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The Grand Master's Message:

Small Steps...Great Strides

By Keith D. Chamberlain, Grand Master
Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin

Greetings my brothers:

During the past several weeks my travels have allowed me the opportunity to visit with many of you on a personal basis. On several occasions during the course of these visits, I have been asked the question which seems to be as timeless as our great fraternity... "What can we do that will breathe new vitality into our lodge?"

While a question such as this might on the surface seem difficult to answer, I believe there are a series of "small steps" an individual lodge can take to allow a greater degree of involvement by its members, active as well as inactive.

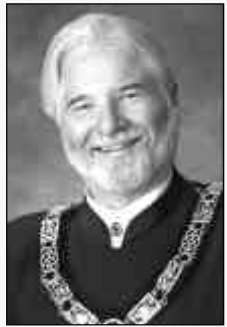
Although some of these steps may deviate from the expected, "we've never done it this way" school of thought, they represent progressive thinking. And, when coupled with a positive attitude, have the capability to bring about "great strides" in the form of lodge renewal and revitalization.

Here are a few of the innovative thoughts and ideas gathered in speaking with many of you over the past weeks:

- Lodges currently opening at 8 p.m. or later are considering a 7 p.m. or earlier opening that allows older members the luxury of travel before dark and younger members the ability to return home following a lodge meeting with time available to spend with children and family.
- The incoming Master of a lodge in western Wisconsin has charged the brother responsible for providing refreshment on his assigned meeting night with also bringing along a signed petition. (The incoming Master, by the way, already has a signed petition in hand when his turn to provide refreshments comes!)
- A local businessman and lodge member in Dodgeville who, upon upgrading his businesses computers, decided to give the replaced systems to area lodges for use without charge.
- Lodges consisting of more senior members are considering the possibility of convening a Daylight Lodge to accommodate brothers who do not wish to travel at night or are unable to do so.

It has always been my belief that there is a multitude of good ideas held by those within our ranks. Not all will revolutionize our fraternity but each is worthy of consideration nonetheless. Bring them forth, discuss them within your lodge and take those first small steps which lead to great

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Keith D. Chamberlain
Grand Master of Masons
in Wisconsin

Cut-off date is February 28:

Application Deadline for Blue Lodge Public Awareness Co-op Cost Sharing Program Looms

By Wm. Stonecipher, Editor
Wisconsin Masonic Journal

"There is do or not do: there is no try." - Yoda, Jedi Master

This terse statement from Yoda, the fictitious motion picture character and mentor to a young Luke Skywalker of Star Wars movie fame, has more than passing significance to Freemasons in Wisconsin.

Though you may not know of Yoda, his statement never-the-less identifies the choice lodges will make prior to the February 28.

What's so special about February 28? This is the absolute drop-dead final deadline that closes the window of opportunity for lodges to make application to participate in the co-op cost sharing feature of the Grand Master's Blue Lodge Public Awareness Program.

In the end, whether or not your lodge cashes in on this offer will be a simple case of whether your lodge did or did not hold an event that was open to the public and promoted membership in the Masonic Fraternity as a major component of that event.

Either way, the deadline for submitting correctly completed applications and proof of dollars spent in promoting events that qualify is

Feb. 28. This leaves little time for decisions to be made.

There also seems to be a lack of clear understanding on the part of some lodges about just how the co-op cost sharing feature of the Blue Lodge Public Awareness Program works. It's really quite simple. Here's how it works.

750 CDs Distributed at A/C

The terms and conditions that must be satisfied by a lodge in order to qualify and how to make application for the co-op matching funds feature of Grand Master Chamberlain's program are to be found on one of the two computer discs that were handed out at the conclusion of the Annual Communication this past June.

The "Promoting the Craft" CD-Rom sets forth the qualifying criteria, offers ad layouts that are to be used and forms for making application for cost sharing under the reimbursement aspect of the program.

The second disc is a DVD of "Freemasonry and the Fabric of America" presentation by brother Lee Sherman Dreyfus.

As originally conceived, it was the intention of the Grand Master that this DVD be used to promote interest in the Craft to the general public

(See **COST SHARING** on page 3)

Green Bay's N.E.W. Masonic Library and Museum is a historic resource to be used

GREEN BAY – It seems only proper to begin a story on the newly expanded N.E.W. Masonic Library and Museum in Green Bay with a brief overview of the development of Freemasonry in Wisconsin from a northeastern perspective.

Freemasonry in the Badger State is often thought to have had its birth in the lead mining regions of north-west Illinois, southwest Wisconsin, and what was to become the Lake Michigan port city of Milwaukee in the late 1830s and early 40s.

This would be true where four of our earliest lodges that formed our Grand Lodge in Wisconsin and are still in operation are concerned: Mineral Point No. 1 in Mineral Point; Melody No. 3 in Platteville; Kilbourn No. 3 in Milwaukee; and Warren No. 4 in Potosi all can trace their beginnings to this period.

It should be noted that Kilbourn Lodge No. 3 has this year merged with Jeremiah M. Rusk Lodge No. 259 to form South Shore Lodge No. 3, a sign that even these first lodges are not immune from the winds of change that through the years have continually shaped and reshaped Freemasonry in our state.

Masonry Arrived in N.E. Wisconsin in 1824

The history of Freemasonry in what is now Green Bay began at least a decade earlier that it did in the southwestern areas of what in 1836 became the Wisconsin Territory. Freemasonry in Green Bay, however, arrived in 1824 with the establishment of a territorial

military post at Fort Howard, presumably located somewhere near the mouth of the Fox River where it entered Lake Michigan's Green Bay.

The first known meeting of Masons in what was to become the State of Wisconsin actually took place on December 27, 1823, when ten Masons met at the home of George Johnston near Fort Howard. The area was then part of the Michigan Territory.

These men drafted a petition to the Grand Lodge of New York seeking permission to form a Masonic Lodge. A dispensation to do so was granted on June 12, 1824, and on December 3 Menomonee Lodge No. 374 was chartered.

This lodge, it turned out, was in fact the first Masonic lodge established in what is today Northern Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

By St. John's Day in 1824 the lodge had 21 members. During its brief span of activity 62 Master Masons were on the lodge rolls. Twenty-two of these Masons were Army officers, one was a Sergeant and two were Army Surgeons.

The lodge met in an upper room over a commissary store near Fort Howard until 1825 when it moved to a small building on a private claim site.

Beginning in the fall of 1827 the lodge met in the upper room over the store of R. & A. J. Erwin in what was known locally as Shanty Town. A replica of that early store and second floor lodge room stands today

(Please see **N.E.W. LIBRARY & MUSEUM** on page 8)



Alice and Jim Byrnes now have a fully computerized catalogue of information available from the N.E.W. Memorial Library at the Masonic Center in Green Bay. An expanded museum and library was dedicated in October 2004.

Masonic Day-Light 2005 approaches: March 15 is final date for petitions

By Bro. Joe Harker, Chairman
MD-L 2005 Committee

Have you been reading the articles about Wisconsin Masonic Day-Light 2005 in our Wisconsin Masonic Journal?

Is your lodge planning how to take advantage of this second Masonic Day-Light degree conferment planned for Saturday, April 2? Are you bringing the petitions for new members to your lodge?

Many of our brethren who attended the Masonic Day-Light degree event last year said it was some of the finest degree work they had seen. Don't miss out on the opportunity this year!

What have you missed in the previous articles? Here are the highlights:

Masonic Day-Light 2005 is designed to identify men of quality who share our common values and, through education and encouragement, unveil the beauty of Freemasonry to them.

March 15 is the final cut-off date for candidates to register. There will be no walk-in candidates allowed on the day of the event.

The Masonic Day-Light 2005 on Saturday, April 2 will be held simultaneously at the Masonic Centers in Eau Claire, Green Bay, Madison and Milwaukee. This will allow each candidate to experience the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees, the first steps in his

(Please see **MD-L 2K5** on page 2)

Pie, pie, who's got that pie?

By Wm. Stonecipher, Editor
Wisconsin Masonic Journal

Installation of officers is supposed to be a solemn, serious affair, right?

You bet it is, and the installation of the elected and appointed officers of Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301 on Friday, January 7 was most impressive.

Indeed, the ceremony was conducted with the utmost in dignity and the high level of Masonic protocol one would expect from one of the metro Milwaukee area's premier Masonic lodges.

The lodge room was filled to capacity with 105 family members and fraternal dignitaries.

Present, too, were Grand Lodge officers Sr. Grand Warden Rodney Paulsen, Jr. Grand Deacon Craig Campbell, Sr. Grand Steward Joe Harker, District

11 Deputy Gavin DeGrave and Area 1 Administrator Matt Fredrich. Also represented was every Masonic Family group that called the Northwest Masonic Center home, or of which Worshipful Master-elect Timothy G. Kloss was a member.

A Knights Templar escort and color guard composed of Sir Knights representing the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin set the tone for the evening event with a most dignified flag presentation.

Representing the Valley of Milwaukee Scottish Rite, brother Mike Kugler presented Worshipful Master

Kloss with a trowel emblematic of the Rite's desire to work with him in building a stronger Masonic Fraternity through cementing the fraternal bond between the two organizations.

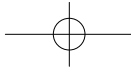
Seated together in one section of the lodge were 27 white and purple gowned young women representing six area Job's Daughters Bethels. Later in the evening, shortly before closing, these young ladies would exemplify their beautiful Living Cross ceremony to the appreciation of all present.

Also in the audience were four members of the Tripoli Shrine Clowns: brothers Earl "Putz" Swartwout, Marvin "Toothy" Laack, John "Plum" Unz III, and Ed "Simbo" Heffner.

(Please see **PIE** on page 5)



After cleaning most of the shaving cream from his face, Tim Kloss, newly installed Master of Henry L. Palmer Lodge, addresses the lodge after being "pied" by fellow members of the Tripoli Shrine Clown unit of which he is a member...as Yo-Yo the clown.



Candidates and their mentors listen to instructions before the first-ever Masonic Day-Light degree program on April 3 last year at the Humphrey Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Milwaukee. A total of 155 good men began their journeys in Freemasonry in ceremonies held simultaneously in Eau Claire, Green Bay, Madison and Milwaukee. The deadline for petitions for this year's April 2 event is March 15. This year no candidates will be allowed to receive the degrees on April 2 without being properly preregistered and fees paid.
- WMJ File Photo

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lifelong journey in Freemasonry, at a convenient location.

All lodges are required to perform the standard petition, interview and ballot process outlined in the Wisconsin Masonic Code, although Grand Master Chamberlain has granted dispensation to allow the reading of petitions and balloting at special meetings called for that purpose, and shorten the intervals between these steps.

A \$40 fee for each candidate due from the host lodge must accompa-

ny the registration form. Both are to be sent to the Grand Lodge office in Dousman by March 15.

Working in conjunction with the Scottish Rite Valleys, the candidate will also have the option of continuing his journey in Freemasonry by joining the "College of Masonry" and becoming a Scottish Rite Mason on the same date.

Grand Lecturer Ron Glaunert and District Lecturers will be asking many of you to take part in the presentation of the degrees, as well as contacting every lodge to arrange the

qualifying of degree team members.

Don't miss this opportunity. Talk to your lodge leaders today and start planning for Masonic Day-Light 2005! **wmj**

**Brethren,
remember these:
\$250
60%
2/28/2K5**

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strides for you, your lodge and our fraternity. Don't be afraid to try something new. Remember, an amateur built the Ark — a professional built the Titanic.

Addressing another topic, please take note of the information put forth in this issue regarding the Blue Lodge Public Awareness Program. For the past several months you have been reminded that the 60% Co-op Program is coming to an end on February 28, 2K5.

As of this writing, the response has been somewhat less than anticipated and time is rapidly slipping away. I urge you to take advantage of this innovative program while you still have time. When used as directed, it supplies you with a valuable tool to promote your lodge within the community. Please remember; no requests for reimbursement will be processed after the February 28 deadline.

Best Personal and Fraternal Regards,
Keith

Second Combined Table Lodge with Prince Hall Masons set for March 30

DOUSMAN – Brother Rodney A. Paulsen, Senior Grand Warden, has announced that the second Grand Lodge F & A. M. of Wisconsin combined table lodge with Prince Hall Grand Lodge F & A. M. of Wisconsin, Inc., is fast approaching. The date selected this year is Wednesday, March 30.

