the Living Cross.

– Submitted by News Hawk Joshua M. Armstrong



Installation of Officers For Evening Star Lodge

Evening Star Lodge No. 64 in Darlington held installation of officers on January 6, 2009. In the front row, left to right are: Installing Master, Scott Pedley; Senior Warden, Stu Soper; Worshipful Master, Jim Jacobson; Junior Warden, Ben Ritchie; and Installing Marshall Emmett Reilly. Second row: Senior Deacon Scott Soper, Tiler, Glenn Soper; Chaplain Chuck Clayton; and Grand Chaplain of Wisconsin David Ritchie. Third row: Secretary, Dusty Thompson; Senior Steward Ron Johnson; and Junior Steward Bob Schultz.

– Photo Submitted by Bro. Stu Soper



Installation of Officers for McKinley Lodge No. 307

On Saturday, December 6, 2008, McKinley Lodge held an installation of officers ceremony at McKinley Masonic Center. The officers for 2009 are pictured above. In the front row, left to right, are: Secretary Ken Gorgen, Grand Lecturer; Senior Warden Ricardo Vieira; Worshipful Master Michael Gorgen; Senior Deacon Todd Jaremko; and Junior Deacon Jared Broderick. In the second row are: Organist Milt Vyvyan; Counselor Ryan Mayrand; Junior Warden Jose Maia; Treasurer Kevin Breitzmann; Tiler James Lovett; and Chaplain Bob Kappel.

– Submitted by McKinley Lodge WM Mike Gorgen



Stevens Point's Evergreen Lodge Officers Installed

The members of Stevens Point's Evergreen Lodge No. 93 installed their new slate of officers for the 2009 Masonic year in ceremonies this past December 9. Pictured in the front row from the left are Bros. John Thomas, Lodge Musician; Richard Reilly, Past Grand Master, Council of Royal and Select Masters of Wisconsin (2002); Andy Cowling, Jr. Warden; Bob Kitto, Worshipful Master; Mike Bredlau, Sr. Warden; and John White, Past Master. To the rear are Bros. Tom Wright, Tiler; Bob Prosch, Sr. Deacon; Alphonse Cantu, Jr. Deacon; Roger Buckaloo, Secretary/Treasurer; and John Dassow, Past Master.

– Submitted by Bro. Bob Kitto, Evergreen Worshipful Master



Oconomowoc/Hartland Lodge No. 42 Installation

Installation of officers of Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge No. 42 was held on January 11. Officers pictured in the front row, left to right are: Counselor (PM, Dousman Lodge No. 315) Henry Pynakker District 9 Lecturer; Junior Steward James A. Johnson; Installing Master (PM, Waukesha Lodge No. 37) Gary Ebert District 11 Lecturer; Worshipful Master David Grevenkamp; Senior Warden Jon Holtz; Tiler (PM, Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge No. 42) Robert W. Jewell III; and Installing Chaplain (PM, Jefferson County Lodge No. 9) and Ralph Belke, District 9 Deputy. In the second row: Organist Noah Schultz; Senior Steward Michael Radichel; Junior Warden Douglas Campbell; and Junior PM, Lodge No. 42) James G. Preston. Back Row: Senior Deacon Kevin Saenz; Secretary (PM, Lodge No. 42) Gary Pilgrim; and Junior Deacon Freddy Betances.

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"Find a job you love and you'll never have to work a day in your life..."

So says Bill Lonie, whose love for meat cutting is so big that it has just naturally spilled over into the public arena. Sitting at a table in the lower level of the Masonic Lodge in Rhinelander, Bill quickly does the math on a scrap of paper and by his calculations, he has been in the meat cutting business for 57 years.

"I was born and raised in the Bronx," he says, giving a place to the accent that still lingers in his voice.

"My dad had passed away and in those days there were no social services available, so I went to work to help support the family. I was 15 years old when I started learning how to cut meat at the shop where I worked."

Being the youngest in a family of eight children born to first generation Scottish-Irish immigrants, Bill learned the value of hard work, a trait he carries with him to this day.

Although he retired officially from meat cutting five-plus years ago when he left Nelson's County Market in Tomahawk, Bill says he couldn't resist the offer of a part-time job in the meat department at the recently opened Bessey's Market (in Rhinelander).

Bill says that while he never received any formal schooling in how to cut meat, his love for the trade helped him to simply learn by doing.

His meat merchandising experience with the Red Owl food chain saw him solving problems in meat departments throughout the chain before he accepted a meat cutting position at Nelson's, a career move that brought Bill to the Northwoods where he met and married Jean, his wife of 22 years.

"I was in Florida when a friend told me there were meat cutting jobs in Rhinelander and I said, 'Where the heck is Rhinelander, Wisconsin?'" Bill soon found out and landed a job with the National T food chain, which in turn shipped him out to Ashland, which in turn led to his meeting and marrying Jean, eventually having three children and making a home in the Northwoods.

It didn't take long for Bill to settle into his new surroundings and figure out that one of the staples of life in the Northwoods is hunting, especially hunting deer.

About nine years ago, Bill and some of his brothers at the Masonic Lodge got to talking about that very subject...hunting and its place in the Northwoods landscape and psyche. "It's big here," says Bill, "and yet no one anywhere was doing anything about educating the public on what to do with a deer once it has been taken from the wild."

In 1999, the Masons stepped up to the plate, no pun intended, and decided it was about time to change that trend. "The Masons like to do for the community, that's what we're all about," says Bill, who has been a Master Mason for 27 years.

Working on a key Masonic belief that community involvement is important to making one a better human being, the Masons, says Bill, try to get involved through a variety of behind-the-scenes community projects, including sponsoring four college scholarships for

Rhinelander High School students. But near and dear to Bill's heart is the Lodge's annual stroganoff dinner, which is followed by the quite popular venison processing seminar, led by Bill himself.

"I always wanted to teach meat cutting, but there is nowhere in our area to do that," he says. The venison processing seminar, which draws 40 to 70 people yearly, however, gives Bill the outlet he needs to share his passion for meat cutting.

But before you go pulling out your wallet or checkbook to pay for a what amounts to a professional venison processing class, Bill stresses that the dinner and the seminar are absolutely and without question FREE to the public. It's the "free" part that seems to baffle people, he says, but it's true...really...there is such a thing as a free lunch.

"We serve stroganoff and vegetables and rolls and beverages. The seminar begins after dinner," says Bill. He is joined during the seminar by Ron Eckstein of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, who updates participants on the status of chronic wasting disease in the state.

A 20-minute video is then followed by a slide presentation which walks participants through the various steps of processing a deer.

Topics touched upon include safe handling, hanging, skinning, deboning and meat cutting. "It's not just grinding, roasts and chops anymore," Bill says.

"Now there are shish kabobs, which is fast becoming one of the most popular cuts of venison. So just where do you find shish kabobs on a deer?" asks Bill with a wry smile.

Well, he's not telling just yet. That's the stuff for the seminar, which will be held on Tuesday, November 11, at 6 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge in Rhinelander. Reservations are the only requirement (just so the guys at the lodge know how much food to make).

And remember...it's free. Really.

Our thanks to Bro. Paul H. S. Gaboriault, Secretary, Rhinelander Lodge No. 242, F. & A. M. for telling us about this event. He forwarded two articles concerning Rhinelander Lodge's Ninth Annual Venison Seminar, which took place this past November 11: one appeared in Rhinelander's "Star Journal" on November 16, 2008, and the other, reprinted here, appeared in "Boomers and Beyond" magazine.

As he described in the letter accompanying his submission, this event, if not unique to the Craft's public service activities in Wisconsin, is doubtless unusual.

