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Lake Masonic Center Ravaged by Vandals

By Rich Rygh

Lake Masonic Center was severely damaged by vandals between 8:15 p.m. January 9 and 9:00 a.m. January 10. Brother Don "Boots" Jensen, Past Master of Lake Lodge, and retired police officer said, "In over 25 years as a police officer I never saw anything like this."

Almost everything in the building was damaged or destroyed. Over 13 pictures were ripped off the walls and smashed. Every door in the building was broken, including the entrance doors and windows. One of the columns dating back to

the 1860s was badly damaged. Stained glass windows were broken and the organ was damaged. A glass display case was destroyed and its contents damaged. Broken glass was everywhere. Office contents were scattered, computer equipment destroyed and the furniture was broken.

The building is closed indefinitely. Brother Jensen stated there was blood everywhere, even a blood trail leading from the building. DNA has been sent to the crime lab.

There are nine bodies regularly meeting at the center and the sec-

ond week after the incident they were in "phase two" of the cleanup which requires each body to take a full inventory of their property to see if anything is missing and if anything can be salvaged. It is necessary that these inventories be taken before damage estimates can be determined.

The only things known to be stolen at this time, until a complete inventory has been taken, are two Commandery swords which police found in a snow bank along the blood trail leaving the scene.

The Lake Masonic Center is located at 1235 E. Howard Ave. in Milwaukee and is home to the following bodies: Lake Lodge No. 189; Damascus Lodge No. 290; Aloha Conclave #4, True Kindred; Electa Chapter #75 O.E.S.; Ivanhoe Commandery #24 Knights Templar; Faith Shrine #23, White Shrine; Vega Chapter #26 O.E.S.; Job's Daughters Bethel 6 and the Milwaukee Bible Study.

The West Allis Masonic Center has offered the use of their facility, free of charge, until the center can be reopened. The Wisconsin Scottish Rite Center is allowing Damascus Lodge No. 290 to use their facilities.

Bro. Jensen said they hope to have the center reopened by March 1 of this year.



North entrance to the building.



Stained glass windows were destroyed.



The organ in the fellowship hall was severely damaged. Photos submitted by Bro. Don Jensen

The Grand Master's Message:

By Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin
Brother Craig S. Campbell

Wisconsin Veterans Administration Hospitals

Brethren,

I recently completed visitations of the federally run Veteran's Administration Hospitals in Wisconsin, and must declare that it has been a real eye-opener.

I find it fascinating that I have been a grand lodge officer for twenty years and knew very little about the Mason's involvement as volunteers in the V.A. Hospitals.

First let me state that the stereotypes attached to our V.A. Hospitals is completely unwarranted. These hospitals are fast becoming state-of-the-art, they have some of the nation's finest and most committed doctors and care staffs, and they are providing some of the highest-quality care of any hospitals in the country.

The V.A. Hospital in Madison boasts the best spinal surgery and spinal treatment center in the entire country, and service personnel from all over the U.S. are flown in to Madison for spinal work.

The V.A. Hospital in Tomah boasts the latest and most advanced techniques and treatments in the area of trauma and stress, as well as one of the country's most advanced prescription drug delivery systems.

The V.A. Hospital in Milwaukee boasts the finest cardiac care unit, as well as education center and rehabilitation program in the nation.

Our troops who put themselves in harm's way to protect the liberties we hold so dear deserve absolutely the best care this country can provide. We can all be proud and thankful that Wisconsin takes this responsibility very seriously and is working on maintaining a standard of excellence for the rest of the country to follow.

One of the reasons the Wisconsin V.A. Hospitals are so effective is because of a corps of very dedicated volunteers. Wisconsin Freemasons have a volunteer desk and coordinator in each of these hospitals. But they need help. They need more Masons to serve.

We could do so much more with more volunteers. Please consider this your call to action. Please contact our state coordinator, M.W. Bro. Beecher Daniels, PGM, and let him know you would like to serve.

Just like joining a lodge - there are a myriad of ways for you to fit in and have your contribution be of value. Make today the day you take that step. Send an e-mail to Bro. Daniels at bmotorhome@aol.com, or phone him at 608-845-1543.

As with every endeavor of service, you will likely get much more out of it than you put in. And let me thank you in advance for heeding this call.

Sincerely,
Craig S. Campbell, Grand Master



Craig S. Campbell
Grand Master

On Our Cover

Brother William Stonecipher was recently honored for his 17 years of service as editor of *The Wisconsin Masonic Journal*. Past Grand Master Keith Chamberlain, president of the board of *The Wisconsin Masonic Journal*, presented Bro. Stonecipher a certificate of appreciation at a luncheon at Three Pillars in Dousman. Seated (left to right): board members Lowell Scott and John Donaldson. Standing: Deputy Grand Master Joseph B. Harker; Past Grand Master Keith Chamberlain; William Stonecipher; Diane Igl, advertising manager; and board member Milt Helmer.

photo by Rich Rygh

Annual Combined Table Lodge Set for March 31

The seventh 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 Wednesday, March 31, 2010.

This year's event returns to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge Grand Masonic Center in Milwaukee where members of the two grand jurisdictions will join in Masonic fellowship and celebrate Wisconsin Freemasonry together. Their Grand Masonic Center is located at 600 W. Walnut Street. The 2009 event was held at Tripoli Shrine Temple, hosted by our Grand Lodge. In 2008, 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 District 12 Deputy Bob Strader, 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 cannons 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 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.

The cost of this event is \$25 per person and reservations must be received no later than Friday, March 19 at the Grand Lodge office in Dousman. Make checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. Make your reservation soon since space is limited and an early cutoff for registration may occur. Confirmations will be communicated, so include contact information. Walk-ins unfortunately will not be allowed.

Please use the clip & mail registration coupon on page 2 of this issue. If a lodge wishes to submit a combined reservation and payment for multiple attendees, please list each individual's name attending.

More photos of the vandalism to the Lake Masonic Center can be seen on page 15 of our online version at www.wisc-freemasonry.org.

Collins-Spring Valley Lodge No 192 Hosts Saint John's Night dinner

by Bro. Milt Helmer

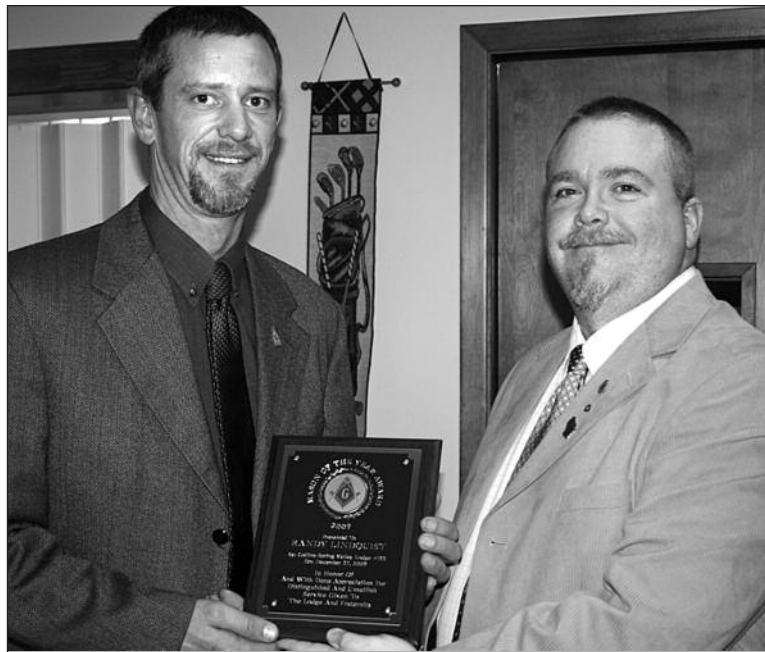
The brothers of Collins-Spring Valley Lodge No. 192, Baldwin, held their annual St. John's Night dinner on Sunday, December 27, at the Hammond Golf Club in Hammond, Wisconsin.

Newly installed Worshipful Master Jay Custer of Baldwin, welcomed the brothers and their wives and introduced visiting Brother Jerry Bristol, Grand Sentinel of the Order of the Eastern Star in Wisconsin and his wife Mary, Brother Paul Nelson and his son and his sister, visiting from Jackson, Wyoming, and Brother Dan Fischer, Master of Hancock Lodge No. 229 of Ellsworth. Brother Milt Helmer, Past Master of Hancock Lodge and his wife Carol were also introduced.

Past Master Gerry Hauschildt introduced a guest who plans to petition the lodge.

Brother Custer noted it has been a busy year with the raising of three new brothers. He also outlined other lodge accomplishments, including the purchase of a light tower for the local rescue unit. The Lodge gave turkeys away at Thanksgiving, which is a tradition for Collins-Spring Valley Lodge.

Past Master Dr. James McFarland gave a brief report on his trip to



Randy Lindquist (left) accepts the "Mason of the Year Award" from Past Master Doug Henry.

Scotland. Brother McFarland, who is the lodge counselor and proficiency man, showed a short video detailing the magnificent Rosslyn Chapel in Scotland.