This second historic combined table lodge will be hosted by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin at the Humphrey Scottish Rite Masonic Center which is located on Milwaukee's east side. The first-ever combined table lodge was hosted March 31, 2004 by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge at their Grand Masonic Center on Milwaukee's north side.

Sr. Grand Warden Paulsen, event chairman for the first one as well as this year's event, noted that in keeping with the significance of the occasion it is hoped that there will be a good turn out of Grand Lodge of Wisconsin member. Last year's attendance of 130 was evenly split between brethren from the two grand lodges.

A Most Dignified Event
In keeping with the solemnity of the Table Lodge proceedings, appropriate dress will be in order. At a minimum, the wearing of a sport coat and tie, with a suit being preferred, is appropriate. The wearing of tuxedos (black tie) is encouraged if brethren have them. Those in attendance at last year's event will recall that tuxe-

dos were worn by many. As was the case last year, this event is limited to members only. Master Masons, Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts are all welcome.

Since a formal Table Lodge will be



Toasting canons were held high as officers of our Grand Lodge joined those of Prince Hall Grand Lodge in a toast at the first-ever combined table lodge between the two jurisdictions last year. Use the coupon on page 3 to reserve your place at the table for the second combined table lodge which will be held March 30 at the Humphrey Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Milwaukee. - WMJ Photo

convened and opened on the Entered Apprentice Degree, brethren should be properly clothed in aprons appropriately configured to reflect their degree status. Freemasons Lodge No. 363 is being asked to open and close the Table Lodge.

Tickets this year are priced at \$20 per person, the same as last year. A full dinner is being served.

Members attending may assemble beginning at 6:30 p.m. with the Table Lodge opening to begin at 7 p.m. After the formal dinner concludes a social period with cash bar will be available in the Schroeder Lounge to provide for continuing (See **TABLE LODGE** on page 3)

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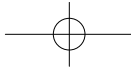
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at events such as a lodge open house or other event open to the public where promoting membership in the Fraternity plays a significant role. It is also ideal to use in conjunction with presentations to non-Masonic groups.

Concerning the availability of this information, lodge representatives at the 2K4 Annual Communication were given 750 of these two disc sets at the close of business on Tuesday, June 15, enough for every lodge in Wisconsin to have at least three of the two-disc sets (3.826 to be exact).

If a member of your lodge does not have a copy of the Blue Lodge Public Awareness Program please contact the Grand Lodge Office in Dousman via the toll-free number or Lowell Scott, Marketing Committee Chairman, and ask for one. Brother Scott may be reached by phone at (414) 961-1133 or by e-mail at <lhscott@execpc.com>.

What's the CD?

Once you have the two disc set, using it is as simple as inserting the "Freemasonry-Promoting the Craft" CD into your computer, going to the proper folder and printing the instructions and required forms on your personal computer printer.

The CD contains four folders containing advertising templates, co-op claims forms, a Masonic clip art library and degree lecture slides.

The Advertising Templates Folder contains seven print-media ad layouts in both B&W and color. Space is provided on each layout to customize the ad for individual lodge events.

All templates are provided in standard letter-size format. They can be resized by your printer to accommodate your desired format. Suggested uses for these ads are in newspapers, as circulars, as direct-mail pieces, as flyers for handing out, and as posters for display.

Deadline is 2/28/05

As Grand Master Chamberlain states in his message in this issue, time is of the essence, and the February 28 deadline is firm.

Also, it is important that lodges pay close attention to the instructions describing the kind of events and their method of promotion which will qualify for the co-op cost sharing feature with Grand Lodge.

Unfortunately not all lodges that have made application have qualified for reimbursement under the co-op plan, according to Brother Lowell Scott, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Marketing Committee explained during a discussion with the editor last week.

Brother Scott related that the

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brotherhood.

The Humphrey Scottish Rite Masonic Center is located at 790 N. Van Buren Street. Complimentary parking will be allowed in the Northwestern Mutual ramp on E. Mason Street adjacent to the south side of the Humphrey Masonic Center.

Persons attending are reminded that freeway reconstruction is in progress so suitable time should be allowed for possible traffic-related delays.

Masons wishing to attend the combined table lodge are asked to use the coupon printed at right to secure their reservations.

Please send reservations directly to the Grand Lodge Office in Dousman accompanied by a check in the correct amount made payable to the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin. The registration deadline is Wednesday, March 23.

Seating is limited and reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Register early! **umj**

applications for reimbursement that have been rejected are because lodges did not follow the rules set forth in the program instructions.

Lodges wishing to depart from the established guidelines describing the type of program that was covered and what kinds of promo-



Grand Master Chamberlain as he announced the Blue Lodge Public Awareness Program at the Annual Communication last June. 750 of the two disc sets were distributed.

tional expenditures would qualify (if different from the ad layouts provided) were instructed to seek prior approval.

60/40 - \$250 Limit

There also appears to be some misunderstanding of how much of the cost of promotion will be reimbursed by Grand Lodge. Again, the ratio of cost sharing of approved and proven expenditures will be shared on a 60 percent Grand Lodge, 40 percent constituent lodge basis up to a limit of \$250. Invoices or receipts marked "paid" are required to be submitted with the application for reimbursement, along with copies of the advertisement, poster or mailing piece.

Stated differently, lodges qualifying for these matching funds will be responsible for paying 40 percent of the costs incurred. Costs over and above the \$250 reimbursement limit will be born by the lodge. Grand Lodge will not pay any unpaid invoices related to this program. The maximum amount that will be allowed of \$250 was correctly stated.

A correction concerning the ratio of cost sharing between Grand Lodge and constituent lodges was announced.

The ratio is 60 percent Grand Lodge, 40 percent constituent lodge as stated above and not 50/50 as stated in the instructions on the "Promoting the Craft" CD disc.

Questions regarding what pro-

grams and expenditures qualify are best directed to Marketing Committee Chairman Lowell Scott.

Co-op Program Rules

To qualify for these matching funds a lodge must satisfy the following simple requirements.

1. Use one of the ad templates included on the CD or obtain approval from the Marketing Committee (Lowell Scott, Chairman) prior to publishing an alternate format.

2. Use the ad to encourage attendance by non-masons at a lodge event specifically intended to promote Freemasonry to the public.

3. Submit matching funds requests by February 28, 2005, on the forms contained on the program CD-ROM along with a copy of the document as distributed, and a copy of a "paid" invoice from the publisher, printer and/or distributor. There will be no exceptions.

The Co-op Forms Folder on the CD contains the application form to be used in applying for matching funds. A separate form must be used for each claim. An individual lodge can receive up to \$250 from this campaign. Lodges may joint-venture their promotional programs to more effectively utilize their resources.

Documents in the Ad Templates Folder and Co-op Forms Folder are in portable document format (.PDF). These files can be used with any type of computer system. PDF files need a viewer such as Adobe Exchange or Adobe Acrobat Reader. Acrobat Reader is downloadable free from Adobe Systems..

Flyer/Ad Templates

The Ad Templates Folder includes seven ad or flyer layout designs. There are three newly crafted ones in addition to copies of the four promotional layouts used in the Wisconsin Masonic Journal this past year to draw attention to the Masonic Day-Light 2004 event. All of the layout designs are presented for use in both B&W and color. It is intended that they be individualized and then copied. Their most cost-effective use may well be as flyers, posters, inserts, handouts or direct mail pieces.

Made to Be Used

As with all programs offered by your Grand Lodge to assist constituent lodges in their efforts to be successful, the Promoting the Craft co-op advertising feature of the Blue Lodge Public Awareness Program must be used to be affective.

Why not plan on using it, rather than on losing it? The decision is yours. Make the choice to use it while time remains. **umj**

- Clip & Mail Coupon -

The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin & Prince Hall Grand Lodge Presents: Combined Table Lodge II
Wednesday, March 30, 2005

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: () _____

Number attending _____ @ \$20 each = Amount Enclosed \$ _____
(Make checks payable to: Grand Lodge of Wisconsin)

Mail this reservation form and check to:
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36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 53118
Tickets will be held at the door.

Reservation deadline is Wednesday March 23, 2005

Notes From The Grand Lecturer

By Brother Ronald H. Glaunert

Placement & Use of the Wardens' Columns

I recently read an article stating that almost every brother sitting in lodge knows the proper position of the Wardens' Columns during labor and at refreshment, and I worried if that is true.

It is probable that the older Masons have an idea of how these two small columns are used but some of the younger Masons may never have even seen the Wardens' Columns in use. There are very few lodges that even use them or even have them at the Wardens' stations — at least in my limited travels I have seen very few in use and not any in the past several years.

The symbolic explanation of these pieces of furniture is as follows:

During labor the column in the West is up and the column in the South is down. During refreshment the columns are just reversed, "up in the South, down in the West."

Symbolically the Junior Warden's Column represents the pillar of beauty, and the Senior Warden's the pillar of strength. They have also been explained as miniature versions of those large pillars stationed in the West where at one time both Wardens sat, one in the shade of Boaz, the other in the shade of Jachin.

There is no simple explanation of the origin of the Wardens' Columns or of what they truly represent. Like much in Masonic ritual they are more than likely the result of a change in ritual. However, most brethren will agree that today they are emblematical and represent the authority of the Wardens during labor and refreshment.

The Wardens' Columns made their first appearance in about the year 1760 well into the period known as speculative Masonry. The Grand Lodge of England approved their use by 1813.

The raising or lowering of the columns is not complicated or a mysterious symbolic act; it is a simple means to silently indicate to entering brethren the status of the lodge, whether in labor or refreshment.

Since the Junior Warden's Column is erect during refreshment, logic suggests that it be so when lodge is closed, or not at labor. Generally, however, the Wardens' Columns are left just as they happen to be placed at the time of closing.

If anyone has a subject that they would like me to cover or have a thought on Masonic symbolism please let me know by mail or e-mail at <rglaunert@aol.com>.



Ronald H. Glaunert
Grand Lecturer

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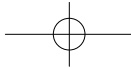
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Site Preparation Begins for New Catered Living Facility on Three Pillars' Dousman Campus – Heavy earth-moving equipment was at work January 11 on Three Pillars' land at the corner of State Highways 67 and 18 in Dousman preparing the site for the start of construction of the 75-room Residential Care Apartment Complex. Construction is expected to take 15 months. Work to extend Village of Dousman sewer and water service to the 9-acre site began at the same time. One of the three existing Masonic Village on the Square buildings in the background.

Input sought from members of Masonic Family:

By what name shall the new Three Pillars Catered Living Apartment building be known?

DOUSMAN – As construction of Three Pillars Senior Living Communities' "Catered Living" apartments takes shape and our Building on a Vision capital campaign goals become a reality, we are faced with the exciting opportunity of naming our new operation.

Because of our strong Masonic heritage and knowledge of the creativity and support of the Fraternity, the Board of Directors has requested solicitation of naming ideas from members of the whole Masonic Family.

Our goal for naming the new catered living apartments is to reflect our rich Masonic heritage and guiding principles, while selecting an identity that supports the continued policy that the Three Pillars campus is open to Masons and non-Masons alike.

Catered Living, a new approach for assisted living, will provide an atmosphere of flexibility, choice, and empowerment for residents to maintain their independence.

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Our draw among Masonic couples is a priority in design. Seldom do spouses require the same level of support, and this Catered Living environment will provide an ideal setting for both individuals while still allowing them to stay together.

Members of the Masonic Family can submit their names via e-mail to: <NamingSuggestions@threepillars.org>. Please include your full name, address, phone number, and naming idea.

If you do not have access to e-mail, you may send your naming idea to: Three Pillars Senior Living Communities, Attn: Bryan Polinske, 410 N. Main Street, Dousman, WI 53118.