The focus of the article is William J. Lonie, master meat cutter and merchandiser, a gifted teacher and communicator, who gives unstintingly of his time in a most worthy cause, providing instruction to deer hunters so that they may derive the best cuts of meat from their venison and know how to avoid the game-borne chronic wasting disease.

The instruction is given via film, showing him at work dressing venison; film slides; wall charts; handouts; a lecture; and a question-and-answer session.

The instruction is preceded by a beef stroganoff and noodle dinner with a gourmet-quality vegetable, rolls, and coffee, with soft candies for dessert, absolutely free to the public. We generally cook 60 generous portions. There were 58 attendees this year.

One fact that is not revealed in the enclosed articles is that William J. Lonie was Worshipful Master of Rhinelander Lodge No. 242 for the year 2003. Bill was interviewed in depth for one of the articles, and his leadership of the Lodge could have been divulged, but he is a modest man. **wmj**



Rhinelander Lodge's Venison Seminar Is a Nine-year Tradition

Brother William J. Lonie, master meat cutter with 57 years' experience, was the featured presenter at Rhinelander Lodge No. 242's Ninth Annual Venison Seminar which was held on November 11, 2008. The seminar was preceded by a stroganoff dinner, both free. Brother Lonie served as Master of Rhinelander Lodge in 2003. Fifty-eight attended the event.

— Photo by Laurie Lenten

West Bend DeMolay Chapter and Wisconsin State DeMolay Earn National Membership Honors

By Wm. Stonecipher, Editor Wisconsin Masonic Journal

KANSAS CITY, MO – DeMolay International Executive Director Jeffrey C. Kitsmiller, Sr., has announced the results of a nationwide DeMolay membership contest for the month of December 2008 and Wisconsin placed second in two categories.

Earning second place in the Individual Chapter category was 39-member strong West Bend Chapter, which was instituted just four years ago in 2005. West Bend Chapter initiated 10 new members in December, just short of the 11 new members initiated by first place winner Tenleytown-Chevy Chase Chapter in Washington DC.

In the Jurisdictional Category, the statewide organization of Wisconsin DeMolay placed second to the District of Columbia DeMolay in initiating the largest percentage of new members. Wisconsin DeMolay will receive a \$250 cash prize for their efforts. West Bend Chapter will receive a \$100 award in recognition of their achievement.

Wisconsin DeMolay has 10 active chapters in the state, with chapters in Burlington (Sir Galahad), Kenosha, Racine, West Allis (Doric), Green Bay, Brookfield, Reedsville (Ringling Brothers), Appleton (Harry Houdini), and Eagle River (Northern Lights) and, of course, West Bend. In addition, "Letters Temporary" have been issued for the formation of a new chapter in Platteville sponsored by the Wisconsin York Rite Bodies in the area.

A Chapter Reborn

West Bend Chapter in its present incarnation was chartered in 2005. An earlier chapter, also bearing the West Bend name, was chartered in on September 8, 1925. In 1980 the charter was discontinued. According to Bro. Jim Myrhum, a DeMolay Advisor at the time, there was a revival of West Bend Chapter and its charter in the mid-1980s. The Chapter ceased operation in about 1985-86. The sponsoring lodge was West Bend Lodge No. 138 during that earlier period of activity. West Bend Lodge is also the current chapter sponsor.

West Bend Chapter can trace its beginnings to the 2002 Grand Lodge Annual Communication when A. J. Stors, son of then District 10 Deputy and West Bend Past Master J. Patrick Stors (and present West Bend DeMolay Chapter Dad), visited the DeMolay display table there and decided that this was an organization he wanted to learn more about.

A. J. subsequently submitted a petition signed by then State Master Councilor Russ Coley and incoming Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin James H. Olson. He joined Brookfield Chapter, one of the most active and successful DeMolay groups in the state. He interested a few friends from school and things took off from there.

All the while the dream of instituting a new chapter in West Bend burned bright for new DeMolay Stors and several members of West Bend Lodge, some of them former DeMolays. Lodge members Ben Smithers, Randy Reysen, Ralph Eckert and Pat Stors, A. J.'s father, took "Dad" training at Brookfield Chapter with an eye to obtaining Letters Temporary for a new chapter in West Bend. In 2004 these

brethren received their Letters Temporary and West Bend Lodge passed a resolution to sponsor West Bend DeMolay Chapter.

Helped along by the transfer of 8 inactive Brookfield Chapter members who lived in the West Bend area, it didn't take long for the budding chapter to reach the magic number of 15 required to receive a new charter. A. J. Stors was West Bend Chapter's first Master Councilor and Matt Mattson was Sr. Councilor. Sam Stors, A. J.'s younger brother, was Jr. Councilor. The normal term for DeMolay officers is 6 months but these first officers served for 18 due to the charter process. West Bend's charter was officially issued in 2005.

Formula for Growth:

"You've got to do the work."

West Bend Chapter experienced moderate growth, 5 to 6 young men each year, keeping pace with members who were "aging out" when they reached 21. DeMolays have to be at least 12 years of age to be eligible to join.

Growth hopped ahead in February of 2007 when West Bend Chapter held its first open house, which yielded 8 new members. "That really started us off," Dad Stors commented. At this point there were between 25-27 active members.

A second open house in November 2008 brought in 13 petitions. "We're at 39 right now, with 3 young men waiting to receive their degrees," Dad Stors said.

So what is West Bend Chapter doing to grow like this? "The thing that has made West Bend DeMolay unique is that we have open houses," said Dad Stors, "and we've formulated a pretty good system."

"A letter is sent to honor roll students at the middle schools in the West Bend area," Dad Stors explained. The letter informs them that they have been recommended for membership in DeMolay. "The wording is critical," he added. A followup letter to parents is sent about four days later.

What kind of a response do they have to this approach? "We have a success rate of between 18-20 percent response to the mailings, and of those who attend, about 20-25 percent petition and join," Dad Stors reported.

At the open house (held at West Bend Lodge) parents and boys are shown a 12-15 minute video followed by a question and answer session for the parents while the boys get to know their DeMolays through engaging activities.

There's one more ingredient to achieving the kind of success West Bend Chapter has achieved: "You've got to do the work," Dad Stors said.

Dad Stors also pointed out that there needs to be at least three dedicated adults to mentor the boys and give them proper guidance — and that West Bend Chapter is fortunate indeed to have a strong group of committed adult advisors.

West Bend DeMolay Chapter Chairman is Rick Mattson, Worshipful Master of Myron Reed Lodge. Chapter Advisor and Chapter Dad is J. P. Stors. On the Advisory Council are Dad Craig Campbell, Deputy Grand Master and member of Lincoln Lodge; Dad Jim Myrhum, West Bend Past Master and former Chapter Advisor;

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Endeavor Police Receive AED From Fort Winnebago

Endeavor Chief of Police, Bro. Dominic Ferraro, center, accepts a Zoli automatic external defibrillator November 25, 2008, from fellow Masons Jim Swan Jr., left, and Harold Carpenter, right, all members of Fort Winnebago Lodge No. 33 in Portage. The AED was purchased for the Endeavor Police Department with funds raised by the Lodge and matching funds from the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation. Over the past several years, Fort Winnebago Lodge No. 33 has successfully led a campaign to place an AED in every school within the Portage Community School District.

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Dad A. J. Stors, a member of West Bend Lodge and UW-Wisconsin student; Mom Nancy Stors (wife of Pat and mother of Jim Ericksen, West Bend Master Councilor in 2007); and Dad Darren Cooksey, father of Darren Jr., a West Bend DeMolay member. Male DeMolay advisors are called "Dad" and female advisors are called "Mom."

