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Grand Lodge of Wisconsin F. & A. M. officers joined those of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M., Inc., in opening the 2006 combined Table Lodge held at the Prince Hall Grand Masonic Center in Milwaukee last March. This year's event will be held at Tripoli March 29. A registration coupon is printed on page 5. - WMJ File Photo

Event is Thursday, March 29 at Tripoli Shrine: 4th Annual Combined Table Lodge With Prince Hall Masons Planned

DOUSMAN – The date has been set for the fourth annual combined Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Free & Accepted Masons and The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Wisconsin, Inc., Table Lodge...“the” Table Lodge event of 2007, said Senior Grand Deacon Joe Harker, event coordinator.

Members of the two grand jurisdictions will join together in Masonic fellowship and celebrate Wisconsin Freemasonry together on Thursday, March 29, 2007, at Tripoli Shrine, 3000 West Wisconsin Avenue in Milwaukee.

Brother Rodney A. Paulsen, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin is pleased to announce the fourth of what has become an annual and much anticipated Table Lodge event between the two Masonic jurisdictions.

The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a fellowship period followed by the official opening ceremony at 6:45 p.m., according to

Grand Jr. Deacon Harker. The Ceremony of Seven Toasts (wine and non-alcoholic wine will be offered) and dinner will follow. Please bring your toasting cannons!

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

This event is open to all Masons that have received the Entered Apprentice Degree. Masonic dress for the evening is a business suit, aprons included.

Dinner will be served in buffet fashion, with the main dinner entrees being sliced beef and broasted chicken accompanied by a vegetable, dessert, and beverage.

The cost of this event is \$20.00 and must be submitted together with each individual name(s) and be postmarked no later than Saturday, March 17. Send reservations to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 53118. Make checks payable to the same.

Please use the clip & mail registration coupon on page 5. **wmj**

‘Operation Phone Home’ Cards Object of Virginia Paulsen’s Ladies Fund Appeal

DOUSMAN – Virginia Paulsen, wife of Grand Master Rodney Paulsen, launches her ladies fund raising appeal this month.

If you haven’t received your letter announcing Virginia’s Ladies Appeal as of yet, it is coming soon!

Mrs. Paulsen has elected to support the “Operation Phone Home” armed forces phone card distribution effort sponsored by the Masonic Service Association of North America, as the designated recipient of her winter fund raising appeal.

These phone cards, which are presented on behalf of America’s Freemasons through the Masonic Service Association, are distributed by the USO. The cost of each MSA Phone Home Card is just \$7 and is valid for 100 minutes.

Virginia’s appeal will not only focus on ladies, but also on lodges. Be sure that the letter to your lodge is read at an upcoming meeting.

One thing that makes it especially easy to support this appeal is that an individual contribution of just \$35 will buy 5 cards. This means that a lodge contribution of \$70 would purchase 10 cards.

Your generous contribution to this appeal offers a most cost-effective and highly practical way to show your support for America’s service men and women serving abroad.

As you can imagine, communication with family and friends back home is a precious gift for a soldier and these Phone Home Cards help make that possible.

If you are interested in supporting the Operation Phone Home card program, please make contributions payable to The Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, and forward to 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 53118.



A gift of \$35 dollars buys five “Operation Phone Home” calling cards for men and women serving in our armed forces.

The Grand Master’s Message:

By Brother Rodney A. Paulsen
Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin

My Brothers:

As I look at my Grand Master's pin, the Square and Compasses stand out as the flame of the Lamp of Knowledge. The inference is that one can find light or knowledge through Freemasonry. We are charged to seek light, more light, and further light as we pursue our Masonic journey.

Light or knowledge comes to each member through the ritual of the degrees and more specifically through the lectures and the charges. We know from our own personal experience that some knowledge is retained from that initial passage through a degree. But from whence comes this light or knowledge that we are so charged to so actively seek through our Masonic work?

The obvious answer to that question is to attend and observe additional degree work and, more so, to learn parts of the ritual and be actively a part of the presentation of a degree. Beyond the knowledge obtained, there is that feeling of success in having accomplished this task of learning and presenting a degree part; the Brotherhood experienced while learning and presenting the ritual, and the discipline attained through the learning process.

Knowledge is also acquired through reading. Tough as it may sound, there is a lot out there in the written word. Walk into any major bookstore and you find several books on Freemasonry or related topics. Go to your Lodge and check out the books closeted behind the glass doors of a cabinet. Ask the Secretary to open them and allow you to explore the knowledge contained between the covers of the books on those dusty shelves. And, if in the area, stop at the Grand Lodge Office in Dousman to explore the Masonic library located in the basement of the Grand Masonic Center. Many volumes of Masonic Knowledge await your interest and exploration. The books and journals shelved there reach from the early rituals to some of the more recent and popular books.

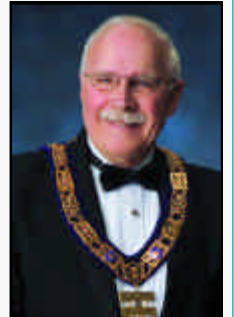
You say you are a non-reader? Knowledge still awaits you through the various appendant bodies. The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite provides twenty-nine steps or degrees into further light in Masonry. These degrees are generally presented over a period of time and can be worked in as they are scheduled. Each degree has a message to take you along that journey to light. There are Scottish Rite Valleys in Eau Claire, Green Bay, Madison and Milwaukee.