Past Master Doug Henry presented this years Mason of the year award to Secretary Randy Lindquist for his countless hours as coordinator of the concession trailer and for his dedication to the craft.

Perspectives on Faith

By Reverend Don Iliff, Grand Chaplain

Truth—The Last of the Principal Tenets

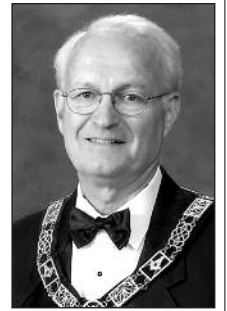
One of the first lessons taught in Masonry is that a Mason is "to be good and true -- of good report". We are to be truthful in our dealings with others, our habits conforming to a higher standard of ethics, our dependability reliable and display an honor in what we say and do. There is an expectation in the fraternity that each brother will hold the tenets—such as brotherly love, relief, truth, temperance, etc. as a model by which they will live.

Truth is the foundation upon which the other virtues rest. We are to be reliable, honest, faithful and true. The harmony of the Lodge is built on the truthfulness of each one of us. In our world today, there is an element of greed and deception. It is our assumption that a Mason will deal fairly and honestly with all. For a brotherhood to endure, members must trust in the goodness and integrity of each other. That is why we "stand on the level".

No one takes advantage of another because we believe that truthfulness is essential in our dealing with one another. As we practice that in the lodge, that virtue is played out in our daily dealings with all the people in our lives.

When truthfulness is the standard in our lives, we are genuine in our life-style. We become known as a man who stands tall and is above pettiness and questionable behavior. When we take our obligation, we are agreeing to a standard which has guided men for centuries to be their best. Masons are faithful and loyal friends, "good and true".

Rev Don Iliff
Grand Chaplain



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Grand Chaplain

Grand Chaplain Don Iliff welcomes reader comments and suggestions. He may be reached by e-mail at doniliff@centurytel.net.

Clip and Mail

The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin & Prince Hall Grand Lodge Present: Combined Table Lodge VII Wednesday, March 31, 2010

Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone Number: () _____ Lodge: _____
Contact e-mail: _____

Number attending _____ @ \$25 each = Amount Enclosed \$ _____
(Make checks payable to: Grand Lodge of Wisconsin)

Note: If making a group reservation, please attach list of all names.

Mail this reservation form and check to:

Combined Table Lodge
c/o Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin
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Tickets will be held at the door.

Reservations due on or before Friday, March 19, 2010

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Installing officers for Freemasons Lodge No. 363

Freemasons Lodge No. 363 installed officers on January 6. Installing officers from left: Deputy Grand Master Joe Harker, Installing Master; Tom Curtis, Master; Past Grand Master Rodney Paulsen, Installing Chaplain; and Bro. Norman Christensen, Deputy of the Supreme Council for the State of Wisconsin, Installing Marshal.

Submitted by Bro. Tom Curtis, Master; photo by Bro. Dennis Wilson

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NOTES FROM THE GRAND LECTURER

By Brother Kenneth C. Gorgen

The "Rite of Circumambulation"

My Brothers,

The second task that is performed once the candidate is in the Lodge is to walk around the Altar in a clockwise pattern. This is called the circumambulation. It is a time for those on the sideline to get a good look at the candidate and check to see that he is properly prepared. A Senior Deacon who is very sure of himself might perform this part of the ritual very quickly and with confidence which makes us lose some of the effects of this rite. The Deacon that is not very confident, can take too long and again some of the highlights of this rite are lost. This is a time for teamwork between the Senior Deacon and the Chaplain or whoever is giving the lecture that accompanies the circumambulation. If it is done correctly and timed out, it can be impressive for the brothers on the sidelines.

Notice that I mentioned that this part of the degree is a rite. It is an important part of the ceremony and is called the "Rite of Circumambulation". There is more to this rite than meets the eye. It does give everyone a chance to look over the candidate and to see if he is properly prepared. However, this rite has deeper roots in civilization. History has traced it back to ancient Mesopotamia. Many civilizations have used the "Rite of Circumambulation" in their religious services. The movement is in a clockwise direction keeping the altar to the right. It represented the movement of the sun as the priest or priestess moved from the east to the south, to the west and returning via the north. The movement was considered an act of purification. On the flip side, historians have also noted that movement in the opposite direction in a counterclockwise direction would have been considered to be cursing whatever the person was circling.

When we talk about the sun rising in the East, the beauty and glory of the day when it is at meridian height, and finally about its setting at the close of the day, it is not surprising that circumambulation in the Lodge is a symbol of the sun giving the new candidate light on his journey. In Mackey's Manual of the Lodge we read, "The Lodge represents the world; the three principle officers represent the sun in his three principle positions; rising, at meridian height, and setting. The circumambulation therefore alludes to the apparent course of the solar orb, through these points, around the world." This is what Mackey calls astronomical symbolism. However, he goes on to talk about intellectual symbolism that the candidate will experience as he struggles to move out of the darkness of the North, only to face several obstructions as he moves from intellectual darkness into light and truth.

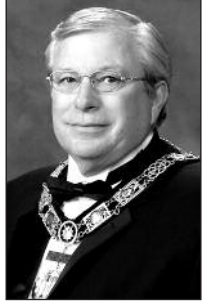
Each degree has a lecture that accompanies the rite of circumambulation. Several years ago, I had the lecture from the Master Mason degree explained to me, which helped me understand that there was a connection to each degree. The 133rd Psalm is the lecture used for the Entered Apprentice degree. King David wrote the Psalm and he talks about what a wonderful experience it would be to have all people live together in harmony. He expresses hope, joy, and harmony to be able to live in unity or as one. If we think about our new candidate coming out of the darkness of the world outside of the lodge to the unity, peace, and harmony inside of the lodge, we can begin to see how this lecture fits with the new Entered Apprentice.

All three degrees have different circumambulation lectures. I would encourage you to read them in your cipher and see if you can interpret how these passages relate to the degree. If you want to share your interpretation, send me an email.

Is it necessary to have the Book of Laws open to the specific passage used in a particular degree? This is not necessary. Some lodges prefer to open the Book of Laws to the exact passage, but I assure it is not required. This practice might add a nice symbolic touch, but it might be difficult to align the Square and Compasses properly because of the slant of the pages. I would rather see the altar arranged neatly, which can easily be accomplished by having more pages on the side where the Square and Compasses rest.

As always, I wish you much success in your degree work. Become unrelenting at learning the work and performing it proficiently. Your lodge will be proud of your accomplishment, and you will have the self-satisfaction of being able to teach the ritual to the new candidates. Then we will all see more Light.

Feedback and questions are always welcome. Contact Grand Lecturer Gorgen at jkgorgen@att.net or 262-691-0859.



Kenneth C. Gorgen
Grand Lecturer

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Phillips Lodge No. 225 installs officers

Phillips Lodge No. 225 installed their officers for 2010 on December 7. Front row (left to right): Kevin Hemp, Chaplain; Glen Seitz, Senior Warden; David Sonntag, Master; Grand Master Craig S. Campbell; Rev. Ray Heilborn; and Don Meetz, Junior Deacon. Back Row: Gary Metz, Junior Warden; Ron Koerner, Tiler; John Smith, Senior Deacon; Tony Budaj, Counselor; Karl Von Seggern, Senior Steward; Lee Handschke, Junior Steward; and Don Schmidt, Secretary/Treasurer.

Submitted Gary Metz, Junior Warden and News Hawk

"The Trial of George Washington" to be Presented

The BEJA Shriners have lined up a "blue ribbon" cast to present "The Trial of George Washington," or "Treason against the British Crown" on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at 2:00 at the Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Center in Green Bay. The play is being put on for the general public, local groups and organizations, youth groups and, of course for Masons. This performance marks a rare opportunity for all to see the dramatic work being done by these men in Green Bay.

History and our school books recognize George Washington as the victorious Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army and as the first President of the United States. But what is lost in the glory of Washington's leadership and heroism is that he spent his earlier years as an officer serving under General Braddock in the army of the British Crown.

It is that service in the army of King George and later Washington's fight against the British as the Commander of the Continental army that serves as the basis for the charge of "Treason against the British Crown" and for the subsequent "Trial of George Washington."

The trial seeks answers to questions important to the King. Which was Washington's country, England or America? If Washington served England as an officer in the French and Indian War, didn't that make his country England? Didn't England own the colonies? If so, wasn't Washington a deserter to be charged with "High Treason"?

As the King's prosecutor seeks to examine the circumstances surrounding each of these questions, Washington's friends John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, LaFayette and John Hancock mount counter arguments. A jury listens and then must decide whether Washington is

guilty or not. And if they find him guilty, the mandatory punishment was, and is to this day, death by hanging.

The "blue ribbon" cast chosen for this presentation of the "Trial" has been drawn from all of these organizations: Scottish Rite, York Rite, area Masonic lodges, and from the BEJA Shriners who are hosting this event.

"The Trial of George Washington"

will be presented at the Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Center, 525 North Taylor Street in Green Bay. The public is warmly invited. There is plenty of free parking and the play's producer promises "tea and crumpets" following the trial. There will also be an opportunity to meet the characters, in costume, and to ask them questions about their lives and their hopes for the future of America.