Naming idea contributions are requested by April. Should a member contribution be selected, they will receive special recognition during our Grand Opening Celebration in 2006. *wmj*

Landmark Lodge Funds Second AED



Second Defibrillator for Siren School District – Students, visitors and employees of the School District of Siren will have a better chance of surviving a cardiac arrest because of two newly installed automated external defibrillators (AEDs) which have been purchased from funds donated from Landmark Masonic Lodge, No 244, Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, Siren Class of 2005, American Legion Lund Brown Post, Siren Lions Club, Bremer Bank, Loyal Order of the Moose and the Burnett County Celebration Fund. Landmark Masonic Lodge helped the Siren School District purchase a second lifesaving defibrillation program. Pictured at the presentation are, left to right: Paul Howland, Landmark Masonic Lodge; Ruth Tripp, Siren school nurse and project coordinator; Jake Abbott, 2005 class officer; June Thomas, 12th District president, American Legion Auxiliary; Ryan Schmidt, 2005 class officer; Bob Thomas, American Legion Lund Brown Post; Pam Daniels, Siren physical education teacher and project coordinator; Kristina Sherstad, 2005 class officer; Sarah Imme, 2005 class officer; and Bert Lund, Mason and retired Siren teacher and counselor who helped find financing for the project.

\$600 to be Match Level for 2005 Masonic Foundation Scholarship Program

DOUSMAN – Lodges participating in the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation scholarship program will now be eligible to receive \$600 in matching funds it was decided by foundation directors at their last quarterly meeting of 2004 held December 18.

The matching amount was \$500 for participants in the foundation program.

This past year 157 lodges awarded \$211,450 in scholarships to 377 graduating high school students under the foundation program.

All lodges will be made aware of this change in the annual February scholarship program mailing.

The change will affect scholarships awarded in 2005. *wmj*

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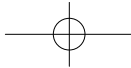
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Tripoli Shrine Clowns Marvin "Toothy" Laack, Ed "Simbo" Heffner, Earl "Putz" Swartwout and John "Plum" Unz III saluted newly installed Henry L. Palmer Lodge Master Tim Kloss in the manner of clowns...with a pie in the face (okay, two pies in the face). The pieing took place at the lodge's installation officers on January 7.



John "Plum" Unz III carefully defoamed fellow clown Tim "Yo-Yo" Kloss after being pied. The process was accomplished with the utmost seriousness. There was absolutely no clowning around (really).

PIE...from page 1

Brother Kloss is also an active member of this group, and his "handle" (clown name) is Yo-Yo when in "face" (his appearance when he assumes his clown costume and makeup).

These members of his "alley" (his clown group) were present to demonstrate their support and affection, and to honor him in that manner peculiar to those who are dedicated to bringing joy to the hearts and smiles to the lips of those they entertain when clowning—with a pie.

It's not that the newly installed Master did not know it was coming. He knew, all right, but he didn't know when. The right moment came during the portion of the installation reserved for presentations.

That moment came when brother Ed Heffner, the clown who had mentored brother Kloss as he entered clowndom, rose and asked if he could approach the East. It was his approach to the East that signalled the others that it was time for them to duly honor the Master.

Unobserved by the new Worshipful Master, brothers Swartwout, Laack and Unz had earlier positioned themselves out of sight behind the curtains on either side of the East, awaiting their cue to come forward.

As brother Heffner asked Brother Kloss to step down from the dais to the floor, Brother Tim's four clown brethren solemnly assumed positions facing the Master and with narry a smirk, produced their two pies and plopped them neatly into his face. This was done with the utmost seriousness. There was absolutely no clowning around. Brother Unz promptly produced a towel and began carefully wiping away the shaving cream, paying special attention to the eyes.

"Mmmm, lime flavored," commented the well foamed Master. Shaving cream is used because if left to dry, it brushes off clothing without leaving any stains, as would real whipped cream or other whipped topping composed of sugar and fat.

It would be appropriate to say that this new Master had been duly and truly pied.

So mote it be. **wmj**

A Father's Dedication

Tonight, I light this candle in dedication and memory to my father, and for all fathers that cannot be here tonight.

My father, inspired me to become a Master Mason. He introduced me to many upright Masons in our travels together. He inspired me to become a Mason because they were, and are, leaders of our Country.

He taught my sister and I how fortunate we were. He showed both of us that we could walk, talk, see and hear—in comparison to so many children who can not!

He reminded us daily that we should be grateful for what we have, compared to those who have not. Work hard and you'll appreciate the things you have.

My father taught us to be truthful and honest to all.

Above all else, he told us to be charitable and humble in our way of life.

You might ask, What lodge did he belong to?

The answer to that question is...he never became a Freemason for reasons, then not explained, but I know in my heart and soul that my father, Richard Kloss, had truly and duly lived his life within due bounds of the Square and Compasses, as a Free & Accepted Mason!

It takes special people to become Masons, and I'm grateful to be surrounded by so many!

(Editor's note: a candle dedicated to the memory of his father Richard, and all fathers, was then lit.)

Written by Timothy G. Kloss, Worshipful Master
Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301
January 7, 2005

Palmer Lodge Officers Pictured On Cover – Front row L-R: JW Eric Tess, PM; JS William Tutaj; SW Roland Stendler, PM; WM Timothy Kloss; Tiler Bryan Johnson, PM; Counselor Khristian Kay; JD Jeffrey Schallitz, Chaplain Leroy Lawrence. Row two: S/T Jack Jones, PM; SD Patrick Cholka and SS George Wright, PM.



Three Eau Claire Lodges Hold Combined Installation – A combined installation of the elected and appointed officers for 2005 for Eau Claire Lodge No. 112, Sanctuary Lodge No. 347 and the George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351 was held at the Eau Claire Masonic Center in Eau Claire on Wednesday, December 8, 2004. Eau Claire Lodge is pictured in the front row, from left to right: Worshipful Master, Duane Badman; Senior Warden, Lyle Koerner; Junior Warden, Timothy Buckley; Treasurer, Willard Young; Secretary, Harley Hogstrom; Chaplain, George Money; Installing Master, Keith D. Chamberlain, Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin; Installing Marshal, William Beetcher, Grand District Deputy District 2; Senior Deacon, Richard Hazelton; Junior Deacon, Thomas Stevens; Senior Steward, Harold Meunich; Junior Steward, Rolland Nesbit; Counselor, Lawrence Ganske; Tiler, Lester Paulson and Trustee, Mark Hagen. Sanctuary Lodge is pictured in the second row, from left to right: Worshipful Master, Gregory O'Reilly; Senior Warden, Don Olds; Junior Warden, Steven Lasure; Secretary/Treasurer, William Arnsdor; Chaplain, Michael Meinke; Senior Deacon, David Linderholm; Junior Deacon, David Lombardo; Senior Steward, Barry Cohen; Junior Steward, Peter Thompson; Counselor, Richard E. Mitchell; and Tiler/Trustee, Robert Sessions. George B. Wheeler Lodge is pictured in the third row, from left to right: Worshipful Master, Gary Stang; Senior Warden, Neil Hanson; Junior Warden, Todd Berg; Treasurer/Counselor, Roger Bischoff; Secretary, Thomas Walters; Chaplain, Norman Bruce Berg; Senior Deacon, Daniel Marcon; Junior Deacon, Paul Hestekind; Senior Steward, Otis Franke; Junior Steward, Willard Young; Tiler, Edwin Baker; and Trustee, Neil Liljander.

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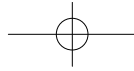
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News of the Lodges

Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin



Quincy Lodge Fills Holiday Food Baskets – Behind the brothers of Quincy Lodge No. 71, in Friendship, are nine food baskets that were gathered one item at a time throughout the year as each attending brother brought one item per meeting. Each unit also contained a large bag of potatoes and a certificate for a free turkey. Brothers available for this picture include (from the left) Bros Jim Stormoen, Virgil Hawkins, Jim Hanneman, Project Coordinator Jeffrey Marquardt, Mashall Coon, Bertie Tolley, and Ken Koehn. Baskets were received by nine thankful and appreciative families in time for this holiday season.



Benton Lodge Officers Installed – On December 21, 2004, Amicitia Lodge No. 25 and Benton No. 268 held a combined installation. 2005 Officers of Benton Lodge are Joe Thompson, Ross Pollock, Installing Master, Bob Lewis, Allan Dellabella, Jim Reilly, Malcolm French, Scott Pedley, Robert Thompson, Bob Robbins, Emmet Reilly, Kenin Germaine, and Harold Beals, Installing Marshal.



Amicitia Lodge Officers Installed – On December 21 Amicitia Lodge No. 25 and Benton No. 268 held a combined installation with Bro. Ross Pollock as Installing Master and Bro. Harold Beals as Installing Marshal. The Officers for Amicitia Lodge are Ross Pollock, Installing Master, Steve Leitzinger, Tom Black, Randy Gill, Greg Roelli, Emmett Reilly, John Roelli, Kenneth Leitzinger and Harold Beals, Installing Marshall.



Two Ellsworth Men Receive Master Mason Degree – Hancock Lodge No. 229, Ellsworth, raised two more Master Masons at special ceremonies on December 28. Pictured left to right are Gerald Bristol, Worshipful Master; Fred Finstad and Ben Gaard, newly raised Master Masons; Gary Waltz, who presided over the second section of the degree; and Al Krause, who was in charge of the degree's first section. The lodge has raised six new members in 2004 and has several other members who have petitioned for degrees.

– Photo by Milt Helmer



Teasdale 50-year Recognition – On November 13, 2004, Amicitia Lodge, in conjunction with Benton No. 268, held a Friends-Awards Night. Brother Larry Teasdale presented Brother Harold Ketty his 50-year certificate and pin at that time. This picture was inadvertently left out of last month's issue.

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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 help! Where is your gavel?

In Service to the Craft

By Grand Chaplain Ray D. Heilborn

What Is Namaskar?

Many of you have asked about the meaning of the word that I use when I close most of my columns. At the end of this writing I will explain the meaning and the 'why' of the word.

Whatever your life situation, the quality of self-image and hence the quality of your life would appear to depend absolutely on whether or not you have made the great discovery of the divine potential within yourself. Social scientists tell us that one of the major causes of mental depression is a poor self-image. It is an unfortunate fact that self-image has to be developed in each of us, and for each of us it requires a different developmental process. Humanity seems to be divided into two groups, the leaders and the followers. We generally speak very positively about "leadership qualities," but you never hear of "followership qualities," even though there obviously are more followers than leaders. I am convinced that there is a quality of following that can really be translated into leadership. It would seem that that type of "following leadership" depends largely on whom or what we are following.



Rev. Ray D. Heilborn
Grand Chaplain

The unfortunate aspect of all this is that most of us are 'willing' to be led. The leader who speaks with the most force and offers the greatest reward or the best security and gives us the highest assurance that he or she will get us whatever we want most is generally the leader who draws the greatest crowd of unthinking followers. What often happens is a continual bombardment from the 'leader' of an assortment of cliches and/or religious catch-phrases that people can identify with, even if they have no specific meaning or relevance! It's much like a cheer at a football game. It excites you, but it generally doesn't mean a thing. What really gets lost in all of this is the worth of the individual. People are so often taught that they are worthless sinners. That they have no right to expect happiness or pleasant living. However, by following the directions of the leader they can obtain some redemption from their worthlessness.

We need to play "follow the leader" on occasion. But it isn't because we cannot think for ourselves, or because we are somehow lost to some type of spiritual perdition, but rather because we contain within us the elements of divinity that make us precious in our own right.

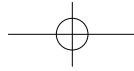
There is a beautiful Hindustani word of greeting that means literally, "I salute the divinity in you!" That word is NAMASKAR, (pronounced num-muskar). The word is a wonderful prescription for promoting self-image. You might use it for yourself when you awaken in the morning ("num-muskar") Namaskar, I salute the divinity in myself. I am of worth. Having done that, you might find yourself saying (mentally, at least) to everyone you see throughout the day: nummuskar, (namaskar), "I salute the divinity in you! You are worthy, you are precious. By doing so we might open the doors and windows of our own inner cloisters and let the divinity come forth. When we recognize the true value of every other human being and the great potential that is contained within each, we take giant steps toward the abolition of all bigotry, prejudice and hatred. "Namaskar."



Waukesha Installation – Officers of Waukesha Lodge No. 37 were recently installed for 2005. Pictured from left to right: PGM Robert Moore, Installing Officer; Eugene Johnson, Chaplain; John Krinke, Junior Warden; Grant Berg, Junior Deacon; John Marotta, Worshipful Master; Donald Jones, Tiler; Gary Ebert, Senior Warden; Larry Nines, Secretary/Treasurer; and Robert McQuillan, Installing Marshal.