The York Rite Bodies also offer further insight into Masonry. They continue after the first three degrees conferred in the Blue Lodge through Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, Councils of Royal & Select Masters, and Commanderies of Knights Templar.

The Shrine also awaits those who are seeking a little different experience in Masonry. Beyond its central organization, the Shrine sponsors a number of special interest units and area clubs. There are Shrine Temples located in Green Bay (Beja), Madison (Zor) and Milwaukee (Tripoli). Another body is that of the Grotto which is located in Burlington.

Should your lady also like to become involved with you, there is the

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Rodney A. Paulsen,
Grand Master of Masons
in Wisconsin

First GM Reception is Feb. 24 in Pewaukee: Four area receptions to replace single Grand Master’s Testimonial

DOUSMAN – In a departure from the usual practice of having a single testimonial dinner this year, Grand Master Rodney A. Paulsen has asked that four Grand Master’s Receptions be held, one in each of the four quadrants of the state.

“I want to go out to the Craft and have an evening with them, closer to where they live rather than hold one big one,” said the Grand Master.

In making the announcement, The Grand Master explained that when one big testimonial is scheduled, it is attended mostly by brethren, their ladies and guests living near the location chosen.

Another key factor that influenced his decision to hold the smaller receptions was his desire to hold four smaller, less formal events where he can mingle with the brethren and have more one-on-one contact.

Dates selected for the four receptions are February 24 in southeast Wisconsin, March 24 in the northwest, May 19 for the northeast and May 20 for Masons in the southwestern part of the state.

The first of the four receptions for Grand Master Paulsen is scheduled for Saturday, February 24 and involves southeast Wisconsin Districts 10, 11 and 12. Organizing this reception is District 11 Deputy Jim Jante. He has reserved space at the Country Springs Hotel and Water Park, 2810 Golf Road in Pewaukee. This facility is best accessed from the Highway T exit on the north side of I-94.

The reception convenient to Masons in northwestern Wisconsin will be held on Saturday, March 24 at the Eau Claire Masonic Center. Handling reception details and reservations for this Grand Master’s reception is L. Arby Humphrey, District 1 Deputy.

For Masons in the northeast, District 4’s Marinette Lodge will host a Grand Master’s Recognition Breakfast on Saturday, May 19 at 8 a.m. The breakfast will be followed by a District 4 Spring Meeting at 9 a.m. and a District 4 Proficiency School at 10 a.m. District 4 Deputy Guy See **GM RECEPTIONS** on page 2

Third Leadership Seminar is Saturday, Feb. 17 at Dodgeville Lodge No. 119



Sr. Grand Warden made a point during the first Leadership Seminar held at Dousman Lodge.

DODGEVILLE – The third Leadership Training Seminar for this Masonic year will be held at Dodgeville Lodge No. 119 on Saturday, February 17. The subject will be how to use the various working tools in our “Lodge Toolbox” to aid present and future lodge leaders effectively guide the lodges over which they were elected or appointed to preside.

Sitting officers as well as future leaders will learn how the Masonic Code, Masonic Handbook, the Wisconsin Program, the Lodge Excellence Award, Friends Nights, the Ritual Cipher and other working tools available can be their rule and guide in operating a successful lodge.

Sign-in begins at 8:30 a.m. The seminar fee is just \$5 for early registration by Friday, February 9. The fee is \$15 afterwards or at the door. Checks are to be made out to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin and mailed to the Grand Lodge Office by the Feb. 9 deadline.

Please use the registration coupon printed on page 3. If a lodge wishes to send one check for its members who are attending, please include a complete listing of their names. A fourth and final seminar will be held May 5 at Waverly Lodge in Appleton. **wmj**

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE...from page 1

Order of the Amaranth, the Order of The Eastern Star, and groups within some of the major bodies.

If you have a military background, there is the National Sojourners with Chapters in Green Bay, Madison and Milwaukee.

The Order of DeMolay, the Order of Job's Daughters, and the Order of Rainbow for Girls provide an opportunity for those of you interested in working with youth and learning about Masonry through their activities.

What I am saying Brothers, is that the opportunity for light in Masonry is there, but it is up to you to take that first step to become involved. Each body has its own charity, its opportunities for Brotherhood, and the chance to experience leadership. Don't delay, get involved today!

If in doubt about how to contact representatives of one of these groups, call the Grand Lodge Office and they will provide a telephone number and/or address which will help illuminate your path to further knowledge in Masonry.

But, my Brothers, as you extend your Masonic knowledge, do not forget your Blue Lodge! This is where your journey in Masonry began and where you will continue to find that original source of Light and Brotherly Love that permeates all of Freemasonry.