Hear ye, Hear ye,
Hear ye

Calling all Masons and peers
You are hereby summoned to
attend the most preposterous,
political outrage of the 1700's

**THE TRIAL OF GEORGE
WASHINGTON**

Featuring an All-Star Beja Cast

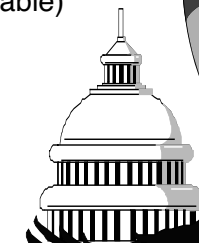
Trial Scheduled to Convene:
Saturday, February 13th, 2010
At 2:00 PM

Jury Selection at 1:45
At the NEW Masonic Center
Court Room
525 N Taylor St.
Green Bay, WI



(Horse and or Buggy
Parking Available)

Tea and
Crumpets
(perhaps)
following
the Trial



Open To Public



Doric Lodge No. 356 installs officers for 2010

Doric Lodge No. 356, Madison, held their installation of officers for 2010 on Tuesday, December 15. A chili supper prepared by the incoming Junior Warden preceded the installation. Pictured (left to right) front row: Bill Winge, Treasurer; Ward Nottestad, Senior Deacon; Paul Hallingstad, Master; Steve Davidson, Junior Warden; Fred Liedel, Chaplain; and Luis Moroney, Junior Deacon. Back row: Scott Graham, Trustee; Dale Holmen, Senior Steward; Nick Elmquist, Counselor; Mitch Custer, Secretary; Kenn Beauchaine, Trustee; and Jim Martin, Junior Steward. Not pictured are Isaac Lewis, Senior Warden and Dan Bradford, Tiler.

Submitted by Bro. Paul Hallingstad, Master

Lessons from the Charges

by Bro. Harold C. Peterson

Background

We have heard the charges given to candidates so often that we almost fail to hear whether they contain any useful information. Older Master Masons may even begin to suspect that the charges no longer have any application in their lives. That notion is entirely unfounded. The charges given are not the conclusion of an event. They mark a new beginning in life. That new beginning is the start of where you are today.



The charges are to our degrees what a commencement address is to a school graduation. They follow the successful completion of the event. They are delivered in close proximity (in time and geography) to the event. The commencement address and the Masonic charges point ahead and give suggestions for the new beginning. They hint at what tomorrow may be and bring the hope made possible by the recent success. Successful completion of the recent event is prerequisite for the charge, but the charge is properly the first part of life lived after the event has concluded. The charge looks at the new beginning and delivers earned optimism.

The Entered Apprentice degree taught some new elements for the life of a Mason. The charge considers the lessons taught in the ritual as it makes demands on the life and character of the new Mason. The charge uses the lessons as standards to challenge the character. It establishes new guidelines for life and calls for a new lifestyle. The first Masonic charge changes the rest of life. Reviewing this charge can be a productive use of any Freemason's time. This is also true of the other charges in Masonry. They all maintain standards that modify the expectations of living Freemasonry to its fullest.

Those charged are encouraged to comply with the charges through promises implied within the charges. The charges point to peers to present living examples of the life and conduct expected. Masonic charges remind us that the present is the workshop in which the future is built using the resources of the past. The charges use this notion to set goals to assist the

Freemason to aim high in life.

The charges prepare candidates for success. They are like a formula that presents all the elements required to succeed. The candidate that pays serious attention to the charge receives great benefit from the event. The charges, however, only supply the mixture. The variables and the quantities must come from the candidate. The resources required for success are drawn from the stores of the fraternity. Most candidates are limited as they begin their sojourn.

Entered Apprentice

The Entered Apprentice charge is the first such event in Freemasonry. Its location in the ritual is exactly as it should be. Its location in life is exactly where it needs to be. Its location often causes its function to be misunderstood. The Entered Apprentice charge should not be understood as the last event of the degree conferred. The degree conferral is fully completed at this time. It is, however, critical to present the charge as closely as possible to the degree conferral. The charge contains important instruction for the rest of life. The charge belongs to that future life more than it is a part of the conferral of the Initiation. (The word initiate is an unusual word in one sense. The word means a new birth or a new life.) The charge answers the needs of the occasion. It provides instructions for the new life that begins with the conclusion of the degree conferral.

The knowledge and experiences of the Entered Apprentice qualify and launch the Brother into the first stage or epoch of the Masonic life. This is a different life than he knew prior to his Initiation. One-day classes shorten the span of this stage or epoch and may tend to erode the appropriated value of some of the lessons contained in the charge. The charge addresses a new set of standards. The newness may be only in that the standards are formally named and specified. The investigating committees should screen any men that cannot conform to these standards before the Initiation. There are new expectations that life before Initiation would not demand. These new standards and expectations bring new hopes and goals. The sum of all of this should produce a new and better man. The charge refers the Initiate to new resources and assistance of the fraternity.

There are several lessons contained in this charge. There has been no attempt to place the lessons in order of priority. There may have been that sense and weighting in the original positioning of the lessons. It is sufficient that this paper acknowledges the several lessons and describes them and their relationship to this stage or epoch of Masonic life.

Freemasonry wastes no time establishing the building analogies. The Entered Apprentice charge refers to this analogy in the first lesson. The new Mason need not be an actual building contractor or construction worker to realize that the strength of the building is seriously supported by the sufficiency of the foundation. New Masons can take comfort in the assurance that they are building upon a foundation laid by others. This foundation endures from a time beyond our skills to recall accurately and adequately discover through research. The foundation has physical elements in the lives of the ancient founders.

There are philosophical and metaphoric implications in this lesson as well. The moral connection to this foundation is possibly the most connection of all. It is well that the new Mason has such a foundation to build upon.

The second lesson in the charge relates to the important duties of a Mason. It is interesting that duties be introduced at this very early stage in Masonic development. Duty and responsibility and, even less, accountability are not frequently used words in this twenty-first century. These words demand a commitment not easily enlisted. The very mention of duties at this early point in Masonic development implies that the fraternity undertakes a heavy burden of responsibility with every Initiation. The new Mason learns the expected compliance with these duties by the examples around him. The continued exercise of these duties hinges on the present fraternity. The duty to God is much more than attending church though some may assume that is a good example of how to illustrate that duty. Duty to God is really much more the outward manner of living that honors God as much in the secular world as church attendance would in the religious world. Freemasonry does not specifically require church attendance. It recommends the deeply spiritual commitment of all Brethren. This is true of an active and vital relationship between the man and God. That right religious relationship and lively spiritual relationship will produce an exemplary moral character. That exemplary moral character is the manifestation that shows the other two points of this duty to the world.

Neighbors are the true test of being civilized. The world is made up of neighbors. It is not always possible to know who your neighbors will be before moving to a new location. Compliance with our Masonic duty to our neighbors will find good neighbors wherever we live. The neighbors we have will become better neighbors because we will treat them as such. They will always be better than they see themselves in our eyes. That is what we would like from them and that is how this duty bids us treat them.

The duty to self can be much more imposing. Nobody will be better to us than we will be. That is the unfortunate truth, but we must limit our personal freedom. We must voluntarily withhold some of our desires. Nobody will see the restraint it takes to limit our personal freedom. Limiting personal freedom leads to controlling impulses and passions. Some passion may be beneficial, but all passion should be channeled to the most productive development of Brotherly-love. Control of appetite and desire is every bit as difficult as limiting personal freedoms. Many Brethren amply show their appetites. There is, of course, nothing wrong or improper about nourishing the body. Our fraternity encourages the breaking of bread together. We have a duty to nourish the body and break bread together within due bounds. Finally, we have a duty to grow in the understanding and practice of the fraternal arts. This results from seeking and following wise counsel.

The next lesson deals with citizenship and describes the kind of citizen the Mason should be. The nature of the Masonic citizen is quiet and peaceful. There is a bit of irony in this lesson in the United States of America. Masonic citizens took up arms to defy

See **Charges** on page 9

Bro. David Armitage Leaves Bequest to Wis. Masonic Home

Brother David Armitage, a 50 year member of Waukesha Lodge No. 37, passed away on February 5, 2009 at the age of 86.

During WWII, David was stationed in the Philippines and New Guinea. Upon returning home he joined the Wisconsin Air National Guard. He spent his career working for the Fire Insurance Rating Bureau and Western Actuarial Bureau.

Bro. Armitage was a well read and informed individual, he was noted for writing letters to the editor of the *Waukesha Freeman* newspaper.

Bro. Armitage was thoughtful in remembering the Wisconsin Masonic Home in his will. He also provided a bequest to Waukesha Lodge.

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Lodi Valley Lodge donates to food pantry and MSA

Lodi Valley Lodge in cooperation with the Lodi Rotary Club sponsored their annual "Breakfast with Santa" held during Lodi's Open House weekend. Proceeds in the amount of \$1010.00 have been donated to the Lodi Food Pantry and \$450.00 to the Masonic Service Association at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison. Brother Roger Severson presents a check to Judy Brownrigg, Lodi Food Pantry Director.