La Crosse Honors Past Masters – La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190 recently held its annual Past Masters night at the La Crosse Masonic Center. The evening started with the traditional pancake and sausage supper prepared once again by Past Master Rich Gray. After a night of reminiscing of years gone by, the event concluded with the exemplification of the Fellowcraft Degree. Pictured left to right are: Past Masters all...Martin Callaway, Paul Hersh, WM Larry Faure, Tom Knobloch, Harry Hiser, and Wes Denny.



YORK RITE NEWS

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York Rite Festival in Chippewa Falls – Candidates and Grand Officers at the recent Northwestern Wisconsin York Rite Festival in Chippewa Falls on November 6, 2004. Pictured from left to right are John Sigafus, Grand High Priest; Candidates Merlin Anderson, William Collins, David Baumgardner, Jason Guerink and Terry Loper; and Ronald R. Rasmussen, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council.



Royal Arch Chapter Festival! – Baraboo Valley Chapter No. 49 hosted a Chapter festival of degrees for the Southwestern Wisconsin York Rite Association which was held on Saturday November 13, 2004. There were seven candidates that received the Royal Arch Mason degrees from different chapters throughout southwest Wisconsin and north-west Illinois. A lunch was provided by the Baraboo Companions that was enjoyed by all in attendance. Congratulations to our new Chapter Companions: Michael Heitke, Ted Hall, Milbert Schott, Jason Haskins, Daniel Maughan, Howard Raber and Ted Williams.



Awards Night in Wausau – A 25/50 year awards night was held at the Wausau Masonic Center following a dinner on October 20, 2004. Pictured from left to right are: John F. Sigafus, Grand High Priest; Ronald R. Rasmussen, Most Illustrious Grand Master; Charles D. Kolbe, Deputy Grand Commander; Earl R. Schilling and Mark H. Magnuson, High Priest. Brother Schilling received a 25-year service award from all three York Rite Bodies bodies.

Homecomings and Inspections

Kenosha Commandery No. 30 Knights Templar

Kenosha Commandery extends a cordial invitation to all Sir Knights and their Ladies to attend the Annual Homecoming and Inspection to be held on Saturday, February 26, 2005 at the Kenosha Masonic Temple, 80 Sixty-first Street.

The schedule of events is as follows: 8:15 a.m. Coffee and rolls; Order of the Temple 9 a.m.; 12 Noon Buffet Banquet; 1 p.m. Reception of Grand Officers, Reception of the Flag and Full Form Opening. Refreshments and card playing will be provided for the ladies.

Reservations at \$15 per person must be made by February 14, 2005. Make checks payable to Kenosha Commandery No. 30 K.T. Mail to: Angelo P. Capriotti, Recorder, 910 85th Street Apt 113, Kenosha, WI 53143. All Reservations are firm.

Courteously yours,
S.K. A. Paul Martin Commander

Platteville Commandery No. 35 Knights Templar

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Inspection and Homecoming Dinner of Platteville Commandery No. 35 on Saturday February 26th, 2005 at the Platteville Masonic Center 783 Enterprise Dr. Platteville. Schedule: 12 p.m. Soup and Sandwich Luncheon (Luncheon donations accepted); 1 p.m. Order of the Temple. Games and Refreshments for the Ladies. 3:30 p.m. Refreshment break; 4 p.m. Reception of Grand Officers, Reception of the Flag and Full Form Opening; 6 p.m. Banquet at the Masonic Center.

Please make advance Reservation's at \$10 per person by February 20, 2005, "call-in or mail." Make checks payable to: Platteville Commandery No. 35 K.T. and address to: Larry Catellier 150 Ellen Street Platteville, WI 53818-3613. Phone 608-348-7175 or e-mail: lac@pcii.net

Courteously yours,
S.K. Lawrence A. Catellier, G. C. G. Commander

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 24 Knights Templar

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Homecoming and Inspection of Ivanhoe Commandery #24, K.T. on Saturday, February 12, 2005 at the Lake Masonic Center, 1235 E. Howard Avenue, Milwaukee.

The itinerary for the day is: 11 a.m. Reception and lunch; 12 noon Chamber of Reflection; 1 p.m. Order of the Temple; (Ladies activities in Fellowship Hall); 3:15 p.m. Break; 3:45 p.m. Reception of Grand Officers, Reception of the Flag, and Full Form Opening; 6 p.m. Dinner. in Fellowship Hall followed by an Afterglow at the Midway Hotel-Airport, Room 109. Dinner reservations at \$10 per person are required by February 5.

Make check payable to Ivanhoe Commandery No. 24 and return to Gary Parker, 5409 Montgomery Dr., Greendale, WI, 53129.

Courteously yours,
James Janczak, Commander



A plaque in appreciation of the monetary donation made to the Council charities was presented to Dianne Schoeneman, Worthy High Priestess of Bethesda Shrine No. 13, O.W.S. of J. by Ronald R. Rasmussen, Most Illustrious Grand Master.

From the Office of the Grand Lecturer, Ray Mielke

Greetings Companions,
Your most Illustrious Grand Master Ronald Rasmussen has directed me to work with the Arch Masters and local leaders of each Council of Royal & Select Masters in Wisconsin.

As you read this the New Year will have come and enjoyed by all. Commandery Inspections will be under way. Ronald Rasmussen and I would like to visit your council this year. I will make contact with your TIM & Recorder to set up a time for us to attend your meeting. We would like each Council and or Councils to open and receive the Most Ill. Grand Master. Open book if needed.

I will also be having articles in the Masonic Journal about Cryptic Masonry and related research. I may also have some articles from other Grand Council Officers. These articles will be short but with good information to you I hope.

Let's work to promote Cryptic Masonry!
Fraternally,
Ray Mielke, Grand Lecturer

GALILEE NOTICE:

Galilee Commandery No. 38 has a new location! The new address is: North 64 West 23624 Main Street, Sussex, Wisconsin, 53089. This is the same location as the Sussex Masonic Center.



Washington Chapter Officers – Washington Chapter No. 2 Royal Arch Masons of Platteville, Wisconsin participated in a joint installation ceremony along with Barneveld, Dodgeville and Linden Lodges on December 16, 2004 at the Dodgeville Masonic Center. Companion Richard Bensenburg, the Grand Principal Sojourner of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin, installed the officers of Washington Chapter No. 2. Companion and Brother Keith Chamberlain, Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, filled in as Installing Grand Marshal. A reception with refreshments was held in the dining hall following the program. The Companions of Washington Chapter wish to express a special thank you to the Companions, Brothers and Ladies of the Dodgeville Masonic Temple for their kind and generous invitation to include Royal Arch Masons in this special joint installation program.

Your Monthly Motivation... Do All Things With Love

Love is the most important ingredient of life. Your life echoes emptiness without it. With it, your life vibrates meaning and warmth.

Love will shine through even in hardship. You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments that stand out, the moments when you have really lived, are the moments when you have done things in a spirit of love.

If you have it, you don't need to have anything else. And if you don't have it, it doesn't much matter what else you have. Treasure the love you receive above everything else. It will survive long after your wealth and good health have vanished. The way is not in the sky. The way is in the heart.

Life in abundance comes only through great love.

2005 Inspection Schedule

- 02/05/05 - Racine No.7 & Burlington No. 50 **
- 02/12/05 - Ivanhoe Commandery No. 24
- 02/19/05 - Oshkosh No. 11 & Appleton No. 29 **
- 02/26/05 - Platteville Commandery No. 35, Kenosha Commandery No. 30, St. Croix Commandery No. 14, Superior No. 25, and Spooner No. 40 Commanderies**
- 03/05/05 - Grand Commandery Officers Winter Staff Meeting
- 03/12/05 - Waukesha Commandery No. 23
- 03/19/05 - La.Crosse Commandery No. 9
- Marinette Commandery No. 26

** Indicates a Combined Inspection

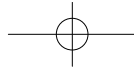
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Data accompanying your submission should include the "who/what/when/where and why" with detailed information.



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on a choice site in the Heritage Hill Historic Site in Green Bay.

Reference was made earlier to a brief span of activity for Menomonee Lodge. Records indicate that the Grand Lodge of the Michigan Territory did not hold its annual communication or elect officers in 1828, and by 1829 appears to have suspended all operations.

In 1830 work of the Territorial Grand Lodge was suspended and subordinate lodges were advised to do the same by the serving Grand Master. No written record has been found to show Menomonee Lodge met or worked after 1830.

Two reasons are given for the demise of Menomonee Lodge. One reason is that the military members moved further west to other posts or were discharged and returned home. Second, and probably more accurately, was the impact upon our membership by the anti-Masonic sentiment that swept the nation in the wake of the Morgan incident in New York state. The resultant tide of anti-Masonry that rocked Freemasonry to its core began in 1826 and continued through 1843, culminating with the national political Anti-Masonic Party of the United States.

Masonry Returns to GB - Fire Destroys Records

No record has been found to date to explain the lack of Masonic activity in Green Bay during the 18 years from 1830 to 1848. The new lodge in Mineral Point in 1840 and the formation of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin in 1843 appear to speed the return of Masonry to Green Bay. Masonry slowly moved north, adding Sheboygan in 1847 and finally returning to Green Bay in 1848.

Eighteen Green Bay and Ft. Howard area Master Masons, about half of whom had been members of the old Menomonee Lodge, petitioned the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin for permission to meet and work under the name Washington Lodge. A dispensation was issued in December 1847 and a charter was granted for Washington Lodge No. 21 on December 16, 1848.

Henry S. Baird, who had served as the last Master of Menomonee Lodge in 1830, was also the first Master of Washington Lodge in 1848. He went on to serve as Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin in 1856 and 1857. The lodge in Sturgeon Bay today bears his name.

Washington Lodge first met on the second floor of a building at the corner of Washington and Cherry Streets, moved to the third floor of the State Gazette building on Pine Street, and then to the First National Bank Building which was destroyed by fire in 1869. Also destroyed in the fire were the original charter and the old records pertaining to Menomonee Lodge.

The Masonic family grew in Green Bay, adding the York Rite Bodies: Warren Chapter No. 8 Royal Arch Masons in 1851; Warren Council No. 13 Royal and Select Masters in 1881 and Palestine Commandery No. 20 Knights Templar in 1883. Martha Washington Chapter No. 124 Order of the Eastern Star was added in 1901.

The First Temple Building - Fire Strikes Again

Wanting a home of their own, the Masons of Green Bay established a building fund with \$300 of seed money on March 5, 1891. Land was purchased five years later at the corner of Cherry and Adams Streets, and a six-story "skyscraper" was proposed but cooler heads prevailed and the building was limited to three stories. Washington Lodge first met in the new building was held on May 12, 1910.

Twenty-five years later it was obvious that more space was needed so an addition was added in 1935. It included billiard and clubrooms on the second floor, and a banquet room and dance hall occupied the third floor.

Due to the large membership of Washington Lodge, a number of younger members of the lodge, eager for an opportunity to govern a lodge themselves, in 1920 formed a new lodge — Roosevelt Lodge No. 322 (the name was changed to Theodore Roosevelt Lodge in 1948).

Nazarene Shrine No. 8 of the White Shrine of Jerusalem was added in 1920, providing another co-ed organization in the Green Bay Masonic family.