Important, too, in West Bend Chapter's success is the high quality of young men who have been initiated and work their way through to positions of leadership. Dad Stors explained, adding that if the boy's are favorably impressed with their experience, they tend to bring in their friends. At the present time John McIntyre is serving as West Bend Chapter Master Councilor. He is a junior at West Bend East.

As far as membership breakdown by school or city, 28 of West Bend Chapter's current 39 members are from one of West Bend's two high schools and are distributed about 60/40 percent between East and West respectively. Other members are distributed as follows: Grafton-Cedarburg (5-6); Hartford (1); Fond du Lac (1); and Theresa (1).

Members who have aged out in past years have come from Port Washington, Slinger, Germantown and Kewaskum.

Demonstrating the spirit of Masonic support for DeMolay, West Bend Chapter also receives financial support from Dodge County Lodge No. 72 in Beaver Dam.

DeMolay Executive Officer Lauds Achievement

Said DeMolay Executive Officer for Wisconsin Bob Lijewski, "I am very excited about the growth of Wisconsin DeMolay's newest chartered chapter, West Bend Chapter.

"They deserve this award for all the hard work that the members and the advisory council do.

"Although we are considered a small jurisdiction, the statewide recognition from DeMolay International is very gratifying.

"At last year's Executive Officers' conference it was announced that Wisconsin DeMolay was only one of nine jurisdictions that had sustained positive growth for the past five years ending in 2007."

Nationwide there were 204 DeMolays initiated from December 1- 31, 2008. Presently there are 174 young men active in Wisconsin's 10 DeMolay Chapters.

The Order of DeMolay was founded by Brother Frank S. Land in 1919 in Kansas City, Missouri. DeMolay came to Wisconsin in 1922 when 973 young men were initiated as a group, subsequently forming 22 chapters. **umj**

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Four Lakes Daylight Installs 2009 Officers

The 2009 officers for Madison's Four Lakes Daylight Lodge No. 362 posed for group picture following installation on December 1, 2008. Pictured L to R are Past Grand Master Dean Massey, Installing Master; Samuel Ferguson, PM, Counselor; George Platt, Trustee; James Horsefall, PM, Installing Marshal; Lyle Baez, Jr. Deacon; Richard Roe, Sr. Warden; Elmo Peterson, PM, Tyler; Philip Salkin, Worshipful Master; Joe Silverberg, PM, Chaplain; Robert Reukauf, Jr. Warden; Robert Gruber, Sr. Deacon; Randy Christianson, Jr. Deacon; Mark Hazelbaker, PM, Secretary-Treasurer. Four Lakes Daylight meets at 10 a.m. on the first Monday of the month September through June at the Madison Masonic Center. - Submitted by Bro. Samuel B. Ferguson, Four Lakes Daylight Counselor



Sparta Masons Install 2009 Officers

The members of Valley Lodge No. 60, Sparta, held installation of officers at the December 17 meeting. Worshipful Master Alan Scafe opened the lodge with Past Master Al Brueggen as Junior Warden and Past Master Duane McClain as Senior Warden and Brother Stan Spivey as Chaplain. Past Master Jerry Mattacat installed the officers assisted by Past Master Dave Scafe in the Installing Marshal role. After the ceremony the brothers and guests enjoyed fellowship and refreshment at Jake's Northwoods Supper Club. Pictured left to right are: (front row) James Ossinger, Junior. Steward; Nicolas Respicio, Senior Deacon/Treasurer; Roger E. Matson, Senior. Warden; Bob Phillips, Junior. Warden; PM Alan Scafe, Tiler. Back row: John Hendricks, Secretary; Robert Smith, Senior Steward; Mark Jerdee, Worshipful Master; and PM Terry Loper, Counselor/Trustee. Not pictured are Anthony Reeves, Junior Deacon and Roger Matson, Chaplain.

- Submitted by Worshipful Master Mark Jerdee



Fond du Lac Lodge Seats New Officers

Fond du Lac Lodge No. 26 installed its new officers for 2009 at an open lodge, following a dinner on this past December 18. Pictured in the front row, left to right, are Secretary LeRoy Kifer, Chaplain Gib Lepein, Worshipful Master Jay Worth, Jr. Deacon Scott Kreis, Steward Phillip Kifer. Pictured in the second row are Steward Gordon Anderson, Treasurer Bert Mayborn, Sr. Wardem Scott Bond, Tiler Jeff Keller, Counselor Jerry Schrankler, Jr. Wardem Rich Petak, DS George Weigel. - Submitted by Bro. Jay Worth, Fond du Lac Lodge Masonic News Hawk



Superior Lodge 2009 Officers

Officers for Superior Lodge No. 236 was held on the 6 December 2008. Dr. John Wilke, Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, was our installing Master. Pictured in the front row left to right are: Roger Anderson PM - Trustee; Gene Tacke, PM, Lodge Counselor; Dr. John Wilke, Grand Master, Installing Master; Brad Edstrom, Worshipful Master; Les Johnson, PM, Secretary/Treasurer; and Aaren Petersen, Senior Deacon. In the second row: Dwight Davis, Senior Warden; Charles Haslerud, PM, Tiler; Rick Long, Junior Deacon; Chris Schnepfer, Junior Warden; Joe Horton, Chaplain; and Gerald Raaflaub, Senior Steward. - Submitted by News Hawk Les Johnson



Eagle River's Tesch Receives Lodge's Three Pillars Award

EAGLE RIVER - Eagle River Past Master Roger Tesch, accompanied with his wife, Carolyn (pictured at right), received the Otto Schimdt Memorial Three Pillars Award from newly installed Worshipful Master Gordon Kollauf. Past Master Tesch is the sixth brother to receive this award.

The Lodge is symbolically supported by three great pillars, denominated Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty. Otto Schimdt is a pillar of this Lodge and of the City of Eagle River. Not because of the positions he held, but more importantly by always walking and acting as a just and upright Mason. Otto is a gentleman, a friend and our brother. The service of Past Master Roger Tesch over the many years has shown him to be a Pillar of Eagle River Lodge No. 248.

- Submitted by Bro. Scott Bishop Eagle River Lodge News Hawk



Eagle River Lodge Past Master Roger Tesch shown receiving the lodge's Three Pillars Award from Worshipful Master Kollauf

Winneconne Lodge Installs Officers

Past Grand Master Bruce Sim recently installed Worshipful Master Richard Mansfield, shown here accepting the gavel, and the elected and appointed officers for Winneconne Lodge in 2009. The officers are not pictured because many were pro-tems and several officers were not present.

Meet Hiram Abi of Tyre, Master Architect and Builder of King Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem

Editor's explanatory note: The following paper was e-mailed to me by Wisconsin's Grand Orator Bob Strader and it presents a most interesting and educational approach to what is known about our Master Builder, the revered Hiram Abif. This paper was published in the January 1894 issue of the "Voice of Masonry and Family Magazine" and, evidently, in a few places. It came from the collection of historical literature in Bro. Strader's library and, as he related, "I enjoyed it so much that I scanned the 20 pages or so from the magazine and brought it back to electronic form." Due to its length the paper will be serialized over several issues. The paper's formatting follows classic compositional structure but some paragraphs have been subdivided to enhance readability.

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HIRAM ABIF

The story of the great temple builder - an historical lecture, delivered by Bro. Alexander H. Morgan, Past Master, to Montgomery Lodge No. 19, F. and A. M. of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 5th, 1893, and subsequently published in "The Keystone."

(continued from last month)

It (Phoenicia) was so small in extent it seems incredible that it should have attained the importance that history, both sacred and profane, has given to it; that it should have withstood the attacks of the Assyrian and the Egyptian empires, and that the Macedonian (Alexander) found in the siege of Tyre the one that baffled his military genius and so long withstood the assaults of his hitherto invincible legions.