Submitted by Cal Cramer, Secretary



Brother Carl Hanke celebrates 70 years in Masonry

Brother Carl Hanke of Prairie du Chien Lodge No. 8, celebrated 70 years as a Mason on December 5, 2009. Worshipful Master Marc Steiber (left) and Senior Warden Joel Arnold (right) presented Carl his 70 year certificate and card at his home. At 93 years of age, Carl does not venture too far from home and is not able to get out at night to attend lodge. Brother Carl received his degrees in Eau Claire Lodge No. 112. He was raised a Master Mason on December 5, 1939. After moving to Prairie du Chien, he transferred his membership to Prairie du Chien Lodge on December 26, 1967. In his younger days Brother Carl was active in Lodge activities, he held appointed positions within the Lodge and participated in degree work.

Submitted by Brother Monte Steiber, Secretary/Treasurer



Brother Vernon Morris honored for 55 years

Bro. Terence Terry, Master of Lincoln Lodge No. 183, Menomonee Falls, recently presented Bro. Vernon Morris with his 55 year certificate. Bro. Morris received his Master Mason degree in West Allis Lodge No. 291. After 25 years, he moved to Arizona where he joined Red Rock Memorial Lodge in Sedona. About five years ago Bro. Morris moved back to Wisconsin and resides at the Arboretum Retirement Community in Menomonee Falls. He has one daughter, Kathryn Stonecipher of West Bend, her husband Bro. William Stonecipher, is former Editor of *The Wisconsin Masonic Journal*. Bro. Morris will be 97 in February and is doing very well. He was invited by Bro. Terry to visit Lincoln Lodge when the weather improves. The Lodge will furnish transportation.

Submitted by Bro. Roger Wetterau, Secretary



Tomah Lodge honors members for promoting community awareness


Tomah Masonic Lodge No. 132 recently honored members for their effort to increase community awareness of what Masonry does. Honored Brothers pictured (left to right) front row: Ed Thompson, Don Roscovious, Johnston Bell, and Mike Sund. Back row: Chas Calhoon, Mark Carbonneau, Steve Hanson and Kenneth Kuhn, Master.



Brother John Calder receives 60 year certificate

On December 16, Brother John Calder celebrated 60 years as a Master Mason. Brother Calder fondly recalls being given a petition at age 21, by his father. He was initiated into Smith Lodge No. 31 in Monroe, Wisconsin on June 24, 1949, passed on September 1, 1949 and raised a Master Mason on December 16, 1949. He was Master of Ripon Lodge No. 95 in 1959. Today Brother Calder serves as Secretary/Treasurer of Daylite Lodge No. 360. Above: Bro. Alvin B. Malmberg, Master of Daylite Lodge No. 360, presents Brother John Calder (right) his 60 year certificate.


Submitted by Bro. Gerald Brebner, Senior Warden and News Hawk



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Lodges Install Officers for 2010



Hancock Lodge No. 229

The officers who will lead the Masonic Lodge in Ellsworth were installed in an open ceremony at the Lodge on Tuesday, January 12th. Front row (left to right): Bill Reed, Senior Warden; Gary Waltz, Master; and Mike McCarthy, Junior Warden. Second row: Rick Swan, Senior Deacon; Bruce Wigent, Senior Steward; Jerry Bristol, Treasurer; Jim Hines, Chaplain; Al Krause, (standing in for Dan Sherry), Junior Deacon; John Reinke, Tiler; and John Kelly, Junior Steward. Third row: Jack Hofmeister, Installing Officer; Norris Berg, Secretary; Charlie Webster, Counselor; Dennis Donath, Installing Marshal; and Dan Fischer, Trustee. The other trustees are Rick Swan and Charlie Webster.
Submitted by Masonic News Hawk Milt Helmer



Freemasons Lodge No. 363

Freemasons Lodge No. 363 had a "full house" on January 6, to witness the installation of its officers for 2010. Held at the Humphrey Scottish Rite Center in Milwaukee, the event included the bagpipe tunes of Brother Clay Simchic, an honor guard of Wisconsin Commandery No. 1, twelve of the Lodge's Past Masters, many lovely ladies, and other guests. After the formal activities of the occasion were attended to in the third floor lodge room, the assemblage moved downstairs for one of Brother Don Childer's superb banquets, fine wines and all. Lodge officers pictured are: Front row from left: Jerry Reick, Junior Steward; Mike Reindl, Senior Warden; Tom Curtis, Master; Jeff Day, Junior Warden; and Joe Lieungh, Secretary. Second row: Vince Michuda, Senior Steward; Bill Frazier, Tiler; and David Miracle, Chaplain. Third row: Bill DeLind, Counselor; Paul Tourville, Senior Deacon and Treasurer; John McChesney, Junior Deacon; Mike Hill, Organist; and Jan Talaga, Trustee.
Submitted by Bro. Tom Curtis, Master; photo by Bro. Dennis Wilson



Northwestern Lodge No. 105

The newly elected officers of Northwestern Lodge No. 105, Prescott, were installed in open ceremonies on Wednesday, January 6. The new lodge officers include many younger members who recently joined the Masonic fraternity. Pictured (left to right) front row: Gary Melstrom, Junior Warden; David Finley, Master; and Larry Fischer, Senior Warden. Second row: Fred Benson, Treasurer; Jaime Peterson, Junior Deacon; Dan Finley, Senior Deacon; Mike Elliott, Chaplain; Jim Shortreed, Secretary; and Scott Paulson, District Deputy of District 2. Third row: Milt Helmer, Installing Officer; Steve Schwartz, Tiler; Don Eggers, Trustee; and Dennis Donath, Installing Marshal. Matt Knott, Trustee and Counselor was also installed.
Submitted by Bro. Milt Helmer, Photo by Janine Elliott



Shell Lake/Spooner Lodge No. 221

Past Grand Master Kingman Loomis installed the officers of Shell Lake/Spooner Lodge No. 221 on December 15. Pictured (left to right) front row: Gerry Winch, Secretary/Treasurer; Robert Scheff, Junior Warden; Dave Perko, Master; Tom Spelbring, Senior Warden; and Steve Anderson, Junior Deacon. Back row: Gary Cuskey, Trustee; Ray Heilborn, Chaplin; Rollie Ericsson, Trustee; and Robert Odell, Senior Deacon.
Photo by Bro. Arby Humphrey, Grand Orator; submitted by News Hawk Bob Scheff.



La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190

La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190 recently installed their new officers for the 2010 Masonic year. Pictured (left to right) front row: Earland Sagen, Tiler; Don Fiscus, Counselor; Harry "Red" Hiser, Chaplain; Todd Wolhert, Secretary/Treasurer; and Wes Denny, Trustee. Second row: Bob Carlson, Junior Steward; Jared Hickey, Senior Steward; and Rich Gray, Senior Deacon. Third row: Bruce Klubertanz, Senior Warden; Keith Williams, Master; Scott Hiser, Junior Warden; and Chet Knapton, Junior Deacon.
Submitted by Bro. M. J. "Marty" Callaway



Prairie View Lodge No. 95

Brethren of Prairie View Masonic Lodge No. 95 elected Brother Larry Malchow, Master for the next calendar year. Brother Malchow's expressed vision for the next year includes continuing philanthropy by giving scholarships to high school graduates from the area, expanding membership, and spreading the word about the universal principles of the fraternity. Prairie View Lodge No. 95 was established in Ripon several decades ago when the Markesan, Rosendale, and Green Lake lodges combined with the Ripon Lodge. These Lodges have been providing philanthropic assistance to Ripon and surrounding communities since their inception. The following officers were installed on December 8, (left to right) front row: Kevin Nault, Secretary and Scott Ivy, Steward. Standing: Cory Watzig, Sr. Deacon; Tim Aither, Junior Warden; Larry Malchow, Master; Rick Coles, Senior Warden; and Ken Cartier, Treasurer. Brother John Ernst, Junior Deacon was unavailable for the photo. Brother LeRoy Kifer, Secretary of Fond du Lac Masonic Lodge No. 26 assisted with the installation.
Submitted by Brother Rick Coles, Senior Warden.



Grand Master Craig S. Campbell (above) explains how the teachings of Freemasonry have shaped history. Top right: members and guests listen intently to the Grand Master's presentation. Middle: a guests asks a question. Right: Past Grand Master J.B. Van Hollen speaks on the need for Freemasonry in our society today.

Wisconsin Freemasons Public Seminar in DeForest

By Rich Rygh

The following men all have one thing in common, they are or were Freemasons, members of a fraternity that taught them principles to live by: George Washington; Ben Franklin; Harry Truman; Winston Churchill; Paul Revere; Franklin D. Roosevelt; Omar Bradley; Douglas MacArthur; Robert Peary, the first man to reach the North Pole; Charles Lindberg, flew the first solo flight over the Atlantic Ocean; Henry Ford, father of modern

assembly lines used in mass production; John Glenn, the first American to orbit the earth; Buzz Aldren, the second man to step on the moon; Walter Chrysler; Ransom E. Olds; King Gillette; Thomas Lipton; Frederick Maytag; and Samuel Goldwyn, film producer. There are thousands more that could be added to this list.

This list was part of a talk given by Craig S. Campbell, Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, on the impact Freemasonry has had

on the formation of our country and the part it has played in bringing us to where we are today.