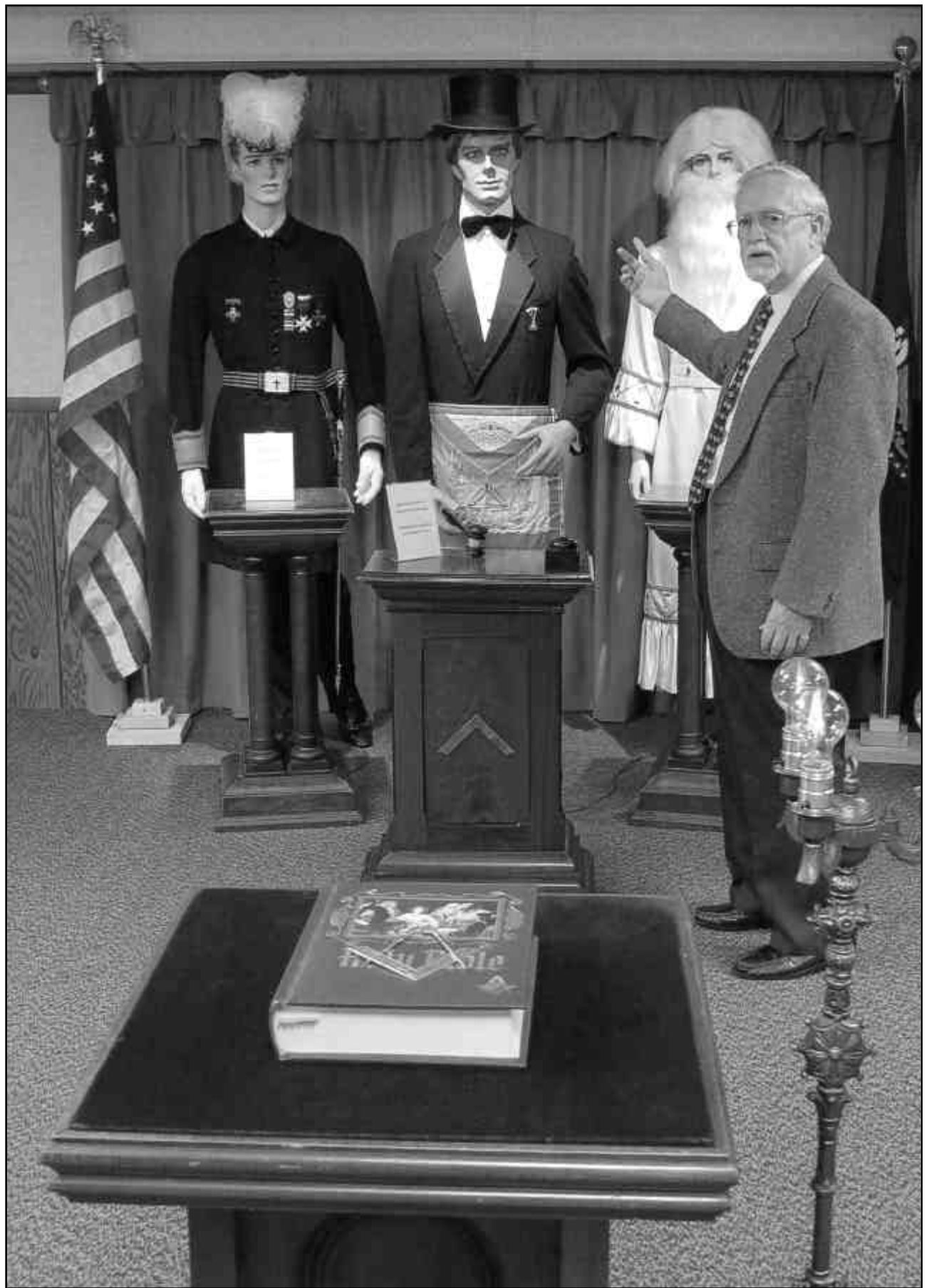
Scottish Rite Masonry entered Wisconsin in 1863 as the Valley of Milwaukee; spread to the Valley of Madison in 1921 and the Valley of Eau Claire in 1922. Green Bay area candidates had to travel to any of the three valleys for the degrees. It was not until 1942 that the N.E.W. Lodge of Perfection was chartered in the Valley of Green Bay; the N.E.W. Council of Princes of Jerusalem was chartered in 1946; the N.E.W. Chapter of Rose Croix was chartered in 1949 and finally the N.E.W. Consistory was chartered in 1960. Candidates could now receive all of the Scottish Rite work in Green Bay.

Growth in the Masonic family also included youth groups. In 1923 Warren Chapter No. 8, R.A.M., sponsored an Order of DeMolay Chapter in 1923. Bethel No. 32 of the International Order of Job's Daughters was chartered in 1943. The York Rite Red Cross of Constantine was chartered in 1981. Further, Masons who were retired wanted a lodge that met during the day formed the N.E.W. Daylite Lodge No. 360 in 1984.

Disaster struck again in Green Bay on the evening of February 5, 1977, when fire destroyed the Masonic Temple building in downtown Green Bay. The upper two floors were gutted and the businesses on the street level suffered smoke and water damage. In the true Masonic spirit, friends stepped forward and provided temporary space for the required Masonic meetings: including the Lodges in De Pere and Appleton, and the Green Bay Odd Fellows.

Building Anew - The N.E.W. Masonic Center

Representatives of the working bodies: Washington and Roosevelt Lodges and the York Rite Bodies, joined by De Pere Lodge and the Scottish Rite Bodies, voted to proceed build a new Masonic Center on Taylor Street near Bond Street.



Past Grand Master Jim Byrnes stands with three of the life-sized uniformed and costumed mannequins in the museum. The Knights Templar uniform is from Palestine Commandery and belonged to Russell "Jim" De Mary, It has a long-style coat used through the 1950s. The tuxedo in the middle was once worn by PGM Byrnes himself. The gavel in the model's hand was used in Washington Lodge by Grand Master Norman H. Smith (1948). The costume on the right is Zadoc the High Priest and was worn until 2002 in a Scottish Rite degree. The museum is hoping to have some male and female youth mannequins donated for youth group displays.

De Pere Lodge, you will recall, was chartered in February 1857. The name was quickly corrected and a charter was issued to Des Peres Lodge No. 85 in June 1857. The lodge owned and met in the former Congregational Church located at Broadway and Cass Streets in De Pere but sold the building in 1981 then moved, along with Charles A. Lawton Chapter No. 270, OES, into the N.E.W. Masonic Center.

The \$1.2 million Masonic center was completed on September 8, 1979. The first floor and lower level comprise roughly 34,000 square feet and features a 450-person theater-type auditorium and a 100-person lodge room. The building features a complete kitchen and dining room that can seat 200.

The Masonic Center became the home of Washington Lodge No. 21, Des Peres Lodge No. 85, Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 322, Warren Chapter No. 8 RAM, Warren Council No. 13 R&SM, Palestine Commandery No. 20 KT, and the NEW Scottish Rite Bodies. Other organizations meeting in the Center included Martha Washington Chapter No. 124 OES, Charles Lawton Chapter No. 270 OES, Nazarene Shrine No. 8 WSJ, Bethel 32, IOJD and Green Bay Chapter DeMolay.

In June 1982 the Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Center was the first location outside of Milwaukee or Madison to host a Grand Lodge of Wisconsin annual communication.

Library and Museum

We now come to the N.E.W. Masonic Museum and Library. Since the new Green Bay Masonic Center did not include any commercial rental space that would contribute to the cost of the building operations, the Scottish Rite Bodies of Green Bay agreed to underwrite, if necessary, the rents lost when moving from the old Cherry Street temple.

As an alternative to the Scottish Rite obligation, several progressive minded Masons suggested that providing space for a Masonic Library and Museum could be a source on income to replace the lost rental property income and at the same time provide a much-needed repository for Masonic books and arti-

facts. Their proposal was approved by the building's board and approximately 1,350 square feet of space was allocated in the lower level.

The Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Library and Museum was incorporated as a 501(c)(3)-tax deductible Foundation and funds were quickly raised for finishing and furnishing the library and museum area. Donations of books and artifacts followed and in May 1983 the library and museum was dedicated.

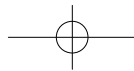
Collections continued to grow and approximately 450 square feet of storage space was added for books and artifacts not currently on display. The library's contribution to the building also increased accordingly. Library and museum hours were established to correspond to the meeting nights of organizations meeting in the Masonic center. Special visits would be accommodated when requested.

The library was tucked away in the back of the lower level dining room and did not receive the desired activity until an illuminated display case was provided by the library and located in the mail floor's north lobby, with exhibits changing at roughly 60-day intervals. These exhibits had the desired effect and many visitors now sought out the library to see what else was "hidden" in that previously unknown space. Masonic display themes included: Christmas/Hanukkah, youth, headgear, presidents, figurines, Roosevelt Lodge, stamps, swords, collectibles and glassware. Books and artifacts continued to be donated and the library and museum again grew its home.

Library Expanded

Generous contributions of books and artifacts in addition to purchases by the library again pointed to the need for additional space, and with the approval of the building board, approximately 640 square feet of space was allocated for library expansion.

The original 1,350 square feet became all museum, and the additional 640 square feet became a library. The N.E.W. Masonic Library and Museum, Inc., now occupies approxi-



The N.E.W. Library contains over 1,500 volumes, including such classic Masonic reference books as Anderson's Constitutions of 1738, Mackey's Jurisprudence of Freemasonry (revised by Robert Clegg), "Three Distinct Knocks" and "Jachin & Boaz" by Harry Carr, "The Master's Carpet" by Edmund Ronayne, "Territorial Masonry" by Ray Denslow. Modern titles such as Dan Brown's Da Vinci Code, Guardians of the Secrets of the Holy Grail, Born in Blood, Dungeon Fire and Sword, Hiram Key and Holy Blood, Holy Grail are also available. Some books are for reference use in the library, others may be checked out.

"Seeking more light is a Mason's duty. We are here to help you educate yourselves in Masonry."

- Thomas S. Pinney, Jr., President
N.E.W Masonic Library & Museum
Board of Directors



Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Library & Museum, Inc., Board of Directors members and their ladies dedicated expanded quarters for the museum and library on October 27 this past autumn. Pictured left to right were Danford Jesse, Treasurer; Georgie Huss; Thomas Pinney, Jr., President; Sheridan Huss, Vice President; Guy Gooding, District 4 Deputy; Myra Pinney; James Byrnes, Past Grand Master; and Alice Byrnes, Director of Library Services officially opened the expanded N.E.W Museum and Library in the lower level of the Masonic center in Green Bay. The expanded facility now occupies more than 2,600 sq. ft. of space and contributes about \$26,000 in rent yearly to help offset the cost of operating the Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Center.



Antique lantern slide projectors with long lenses for projecting an image the length of a large lodge room have places of honor in the newly expanded N.E.W. Masonic Museum. The museum and library formerly shared the same room but now have separate rooms that total more than 2,600 sq. ft.



Alice Byrnes holds a pair of brass bookends cast in the shape of the Order of the Eastern Star emblem. The museum also displays fraternal china and a variety of officer's jewels.

mately 2,600 square feet of space, and has recently substantially increased its contribution to the building's operating costs.

The founders and board of directors of the N.E.W. Masonic Library and Museum are justifiably proud of the library and museum's contribution to the financial well being of the N.E.W. Masonic Center, and no single person is more so than Past Grand Master Jim Byrnes, a driving force behind the library and museum.

"This year alone the library and museum has contributed about \$26,000 in rent," brother Byrnes said. Since it was founded in 1983 the library and museum's contribution to the building board for the operation of the N.E.W. Masonic Center has been approximately \$400,000.

"We established the rental cost (of the space used by the library and museum) according to the IRS guidelines for the rental value of commercial property in Green Bay, brother Byrnes related. "We actually have a real estate agent come in and appraise the value on a yearly basis — we don't do this on our own."

Have Archives, Will Travel

Ablly assisting in several critical aspects of the museum and library's operation is Alice Byrnes, Director of Library Services. Alice often is the one who conducts library and museum tours, and takes the travelling display "Have Archives, Will Travel" out to lodges and other groups that express an interest in learning about the Masonic heritage in the Green Bay area.

"We will take the display out to a lodge, Chapter or Shrine Club," Alice explained. "It's kind of a hands-on display where we pass things around," she added.

She also pointed out that getting the feel of certain artifacts gives people a better sense of appreciation for them, rather than just observing them in a display case.

The museum is a treasure trove of Masonic and appendant organization paraphernalia. There are antique officer jewels, aprons, altars, officer chairs, Bibles, lantern slide projectors, uniforms and costumes, swords, crowns, medals, awards and lots of photos documenting the two fires that destroyed the first two Masonic facilities—among other things.