Shut in on three sides by mountainous barriers, north, east and south, with the sea on the west as the only means of communicating with the outer world, it was of a necessity that this people became the explorers and navigators of the early times in which they lived.

The mountains which separated Phoenicia from Syria on the north and east, and the land of the Philistines, afterwards Palestine, on the south, formed a natural line of defense from the assaults of the savage tribes inhabiting those regions, so that it was only from the great sea, out on which the cities of Phoenicia looked, that they could be attacked.

Along this two hundred miles of sea coast were numerous harbors of more or less protection from the blue waves of the Mediterranean—Tyre and Sidon, Gabala (Gabal), Tripolis, and others of lesser note — while the famous Bay of Acre also crowned the array of seaports which, combined, made this ancient country the foremost of maritime nations of the time. A strange product of the sea, in the course of events, also helped to make Phoenicia famous.

Phoenicia's Special Place in History

"The Mediterranean waters off the Phoenician coast, and especially the tract lying between Mount Carmel and Tyre, abound with two species of shell-fish capable of furnishing an exquisite dye." The chemical secret of extracting and bringing to light those brilliant colors was known and carefully guarded by the Phoenicians and for centuries the exchange of those singular products for the gold of other nations was one of the most important sources from whence was derived the great wealth of Phoenicia.

It is not always that great extent of territory or numerous population go to make a powerful nation. The historian, speaking on this subject, makes use of these words: "In antiquity, Sparta, Athens and Carthage had but small domains; in the Middle Ages, Genoa, Venice, Pisa and Florence were equally circumscribed; but each of them had a worldwide influence. Later, Portugal, Holland and England, through the momentum of their strong individualities, did their great deeds, and set their mark on the world's history, from a comparatively small extent of territory." And so Phoenicia stands in her records as one of the nations whose renown was great among the greatest, though small both in population and in geographical extent.

Through its favorable location, Phoenicia was naturally the merchant nation of those early times, monopolizing the carrying trade of the world; and her ships were the only ones to be found in "Egypt, Greece, Italy, North Africa and Spain."

Like all the nations small in territory but powerful in resources and enterprise, Phoenicia spread out colonies wherever it was found profitable to extend trade and commerce. All along the borders of the Mediterranean, east and west, on the mainland and on the islands, colonies were, planted; even in Egypt, on the banks of the Nile, the Phoenician colors floated from warehouses, alongside of which their ships lay discharging cargoes of Phoenician products, Tyrian dyes, vases and glassware from Sidon, marble statuary from Gebal, and timber from the mountain slopes separating "Caelo Syria" from Phoenicia.

But the daring navigators of Tyre did not confine their voyages to the coasts and islands of the Mediterranean. Passing the straits of Gibraltar, they launched into the stormy Atlantic, "crossed the mouth of the English channel to the Scilly islands, and conveyed thither a body of colonists who established an

emporium." Here they worked the tin and lead mines, which useful metals they carried to the eastern nations in exchange for more precious ones, and it cannot be doubted, though history is silent of the facts, that from the island, which they named "Cassiterides," or, "Tin islands," they crossed to the shores of Cornwall and perhaps even to the land of Britain, setting up Baal and Astarte before the altars of the Druids, who, like the Phoenicians, sacrificed to the gods of day and night, the sun and the moon.

But the most daring of all the voyages made by the Phoenician sailors was the circumnavigation of Africa, undertaken at the instance of the Egyptian king Neco, as related by Herodotus.

Neco had endeavored to cut a channel through the isthmus, from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean, probably on or near the same route which modern enterprise has successfully carried out, but Neco, being unable to dig his canal, determined to try the longer route around the African continent, and he selected the Phoenician ships and sailors for the enterprise.

When Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, some four hundred years ago (now 500 years), he had before him, although he did not know it, less than three thousand miles between land and land.

When the Phoenician navigators started from the Red Sea, they began a voyage of more than thrice the distance of that which brought the Genoese sailor everlasting fame. It took nearly three years to make the voyage, but it was successfully accomplished; and this no doubt was the first time in history that the cape now known as Good Hope was doubled by ocean navigators.

Some thousand years later the Portuguese "Vasco di Gaura" revolutionized the world's commerce by sailing around the Cape of Good Hope. Thus history proves that those Phoenician sailors were the most hardy, brave and adventurous navigators of those early days.

Neither did this people lag behind in the literature of the day. If the Egyptians wrote their hieroglyphics upon the leaves of the papyrus, the Phoenician merchant made out his bills of lading or wrote his letters on paper or parchment, and "Cadmus was only introducing; not inventing, letters when he presented his alphabet to the Greeks," so that commerce, art, science, letters and literature distinguished Phoenicia at the time when the Jewish monarch asked of King Hiram help in the great work he was about to commence on Mount Moriah.

King Hiram & The Widows Son

While the Jews were well known to the Phoenicians through the channels of trade from their earliest advent into Palestine, yet the first official intercourse between the governments appears in an embassy from Hiram, King of Tyre, to King David, conveying presents to the Jewish king and an offer of skilled workmen to assist David in building a palace. The offer was gladly accepted, as the Jews knew but little of the art of building.

From this time forward the relations of the two kings continued to grow in intimacy, also the people commercially, while large numbers of Phoenician workmen sought employment in Judea, where they found rich remuneration for their labors. Such was the condition of affairs, both of governments and peoples, when Hiram Abif came to Jerusalem.

He was "a widow's son, of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre." Among the twelve tribes of Israel there were, two tribes who, while they were known as Hebrews, circumcised as Jews, acknowledged Moses and professed a belief in the GOD of Israel; at the same time their allegiance to the central power was of a very doubtful character; they were Dan and Naphtali.

Living on the borders of Palestine, on the hills and mountains that inclosed Judea, rude, uncultivated, and almost savage in their modes and customs, they looked down on the valleys beneath, where great flocks and herds offered rich spoil to the needy mountaineers, who did not hesitate to avail themselves of the opportunity, remembering that when their ancestors crossed the Jordan, they did likewise to the Canaanites.

It was of this wild, lawless people, the mother of Hiram came. When or how this daughter of a Hebrew tribe was made the wife of a Phoenician idolater is not stated by the historian. Only in the Second Chronicles it is written that his parentage was of this complexion—Jewish and Phoenician. But tradition, the handmaid of history, often the most reliable of the two, has brought down to us the following account of the immediate progenitors of the man of Tyre.

The Phoenicians were traders on the land as well as by sea. The caravan has ever been and is an extensive mode of commerce between the eastern nations. "From the time when the company of Ishmaelites came from Gilead with their camels, bearing spices and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt" (Genesis xxxvii: 25), "to the present age, the trade of the East has been conducted in this way for security's sake."

There was a merchant of Tyre who traveled largely both by sea and hand. His caravans were seen in the far East, in Asia Minor, Mesopotamia, Judea, and all the countries with which Phoenician had intercourse by land. One of these traveling warehouses, crossing the mountains that divide Phoenicia from Palestine, was set upon by a band of robbers...

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Youth In Masonry

Doric Chapter Royalty Reigns at DeMolay Prom

MILWAUKEE—Even December snow and wind could not stop approximately 75 young people from the three Masonic youth groups along with their dates from attending the DeMolay Prom at the Tripoli Shrine in Milwaukee this past December.

This year's theme was "A Black and White Affair." Co-chairpersons were Deputy State Master Councilor Jake Harycki and DeMolay State Sweetheart Abbey Schwartz.