The Grand Master welcomed over 35 men to the third, in a series of four, Wisconsin Freemasons Public Seminars in DeForest on January 9.

The seminar was presented by Grand Master Craig S. Campbell and Past Grand Master J.B. Van Hollen.

Most of those in attendance were not Masons and were there out of curiosity and to find out what Freemasonry is and what has to offer.

The Grand Master spoke of the involvement of Masons in many historic events: the Boston Tea Party, the Revolutionary War, the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the writing of the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

The Boston Tea Party occurred on December 16, 1773, a Thursday night, and regular meeting night of St. Andrew's Lodge in Boston. The minutes of the Lodge from that night read "No meeting for lack of a quorum", this was unprecedented.

Everyone has read about the "Midnight Ride" of Paul Revere. Paul Revere was a member of St. Andrew's Lodge.

There are also many stories of Freemasons in the Civil War, WWI, and WWII.

Grand Master Campbell expressed his disappointment in how little has been written in the history books about the Fraternity, yet Freemasonry has played such a big part in making our country what it is today.

Past Grand Master J.B. Van Hollen spoke on why Freemasonry needs to continue in our country and the values it brings to us all. He said he sees more and more of a "what is in it for me society" and less and less about doing things for others and being a team player.

Brother Van Hollen feels that the two things that will bring our soci-

ety back in line are religion and Freemasonry. He said "So many times in life when I was trying to make a very important decision, and decide which way I was going to turn, thinking back to my Masonic experiences and my Masonic teachings has helped me to make the right decision."

Grand Master Campbell and Past Grand Master Van Hollen answered several questions from the guests after the presentation.

Several petitions for membership were turned into the Grand Master as the men departed.


Next Public Seminar

Waukesha, Saturday, February 27, 10 a.m. – Noon
Country Springs, 2810 Golf Road, Pewaukee, Wis.
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Masons and guests listen to Grand Master Craig S. Campbell speak on the impact Freemasons had in forming our country at the Wisconsin Freemason Public Seminar held in DeForest, January 9.


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Cassia Masonic Lodge No. 167

Cassia Masonic Lodge No. 167, Plymouth, was honored to have the Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, Craig S. Campbell, install the officers of the Lodge for 2010. The Grand Master talked about the rich history of the ceremony and the charges given to each officer dating back hundreds of years. He also stressed the importance of educating the public about the true meaning of Masonry, in order to continue to grow the oldest fraternity in the world. Pictured (left to right) front row: Chet Tadych, Senior Steward; Tom Vanderkin, Treasurer; Don Krauss, Organist; Ken Hellmann, Master; Craig S. Campbell, Grand Master; Bob Krucki, Tiler; and Cliff Hall, Chaplain. Second row: Dan Thielman, Secretary; Dave Elmer, Senior Deacon; District Deputy Dave Tainter; Tod Hellman, Junior Warden; and Grand Tiler J. Patrick Storrs. Third row: John Dorsey, Senior Warden; Bob Thomas, Junior Deacon; Norb Meyer, Trustee; and Harold Peterson, Counselor.

Submitted by Tod Hellman, News Hawk



Melody Lodge No. 2

Melody Lodge No. 2, Platteville, held their installation of officers on December 1. Front row (left to right): Grand Master Craig S. Campbell; Remy Colas, Junior Warden; Kevin Hanson, Master; Owen Demo, Tiler; Craig Hillery, Chaplain; and District Deputy Scott Pedley, Installing Master. Back row: James Harvey, Junior Deacon; Robert Lewis, Counselor; Wally Trouten, Trustee; and Ronnie Jaacks, Trustee. Not pictured: Gary Olson, Secretary/Treasurer.

Submitted by Bro. Kevin Hanson



Fort Winnebago Lodge No. 33

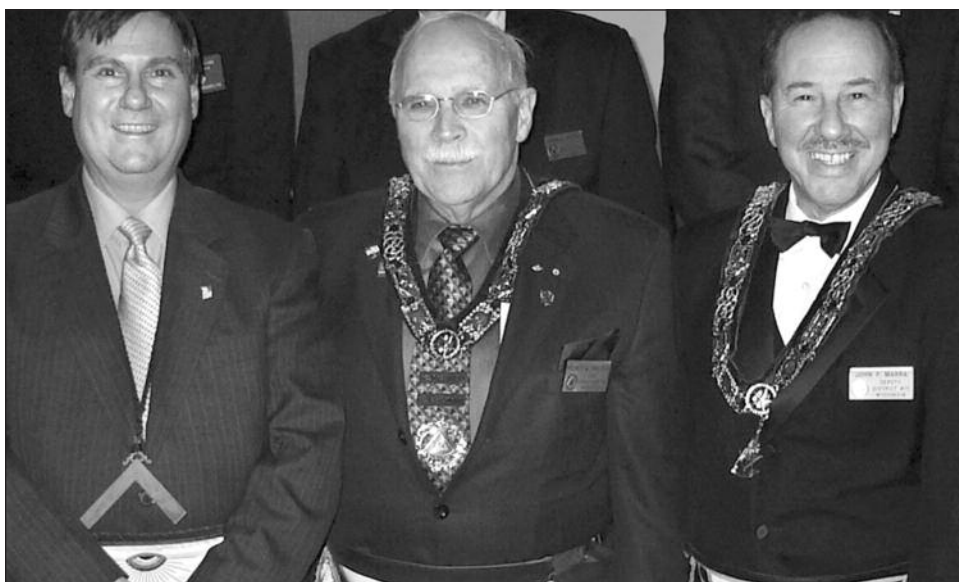
Fort Winnebago Lodge No. 33, Portage, officers were installed on December 22. Area Administrator Dan Burkeland, was Installing Master; Installing Marshal was Bro. Richard Preston, Poynette Lodge No. 173; and Installing Chaplain was Bro. James Little, brother of Bro. Jeff Little. Front row (left to right): Robert Swan, Senior Steward; Jeff Little, Master; and Art Swan, Tiler. Back row: George Mork, Junior Warden; Harold Carpenter, Chaplain; and James Swan, Secretary.



Franklin Lodge No. 16 and Richland Lodge No. 66

Franklin Lodge No. 16, Lone Rock and Richland Lodge No. 66, Richland Center, recently held a combination installation of officers for 2010. The public installation ceremony was held at the Lone Rock Masonic Center. The ceremony was followed by a lunch and fellowship. Pictured (left to right) first row: Scott Rossing, Junior Warden, No. 16; Larry Ferguson, Master, No. 66; Cecil Groves, Junior Warden, No. 66; and Charles McMullen, Tiler, No. 66 and Senior Warden, No. 16. Second row: Dave Ritchie, Installing Chaplain; Larry Hallett, Senior Warden, No. 66; Brent Clausius, Senior Deacon, No. 66; Dave Maughn, Master, No. 16; and Fuzz Spangler, Chaplain, No. 66. Third row: Past Grand Master Keith Chamberlain, Installing Marshal; Emmett Riley; Past Grand Master John Wilke, Installing Master; Craig Rasmussen, Senior Deacon, No. 16; Dick Rasmussen, Treasurer, No. 16 and District Deputy Scott Pedley. Not pictured: Rollie Spencer, Secretary No. 16.

Submitted by Bro. Brent Clausius, Past Master, Richland Lodge No. 66



Laflin St. James Lodge No. 247

Laflin St. James Lodge No. 247, installed officers for 2010 at a regular meeting on January 11. The event was held at the Masonic Center in Mukwonago. The following Brothers were installed: Robert M. Koch, East Troy, Master; Richard J. Scanlan, Senior Warden; and Roy A. Hbler, East Troy, Junior Warden. Other officers were also installed by Installing Master John P. Marra, District 11 Deputy. Past Grand Master Rodney A. Paulsen, District 11 Chaplain, served as Installing Chaplain. Pictured (left to right): Robert M. Koch, Master; Past Grand Master Rodney Paulsen and District Deputy John P. Marra.

Submitted by Jim Truesdell



Warren Lodge No. 4

Warren Lodge No. 4, Potosi, held their annual installation of officers on December 1. Pictured (left to right) front row: Senior Grand Warden Davey White, Jr., Trustee; Keith Turner, Senior Steward; Grand Master Craig S. Campbell; Emmett Reilly, Master; Frances Reding, Secretary/Treasurer; Roger Sedgwick, Counselor; and Leonard Atkinson. Back row: Jerry Potter, Trustee; Robert Lolwing, Senior Deacon; Tom Schwantes, Junior Warden; David Ritchie, Junior Deacon; Ronnie Jaacks, Chaplain; District Deputy Scott Pedley, Installing Master; Dan Sedgwick, Tiler and Lowell Mack, Organist.

Submitted by Emmett Reilly, Master

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Quarry Notes

Rich Rygh, Editor



Lake Lodge Vandalism

We are all saddened to hear about the senseless vandalism recently done to the Lake Masonic Center in Milwaukee. It will take many hours of work to bring the building back to a functional meeting place for the nine bodies that occupy the center. Lodges wishing to offer assistance may contact: Don Jensen, Trustee, Lake Lodge No. 189, e-mail: wiboost@hotmail.com, or call 414-483-5353.