There are artifacts and displays representing the rich heritage of a variety of the organizations that have been part of Freemasonry in northeast Wisconsin. Represented are Order of the Eastern Star, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, the York Rite Bodies, True Kindred, Free and Accepted Masons, Shrine and DeMolay and Job's Daughters. There is also an extensive collection of Christmas tree ornaments from the George Washington National Masonic Memorial

"Probably the most valuable things in the entire museum are two hand-carved teak chairs from Des Peres Lodge that were

brought from the Orient by a Mason named Zepherin Libert," Past Grand Master Byrnes related. The chairs are on loan.

In addition to the Masonic books and artifacts relating to the Masonic family of organizations in Northeast Wisconsin, items are on display from other parts of Wisconsin, North America and even some foreign countries. Several items are also included from non-Masonic fraternities. Items are received on a loan-only basis or by tax deductible direct donations.

Most books, videos and tapes in the library are available on a loan basis, just like your public library. Reference books are available for study within the library. The use of rituals is limited to the organization members. The library staff (mainly Jim and Alice) may provide some research assistance.

For over 20 years the purpose has not changed. "The Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Library and Museum was established as a non-profit educational institution for the procurement, preservation and presentation of Masonic materials."

Future operation of the library and museum depend on the interest demonstrated by the Masonic family through their continuing use of the facility and their generosity in making monetary contributions as well as Masonic books and artifacts.

Beja Shrine Organized - Builds Own Home

On July 5, 1985, BEJA Shrine Temple was granted a dispensation for Temple No. 188. Shrinedom arrived much earlier elsewhere in Wisconsin, however. Tripoli Shrine Temple in Milwaukee was founded in 1866, followed by Zor Shrine located in Madison in 1933.

York and Scottish Rite Masons from Northeast Wisconsin for many years would travel to either of these two cities to become members of the Mystic Shrine and to attend monthly meetings. Summer ceremonials were held in various other locations throughout Northeast Wisconsin to show-off the Shrine and acquire new members. Due to the distance to Milwaukee, most activities for local Shriners were through Tripoli's Shrine Clubs, Tripoli Clowns and Tripoli Vets of Valor (Tripoli Legion of Honor).

BEJA Shriners were composed of the BEJA Clowns, the BEJA Vets of Valor and seven existing Shrine Clubs: They are: Appleton Shrine Club, Green Bay Shrine Club, Inter-City Shrine Club, Oconto County Shrine Club, Peninsula Shrine Club, Shawano Shrine Club and Twin City Shrine Club.

The original Green Bay Shrine Club Band now became the BEJA Shrine Band, and Sneezer's Crazy Car led into the BEJA Doubleenders.

A number of additional units were also formed to satisfy the lively spirit of the Shriners: BEJA Escort Patrol, BEJA Crazy Cops (Inter-city SC), BEJA Sprees (Oconto County SC), BEJA Super Cycle (Green Bay SC), BEJA Super Fez (Appleton

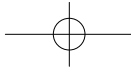


One of the most valuable items on display are two hand carved teak chairs (one is shown) from Des Peres Lodge that were brought from the Orient by a Mason named Zepherin Libert.

SC) and Circus Wagon (Peninsula SC).

The first BEJA-sponsored Circus was held at the Brown County Arena in March 1986. BEJA Shriners originally called the Green Bay Masonic Center home until they established their own building at the corner of Taylor Street and Bond Street in 1992. *umj*

Editor's note: information for this story is drawn from facts provided by brother Jim Byrnes, PGM, and Forward Freemasonry, Alan E. Iding, Editor.



News of the Lodges

Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin



Donation To Camp Douglas School – Camp Douglas Lodge No. 272 presented a \$1,000 check to Camp Douglas grade school for math and science enrichment materials. Pictured from the left during the presentation at the school are District 5, Area 4 Administrator Norm Parker; Rolf Kurandt, Secretary of Camp Douglas Lodge and Gary Blashaski, Principal of Camp Douglas School.



Island City Officers for 2K5 – New officers for Island City Lodge No. 330, Minocqua, were installed on December 15, 2004. Pictured in the front row, left to right, are: Arden Mikich, PM, Installing Marshal; Walter Semonok, Senior Deacon; Ron Wahse, Tiler; Don Otto, Secretary-Treasurer; Albert Jurgans, PM, Senior Warden; Jon Mondy, Junior Warden; and Arthur Sonnee, Junior Deacon. In the back row are: Darrell Tarnow, Chaplain; George Wallinger, PGM, Installing Officer; Richard Rhyer, Worshipful Master; Joyn Kivi, Senior Steward; and Robert Sanstrom, Junior Steward.

Youth In Masonry



Rainbow Girls Bake Cookies – Stevens Point Assembly #1, Rainbow for Girls, baked an assortment of cookies for local firefighters and police department as a sign of appreciation for service to the community. Other projects this term included a Halloween tour at the “Haunted” Brewery”, baking pumpkin pies for the community Thanksgiving dinner, collecting food items and socks for “Operation Bootstrap” buying a holiday book for the Youth Department of the public library, decorating the Masonic Center tree and hosting a Holiday Party/Bingo Night for the local Masonic family organizations. Rainbow girls pictured above are, left to right; Andria Rice, Julie Canfield, Krista Rassmussen and Autumn Mayer.

Better at keeping sand out of eyes than military issue:

DeMolay Buys Special Goggles for Members in Military Serving in Iraq

The members of the Wisconsin DeMolay Court of Chevaliers and the Legion of Honor have taken it upon themselves to help the members of Wisconsin DeMolay who are currently serving with the United States military in Iraq.

At their annual meeting in October both organizations were asked by DeMolay Advisor and Army recruiter, Sergeant Patrick Leon, if they would consider supplying a superior set of goggles to members of Wisconsin DeMolay who are currently serving in Iraq. Pat, who had a tour in Iraq, suggested that these groups purchase sets of Wiley-X SG-1 combat goggles.

These goggles have a more durable and comfortable rubber base rim than the standard military issue. They produce a better seal around the ocular ridge keeping foreign objects and particles from the user's field of vision. These goggles



Fond du Lac Lodge Recognizes Grantman and Glissendorf – Fond du Lac Lodge No. 26 honored two new 50-year members at a banquet at the Masonic Center on November 4, 2004. Brother Norman Grantman, of Lomira, and Brother Harvey Glissendorf, Fond du Lac, were awarded their 50-year certificates. Pictured left to right: Harvey Glissendorf, Norman Grantman, Past Master and Master of Ceremonies LeRoy Kifer and District Deputy Jeffery Brewer.



Forest Lodge 2005 Officers Installed – Officers of Forest Lodge No. 130 in Wausau were recently installed. Pictured in the front row, left to right are: Harlyn Woodward, Senior Deacon; Kurt Lis, Senior Warden; Rober Hancock, Worshipful Master; and Anthony Fondell, Junior Warden. In the second row are: Quince Graveen, Senior Steward; Patrick Hancock, Tiler; Bruce Beyreis, Secretary/Treasurer; Peter Rotter, Junior Deacon and Dan Leider, Chaplain.

Menomonie Lodge No. 164 Installs Officers for 2005

MENOMONIE – An Open Communication for Installation of new lodge officers Of Menomonie Lodge No. 164 in Menomonie took place on December 22, 2004.

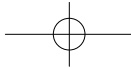
Spouses, guests and friends were welcomed as the following lodge brothers consecutively declared acceptance of responsibility to their lodge office: Ryan Douglas Olson, Worshipful Master; Arnold Piersall,

Senior Warden; Randy Smeltzer, Junior Warden; Momie Trask, Senior Deacon; Clyde Smith, Secretary/Treasurer; David C. Frogner, Chaplain; Daryl Spagnoletti, Tiler; Clint Moses, Junior Deacon; Charles Miller, Senikor Steward; Richard Moses, Junior Steward; Leland Kegan, Counselor; Don Goodrich PM, Installing Marshal; and Roger Lee PM, Installing Officer.

Here's Where to Send Your Youth Page Submissions

- Rainbow for Girls:
Rae Canfield
2601 Chippewa Drive
Plover, WI 54467
- Jobs Daughters:
Mary Callaway
1525 16th St. South
La Crosse, WI 54601
- DeMolay:
Executive Officer,
Robert E. Lijewski
W156 S7350 Quietwood
Drive Muskego, 53150
(414) 422-9452

Does your lodge sponsor a DeMolay Chapter, Rainbow Assembly or Bethel of Job's Daughters? If not, think about it!



Stated Communications (continued from page 11)

Stoughton

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

Sturgeon Bay

Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 211
311 S. 3rd Ave. • 920-743-2596
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Superior

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

Sussex

Lincoln Lodge No. 183
N64 W23624 Main St. • 262-251-3840
Meet 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Tomah

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

Union Grove

Union Grove Lodge No. 288
1021 - 11th Ave. • 262-878-9938
Meet 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

Viroqua

La Belle Lodge No. 84
118-1/2 S. Main • 608-637-3168
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Waterloo

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

Waukesha

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

Waupun

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

Wausau

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

Wautoma

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

Wauwatosa

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

Wauwatosa

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

Wauwatosa

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

West Allis

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

West Allis

Excelsior Lodge No. 175
7515 W. National Ave. • 414-257-9450
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.
Dark July & August

West Allis

Wauwatosa Lodge No. 267
7515 W. National Ave. • 262-250-1586
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

West Allis

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

West Bend

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

Whitefish Bay

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

Whitefish Bay

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

Whitewater

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

Wilmot

Wilmot Lodge No. 241
30702 113th St. • 847-587-9596 (WM)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Winneconne

Winneconne Lodge No. 186
100 W. Main Street • 920-235-8034 (Sec.)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Wisconsin Dells

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

Wisconsin Rapids

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

Armistead-Bingham

Lodge No. 1862
Contact Sec/Treasurer Doug Morisset
1020 Meadow St., Watertown 3094
Call 920-262-1755 for location

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

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Past Masters of Fond du Lac Lodge – The Past Masters of Fond du Lac Lodge No. 26, Free & Accepted Masons, were honored at a banquet at the Fond du Lac Masonic Center on November 4, 2004. Pictured in the front row, left to right, are: Norman Randall, Norman Grantman, Wm. James Faris, LeRoy Kifer, Julien Kinzer and Burt Mayborne. Back row: Ronald Schmidt, John Zeller, Jeffery Brewer, District Deputy, Robert Ammel and Gerald Schrankler.



Hancock Burns Mortgage – Hancock Lodge in Ellsworth held a mortgage burning ceremony before the lodge's regular communication on Tuesday, December 14, 2004. The ceremony marks the repayment of a loan received from Gerry and Janet Arndt when the lodge started to build their new building. The final payment on the loan has now been made. Shown officiating during the ceremony were Jerry Bristol, left, Worshipful Master of Hancock Lodge, and Janet Arndt, right, representing the Arndt family.

– Photo by Dennis Donath



2005 Landmark Masonic Lodge Officers – New officers of Landmark Lodge No. 244, located in Frederic, are pictured following their installation last month. In the front row, left to right, are: Craig Swanson, Senior Steward; Dean Daniels, Chaplain; Steve Van Meter, Junior Warden; Tom Auer, Master; Fred Revoir, Senior Warden. Second row: Bill Beetcher, Secretary (and District 2 Deputy); Lowell McFetridge, Tiler; Greg Heine, Junior Deacon; and Dave Randall, Treasurer. Not shown: Greg Johnson, Senior Steward; Rod Wilson, Junior Steward.



2005 Officers of Fond du Lac Lodge Installed – On December 30, 2004, Fond du Lac Lodge No. 26 held a public opening where Worshipful Master Jack Bridich relinquished the gavel to Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Roger Magoon as Installing Master. The following are the officers installed: Front row, left to right: Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer James Hayes, Installing Marshal; Jim Faris, Senior Warden; Leroy Kifer, Worshipful Master; Dan Barta, Junior Warden; John Zeller, Treasurer and Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Roger Magoon, Installing Master. In the back row: Burt Mayborne, Treasurer; Gordon Anderson, Junior Deacon; Scott Kreis, Senior Deacon; Jack Bridich, Senior Steward; Jeff Keller, Tiler; and Jerry Schrankler, Junior Steward. Absent for the picture was Louis Overbeck, Chaplain.



Burlington Lodge Vets' Check – Master Jim Jante of Burlington Lodge No. 28 is presented a check for \$1,000 to Jim McKusker, Chairman of the Burlington Veterans Building. This money is to be used for needed building repairs.