Fraternally Yours,

Brother Rodney A. Paulsen, Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin



Southern Lakes 2007 Officers Installed by Grand Master Paulsen

It is not often that a sitting Grand Master is privileged to install the officers of his home lodge. Grand Master Rodney A. Paulsen (center) did just that on Saturday, January 13 in Delavan. Pictured left to right (front row) are Manny Ajura, Jr. Deacon; "Bud" Tweed, Sr. Deacon; Sr. Warden Bill Petkoff; Grand Master Paulsen; Mike Gonyer, Worshipful Master; Dave Brach, Jr. Warden; Bill Balisky, Tiler; and Andy Willett (yes, Andy is related to Stephen D. Willett, PGM). Second row: Jim Jante, District 11 Deputy, Installing Sr. Warden; Russ Krause, Secretary; Richard Vande Sande, Grand Treasurer, Installing Marshal; Bruce Swanson, Sr. Steward; John Marra, District 11 Area 3 Administrator, Installing Jr. Warden; and Tom Markham, Jr. Steward. These officers will open the 163rd Grand Lodge Annual Communication in June. Bagpiper Willett, dressed in his Scottish Highland regalia, piped in the Grand Master.

Wisconsin Masonic Charities On The Internet
Go to <www.wisc-freemasonry.org> and click on the Charities tab. You can contact the Masonic Charities via e-mail at <charities@wisc-freemasonry.org>. You may also phone the Wisconsin Masonic Charities Development Office toll-free in Wisconsin at (800)242-2307 or (262)965-2200 out-of-state.

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Gooding is handling registration details.

The fourth and final reception for Grand Master Paulsen will held on Sunday, May 20 in Shullsburg. District 8 Deputy Emmett Reilly is coordinating this event for Masons and their ladies in the central and southwestern part of the state. The evening reception and dinner will be held at Shullsburg's Wheel Inn.

GM Reception Details

• **February 24** – The Grand Master's Testimonial Dinner in the southeastern three districts will be held at Country Springs Hotel & Water Park on Saturday, Feb. 24. The Country Springs complex is located at 2810 Golf Rd. in Pewaukee. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. and the cost is \$25 per person. The registration deadline is February 17. Make checks payable to Burlington Masonic Lodge No. 28 and mail reservations to District Deputy James Jante, 29746 Plank Road, Burlington, WI 53105. A cash bar will be available starting at 6 in the banquet hall.

A block of rooms has been set aside for this event at a special

Masonic rate of \$99 per room. Each person is responsible to make their own reservations. Call 262-547-0201 or 800-247-6640 and mention the Masonic event on the 24th.

On the menu for this event will be a choice of Prime rib of Beef or Marinated Grilled Chicken Breast with a Mushroom Sauce.

Please indicate your choice of entree when submitting payment! If no choice is indicated the chicken breast will be the default choice. Dinner will include a Fresh Garden Salad, Butter Snow Peas with red bell peppers and baby carrots, Baked Idaho Potato, Rolls and Butter, a beverage (coffee, tea, milk or ice tea) and cake. Disc jockey music will be provided after dinner for your dancing pleasure.

• **March 24** – The Grand Master's Reception in northwest Wisconsin will be held on Saturday, March 24 at the Eau Claire Masonic Center, 616 Graham Avenue in Eau Claire. A combined "Districts" meeting with the Grand Master. Seminars/events for the ladies beginning at 2 p.m. are also planned. Dinner will be at 5 p.m. The cost will be \$20-25 per per-

son. District 1 Deputy Arby Humphrey (715) 364-2492 is the contact.

• **May 19** – District 4's Marinette Lodge No. 182 is hosting the Grand Master's Recognition Breakfast on Saturday at 8 a.m. It is being held in conjunction with the District 4 Spring Meeting at 9 a.m. and a District 4 Proficiency School at 10 a.m. District 4 Deputy Guy Gooding is handling registration. Registration details will be announced in a future issue.

• **May 20** – The Wheel Inn in Shullsburg is located on Hwy 11 there. A social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30. A program will follow. Dinner will cost \$15.00 per person, tax and gratuity included.

Reservations are to be sent directly to Emmett Reilly, 18648 Mineral Road, Shullsburg, WI 53586. He may be reached by phone at (608)965-4976 or (608)482-1238 or by e-mail at <ereilly@mhtc.net>. Please make reservations by May 10. The Wheel Inn is fully wheelchair accessible.

Plan on attending the reception nearest you. **umj**

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News of the Lodges

Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin



Madison No. 5 Installs Officers - New Meeting Format Adopted

Madison Lodge No. 5 installed its 2007 officers in the Mark Twain Library of the Madison Masonic Center in December. This installation is noteworthy for the large number of "new" Freemasons (those under two years, in parentheses) who are now officers. Pictured left to right, back row: Roger Lautz, PM, Trustee; Mike Kelly, Counselor (new); Jerry Roscoe, PM, Tiler; Jim Horsfall, PM, Chaplin; Ted Erickson, PM, Secretary; Dan Slavik, Installing Master; Greg Reetz, Treasurer; Richard Traylor, Installing Marshall; Dan Weiss, Senior Deacon (new); Joel Inden, Junior Deacon (new). Front row, left to right, sitting: Earl Brassington, oldest Past Master in Madison; Gerrit Marshall, PM, Junior Warden; Lamont Colucci, PM, Worshipful Master; Phil Van Styn, Senior Warden and Jay Nixon, Senior Steward (both new). Lodge 5 has adopted a new meeting format. Every second stated meeting of each month will be devoted to a particular theme and will take 95% of the allotted time of the meeting. It will be a format to encourage discussion, debate and the free exchange of ideas. They are also celebrating 10 years of "twinning" with Anglo-American Lodge in the United Kingdom. Their British counterparts will be arriving for a visit in May.