Wisconsin Freemasons Public Seminar

After attending the public seminar held in DeForest recently, I would strongly suggest if you have anyone interested in becoming a Mason, you bring them to the next seminar in Waukesha (see page 7). It is a very impressive presentation that truly spells out to the prospective candidate what Masons do and who we are. It also helps answer the question "Is Masonry for me?"

A quote from Grand Master Craig S. Campbell regarding motivation. He said, "Motivation is not any outside force of life, it is an inside force released. There are two things that will produce motivation: to increase pleasure or to avoid pain. The reason we react to anything will always be because of those two motivating factors. Our participation in the fraternity of Freemasonry has to be looked at in that context.

"How are we increasing pleasure or avoiding pain? Certainly we are increasing pleasure by participating in this journey, where we reach out to others, and we have a sincere wish to be of service to our fellow creatures.

"Our greatest joy, perhaps our greatest fulfillment, comes in those moments when we have given selflessly to somebody else and made a difference in their life."

- Brethren -

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the existing governments in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Yet this lesson is still there and encourages Masons to settle differences with the incumbent officials as peacefully as possible. A peaceful citizen can and should be aware of needs including needs for change. All Masons should be alert for the needs of their community. Change without some preparation and change for the sake of change promote chaos. These activities create unrest and must be avoided if at all possible. Peaceful resistance meets with no objection in this lesson.

Lesson four continues with character description. The lesson can be stated positively by stating that the new Entered Apprentice should avoid reproach. That means his conduct should recommend him on all occasions. It is important that a Mason be known as a man of integrity. He should practice high standards of morality. Morality is that portion of character that deals with human relationships at the purest level. This trait holds the value of all human kind on an equal level. There are no unlovable persons. High standards of morality compel the Mason to present his best, most honest and open humble self to all he meets. Fairness and openness are the concluding traits to avoidance of reproach. Fairness can be a dangerous word to use. The word must be applied toward others, not self. The Mason must seek to be fair to others rather than to be fairly treated. Openness is the only invitation others will ever receive to commune with Freemasons.

The next lesson deals with zeal or enthusiasm. This creates a bit of difficulty, as there is usually an upsurge of enthusiasm associated with new ventures. The new Entered Apprentice is cautioned to moderate his zeal until his understanding can catch up with his drive. This is no invitation for laziness. There are efforts that will demand that Brother's drive and energy. Indolence is not encouraged either. The new Entered Apprentice's cares and concerns must be directed toward the fraternity. He must also learn to give his directed attention to his role in the fraternity. The suggestion that he moderate his zeal is mostly that he is only just beginning to be aware of what he is zealous about.

The sixth lesson deals with one of the key issues required to sustain skill and vigor as a Mason. Attendance at the meetings that are open to the Entered Apprentice will multiply his exposure to the lessons and to the number of new acquaintances in the fraternity. Both of these additions help the growth and maturity of a new Mason. The Entered Apprentice must be at lodges other than his own, as he has not fully earned the right of visitation. The Entered Apprentice should begin practicing being available to attend meetings. He should start clearing his calendar for meeting nights early in his Masonic experience.

The final lesson deals with secrecy and the trusts the Entered Apprentice must keep. Masons have considered less of the teachings to hold any real need for secrecy in recent years. This is a long journey from the concealment of membership in the past (or in some other countries). It is necessary, however, that the Entered Apprentice learn to separate frivolous curiosity from true interest in the fraternity. Every Mason should share his involvement in the fraternity with any that are truly interested in joining. Newer Masons may want to include the aid of a sponsor or mentor when answering questions about the fraternity.

Read the "Lessons of the Charges" of the Fellowcraft and Master Mason in future issues.

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INFORMATION FOR YOU

It was suggested that I again write about what we have to offer on the Three Pillars campuses. I will not go into great detail, but I invite you to call and get more information yourself.

MasonWoods in Cecil is a senior-living apartment complex located on Shawano Lake. It has 26 apartment units - two bedrooms with one or two baths. There are also 10 duplexes nestled in the wooded area. They have minimal services, but enjoy the opportunities of being on the lake. Call 1-800-959-6637 for more information.

The rest of our facilities are located in Dousman.

Village on the Square is an independent living facility. It offers independence while still enjoying some services. It has 108 apartment units and 10 duplexes. There are four different styles of apartments, that features one or two bathrooms, all with full kitchens.

Compass Point is the catered assisted-living building which opened just three years ago. It has 75 units and five different styles of apartments. Each unit has its own kitchen with a stove, refrigerator and microwave. Residents who choose to live in this facility have a number of services that are offered.

Riverside Lodge offers options for residents that need assistance with the routine of daily living. It is a smaller facility and has 16 single suites and two couple suites. Each of the suites has its own private half bath.

Masonic Center for Health and Rehab is our skilled-nursing care for the campus and the community. It has 24 hours of skilled-quality care which allows residents independence and dignity.

We are anticipating the opening of the **Expanded Rehab and Wellness Center** later this fall. More details to come soon.

Information can be received by calling 1-800-848-5306 or we do have our DVD of the Dousman campus for you to have a visual tour of the campus. Most importantly, these facilities are Masonically sponsored by you and we appreciate your support.

PillarsPlus
An Outreach Website for Wisconsin Masonic Seniors

Click the "PillarsPlus Wisconsin Senior Resources" link for information about health care tips, general assistance resources, senior podcast programs, and much more.

www.threepillars.org

MasonWoods

Prayer shawls have been something that has been going on throughout the ages. Shawls have come to symbolize, shelter, peace, and spiritual sustenance. Since the inception of the Prayer Shawl Ministry in 1998, the members of this universal organization have lovingly donated their time and talents by creating hand-knitted and crocheted shawls for those in need. A group of ladies at MasonWoods gather twice a month to make prayer shawls for people in local nursing homes, for friends that are ill or grieving to bring them comfort. Each prayer shawl is also accompanied by a prayer.



Pictured left to right are; Gerie Stears, Bev Goering and Marge Brasch.

Three Pillars Resident Turns 102



Three Pillars Compass Point resident Ruth Reibe recently celebrated her 102nd birthday on January 6th. Ruth married the love of her life, Clifford Riebe in 1934 when she was 26 years old and with whom she would be married for more than 60 years. Clifford passed on when he was 88 years old, leaving behind a legacy of love, kindness, intelligence, and success to his wife, son, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Their child, James, remains to this day Ruth's pride and joy. Since September 18, 1997 Ruth has been living at Three Pillars. Ruth says Three Pillars is a lovely place and thinks her life is wonderful. Her days are relaxed and comfortable, her home is pleasant and lovely, and the care she receives couldn't be any better. In honor of Ruth's 102nd Birthday, The Kettle Moraine Chamber Choir came and sang to her.

Pictured is Kettle Moraine Chamber Choir and front and center is Ruth Reibe herself.

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





Ellsworth Eastern Star singers visit sister in Red Wing

The Singing Stars, made up of members of the Eastern Star Chapter #116 in Ellsworth, paid a visit to sister Gwen Remus and her daughter Lori of Red Wing, Minnesota in November. Sister Gwen and her daughter enjoyed the singing and fellowship of the Stars. Pictured (left to right) front row: Janet Arndt, Gwen Remus and Lori Remus. Back row: Dolores Waltz, Bea Steltzner, Connie Leonard, Audrey Samuel, and John O'Keefe.

Garden Railroaders Jerry and Myrna Olson

Jerry and Myrna Olson, faithful members of Alpha Chapter, Argyle were visiting Colorado in the early 2000's and went on a steam train ride in Durango. They soon became very interested in trains.

After visiting a train show in Wisconsin they soon became members of the Wisconsin Garden Railway Society. They have a Western theme "G Scale" railroad in their garden that runs on 350 feet of brass track with houses, landscaping and people.

You can see Jerry and Myrna running their trains, or trains for others, at charitable events at Olbrich Gardens, Madison; Rotary Gardens, Janesville; or the "Fantasy Houses" event in Milwaukee.

The "Fantasy Houses" event features train society members' homes beautifully decorated for Christmas with model railroads set up in their garages.

Jerry's collection includes a replica of the "Bumble Bee" train they first



Jerry and Myrna Olson

road in Durango, Colorado and the train that used to travel from Cambridge to points beyond. Jerry and Myrna recently brought an engine, a car, and a very interesting album to the Alpha Chapter November meeting for all to admire.

Annual Pancake Plus

A pancake brunch and vendor fair will be held Sunday, April 18, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Madison Masonic Center.

Your Chapter is invited to have a fund-raising table and share information about your programs and events.

To reserve your table contact Gail (Piper) at 608-242-9282; cell phone: 608-516-2098, e-mail gail-amaranth@aol.com.

The meal will be a joint fund raiser for Grand Court and Madison Court, Order of the Amaranth.

Fund raising tables are free to all Masonic bodies wanting to participate. If you have members who want to sell products and donate proceeds to your Chapter, they are also welcome to participate free of charge!

Plus! New This Year: Silent Movies in the Auditorium.