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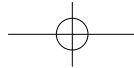
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Quarry Notes

William L. Stonecipher, Editor

Organ Needed – The other day I received a phone call from brother Herman Ruck, a Past Master of Glenn L. Humphrey Lodge which meets in the Masonic Village on the Square building on our Three Pillars senior living campus in Dousman. He reported that the lodge is looking for someone to donate what he terms a “real” electric organ—not one of those so-called “fun” organs with lots of bells and whistles.

His piano-playing spouse, Rosalie, who was also was on the line during our conversation, told me that what they are looking for is an electric organ with a full 88-key keyboard, with perhaps two manuals and a volume pedal.

If there were some base pedals, that would be a plus, too, she explained. They don't need such things as electronic drums, auto-play or rhythm base. I guess one might call it an good old-fashioned trusty Hammond, Kimball or Wurlitzer with a built-in amplifier and speakers.

It seems that the former lodge room organ, Herman reported, developed a terminal electric short several weeks ago and quite literally went up in smoke. This wouldn't be such a serious problem if the instrument was used only for lodge functions but Rosalie also uses it for two church services held in the lodge room each Sunday. She also uses it for OES meetings and functions that are held in the lodge room.

Following the loss of the first organ, two others designed primarily for home or light entertainment use (“fun” organs) were donated as replacements but they have not worked out well at all. One stopped working after a couple of weeks and could not be repaired. The second one has some electronic quirks that causes intermittent functioning or just plain wrong notes to sound—and no, Rosalie is not pressing the wrong key, she is an excellent musician.

If you have a good, reliable “real” electric or electronic organ that is no longer needed and would like to see it receive a good home, give brother Ruck a call at (262) 965-5599.

Tripoli Shrine Circus Family Nite – Brother Bruce Nelson, co-chair of the 2005 Tripoli Shrine Temple Circus, sent me a note about the up-coming annual Family Nite at the Tripoli Shrine Circus on Friday, Feb. 25.

The nobles at Tripoli have bundled free parking at the mosque, a dinner before, a reserved circus seat, bus transport to the Celular Arena and back, and an afterglow party at the Milwaukee mosque together for \$35 per adult and \$25 per child. A \$30/\$20 option is also being offered, this one minus the dinner.

Although I have not attended this particular family nite event, I have taken children and grandchildren to enjoy the Tripoli-sponsored circus over the years and a great circus experience it has always been. Contact the Tripoli office at (414) 933-4700 for ticket information.

It would be my guess that the other two Shrine groups in our state, Zor and Beja, offer similarly excellent fare. If you like the circus, why not plan on attending one of these fine offerings when a Shrine circus comes to a location near you.

Geo. Washington 1776 Lodge Honors Joe Lemmel – George Washington 1776 Lodge No. 337 has announced that Joe Lemmel, father of Adam Lemmel, in whose memory Project ADAM is named, will be the recipient of the Man-of-the-Year award at the lodge's annual George Washington Dinner on Tuesday, February 15.

Mr. Lemmel is the father of Adam Lemmel, the Whitefish Bay High School student who collapsed and died during a basketball game. The project to purchase and train high schools to use automatic external defibrillators is named Project ADAM (Automatic Defibrillators in Adam's Memory) in his memory.

Mr. Lemmel is honored to attend and will speak about Project ADAM. Also speaking will be the Director of Project ADAM, Dr. Stuart Berger, Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

As a point of information, we Freemasons in Wisconsin have placed 228 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in Wisconsin high schools under Project ADAM. Two of these units purchased with funds from our Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, one in Chippewa Falls last year and the other in Kenosha just recently, have actually been used to save lives — the lives of a coach in Chippewa Falls and a student in Kenosha.

This is good work on the part of our fraternity. Look for more news regarding the placement of AEDs in the future.

To pie, or not to pie: that is the question! When Grand Master Stan Jagow was pied by his Tripoli Shrine clown compatriots at the conclusion of his installation at the 1994 Annual Communication in Oshkosh, quite a few in attendance expressed disapproval of the practice on the grounds that it demeaned the dignity of the office.

Among clowns, though, being pied is the highest form of accolade one clown can give another. Sounds goofy but it is true. Both the pieing of Grand Master Jagow a decade ago, and the recent pieing of Henry L. Palmer Lodge Master Tim Kloss, were in fact performed with appropriate dignity—if one can overcome the distinct impression that a pie in the face under any circumstances would be considered the height of insult to anyone other than a clown.

What about the mess? There was none. In fact not one dab plopped on the floor. As stated in the story, shaving cream was used because it will not stain clothing and cleans up with no residue. Being pied, though, is not everyone's cup of tea. *wmj*

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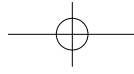
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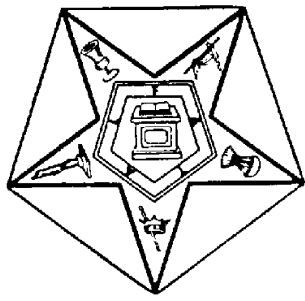
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Calendar of Chapter Meetings

February Calendar of Chapter Meetings

(See the January issue for information about February 1st to 7th meetings)

- Tues., Feb. 8 - Waukesha (Ina J Reid 55), 7:30 WGM / WGP Sojourn
 - West Allis 172, 7:30 Triwaukee Chapters - Mardi Gras attire and pound auction to follow meeting
 - Burlington 153, 7:00 Valentine's Party
 - Wisconsin Rapids (Rainbow 87), 5:30 Potluck Dinner, 'Dime a Dip' - Sweetheart Night
- Thurs., Feb. 10 - Wauwatosa (Golden Rule 194), 7:30 WGM / WGP Sojourn, Welcome Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons
 - Program June Bjorklund
 - Mukwonago (LaBelle 40), 7:30 Valentine's Day Observance
- Fri., Feb. 11 - Brookfield, 7:00 Triwaukee Club
- Sat., Feb. 12 - Kenosha (Pike 285), 9:00 A.M. Southeast Area Club
- Mon., Feb. 14 - Wausau (Marathon 123), 7:30 WGM / WGP Sojourn
 - Jefferson (Martha 66), 7:30 Birthday, Valentines and Friendship Night
 - Palmyra, Edgerton and Dousman Special Guests
- Tues., Feb. 15 - Dodgeville 39, 7:30 WGM / WGP Sojourn
 - Tomah 6, 7:30 Valentine's Day Program
 - La Crosse (Ruth 23), 7:30 Valentine's Day Observance
 - Milwaukee (Electa 75), 7:30 Chapter Birthday/Obligation Night
- Wed., Feb. 16 - Chippewa Falls (Chippewa 112), 7:30 Honor Sylvia Kuester, Grand Martha
- Fri., Feb. 18 - Milwaukee (Vega 76), 7:30 Honor Chaplains
 - Beloit (Phoenix 215), Turkey and Biscuit Luncheon
- Sat., Feb. 19 - 9:00 A.M. Madison Area Club
 - Milwaukee, Tripoli Temple, 4:00 P.M. Honor Appointed Grand Officers
- Mon., Feb. 21 - Waupun 144, 7:30 WGM / WGP Sojourn
- Tues., Feb. 22 - Oconomowoc (Oconomowoc - Hartland 13), 7:30 WGM and WGP Sojourn
 - Beloit (Phoenix 215), 7:30 Obligation Night
 - Wisconsin Rapids (Rainbow 87), 7:00 Master Mason Night
 - West Allis 172, 7:30 Acadia Guests, Chapter Birthday and collect non-perishable items for local food pantry
- Thurs., Feb. 24 - Mukwonago (LaBelle 40), 7:30 WGM / WGP Sojourn, Compass / Chapter Birthday
- Fri., Feb. 25 - Triwaukee PM Club Dinner
- Sat., Feb. 26 - Burlington 153, 100th Anniversary Party 11:30 A.M. Social Hour, Dinner 12:30, Program to follow
- Sun., Feb. 27 - World Day of Prayer
- Mon., Feb. 28 - Brookfield (Acadia 269), 7:30 Honor Carol Falkowski, Grand Esther
 - Tomah, Western Stars Club

March Calendar of Chapter Meetings

- Tues., Mar. 1 - Tomah 6, 7:30 Stated Meeting
 - La Crosse (Ruth 23), 7:30 - 50-Year Member Presentation
 - Milwaukee (Electa 75), 7:30 Honor Star Points
 - Eagle River (Eagle 218), 7:30 Honor Past Matrons/Patrons
- Wed., Mar. 2 - Whitefish Bay (Faith 286), 6:00 Dinner, WGM / WGP Sojourn, Compass Night - Special Entertainment
 - Madison (Starlite 283), 7:30 Welcome Back/Soup Night /Star Point Night
 - Chippewa Falls (Chippewa 112), 7:30 Chapter Birthday
- Thurs., Mar. 3 - Middleton (Melody 150), 7:30 WGM / WGP Sojourn
 - Argyle (Alpha 114), 6:00 Potluck, 'Catch - Up' Night
- Sat., Mar. 5 - New Richmond (Willow River 37), 9 a.m. NW Area Club
 - Stevens Point (Arbutus 52), 7:00 Initiation
- Mon., Mar. 7 - Sparta 18, 7:30 WGM / WGP Sojourn,
 - Kenosha (Pike 285), 7:30 Teddy Bear Night
- Tues., Mar. 8 - Wisconsin Rapids (Rainbow 87), 5:30 Chili Dinner, St. Patrick's Day

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New Members - The Ellsworth Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star initiated four new members at special ceremonies on December 7 at the Ellsworth Masonic Center. Pictured left to right are: Harold Christiansen, acting Worthy Patron, new members Ellen Sherry, Carol Helmer, Darryl and Dennis Donath and Jean Krauss, Worthy Matron of the Ellsworth Chapter. Other top officers who participated in the ceremony were Gary Waltz, Associate Patron and Vera Eaton, Associate Matron.
- Photo by Milt Helmer

A Message from the WGM & WGP

February: The waiting time, a quiet world when snow is all about,

No grass, now green, no singing birds, no warmth, with out a doubt.

It surely is the time between, with winter dreams to share,

A frosty mom, an evening cold, and snowflakes everywhere!

February sometimes lends a touch of springtime charms,

A bit of magic, gentle winds to catch with outstretched arms.

A time between, and yet so dear, bright hopes of Fall just past,

While looking forward to the Spring amidst the Winter's blast.

For February is a span; it tells of things to be,

A bridge, connecting Fall and Spring, we travel happily.

- From Garnett Ann Schultz

February brings us short, cold days, but we have Valentines Day to bring much love to brighten and warm our days. Electa teaches us an important lesson and we are reminded of it this month. Let us love one another and share our joy with each other.

February also continues our Heart Challenge months. Be good

to yourselves and exercise regularly. Join in the Heart Challenge and make an effort to make a difference.

We've returned from our cruise to the tropics and the break in the warm weather was very much needed and enjoyed. Our sojourns continue and we are having great fun visiting the Chapters throughout the state. Each visit is unique and all are a great pleasure and lots of fun. We are meeting so many wonderful members. We look forward to seeing all of you along the Star trail. When cold winds blow, the warm welcomes we receive from our Sisters and Brothers make the evenings pleasant and cheerful. Sometimes it is difficult to ward off the cold as we travel, but it is always easy to warm up to friendly greetings and good fellowship.

A hug and a kiss go a long way to relieve the weariness of the day's activities and open the evening to our meetings. Greet each other with a HUG and KISSES and we will all be the better for them.

- Karen S. Stauffer, Worthy Grand Matron and Nicholas W. Schultz, Worthy Grand Patron

Announcements

Grand Representative Appointments

- Bill Julian - Minnesota, Mabel Chapter • Ervella Waugh - Mississippi, Everett Chapter • John Lawrence - New Brunswick, Janesville Chapter
- Al Jenneman - New Hampshire, Ladysmith Chapter • David Schreier - Nova Scotia & PEI, Vega Chapter • David Beeman - San Paulo, Brazil, Kenosha Chapter • Sue Grosse - Scotland, Faith Chapter • Kay Beix - South Carolina, Burlington Chapter • Terry Fedje - Wyoming, Frederic Chapter • Virginia Christensen - Utah, Onalaska Chapter

New Members

Elizabeth Henkle and Amanda Herbst Parman, Oriental Chapter

50-Year Members

- Marie Gartman and Donald Rudolf, Oriental Chapter
- Kathleen Tomow, Fidelity Chapter

Chapter News

- Racine Chapter - Stated Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month. Recess during January and February.
- Aurora Chapter - Formerly of Hartford, will temporarily meet at the Sussex Masonic Center the second Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.
- West Bend Chapter consolidated with Ozaukee Chapter, Port Washington.