— Submitted by Lamont Colucci, Master. Photo by Joel Inden, Jr. Deacon



Ozaukee Lodge 2K7 Officers Installed

On January 14, 2007, at 3 p.m. in Ozaukee Masonic Lodge, Port Washington, new officers were installed in due form. Pictured in the front row: James Harris, SD; Allen Leeb, SW; Chris Wuehr, WM; Jasen Canfield, JW; Jerry Rasmussen, JD; Pat Blum, SS. Second row: Erwin Wuehr, Installing Master; Dave Tainter, Counselor; Kurtis Wuehr, Outgoing Master; Mark Flack, Installing JW; Neil Johnson, Treasurer. Back row: Pat Storrs, District 10 Deputy; Al Cottrell, Installing Marshal; Tom Abbott, Installing SW; Craig Heatwole, Sec; Pat Barber, Installing Chaplain; Lowell Tainter, Chaplain.

— Submitted by Bro. Erwin

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Notes From The Grand Lecturer

By Brother Ronald H. Glauert

Brotherly Aid – Not Charity

In the early days of the Roman Empire life was a very stable thing. People grew up in the houses in which they were born. Men married and brought his wife to live with him and when he died, his sons abided in the same place. Neighborhoods and families were also stable. The individual was not left to his own. He was surrounded by people always willing to lend him a hand.

But Rome with its mighty armies conquered other nations and large cities arose. Consequently the quiet neighborhood life was destroyed. Travel became easier and soon a man was a stranger in his own neighborhood. People hardly knew the other person living under the same roof. In the unequal struggle, men became morally bankrupt, and the constant strain undermined their health. It was for such causes that Rome ultimately fell.

It was in this situation that men began to create groups of men of the same trade, the object being to form a bond taking the place of the lost neighborhood ties, and in the course of time found these ties in charities, social life, friendship, etc.

It is clear that we men of today are living under the same conditions that brought those men together. Many of us live in towns and cities and almost all of us shuttle about from place to place and from condition to condition. We live in streets where our next door neighbor is a stranger to us, or in an apartment or tenement where we have no ties to others in the same building.

It is here where the Lodge comes in, for the Lodge from this present point of view is a substitute for the old-fashioned small community life where neighbor was so tied to neighbor that all needs were fulfilled.

In a Lodge a man need no longer be a stranger. He finds there other men who, like himself, are eager to establish friendships. In his fraternal circle is the warmth and security which a man needs if he is not to give in to the pressures of modern life. It is why men think of their lodge as their "Mother Lodge" and hold it with a deep regard that no profane (non-Mason) can ever understand.

It is in the Lodge where we can truly understand the meaning of what Brotherly Aid really is. When a worthy brother in distress is helped, it is not as a pauper (as in the cold fashion of public charity), but in the kind of help which one neighbor is always glad to lend to another. Masonic Charity is strong, kind, beautiful and tender, and not charity in a grudging sense of the word.

Masonry does not wait until a brother is in distress but at all times offers to him the affectionate arm of friendship without which life is cold and harsh. Friendship, fraternity and fellowship is the soul of Freemasonry of which charity is but one gesture with a thousand meanings.

Fraternally,
Ron Glauert, Grand Lecturer

Brethren, your comments or suggestions are always welcome. Contact Grand Lecturer Glauert by e-mail at <rglauert@aol.com> or by phone at 608-788-4953.

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Northwestern Lodge Contributes Youth Program Seed Money In Prescott

Above, Fred Benson, Secretary/Treasurer of Northwestern Lodge, is shown presenting a check for \$500 to Worshipful Master Matt Knott. Pictured left to right with their tickets are Northwestern Lodge brothers Dennis Donath, Don Eggers, Fred Benson, Matt Knott, Larry Fischer and Gary Melstrom.

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

Musical Concert to Benefit Ellen Walton Scholarship Fund is Feb. 17 in Janesville

JANESVILLE – Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Council of Royal & Select Masters of Wisconsin, Thomas J. Walton, and his lady Martha invite you to a night of "Musical Mayhem" presented by Hillestad & Harris.

The purpose of this evening of musical entertainment is to raise funds for the Ellen M. Walton Nursing Scholarship Fund, a designated fund in the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation family of funds.

The event will take place on February 17 at the Janesville Performing Arts Center (JPAC) which is located at 408 South Main Street in Janesville. The performance begins at 7 p.m. A reception will follow. Black tie optional.

Tickets are \$35 per person. A portion will be tax deductible. Tickets may be obtained at the JPAC or by phone at (608) 758-0297.

Ellen M. Walton was the first wife (29 years) of Brother Thomas J. Walton. She died in January 2001 of ovarian cancer. The Ellen M. Walton Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance to students specializing in gynecological medicine at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Gifts to the Ellen M. Walton Scholarship Fund of the Masonic Foundation of Wisconsin, a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation, are welcome.

Prescott Lodge Members Masons Aid Community Youth Rec Program

PRESCOTT – The Master Masons of Northwestern Lodge No. 105, Prescott, became the first to buy tickets to a fund raising party to benefit the Prescott Community Recreational Youth Program which was held on Saturday January 20, 2007, at The Bluffs in nearby Hager City.