OES Mystery Trip Planned

Join us for a Mystery Trip on April 16-18. Sister Marianne Totsch, our tour guide, has planned a great trip with a little bit of everything to insure that there will be something for everyone.

We will be leaving the morning of Friday, April 16 so if you like to come in on Thursday, April 15, we will find accommodations for you and have a social night. The bus will be taking off from Madison on Friday morning.

Deb Morgenstern will be taking reservations and a \$100.00 deposit to hold your place.

We would love for all of you to join us on this weekend trip. More information to come.

Grand Representative Receptions

March 6

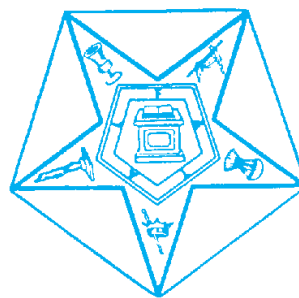
Lemonweir Chapter, Mauston - Honoring Wanda Hover, Grand Representative of the District of Columbia, 11:00 a.m. at the Mauston United Methodist Church, 420 Suszycki Drive, Mauston, WI.

RSVP by February 20, 2010 to Rhonda Roalkvam, 303 Royall Ave., Elroy, WI., 53929, 608-462-8338, david834@centurytel.net.

March 11

Golden Rule Chapter, Wauwatosa - Honoring Mary Hofmann, Grand Representative of Ohio, 7:30 a.m. at the Northwest Masonic Center, 4315 N. 92nd Street, Wauwatosa, Wis., 53222.

RSVP by March 1, 2010 to Jenna Gapinski, 314 Rivera Drive, Waukesha, Wis. 53189, 262-896-0520, gapinski@wi.rr.com.



Order of Eastern Star

Message From The WGM & WGP

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Happy Birthday to the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star of Wisconsin. On February 19, we will celebrate the 119th birthday of our Grand Chapter. Many things have changed since they met in Milwaukee all those years ago. The members traveled to neighboring chapters but not as quickly as we do today.

Many Chapters also will be celebrating their birthdays in February. While you are celebrating the many years of your chapter, we challenge you to reflect on the past and strive to ensure the future of your chapter. This is a great time to re-evaluate your membership program and goals. This is just not the membership committee's responsibility but each and every one of ours. We cannot be complacent with the idea that someone else will take care of asking potential members to join us.

Go ahead and plan a birthday party for your chapter and invite members and potential members to have a good time. This is an opportunity to explain what we are and why we have been an organization that has existed for so many years.

It only takes a spark to getting a fire going. We challenge you to be that spark to get the fire going in your chapter. It does take everyone



Bobbi Jo Oyen

Worthy Grand Matron of Wisconsin

Jim Sedall

Worthy Grand Patron of Wisconsin

working together, but you just may be that person to get it started. You have heard and seen us think outside of the box. Go ahead and start thinking outside of that box.

Where are all those stones? We hope that you are traveling and making a splash, attempting to capture all the stones. We do have a special gift and recognition to the Chapter with the most stones at Grand Chapter. E-mail Bobbi Jo at bobbioyen@yahoo.com with information about the stones.

Start thinking about what you are going to do to "Make a Difference"

Making Ripples,
Bobbi Jo and Jim

Charity Balls To Be Held in March

The Charity Balls are coming up soon, March 13, in the North and March 20, in the South. Each Charity Ball will be an evening filled with entertainment of the many styles of the past.

This will also be the kick off of the raffle to raise money for the Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Projects. We will be having silent auction items. If your chapter, area club, or you individually would like to donate a silent auction item, please contact Bobbi Jo Oyen at bobbioyen@yahoo.com.

Both evenings will start as a social at 5:30 p.m. with a meal and entertainment to follow. Formal invitations will be sent to each chapter.

Where Are The STONES?

Please email Bobbi Jo or the "Email Blast" with who has the stones. We all need to know where to visit to capture the stones.

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 Avenue, Beloit, WI 53511-6006. E-mail: stormkat@sbc-global.net.

Please submit items by the 25th of the month two months prior to the intended month of publication. The summer issue July and August is combined and will be published on July 2, 2010.

ATTENTION CHAPTER SECRETARIES:

Please send me a copy your chapter's 2009-10 calendar so that your special nights may be listed in the OES Calendar on this page. Please send your calendar to Sister Jane Blackwood, 937 Euclid Avenue, Beloit, WI 53511-6006. E-mail: stormkat@sbc-global.net.

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- Milwaukee Sparklettes - In Memory of PGP Fred Flueckiger & the deceased Milwaukee Sparklettes & Jump Masters
- Kinnickinnic Chapter, River Falls

WGM/WGP and Chapter Calendar

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

February 2010

- 3 - Chippewa, Chippewa Falls - Honor Flag, Pledge of Allegiance
- 4 - Honor, Sturgeon Bay - Honor Martha, Electa & Secretary
- 8 - Loyalty, Plymouth - Friends/Exchange night
- 9 - West Allis, West Allis - Chaplain, Marshal, Organist, Warder & Sentinel night
- 10 - Wauwatosa, Brookfield - Honor Triwaukee Chapters
- 12 - Triwaukee Area Club - McKinley Masonic Center, Wauwatosa, Brookfield hosting
- 13 - Southeast Area Club - Kenosha, Kenosha - 8:30 a.m.
- 16 - Electa, Milwaukee - Honor Marshals, Chaplains, Organists, Warders & Sentinels (Past & Present) - Wear silly slippers
- Everett, Marshfield - 12th Annual Soup and Sandwich Supper, 4-7 p.m.
- 20 - Madison Area Tychopera Club - Star of Bethlehem, Portage
- 22 - Lemonweir, Mauston - Honor Masons.
- 23 - Phoenix, Beloit - Compass night/Dessert Auction.
- Rainbow, Wisconsin Rapids - Friends/Fun night, Bake sale
- West Allis, West Allis - Star Point night
- 24 - Wauwatosa, Brookfield - Compass night/Pound auction.
- 26 - Triwaukee Area Club Past Matron's dinner
- 27 - WI/IL Exchange, DeKalb, IL



Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

FEBRUARY 2010

13 BEJA Shriners present "The Trial of George Washington," or "Treason against the British Crown", 2:00 p.m. at the Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Center, 525 North Taylor Street, Green Bay.

15 Phillips Lodge No. 225 Sweet Hearts Social, Club13, Phillips, Cocktails 5:30, Dinner 6:30. \$13.75 per person. Contact Bro. Don Schmidt , 715-339-2979 for reservations.

21 Madison Scottish Rite Blue Lodge Officer Training Seminar at 7:00 p.m. at the Madison Masonic Center. Call 608-256-2351 for reservations.

27 Wisconsin Freemasons Public Seminar, Waukesha, 10:00 a.m. - Noon. Country Springs, 2810 Golf Rd, Pewaukee, Wis. Pre-register on the web at <http://www.wisc-freemasonry.org/html/register.htm>. See story on page 7.

MARCH 2010

31 Seventh 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., at the Prince Hall Grand Lodge Grand Masonic Center in Milwaukee 600 W. Walnut Street. See story on page 1.

The Wisconsin Masonic Journal is on the Web at www.wisc-freemasonry.org

See pages 13-15 on the web for:

- Wisconsin Lodge Listings
- Newly reopened Platteville Rainbow Assembly
- More photos of vandalism to Lake Lodge
- Newest Master Mason of Northwestern Lodge No. 105
- Twelve Past Masters attend Freemasons Lodge No. 363 installation of officers

Prince Hall Grand Lodge Dignitaries Visit Benjamin Franklin Lodge

Two Officers of the Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Freemasons of Wisconsin visited Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 83 in Madison, on January 13. Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden Minor King and Right Worshipful Grand Secretary James Martin attended the stated communication held at the Madison Club.

They were escorted into the Lodge by Brother Dan Slavik, Senior Grand Deacon of Masons in Wisconsin, and member of Benjamin Franklin Lodge. Also in attendance were District Deputy Dave Bomkamp and Area Administrator Dale Holman. Brother Josef Pronnet, Master of Aurora Lodge No. 30, traveled with the Prince Hall Officers from the Milwaukee.

This was a very good opportunity for the Prince Hall Masons to observe the Emulation Ritual, which is used by Benjamin Franklin Lodge. An entered Apprentice Degree was conferred.

After the Lodge meeting the Prince Hall Masons joined in a Festive Board held in the new Entered Apprentice's honor.



Pictured (left to right): Senior Grand Deacon Dan Slavik; Prince Hall Grand Secretary James Martin; Paul Gordon, Master of Benjamin Franklin Lodge; and Prince Hall Junior Grand Warden Minor King.