Music for the evening was supplied by a disc-jockey and the only breaks in the music were for the DeMolay Prayer at 9 p.m., to honor the fathers and mothers of the world, and a later break to introduce the prom king and queen who were voted on earlier that

evening. The king was Jake Trucksa of Doric Chapter and the queen was Amy Larson, who was also representing Doric Chapter.

Judging by the continuously crowded dance floor and most partiers staying until the very end, the 2008 DeMolay Prom can be called a huge success.

A special thank you goes out to the advisors and parents who took the time to drive in the hazardous weather. We hope that those who attended will tell everyone in their chapters, Bethels and assemblies who did not have a chance to attend this year's event what a good time they missed.

The 2009 DeMolay Prom will be held on Saturday December 19, again at Tripoli Shrine in Milwaukee.



Kenosha DeMolay Supports Shalom Center

Kenosha Chapter DeMolay sponsored a food drive on October 18-19, 2008, to benefit the Shalom Center, an interfaith network that serves the community by providing emergency food, shelter, housing, and support to people and families in need. Kenosha Chapter proudly donated 1,000 pounds of food and over \$300 to this worthy cause. Pictured left to right are Kenosha Chapter members John Scott, Aaron Eklund, Ross Hill and Roy Kruse.

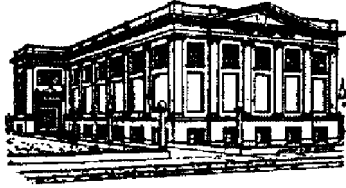
Send Youth Page Submissions To:

- Rainbow for Girls: Jane Blackwood, 937 Euclid Avenue, Beloit, WI 53511 e-mail: <stormkat@sbcglobal.net>
- Jobs Daughters: Mary Callaway, 1525 16th Street South, La Crosse, WI 54601 e-mail <7MCAL@Aol.com>
- DeMolay: Executive Officer, Robert E. Lijewski, W156 S7350 Quietwood Dr., Muskego, 53150 (414) 422-9452



Lafin-St. James Lodge Enters 2009

Lafin-St. James Lodge No. 247, Free & Accepted Masons of Wisconsin, installed officers for 2009 in a public ceremony on Sunday, December 28. Brother Richard B. Stevens was installed as Worshipful Master, Robert M. Koch as Senior Warden and Richard J. Scanlan, Junior Warden. Other officers were also installed in an impressive ceremony. Masons from East Troy and Mukwonago attend Lafin-St. James Lodge. Two organizations affiliated with Freemasonry, Labelle Chapter No. 40, Order of The Eastern Star, and Bethel No. 63, Job's Daughters, share the facilities with the lodge at the Mukwonago Masonic Center. Sister Janine Coley, Esther and Trustee of Eastern Star, chats with Brother Russell Gale, Opening Senior Warden prior to the proceedings. - Submitted by Bro. James Truesdell



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 • 715-682-3270
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. • 414-758-0112 (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 Ansoorge 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 Morrison St. • 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. Amdt 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 St. • 920-499-7265
Meet 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m.
Dark July & August

Green Bay
Theodore Roosevelt Lodge 322
525 N. Taylor St. • 920-490-9777
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 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 S. 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 E. 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 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
301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-2351
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 Main 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

Milwaukee
Freemasons Lodge No. 363
790 N. Van Buren St. • 414-425-5166
Meets 1st Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Milwaukee
James M. Hays Lodge No. 331
790 N. Van Buren • 414-774-0366 (Sec)
Meet 1st Mondays, 6:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Milwaukee
Lafayette Lodge No. 265
790 N. Van Buren St. • 414-541-7139 (Sec)
Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Milwaukee
Lake Lodge No. 189
1235 E. Howard Ave. • 414-744-4609
Meet Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Milwaukee
Nathan Hale Lodge No. 350
790 N. Van Buren • 262-522-9872 (Sec)
Meet 1st Thursday, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Mineral Point
Mineral Point Lodge No. 1
310 High St. • 608-987-2568 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark 3rd Monday Dec. - March 3rd Mon.

Minocqua
Island City Lodge No. 330
7529 Hwy 51 South • 715-277-2810 (Sec)
• Meet 1st Wednesday, 10 a.m.
Meets all year

Mondovi
Buffalo River Masonic Lodge No. 252
245 S. Franklin • 715-797-3261 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Monroe
Smith Lodge No. 31
1613-1/2 Tenth St. • 608-328-4370 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Mosinee
Mosinee Lodge No. 318
607 13th St. • 715-693-3150 (Sec.)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Mukwonago
Lafin-St. James Lodge No. 247
206 S. Main St. • 262-363-8926
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Neenah
Appleton Lodge No. 349
241 E. Wisconsin Ave. • 920-731-7355
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Neenah/Menasha
Twin Cities Lodge No. 61
241 E. Wisconsin Ave. • 920-722-3611
Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Neosho
Neosho-Mayville-Horicon No. 108
315 E. Schuyler St. • 262-569-5670
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

New Diggings
Benton Lodge No. 268
City Hwy W • 608-348-7365 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 8 p.m.
Dark January & February

New Glarus
New Glarus Lodge No. 310
207 6th Avenue • 608-527-2583 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

New Holstein
Calumet Lodge No. 172
2019 Washington St. • 920-898-5039 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark January & February

New Lisbon
Juneau Lodge No. 103
304 S. Adams St. • 608-565-7207 (Sec)
• Meet 1st & 2nd Thurs 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

New Richmond
New Richmond Lodge No. 195
119 E. 2nd St. • 715-246-2144
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Neosho
Neosho-Mayville-Horicon No. 108
315 E. Schuyler St. • 262 567-2354 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Oconomowoc
Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge 42
307 N. Lake Road • 262-567-9898
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Oconto
Pine Lodge No. 188
513 Superior Ave. • 920-378-5427
Meet 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Omro
Omro Lodge No. 168
160 E. Main Street • 920-685-2798
Meet 2nd Monday, 7 p.m.
Dark January, February & March

Onalaska
Onalaska Lodge No. 214
330 Main Street • 608-

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- Palmyra**
Palmyra Lodge No. 68
125 N. 3 St. • 262-495-4887
Meet 2nd Wednesdays, 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 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark 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. • 262-294-9978
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 Thursdays, 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. Bladhawk 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
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Quarry Notes

William L. Stonecipher, Editor

•An Editor's Epistle – The following "Editor's Epistle" appeared in the January issue of the monthly newsletter from Henry S. Baird Lodge in Sturgeon Bay and thought you might find it interesting, as did I.

By Mark Fischer <mjfish@charter.net>

Greetings:

I hope that all had a great Christmas and that the New Year brings you health and happiness.

It's that time of the year when most of us have some New Years resolutions that we ceremoniously take up. For some it means saving instead of spending, exercise more frequently to lose weight, or what have you. I, like most of you, take on these "personal promises," only to find that my retained habits end up thwarting my endeavors, so that in the end, I fail miserably (and) I find myself trying to ascertain what went wrong. What does go wrong anyway?

Many times, with resolutions, people make lofty goals that sometimes are unattainable. We see this not only in our personal lives but also promises made by elected officials who say they will do this that and the other thing. We all might have the greatest intentions to help society and ourselves, but somewhere we need to keep it real. The best place to start is on a smaller scale.

In an organization such as ours, we pride ourselves on giving to charity and helping strengthen communities; but do we really take care of all we can with the small stuff? I find that I am brought to many instances where I am in a position to help, but still find some reason or excuse not to, and the question is why not.

Have our lives become too hectic to help our neighbor clear their yard of snow when we know they are sick. Do we help that mother at the grocery store pick up fallen items in the parking lot while she tries to round up her toddlers from running in the parking lot or do we look and say too bad for her and walk away. I would hope not, but have seen this happen at a store recently. These are the little things that we should take care of.