The brothers, at their regular communication on Wednesday January 3, voted to give \$500 to help the program with equipment, field repair and upgrades.

It is the goal of this program to keep the kids moving in the right direction through organized activities. This fund raising event is planned to make this all possible.

The men's fraternal group believes strongly in the positive activities of the Prescott Community Recreational Youth Program and were proud to take the lead in this effort. *umj*

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Wautoma Masons Plan 6th Annual Car Show for Father's Day, June 17

WAUTOMA – The Wautoma Masonic Union presents its SIXTH annual Fathers Day Antique and Classic Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show. This year's show will again be held at Bird Creek Park in Wautoma on Fathers Day, which is Sunday, June 17, 2007.

There will be a \$2,000 Cash Raffle. First place is \$1,000; second place is \$400; third place is \$200; fourth place is \$100 and fifth thru tenth place are \$50 each.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or a book of 7 for \$5.00. The drawing is at 2 p.m. and you do not have to be present to win.

Show time is 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. If you have a classic automobile, truck or motorcycle that is 20 years old or older, antique car, truck or motorcycle that is 50 years or older, you are invited to participate.

For more information, please contact Ed Anderson at (920) 293-4305 or email <carshow@vbe.com> or Bill Schmitz (920) 566-4525 e-mail <Masons Car Show>.

GRAND MASTER'S 2007 TOUR DATES TO VISIT MASONS IN ARIZONA

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Kegonsa Lodge Officers Installed

Kegonsa Lodge No. 73 officers for 2007 are pictured above, left to right: John Haggeman Junior Steward; Howard Nelson Senior Deacon; Bob Barnett Junior Warden; John Mackenzie Worshipful Master; Bob Markham Senior Warden; Mike Lienau, Junior Deacon; Joe Mitchel Senior Steward; Don Diers, Chaplain. Not shown is Bill Steaffens Secretary. The installation took place at our regular meeting on December 5, 2006. The installation was closed by request of the incoming Worshipful Master. The installing officers were Worshipful Master Bill Kortte PM, Installing Marshal Herman Theiler PM and Chaplain Don Diers. The outgoing Worshipful Master, Mike Heitke, was presented with his Past Masters' Apron, Certificate and card by the incoming Worshipful Master.

The Gavel Locator

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

- District 1**
Blue Hills Lodge 234
- District 2**
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- District 3**
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- District 8**
Fennimore Lodge No. 219
- District 9**
Columbus Lodge No. 75
- District 10**
Berlin Lodge No. 38
- District 11**
Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12
- District 12**
Day Lite Lodge No. 358

Editor's Note: Please check with the Master of the lodge listed before scheduling a trip to claim your district's Traveling Gavel. It may already have been claimed by another lodge! Don't forget to complete your Traveling Gavel possession reports and send them on to the Grand Lodge Office for inclusion in your Wisconsin Masonic Journal. Thanks for your cooperation. Where's your gavel?

The third Leader Training Seminar is February 17 at Dodgeville Lodge No. 119.

Registration Fee is just \$5 by Feb. 9!

Help your lodge be all it can be!

Be there.



Whitewater Masons Install 2007 Officers

Installation of officers for 2007 at St. John's Lodge No. 57 took place on December 18, 2006. Pictured in front row, left to right, are Jason Mackey, Junior Deacon; Bill Cushman, Chaplain; Robert Herold, Senior Steward; and Dale Olson, Counselor. Second row: Keith Strait, Senior Warden; Jim Meadows, Tiler; Lawrence Crone, Worshipful Master; Lee Cushman, Junior Warden; and Gary Kiger, Secretary/Treasurer.

— Submitted by Bro. Larry Crone, WM

Glenn L. Humphrey & Dousman Lodges Share Installation Day

DOUSMAN – Glenn L. Humphrey Lodge No. 364 and Dousman Lodge No. 315 held a combined installation of their 2007 officers at The Masonic Village on the Square, Thursday, December 14, 2006.

Thank you to the following Installing Officers for an excellent job. Installing Master, Gary Beier, PM, Installing Marshal; James Fleming, PM, Installing Senior Warden; PGM William Day, Installing Junior Warden; Steve Jones, PM, Installing Chaplain; and Robert Jewel, PM.

Welcoming was done by Inviting Master, Gary Beier; Flag Presentation, Waukesha Commandry No. 23 KT; Bible Bearer was Kateyn Broemser; Organist was Rosalie Ruck. Thank you all for a wonderful job well done!

Before installation could begin, Gerald Beier, PM, father of Installing Master Gary Beier, presented him with the working Gavel, at which time a few father-and-son jokes were told to the audience and all had a good laugh. Things then got under way.