Submitted by Bro. Paul Gordon



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Monday 7 p.m. - Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

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314 Main Street • 715-284-5667
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Bloomer

Bloomer Lodge No. 281
2122 16th Ave. • 715-568-5152
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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

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302 1st Center Ave. • 608-897-8069
Meets 2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

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Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

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Dark July and August

Burlington

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Dark July & August

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211 Main St. • 608-427-6542 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
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N6446 Emery Ansonge Rd • 715-745-2943 (Sec) • 1st & 3rd Tues., 10 a.m.
Dark January & February

Cedarburg

Victory Lodge No. 320
501 W. Grand Ave., Port Washington
262-375-2931 (Sec) • 2nd & 4th Mon.
6:30 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 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

Clintonville

Clintonville Lodge No. 197
N4435 Hwy D • 715-754-5250
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:00 p.m.
Dark January, February & March

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Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

Edgerton

Fulton Lodge No. 69
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Dark July & August

Ellsworth

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Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
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109 United Way • 612-998-7901 (Sec).
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Meets All Year

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Quincy Lodge No. 71
210 Main St.
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 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 • 920-865-7637
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. • 920-499-9777
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Green Bay

Washington Lodge No. 21
525 N. Taylor St. • 920-499-7265
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Hartford

Hartford Lodge No. 120
147 N. Rural St. • 262-673-4045
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. • 608-754-2475
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Jefferson

Jefferson County Lodge No. 9
617 Masonic Bld. • 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 1st & 3rd 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. • 608-623-2143 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 8 p.m.
Dark July & August

Lodi

Lodi Valley Lodge No 99
114 First St. • 608-592-4820 (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. • 608-358-8921
Travel 1st Wed. & Stated 3rd Wed., 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Madison

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

Madison

Four Lakes Daylite Lodge No. 362
301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-5734
Meets 1st Mondays, 10 a.m.
Meets All Year

Madison

Hiram Lodge No. 50
310 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-0793
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark 1st Mondays, June thru September

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. • 920-793-3473 (Sec)
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. 4th 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 • 715-675-8440
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

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Oshkosh

Oshkosh Lodge No. 27
204 Washington Ave. • 920-231-3410
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Owen

Owen Lodge No. 317
713 W. Third St. • 715-229-2832 (Sec.)
Meets 1st Monday at 7:30 p.m. & 3rd Mon. at
11 a.m. • Dark July & August

Palmyra

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

Park Falls

Park Falls Lodge No. 300
521 N. 2nd Ave. • 715-762-4043
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Pewaukee

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

Phillips

Phillips Lodge No. 225
137 N. Lake Ave. • 715-339-785
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Platteville

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

Plymouth

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

Portage

Fort Winnebago Lodge No. 33
111 W. Conant Street • 608-742-6468
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Meet 2nd Tues. July/Aug. Dark Jan/Feb

Port Washington

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

Potosi

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

Poynette

Poynette Lodge No. 173
Poynette City Hall, 106 Main, Call Sec. for time
• 608-635-4503 Meets 1st Wednesday
Dark July & August

Prairie du Chien

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

Prairie du Sac

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

Prescott

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

Racine

Racine-Belle City Lodge No. 18
1210 Main St. • 262-633-6658
Meets 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Reedsburg

Reedsburg Lodge No. 79
213 E. Main St. • 608-524-3281
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.
Dark January & February

Rhineland

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

Rice Lake

Blue Hills Lodge No. 234
225 W. South St. • 715-234-1888
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

Richland Center

Richland Lodge No. 66
209 W. Union St. • 608-538-3173 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Ripon

Prairie View Lodge No. 95
W14188 Hwy KK • 920 291-8800 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 2th Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
Dark January & February

River Falls

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

Shawano

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

Sheboygan

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

Shell Lake

Shell Lake / Spooner Lodge No. 221
28 Dobby Drive • 715-468-7004 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
July & August 3rd Tuesday only

Shullsburg

Amicitia Lodge No. 25
127-1/2 Water St. • 608-965-3414 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m.
Dark July & August

South Milwaukee

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

Sparta

Valley Lodge No. 60
603 N. Court St. • 608-269-2616
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Not Available

Star Prairie

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

Waukesha

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

Waupaca

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

Waupun

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

Wausau

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

Wautoma

Wautoma Lodge No. 148
203 S. Scott St. • 920-647-0201 (Sec.)
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark Jan. & Feb. - 4th Monday of Dec.

Wauwatosa

Henry L Palmer Lodge No. 301
4315 N. 92nd St. • 414-771-5278
Meet 4th Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Wauwatosa

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

West Allis

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

West Allis

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

West Allis

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

West Bend

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

West Salem

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

Whitefish Bay

Aurora Lodge No. 30
517 E. Beaumont Ave. • 414-964-4080
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Whitefish Bay

Geo. Washington 1776 Lodge No. 337
517 E. Beaumont Ave. • 414-964-4080
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Whitewater

St. John's Lodge No. 57
226 W. Main Street • 920-650-5406
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Wilmot

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

Winneconne

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

Wisconsin Dells

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

Wisconsin Rapids

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

Armistead-Bingham

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

A New Beginning for Platteville Rainbow

The newly reopened Platteville Rainbow Assembly held an Initiation Ceremony at the Platteville Masonic Center on Saturday, December 5, for their new Rainbow Sister, Brittney Helbing. A celebration was held after the ceremony with Christmas cookies, snacks and refreshments.

The International Order of Rainbow for Girls teaches the values of charity and service through challenging workshops and projects designed to empower girls ages 11 through 21. It is a place to laugh, share and grow. Programs are planned and executed by the girls themselves with minimal adult interference. For more information visit <http://www.gorainbow.org>.



New Rainbow sister, Brittney Helbing (center), from Fennimore, Wisconsin received her initiation into the International Order of Rainbow for Girls on Saturday, December 5. Pictured with her from left to right are: Barbara Foster, Supreme Inspector of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls; Pamela Catellier, Mother Advisor Platteville Rainbow Assembly; and Stephanie Henry, Brittney's mother.



Hancock Lodge holds first pancake breakfast

The first pancake breakfast of the year was held on Sunday, January 17, at the Ellsworth Masonic Center in Ellsworth, Wisconsin. Pictured (left to right): Past Master Dennis Donath, organizer of the pancake feeds; and Past Master Rick Swan, discuss raffle tickets with Gayle Gaard and her granddaughters, Mykenna and Kadyn. The proceeds from the pancake breakfasts go to help fund the many scholarships awarded by the Hancock Lodge each spring.

Submitted by Bro. Milt Helmer



West Allis Lodge No. 291 gets involved

Over the summer of 2009 West Allis Lodge No. 291 and West Allis Eastern Star #172 decided to get more involved in the community. On a Saturday late in June with the birds singing cheerfully and the sunrise already a few hours past. The aforementioned groups were out in the West Allis area covering graffiti placed by youth on buildings and bridges. This was a part of a city wide cleanup program. Also on a Monday in August these groups were also involved with West Allis Police Department's "National Night Out" event. They manned a table selling tickets for the purchase of food and ride oriented activities for the kids. The events were well attended by both groups and they look forward to doing more in the coming year.

Submitted by Bro. William Krohn, Master

Please call ahead before attending.

The addresses listed are where the lodge meets and are not necessarily their postal address.



Freemasons Lodge No. 363 Past Masters attend installation

Freemasons Lodge 363 had the unique experience of having twelve of its Past Masters attend the 2010 Installation of Officers on January 6. Pictured (left to right): Tom Sapinski, '97; Frank Reed, '94; Bob Nienow '92; Jerry Holz, '93; and Bill Frazier, '98. Second row: Deputy Grand Master Joseph Harker, '00; Bill DeLind, '04, Jan Talaga, '09; Bob Strader, '05; newly installed Master Tom Curtis; Bob Roth, '08; Mike Kugler, '03; and Dave Weis, '99.

Submitted by Bro. Thomas Curtis



Newest member of Northwestern Lodge No. 105

Bro. Jack Ewing of Prescott, is welcomed as the newest Master Mason of Northwestern Lodge No. 105, immediately following his degree on Wednesday, January 20. Left to right: Dave Finley, Master; Jack Ewing; Past Master Larry Fischer, who presided over the second section; and Past Master Mike Elliott, who conferred the degree.

The following brethren also assisted in the presentation of the degree: Ken Larson of Hudson, gave the historical lecture; Mike Elliott, gave the apron address; Rod Rommel, gave the bible address; and Milt Helmer gave the third section lecture and the charge. District Deputy Scott Paulson presented the Grand Master's Pin and Dave Finley presented Bro. Ewing with an engraved trowel.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer

Please e-mail your submissions to Wisconsin Masonic Journal Editor Rich Rygh at wmjeditor@wisc-freemasonry.org. (800) 242-2307 Ext. 808 The Grand Lodge Website is www.wisc-freemasonry.org

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Dinnerware Available from Valley of Eau Claire

The Valley of Eau Claire has recently purchased new dinnerware as part of their endeavor to rent their facilities for weddings, dinners, meetings, etc. This purchase has resulted in a surplus of plates and cups that are no longer used. The Valley would be happy

to donate some or all of their surplus to a needy lodge or to another valley. Some of the plates and cups have a design, but few if any, have any Masonic emblems. Please contact the Eau Claire Masonic Center at 715-832-7759 or send email: scottishrite-ec@sbcglobal.net.

More Photos of Damage Done to the Lake Masonic Center



Photos of damage to Lake Masonic Center. Top left: damage to office, top right: smashed display case, lower left: broken stained glass windows and bottom right: windows broken out of south entrance. See story on page 1.

Photos submitted by Bro. Don Jensen