Grand Representative Parties

Pike Chapter cordially invites you to a Reception honoring **Doug Moorhouse, Grand Representative of Arkansas**, Saturday, March 12, 2005 at 2 p.m. to be held at Unity Masonic Center, 4320 Washington Road, Kenosha
Reservations, by March 1st to: Cheryl Budwick, 7847 - 49th Ave., Kenosha, WI 53142 - 4237 (262) 697-9364

West Allis and Wauwatosa Chapters cordially invite you to a Reception honoring **Sue Udhardt, Grand Representative of Washington**, Saturday, April 9 2 p.m. at the West Allis Masonic Temple, 7515 W. National Avenue
Reservations by March 30 to Jean Chadderdon, 5326 Mansfield Drive, Greendale, WI 53129 (414) 421-9624

Carol Falkowski Grand Esther

Hello all, I am really enjoying my year as Grand Esther. I enjoy traveling and meeting new friends the best. I hope I get the chance to travel and meet many more new friends before the year is finished.

I also enjoy the challenges of becoming proficient at all of our star work. The chapters that I had my officer visits with were wonderful and I truly thank them again for all the courtesies they extended to me to make me feel like "family." I look forward to seeing them all again soon.

My favorite Eastern Star charity is the ESTARL Fund. It is wonderful that we support those who choose ministry as part of their life. Without faith and those who lead and teach we would become lost and weak. I believe faith is our strongest basis for all things.

When my year is over I would like to continue to work in my chapter and for other chapters if need be, in the area of membership for without members our beautiful "Star" light will be extinguished. I know we all do not want to see that happen and it will take all of us to make sure it does not.

Star Love to all, Carol Falkowski

Sylvia Kuester Grand Martha

My years belonging to a fraternal organization started during high school. I joined Job's Daughters when I was old enough to belong. I served many offices and then as Honor Queen. I received an Honorary membership to Job's Daughters. As soon as I turned 18 I was initiated into the Order of Eastern Star at Knapp Chapter #230.

My first office was Martha. My mother, father, 2 sisters and one niece were all members of O.E.S. I served in the East in 1962 with my father before he passed away. After Knapp Chapter could no longer keep up its Charter I had moved to Chippewa and joined Chippewa Chapter #112 in 1978. My first office to hold in Chippewa Chapter was that of Martha. I have held many offices in my Chapter and have been Worthy Matron 4 times in Chippewa.

One of the most favorite things that I enjoyed most during my years in Chippewa Chapter was the style shows we had as our money making projects. The members did the modeling and I really enjoyed doing this.

In October 2002 I was honored to be a Grand Representative to Colorado in Wisconsin. I had the opportunity of going to Grand Junction for their Grand Session and met my counter-part. We hit it off well and we still keep in touch. This was a great experience presented to me by PGM Phyllis Eklov and PGP Harley Bennett.

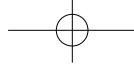
AGM Karen Stauffer and AGP Nicholas Schultz asked me to be part of the "Garden of Knowledge Grand Family for 2004-05 to serve as Martha. This is an opportunity of a life time to serve as an officer in the Grand Family. Everyone is so nice and helpful. I am just so glad that I could be part of this whole Grand Order. Thank you!

Sisters and Brothers

If you would like to have information about your chapter meetings, special events, 50-year members, new members or chatter about your chapter printed on this page; please send information for this page 45 days prior to publication date to:

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Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

(GM indicates that the Grand Master will be in attendance)

- January 2005**
- 26 Grand Master's Visit to Florida - Fort Myers Area. Wednesday event at Forest Country Club, 6100 Club Boulevard, SW, Fort Myers. RSVP at (239) 463-3361 to Bill Brown. (GM)
 - 29 Dist. 2 Area 4 School of Instruction, Menomonie Lodge, 9 a.m.
- February 2005**
- 1 District 2 Area 5 School of Instruction at Eau Claire Lodge No. 112, 7 p.m.
 - 2 District 2 Area 5 School of Instruction at Durand-Pepin Lodge No. 149, Durand, 7 p.m.
 - 3 District 11 Area 1 School of Instruction, Nathan Hale Lodge No. 350, Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
 - 5 "Of Ice & Men" Ice Fishing Tourney sponsored by Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge. To be held on Fowler Lake, next to the lodge in Oconomowoc. Fishing from 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Adults \$10, Children 15 and under \$5. Registration begins at 9:30. Please see ad in this issue for details.
 - 5 Wis. Masonic Journal Board Meeting via Teleconference
 - 5 District 8, Area 1 School of Instruction, 9 a.m., Crescent Valley Lodge No. 97
 - 5 District 9 School of Instruction, Milton Lodge, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Registration 8 a.m.
 - 5-6 Grand Lodge Full Staff Meeting, Holiday Inn, Wausau (GM)
 - 10 District 11 Area 5 School of Instruction at Washburn Lodge No. 145, Bristol, 7 p.m.
 - 12 District 3, Area 1 School of Instruction at Phillips Lodge No. 225, Phillips.
 - 13-16 North American Conference of Gr. Masters & Gr. Secs. (GM)
 - 19 Dist. 2, Area 2 School of Instruction, Rice Lake Lodge, 9 a.m.
 - 19 District 10, Area 4 School of Instruction at Laffin-St. James Lodge No. 247, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 - 19 District 8, Area 2 School of Instruction, 9 a.m., Prairie du Chien Lodge No. 8
 - 21 Valley of Milwaukee Scottish Rite, President's Day - George Washington Degree and Dinner.
 - 22 District 2, Area 1 School of Instruction at St. Croix Lodge No. 56, 7 p.m.
 - 24 District 2, Area 1 School of Instruction at New Richmond Lodge No. 195, 7 p.m.
 - 26 Joint Board Meetings - WI Masonic Home, Service & Assistance, Masonic Foundation and WMBAB, Dousman (GM)
 - 28 District 11, Area 4 School of Instruction at Jeremiah M. Rusk Lodge No. 259, 7 p.m.
 - 28 **Grand Lodge Public Awareness Program Deadline for Reimbursement Requests.**
- March 2005**
- 5 Dist. 8, Area 3 School of Instruction, Warren Lodge No. 4, 9 a.m.
- April 2005**
- 2 "Masonic Day-Light 2005" one-day degree conferral events in Eau Claire, Green Bay, Milwaukee and Madison.
 - 2 Scottish Rite, Valley of Madison, Spring Reunion
 - 4 District 6, Area 3 School of Instruction at Prairie View Lodge No. 95, 7 p.m.
 - 9 4th Grand Lodge-sponsored Leader Seminar - Further Light on Masonic Symbolism, Barneveld Lodge, Barneveld. Preregistration required.
 - 9 WI Grand Worthy Advisors Reception, Rainbow for Girls, Monroe
 - 9 Scottish Rite Valley of La Crosse degrees - 4th, 14th, 15th & 18th
 - 9 District 4, School of Instruction, Oconto Falls Lodge No. 293, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - 14 District 6, Area 1 School of Instruction at Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128, 7 p.m.
 - 15-16 Scottish Rite Valley of Madison Spring Reunion
 - 21 District 6, Area 2 School of Instruction, Manawa Lodge No. 82, 7 p.m.
 - 21-23 Scottish Rite Spring Reunion, Valley of Milwaukee

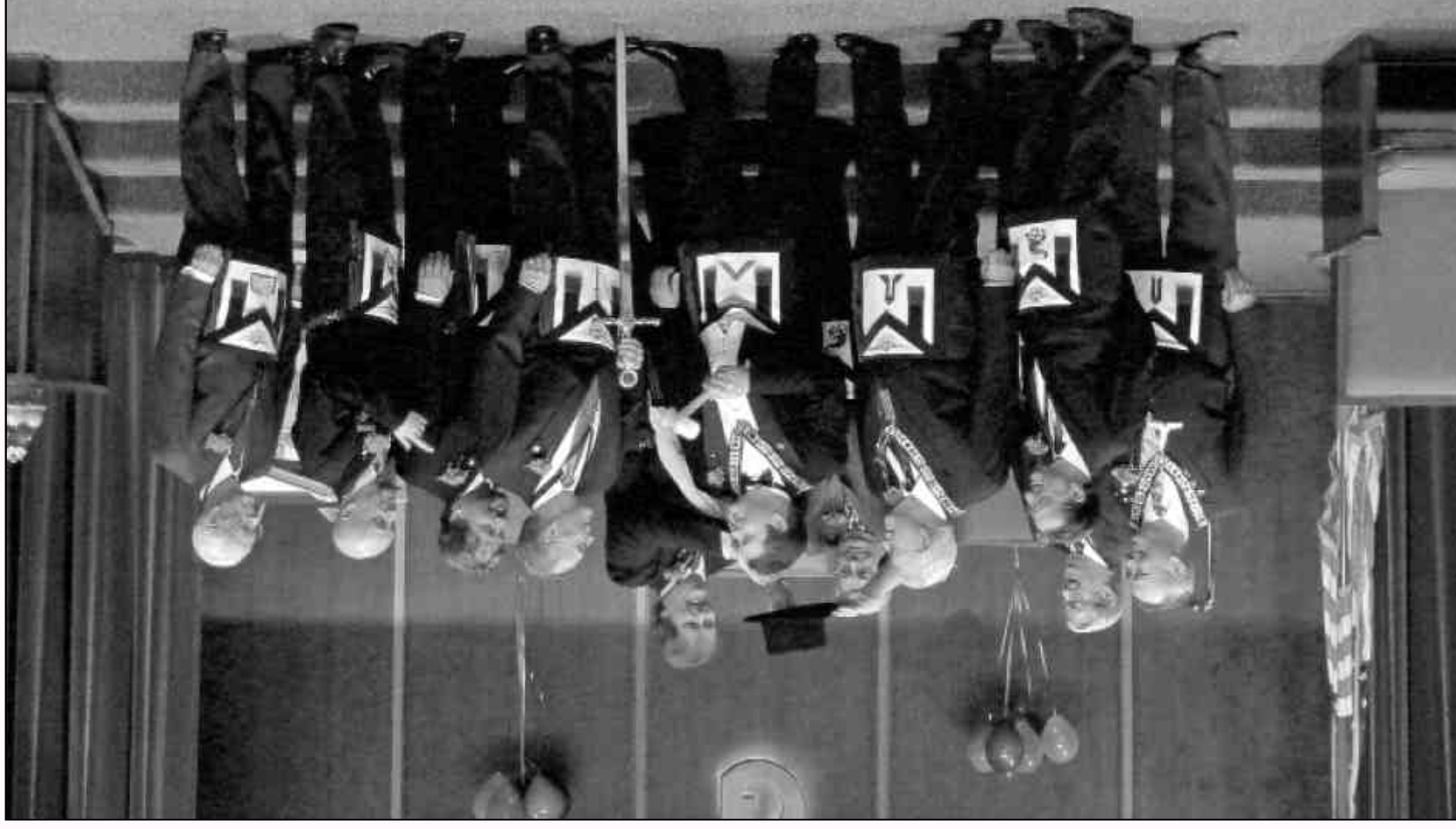


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To the amusement of his corps of officers, Brother Tim Kloss, newly installed Master of Henry L. Palmer Lodge in Wauwatosa, had a little help from Sr. Steward George Wright (with hat) and Senior Deacon Pat Cholka (with towel) wiping the last of the shaving cream from his hair after he was "pied" by four of his fellow Tripoli Shrine Clowns during Palmer Lodge's installation on January 7. Worshipful Master Kloss goes by the name of Yo-Yo when wearing his clown face. See story and pictures on pages 1 and 5.
-Photo by William Stonecipher