If we want to make resolutions for the new year as Masons, try taking care of the little things that matter. Take care of your family, your friends, and your neighbors. Above all, make a commitment to yourself to become that what you are meant to be, a Mason, a builder of his community, an honorable man who looks after not (only) of himself, but of all who he comes in contact with. Together, we can build society, our community and our Craft one brick at a time.

(Editor: Bro. Fischer is Sr. Deacon at H.S. Baird Lodge in Sturgeon Bay.)

"We as Masons can, spread the cement of Brotherly Love into the cracks of society," as stated by Editor Fischer in his October Newsletter editorial. Hopefully each of us can afford at least one dinner to fill a crack (in reference to the lodge's Steamboat Dinner on Saturday, March 14, a charity fund raiser the elderly and needy in the Door County community.)

•Missing Gavel Found – For some time this past year, no one in District 10 seemed to know who had the district's Traveling Gavel. Every lodge queried had the same reply: "Not us." There was lots of back and forth discussion between lodges about "such and such lodge claimed it" or "we took it to that other lodge two months ago." In spite of this it could not be found. But indeed, someone did have it. No, it was not Fond du Lac, Waupun, Neosho-Mayville-Horicon, West Bend, Ozaukee, or Hartford Lodge. Everyone questioned about the gavel's whereabouts distinctly seemed to recall that it was Dodge County Lodge that had it. But alas,

after a thorough search and due inquiry among the brethren there, the gavel simply could not be found — that is until the wife of a certain Dodge County Past Master (who shall remain nameless) pointed out the location of a particular wooden box at home that she thought could well be the Traveling Gavel box her husband was looking for. Sure enough, it was the very box in question. That which was lost has now been found. But where was it found, you might quite reasonably ask? Well, this is too good not to retell. The electric alarm clock in his bedroom was resting upon the box. Now that's a good story!

•Tis the Season – As you can see by the content in this issue, group pictures of lodge officers are in season, and we have received an unusually large number of submissions. We ask that you be patient with us as we work our way through them all. We'll do our best to get to yours soon.

One thing we would ask, however, is to give more complete information about your submission, whatever it is. At a minimum, try to include the five "Ws" at least — they would be who, what, where, when and why plus any other information that would make your submission interesting to the Craft. We have received some that have included lots of interesting detail that makes them special and fun to read. The personal touch matters.

Also, a word about picture quality. Digital cameras have made it easy to shoot pictures and zap them off to us. Easy does not necessarily equate to good, however. They still need to be sharply focused, properly exposed and of sufficient file size to translate into print. Please refer the Masonic News Hawk info on the Grand Lodge web site at www.wisc-freemasonry.org for a practical guide to taking pictures for print. **wmj**



District 10 Gavel Captured

The District 10 Traveling Gavel was captured from Dodge County Lodge No. 72 on Monday, January 19 by a contingent from Fond du Lac Lodge No. 26. Pictured from L to R: District 10 Deputy David Tainter, Bro. Bert Mayborn, Fond du Lac Master Jay Worth, Bro. Rich Petak, Dodge County Lodge Master Robert Dolan, Bros. LeRoy Kifer, George Weigel.

– Submitted by Worshipful Master Jay Worth

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A Message from Mary Millard -
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FEBRUARY

All of us love February as it is the shortest month of winter and gets us closer to Spring. As a former teacher, I celebrated it as our patriotic month with the birthdays of two great presidents and a month to show love. It is a month for history, hearts and VALENTINES!! A month that we can show love for our country, love for our leaders, love for our friends and of course, that special someone that is in our life.

My thoughts are.....Do we really show our love? Do we tell people how much they are appreciated in our lives? Do we take the time to call or visit a friend who you haven't seen in a long time? Last month, I lost a co-worker to cancer and it made me realize again how quickly we can lose a friend. I need to stop and take the time to call or visit friends to see how they are. I know they would be happy to hear from me and yet I wait...thinking, I can do it tomorrow. I don't want to live with the regret that "I should have". I encourage you to take some time to call or visit one of your members that hasn't been to a meeting in a long time. Show your love for your friend. Plan a visit. I encourage you to take the DVD about Three Pillars and show them our campus.

Speaking of visiting, I would love to have you come and visit us here at Three Pillars. Just give us a call at 1.800.848.5306 and set up an appointment. You will be glad you did.

Tropical Escape... Beat the winter blues!

Join us Saturday, February 28th at 2:00 p.m. as the Mayville Steel Drum Band performs upbeat music of the Caribbean followed by tropical drinks and hors d'oeuvres. This event will take place at Village on the Square and is open to the public. Please RSVP to Dawn Jones by February 23rd at 1.262.965.7333.

Wolf River Harmony Chorus entertained at Mason Woods

Residents of Mason Woods enjoyed entertainment by the Wolf River Harmony Chorus from Shawano. The first half of the program had a holiday theme. Then with a change of attire, they ended their program with more traditional barbershop songs. Residents were able to visit with the singers during refreshment time.



Past Grand Matron Portrays Martha from the Bible

Past Grand Matron June Bjorklund has spent many hours researching women of the Bible, and then hosts programs portraying these women. She has made herself available to do these programs at Three Pillars in the last few years. Recently, June portrayed Martha in the Ewald Chapel. Many of us have learned new and interesting facts about these women of the Bible because of June's program. Thank You June



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Appetizer Demonstration

Dan Hoyt, Executive Chef entertained the residents of Three Pillars Village on the Square as they watched him prepare different appetizers. Not only did the residents get to see how these appetizers were made, they also got to sample these delicious treats and take the recipes home with them.



Barb Englund Grand Martha



I was born and grew up in Phillips, Wisconsin. My family is quite large: I had six sisters and three brothers, and we always lived in big old farmhouses. All of my family still lives in the Phillips area. I met my husband the summer after graduation and we married two years later. I attended technical school for that year and then flew to San Diego to be with my husband when he returned from a tour of duty in Vietnam. Our daughter Terri was born that first year. Cindy came the second year, while we were in California.

After Kent's third tour of duty in Vietnam we flew back to Wisconsin, and settled in Madison, where Kent found a job at St Mary's Hospital. I was a stay-at-home mom until my girls were in second and third grade I then enrolled at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and got my Bachelor of Science in Interior Design. I have been working as a Kitchen and Bath Designer for about 25 years in the Madison and Janesville area. I have three grandchildren: Nicole 14, Megan 11, and Mackenzie 9. My family is the light of my life, and I couldn't be more blessed.

I joined Eastern Star in July 1993, and have served as Martha, Esther, Associate Conductress, Associate Matron and Worthy Matron for four years. I have been a member of Edgerton and Evansville Chapters.

My other interests are; traveling; we have been around most of the state of Wisconsin, and most of the other states in the union. We have also been to Canada and Mexico. Hawaii, Europe (Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Yugoslavia). I also knit, crochet, sew, and enjoy photography and scrapbooking. Kent is very active in Zor Shrine, and he is on the Divan for 2008. Shrine and Eastern Star will make it a very busy, exciting, wonderful year, and I am really looking forward to it!

Laura Dessereau Grand Ruth



My name is Laura Rose and I was born in Greenbush, Minnesota. I love to read, travel, and spend time with my kids and "grand-dogs."

I was initiated into Milwaukee Assembly No. 2, Order of Rainbow for Girls in 1963 and received my majority in 1970. I spent several years in business and now work with young children. I belong to several Masonic orders and enjoy them all. My initiation into Star was one of the best times of my life. I see Star as an extension of my faith journey. Being a Grand Officer is a fantastic honor and one I'll cherish forever.