Elected and appointed officers seated in stations for Glenn L. Humphrey Lodge are: Worshipful Master, James Earle, PM; Senior Warden, Gerald Beier, PM; Junior Warden, Art Michelz; Secretary, Al Berg; Treasurer, Harry Baker; Chaplain, Wayne Koechler, PM; Senior Deacon, James Swanton; Junior Deacon, Clair Glines; Senior Steward, Oscar Kraft; Organist, Henry Hanson, PM; Counselor, Henry Pynakker, PM; Tiler, David Snyder; Trustee, Fred Barrington

Officers seated in stations for Dousman Lodge No. 315 are: Worshipful Master, Jon DeCaluwe, PM; Senior Warden, John Werner; Junior Warden, Roy Radtke; Secretary, Glenn Shong, PM; Treasurer, John Quaden, PM; Chaplain, Russ Hays; Senior Deacon, Trevor Earle; Junior Deacon, Donald Mericle; Senior Steward, Dan Waters; Junior Steward, Ron Kennedy; Organist, Henry Hanson, PM; Counselor, Henry Pynakker, PM; Tiler, James Earle PM; Trustee, Gerald Beier, PM; Trustee, Judge Michael Bohren, PM.

In Service to the Craft

By Grand Chaplain Ray D. Heilborn

About Prayers in Masonic Lodges...

My Brothers, we are beginning a new year for most of our lodges. We have elected new officers and, hopefully, have set up our programs for the coming year.

Writing to you as the Grand Chaplain, I am requesting you all to give careful consideration to our Masonic protocol during our Masonic services within the lodges.

I am aware of the fact that the vast majority of our members are participants in some denomination of the Christian faith and most of us in the Christian faith have been taught either by word or example to close our prayers by stating, "We ask these things in the name of Jesus" or a similar ending. I began serving as a United Methodist pastor in 1952 and became an ordained elder in 1959 and thus I am aware of how many times I have used such an ending of my prayers in worship services. I know that old habits are hard to break.

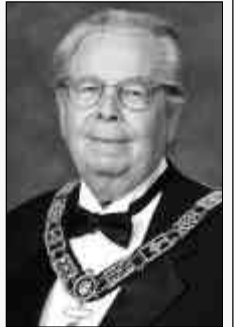
If you are participating in a Masonic service or meeting of any type, you are asked to refrain from that familiar ending simply because it does not apply to all Freemasons. If you read the CIPHER carefully, you will note that no prayers end in that manner, nor should they.

We are not a religious organization and thus we should not give any preference in any manner to any particular faith. Let us be fraternally aware of the fact that many of our Wisconsin Masons are Jewish, and a few may even be Muslim. Within the lodge we are all brothers! We need to recognize and honor each other's faith and beliefs. As the Grand Chaplain, I urge you to remain faithful to your own faith, whatever it may be.

There is a very good reason why the two subjects we are forbidden to discuss within the lodge are religion and politics. They are the two most divisive factors in our communication process and so to continue to promote peace and fraternal harmony within our brotherhood we are exhorted to avoid them.

My wish for you all is that you may have a successful, fruitful and happy year of service and fellowship within your lodges.

Grand Chaplain Ray Heilborn welcomes reader comments. He may be reached by e-mail at <dray@spacestar.net>.



Rev. Ray D. Heilborn
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Waukesha Masonic Lodge Installs 2007 Officers

Waukesha Masonic Lodge No. 37 held its installation of officers on Saturday, December 8, 2006. The new officers are as follows: John Krinke, Worshipful Master; Robert McQuillan, Senior Warden; Mark Fellman, Junior Warden; Lawrence Nines, Secretary/Treasurer; Eugene Johnson, Chaplain; Shane Beecraft, Senior Deacon; Brian Renzelman, Junior Deacon; Dale Hartung, Senior Steward; Richard Alexander, Tiler. In addition, outgoing Master Gary Ebert was elected Trustee. Built in 1905 and located at 317 South St. in downtown Waukesha, the Waukesha Masonic Lodge has been designated a local landmark by the Waukesha Landmarks Commission because of the building's architectural and historical significance. Tours are available by request.

— Submitted by Bro. Scott Cowan



La Crosse Masonic Lodges No. 190 Installs Officers

Brother Mark Raitzer was recently installed Worshipful Master of La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190 at an open installation. Shown with the new Master are left to right in the first row: Senior Deacon Todd Wolhert; Worshipful Master Mark Raitzer; Chaplain Hany "Red" Hiser; and Junior Deacon Bob Carlson. Center row: Senior Warden Keith Williams; Counselor Rich Gray; Junior Deacon Chet Knapton; and Junior Warden Dan Paar. Back row: Senior Steward Fred Cafe; Tiler Tom Knobloch; and Secretary/Treasurer Wes Denny.

— Submitted by Bro. Martin Callaway, La Crosse Masonic News Hawk



Chippewa Falls Lodge Announces New Officers

Chippewa Falls Lodge No. 176 installed its new slate of officers on December 19, 2006. Officers include: Worshipful Master, Robert Koepsel; Senior Warden, August Grunewald; Junior Warden, Don Ewald; Senior Deacon, Les Paulson; Junior Deacon, Nate Karnes; Secretary, Fred Roycraft; Treasurer, Richard Kemp; Stewards, Richard Finch and Daryl Moening; Chaplain, Wally Moucha; Tiler, Bill Berg; and Trustees Charles Wiltrout and Bill Berg. The Installing Officer was Dale Babbitt, assisted by Installing Marshal, District Deputy Bill Beecher. Pictured left to right in the front row are: A. Grunewald, R. Finch, Robert Koepsel, Bill Beecher, and N. Kaenes. Row two: D. Morning, L. Paulson, B. Berg, R. Fraziee, W. Moucha; F. Roycraft, and R. Kemp.