Love Your Heart, It Loves You!

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

The Heart Fund Committee needs your help. We need your help in supporting one of our most important charities, The Heart Fund.

This year the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory was selected to be the recipient of our donations. Please select one of your February or March meetings and dedicate your Sunshine collection to The Heart Fund. In the past, some chapters have held special fund-raisers to support our charity.

February, officially known as Heart Month, is also the month we celebrate Valentine's Day. A few simple facts to remember: take a walk for at least 30 minutes a day, quite smoking, lose some excess weight, schedule a heart check up and limit salt and fat in your diet. Research has shown that for every hour of regular exercise, you can receive two hours of additional life expectancy.

Don and I are available to give a short talk to your chapter about your heart. You can reach us by e-mail at <vega76oes@hotmail.com>. Our home phone is (414) 483-5353.

Star Love, Maria & Don Jensen
Heart Fund Chairpersons

Grand Officer Parties

Sunday, February 15, 2009

Dodgeville Chapter No. 39, OES cordially invites you to attend a luncheon and program honoring Angela Pishion, Grand Adah of Wisconsin on Sunday, February 15, Dodger Bowl, 318 King St., Dodgeville, WI 53533.

Social Hour 12:30 p.m. and buffet luncheon 1 p.m. RSVP with name, title, and remittance of \$22 per person by February 8, 2009 to: Kristen Schoville, 306 S. Fifth St., Evansville, WI 53536. (608) 574-3695. Make checks payable to Kristen Schoville - No refunds.

Sunday, March 1, 2009

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Grand Rep Receptions

•February 5 - Melody, Middleton & Starlite, Madison - Honoring **Shirley Storkson, Grand Representative of Tennessee**, 6:30 p.m. Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Program with refreshments to follow, Middleton Masonic Center, 7409 Franklin Ave., Middleton, WI. In lieu of gifts donations to WGM/WGP project (H.O.P.E.) appreciated. RSVP to Diane Moore, (608) 318-0717. By e-mail: <smoores@charter.net>.

•February 21 - Lemonweir Chapter, Mauston - Honoring **Sharon Bollig, Grand Representative of Colorado**, 1 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 1055 E. State St., Mauston, WI. RSVP to Wanda Hoover, 608-847-4481 or e-mail <wanda-hoover@hotmail.com> by Feb. 15.

•March 2 - Pike Chapter, Kenosha Honoring **Cheryl Budwick, Grand Representative of Texas**, 7 p.m., Unity Masonic Center, 4320 Washington Rd., Kenosha, WI. RSVP to Josephine Irvine, 3312 75th St., Kenosha, WI 53142-4448 or e-mail haubrichb@aol.com by February 21.

•March 3 - Trillium Chapter, Crivitz, honoring **Marion Waldron, Grand Representative to Puerto Rico in Wisconsin and Charles Fick, Grand Representative to Quebec in Wisconsin**. Dinner at 5 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m., Reception at 7:30 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. to Marge Raab at (715) 854-2236 or Judy Paust <atjkpaust@gmail.com> by February 24.

Last Chance To Sign Up For Bus Trip to Michigan

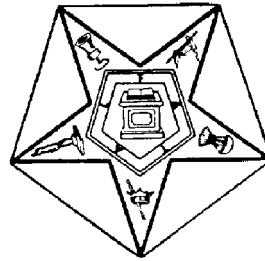
A bus trip has been planned for March 7-8 to Battle Creek, MI to enjoy an evening with our Michigan Sisters and Brothers. Check the website (www.wisconsinoes.org) for more information. Contact the WGM no later than February 10 if you are interested. You won't want to miss it!

SISTERS & 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, 937 Euclid Ave, Beloit, WI 53511-6006**. By e-mail at: <stormkat@sbcglobal.net>

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.



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:

We are in the midst of winter, the coldest season of the year. The days are short, the earth is barren and bleak, but we know that beneath the blanket of snow there awaits new life. Spring will come to refresh and reenergize the world. Take this time of winter to enjoy a slower pace of life. Count your blessings!

February is the month of Valentine's Day. Let's look at the lesson taught by Electa, which is love. Love is a very powerful word. It conjures up thoughts of caring, patience, selflessness, honesty, companionship, devotion. Electa teaches us devotion to a righteous purpose and an unfaltering love. Her lesson is that we

should practice the greatest law laid down by Christ, to love one another. How rich our lives would be if we could love one another with a truly open heart, reflecting kindness, admiration, affection, good will. In our world of uncertainty, let us remember that our relationships are a gift, a blessing. Each day give thanks for another opportunity to show love to your friends and family.

In February we celebrate several Grand Officer parties; we thank the appointed ten for their devotion to our Order. Working together we are accomplishing much. We also focus on our Grand Chapter Heart Fund Charity - what an appropriate month, as we talk about love, to take care of our heart. Look for information from the Heart Fund Chairs on the Grand Chapter website and stay heart healthy. We are enjoying our visits to your Chapters. Thanks for the warm hospitality and your part in creating wonderful memories for us to cherish. Continue to work on membership in your Chapters, sharing the love of Eastern Star with those in your community.

May you find peace knowing the passing of seasons offers hope to a world enduring change.

Blessings, Kris and Ron

WGM/WGP and Chapter Calendar

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

February

- 1 - Ladysmith, Ladysmith - Grand Officer Party
- 4 - Bristol, Bristol - WGM/WGP Visit & Compass Night
- 5 - Melody, Middleton - WGM/WGP Visit & Grand Representative Reception, 6:30 p.m. Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Reception
- Sheboygan, Sheboygan - Honor Electa & Sentinel, wear red at First Presbyterian Church
- 6 - Vega, Milwaukee - Electa & West Allis Chapters as guests. Please wear your chapter outfits.
- 8 - Vega & Electa, Milwaukee - Grand Officer Party
- 9 - Loyalty, Plymouth - WGM/WGP Visit
- 10 - Burlington, Burlington - WGM/WGP Visit
- Ozaukee, Port Washington - Honor Masons - Chili Cook-off
- West Allis, West Allis - Triwaukee Members as guests
- 11 - Wauwatosa, Brookfield - WGM/WGP Visit & Grand Representative Reception
- 12 - La Belle, Mukwonago - Star Point & Mardi Gras Night
- 13 - West Allis at McKinley Masonic Center, Brookfield - Triwaukee Area Club
- 14 - Kenosha, Kenosha - Southeast Area Club
- Columbia, Evansville - Grand Officer Party
- 15 - Dodgeville, Dodgeville - Grand Officer Party
- 17 - Ruth, LaCrosse - Master Mason Night - Membership Night
- 19 - Honor, Sturgeon Bay - WGM/WGP Visit
- 20 - Vega, Milwaukee - Honor Warder & Sentinel
- 21 - Starlite, Madison - Madison Area Club at Sun Prairie Masonic Center
- Lemonweir, Mauston - Grand Representative Reception at American Legion Hall, 1:00 p.m.
- 23 - Acadia, Brookfield - WGM/WGP Visit
- 26 - Lemonweir, Mauston - Western Stars
- 27 - Triwaukee Past Matrons Dinner, Klemmer's, Milwaukee
- 28 - Wisconsin/Illinois Grand Officer Exchange - Beloit Masonic Center

March

- 1 - Union Grove, Union Grove - Grand Officer Party
- 2 - Pike, Kenosha - Grand Representative Reception
- 3 - Trillium, Crivitz - WGM/WGP Visit - Grand Representative Reception
- Eagle, Eagle River - Honor Past & Present Star Points
- Electa, Milwaukee - Honoring Illinois Grand Officers
- 4 - Bristol, Bristol - Star Point Night
- 5 - Sheboygan, Sheboygan - WGM/WGP Visit - Dessert Auction/Wear green shirts - First Presbyterian Church
- 7 - Willow River, New Richmond - Northwest Area Club
- Michigan-Wisconsin Grand Officer Exchange - Battle Creek, Michigan

The Eastern Star Foundation

Contributions to the OES Foundation

- Oregon, Oregon • Martha, Jefferson - In Memory of Adelaide Umland
- Wauwatosa Past Matrons and Past Patrons Club - In Memory of Elizabeth (Betty) Gemmel • Lois Krentz - In Memory of Madge Becker and Gladys Wiegert • Leonard's Lamplighters - In Memory of Leonard Pivet • Wauwatosa Past Matrons/Past Patrons Club - In Memory of Jack VanAlstine • Jeanette Fellows - In Memory of Sonia Nelson
- B. M. Steltzner - In Memory of Loren Johnson • Electa, Milwaukee
- Venus, Stoughton • Medford, Medford

Wisconsin-Illinois Exchange Night

Phoenix Chapter No. 215, O.E.S. invites you to the Wisconsin-Illinois Grand Officer Exchange Night on Saturday, February 28 at the Beloit Masonic Center, 229 West Grand Avenue, Beloit, WI 53511. (608) 362-6073.

Wisconsin - Kris Engbring, Worthy Grand Matron and Ron Rasmussen, Worthy Grand Patron.

Illinois - Gretchen Burgess, Worthy Grand Matron and Alvie Green, Worthy Grand Patron.

Registration 4 to 5 p.m., Dinner 5:30 p.m., Meeting at 7 p.m.

Dinner - Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy & Vegetable, Salad, Rolls, Dessert & Beverage. Cost is \$15 per person. Reservations will not be accepted after February 19.

Reservations with name, title, jurisdiction and remittance are to be sent to: Sister Jane Blackwood, 937 Euclid Ave., Beloit, WI 53511-6006. (608) 362-8435 (H) or (608) 364-2886 (W).

Sister Blackwood's e-mail is <stormkat@sbcglobal.net>. Make checks payable to Phoenix Chapter No. 215. No refunds.

Grand Representative Appointments

- Jim Swan, Star of Bethlehem Chapter, Delaware
- Rodney Seemans, Queen of Sheba Chapter, Idaho
- Gloria Hedquist, Northwest Chapter, Maryland
- Blanche Ausen, Loyal Chapter, Minnesota
- Dolly Kobs, Everett Chapter, Mississippi
- Katharine Lutzke, Wauwatosa Chapter Brookfield, New Brunswick
- Bonnie Geiser, LaBelle Chapter, South Dakota
- Bernice Bade, Onalaska Chapter, Utah
- Myra Maurer, New Holstein-Calumet Chapter, Wyoming
- Karen Larson, Oregon Chapter, New Mexico
- Marilyn Grose, Honor Chapter, South Carolina.

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Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

February 2009

- 2 Chaplain's Memorial Service Workshop, Green Bay (Theodore Roosevelt Lodge hosting) 7-9 p.m. on Monday. If you are interested in participating, please contact Grand Chaplain Dave Ritchie by phone at (608) 776-2698 or e-mail at: <chickonyosp@yahoo.com>.
- 7 MORI Training Seminar for Lodge Secretaries and Assistants #13 Robert Ross Memorial Table Lodge at WI #13 Wisconsin at <www.wisc-freemasonry.org>.
- 9 Chaplain's Memorial Service Workshop, Eau Claire (Eau Claire Masonic Center) 7-9 p.m. on Monday. If you are interested in participating, please contact Grand Chaplain Dave Ritchie by phone at (608) 776-2698 or e-mail at: <chickonyosp@yahoo.com>.
- 19 Chaplain's Memorial Service Workshop, Whitewater (St. Johns Lodge) 7-9 p.m. on Thursday. If you are interested in participating, please contact Grand Chaplain Dave Ritchie by phone at (608) 776-2698 or e-mail at: <chickonyosp@yahoo.com>.
- 25 Blue Lodge Warden's Seminar, sponsored by Valley of Madison Scottish Rite, 7-9 p.m. Madison Masonic Center. Speaker for the evening is Deputy Grand Master Craig S. Campbell. Open to any and all Master Masons. Please register by calling (608) 256-2351. This is a free seminar.
- 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>.
- 28 Grand Lodge Officer's Master Mason Degree at Waukesha Lodge No. 37, 317 South Street in Waukesha. There will be two candidates; one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The work will commence promptly at 10 a.m. with a lunch around noon. Contact person for making a reservation for lunch is Waukesha Lodge Worshipful Master Shane Beecraft. He can be reached at (262) 442-6084, or by e-mail at <sbeecraft@wi.rr.com>.
- 13 Robert Ross Memorial Table Lodge at Wisconsin Lodge No.13, 4315 N. 92nd St., Wauwatosa
- 14-15 Job's Daughters Multi-State Grand Bethel Exemplification, Madison Masonic Center, Madison
- 21 Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843 Regular Quarterly Meeting at Historic Sheyboygan Masonic Mansion hosted by Sheyboygan Lodge No. 11. Gather at 9 a.m. for coffee and donuts. Lodge opens at 10 sharp. Lunch at noon. All Master Masons Welcome. Special Educational Program.
- 28 District 7 Spring Meeting, Four Lakes Daylite, 9 a.m.
- 29 Job's Daughters HIKE Fashion Show, West Allis Masonic Center, West Allis
- 31 Grand Lodge of Wisconsin/Prince Hall Grand Lodge Combined Table Lodge, Tripoli Shrine Center, Milwaukee, 6 p.m. Please use Registration Coupon on page 6.

April 2009

- 4 Job's Daughters Ritual & Fine Arts Competition, Three Pillars, Dousman
- 17 Scottish Rite Valley of Madison Spring Reunion - Madison District 6 Spring Meeting, 9 a.m. Oshkosh Masonic Center, Oshkosh
- 19 Madison Court No. 7, Order of the Amaranth, "Pancakes Plus!" brunch, Madison Masonic Center, Madison, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All interested Masonic lodges/groups are invited to reserve a display/sales table or provide an activity at no charge. Please join us that day to distribute information about your order and/or sell items or activities to raise money for your group. For more information, please contact Gail Piper at (608) 242-9282 or email Gail at <galliamarant@aol.com>.
- 24-26 Grand Lodge Staff Meeting (GM)
- 25-26 Grand Bethel Exemplification & Grand Bethel Honored Queen's Reception, Port Washington Masonic Center

May 2009

- 15-17 Job's Daughters Grand guardian Council Session, Stoney Creek Inn, Onalaska
- Please Note: Events listed here are drawn from the Grand Lodge Web Site and reader requests. To have events listed on the Grand Lodge Web Site please e-mail the date and a brief description to any of the following to Grand Secretary DeWolf at: <grandsecretary@wisc-freemasonry.org> or Wisconsin Masonic Journal Editor William Stonecipher at <wmjeditt@sbcglobal.net>.

March 2009

- 1 The Grand Court Order of Amaranth is hosting its annual "Renaissance Banquet for Diabetes" and Ways and Means on Sunday, March 1, 2009. 1 p.m. Social, 2 p.m. Dinner at the Delafield Brewhaus. All are welcome to attend. Call Mary at 262-526-2715 for more information.
- 13 McKinley Lodge's "All-You-Can-Eat" Fish Fry, McKinley Masonic Center, 4550 N. Pilgrim Road, Brookfield, 5 to 7 p.m.