— Photos Submitted by Bro. Robert Koepsel, WM



Chippewa Falls Lodge Mason of the Year is Bro. Richard Kemp

CHIPPEWA FALLS — Richard Kemp has been named "Mason of the Year" by the members of Chippewa Falls Lodge No. 176, Chippewa Falls. Brother Kemp serves as the Lodge as Treasurer, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and edits the local lodge newsletter Brother Kemp has been very active in all facets of lodge work. Pictured above left to right are: Robert Koepsel, Worshipful Master; Richard Kemp, honoree; and Bill Beecher District Deputy.

On The Secretary's Desk

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

Question: When are you going to fix BLIS?

Answer: In June, with MORI: The Masonic Online Registry Interface

In June of 2006 Grand Master Paulsen charged me to review, investigate and develop a solution to the problem of what to do about updating the popular Blue Lodge Information System (BLIS) as well as the Grand Lodge Information Management System (GLIMS).

Unfortunately there is no practical or cost effective way to fix the BLIS and GLIMS programs. We have spent the last six months reviewing software used by other Grand Jurisdictions as well as our present and anticipated future software needs.

A recommendation was made to the Expenditures Committee that instead of fixing an old program, we authorize the Grand Master to enter into an agreement to move up to the next level and purchase MORI — The Masonic Online Registry Interface system — at a fraction of the cost involved in redoing the present BLIS and GLIMS programs.

MORI is a complete online application for use by Masonic Lodges, integrating Grand Lodge, Constituent Lodge, and fundraising functions into a unified system. MORI can help by eliminating errors, improve mailings, enforce the Code, and lower overall operating expenses.

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- **A Unified System** — MORI allows both Grand Lodge users and secretaries of Constituent Lodges to use the same system. Using one system greatly simplifies the management of the Grand Lodge by eliminating synchronization issues, letting the secretaries do the data entry, and simplifying end-of-year reconciliation.

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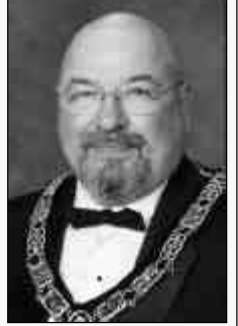
- **Cost Savings** — Overall expenses will be reduced by allowing secretaries to enter and manage their own information, by eliminating incorrect addresses from mailings, by eliminating paper and other non-automated forms, and by integrating fundraising.

For our Constituent Lodges the changeover will be seamless. The Grand Lodge office will be installing the new software in March of this year. Additionally, several lodges will be beta testing and the general release will begin in June of 2007 after the completion of the Annual Communication. Full training will be provided prior to lodges going live on the system.

Also, there is no cost to the lodge to use MORI and no special equipment. Users only need to have an internet connection so you may access your data from anywhere in the world. The Lodge Secretary or someone he designates as his assistant can manage their data on a secure connection quickly and efficiently. If you do not have an internet connection you can visit your local library to log on to the MORI system.

This is an exciting time to be a Lodge Secretary in Wisconsin. I truly believe that MORI will increase our efficiencies, and reduce the workload for a Secretary. With MORI any Secretary in Wisconsin can have real-time data at his fingertips. For the present time if you have questions on MORI please direct them to me at 1-800-686-0070 or by e-mail at <grandsecretarywi@charter.net>.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
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Youth In Masonry



Wisconsin DeMolay Royalty Graced the DeMolay Prom Held Dec. 16 at Racine Masonic Center. Prom King John Scott, Kenosha Chapter, and Prom Queen Kalina Hill, Kenosha Chapter Sweetheart, are at center.

2006 DeMolay Prom Held at Racine Masonic Center

RACINE – On an overcast and misting Saturday December 16, 2006, approximately 80 young people from the three Masonic youth groups, along with their dates, attended the DeMolay Prom at the Racine Masonic Center. This year's theme was, "A Night on the Red Carpet." Co-chairpersons were Deputy State Master Councilor Rob Clifton and DeMolay State Sweetheart Debbie Oakes.

Music for the evening was supplied by a DJ and ranged from Swing to Country and included current tunes. As always the ever popular "Time Warp" was played. The only breaks in the music were for a humorous video that the State Officers starred in and for the DeMolay Prayer at 9

p.m., the 9 o'clock Interpolation. This prayer is for the fathers and mothers of the world. The second break was for the introduction of the King and Queen of the prom. The voting for the King and Queen was held that evening by those in attendance. The King was John Scott of Kenosha Chapter who is also the State Senior Deacon. The Queen was Kalina Hill, Kenosha Chapter Sweetheart.

A charity dance was also held. Bids were placed on the State Officers including the State Sweetheart. The person with the winning bid won one dance with the person they bid on. The real winner of this dance was the Special Olympics. A total of \$117 was raised from this dance and Wisconsin DeMolay will donate this

money to the Special Olympics as part of our Polar Plunge pledges.

Refreshments were provided by Wisconsin DeMolay. Judging by the continuously crowded dance floor and most partners staying until the very end, the 2006 DeMolay Prom can be called a huge success.

Wisconsin DeMolay wants to thank everyone who attended the prom for their support. We hope that they will tell everyone in their Chapters, Bethels and Assemblies who did not have a chance to attend this year's event what a good time they missed.

The 2007 DeMolay Prom will be held on Saturday December 15th at Tripoli Shrine in Milwaukee. Please mark your calendars.



Ringling DeMolay Visits House On The Rock

On December 3 members of Ringling Brother's Chapter of DeMolay, Reedsburg, were treated to an outing to the House on the Rock in Spring Green, a treat from their Committee Chairman. The outing was to celebrate the boys' hard work in learning their ritual. They enjoyed the exhibits even though the weather was really cold. Pictured from left to right in the first row are: Eric Ott, Senior Councilor; Roger Chase, Committee Chair; Robert Ott, Ambassador; Jodi Ott, Chapter Advisor. In back are Jamie Hooker, Junior Councilor, and Ryan Ott, Master Councilor. – Submitted by Bro. Robert Ott

Send Youth Page Submissions To:

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West Bend DeMolay Chapter Installs 2007 Officers

An installation ceremony conducted in conjunction with West Bend Lodge No. 138 brought several DeMolay and Job's Daughters state leaders to West Bend on Sunday, January 7. The new West Bend Chapter officers are flanked by Debbie Oakes, State DeMolay Sweetheart and Kate Clifford, West Bend Chapter Sweetheart. DeMolay officers are (from the left) Stephen Campbell, Sr. Deacon; James Ericksen, Sr. Councilor; Samuel Storrs, Master Councilor; Nathaniel Stephenson, Sr. Steward; and Matt Mattson, Chaplain. Installing Officers pictured in the second row are: Robert Clifton, Sr. Councilor; John Scott, Sr. Deacon; A.J. Storrs, State DeMolay Chaplain, Installing Officer; Matt Beemsterboer, Marshal; Ryan Hill, State Scribe, Jr. Councilor; and Chris Hansen, Installing Chaplain. Except for A.J. Storrs, who is a member of West Bend, and Chris Hansen, who is a member of Racine Chapter, the others are members of Kenosha Chapter. Members of the West Bend DeMolay Advisory Council are J. Patrick and Nancy Storrs, Rick Mattson, Craig Campbell, Randy Reysen and Jim Myrhum. West Bend DeMolay is in its second year of activity after being formed in 2005. Eighteen young men, ages 12-21, are members of West Bend DeMolay. There are presently six chartered active chapters and two working under "Letters Temporary"; West Bend and Harry Houdini Chapter in Appleton. There are presently 175 DeMolay members statewide. A DeMolay open house was held at West Bend Chapter on Monday, January 29.



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2007 Corps of Officers for Lincoln Lodge

Installation of new Lincoln Lodge officers was Saturday, December 9, 2006. Pictured left to right front row are Pat Stors, installing musician; Vincent Schneider, new trustee; Larry Wegner, Junior Warden and new trustee; Wayne Billings; Worshipful Master; Kelvin Spain, Treasurer; William Winkler, Senior Steward; Craig Campbell, a member of Lincoln Lodge and Junior Grand Warden. In the back row: Richard Held, Tiler; Michael Allen, Installing Master; Terence Tracy, Senior Deacon; and Roger Wetterau, Secretary. Other officers not pictured include Dan Stujenske, Senior Warden; and Mike Dickerson, Junior Deacon. Members of West Bend DeMolay, presented the Bible and also the American flag. The hat Wayne Billings, W.M. is wearing is the hat his father wore in another Masonic Lodge when he was Master. Ceremonies took place at Ashlar Masonic Lodge in Sussex,.

– Craig Billings Photo



Tri County Daylight 2K7 Officers

An open installation of the 2007 officers of Tri County Daylight Lodge No. 218 in Crivitz was held on Wednesday, December 13, 2006. The officers were installed by Installing Master Charles Fick and Installing Marshal John Moe. They were assisted by Installing Chaplain Dr. Doug Morrison and Installing Organist Carol Fick. The ritual opening and ceremony were followed by a lunch prepared by members of Trillium Chapter, Order of Eastern Star and served in the lodge dining room. We are pleased to report that this lodge and this team of officers, usually dark and inactive during the months of January and February, recently approved multiple petitions and will be conferring three Entered Apprentice Degrees during January. Officers pictured from left to right in the front row are: Robert Buetow, Treasurer; Fred Eggert, Chaplain; Duane Swanson, Senior Warden; Richard Zahorik, Worshipful Master; Jerry Swanson, Junior Warden; Dr. Doug Morrison, Secretary and Charles Fick, Senior Deacon. In the second row: Robert Draeger, Senior Steward; Tom Roberson, Junior Deacon; John Moe, Counselor; Robert Jandt, Junior Steward; and Walter Schlenvogt, Tiler.



Fort Winnebago Lodge 2007 Officers

Ft. Winnebago Lodge No. 33, Portage, held an open installation of its 2007 Officers on December 19, 2006. Pictured left to right are: Jeff Little, Junior Deacon; Tyson Swan, Junior Warden; Walter VanEpps, Organist; Bradford Macfarlane, Master; James Swan, Sr., Secretary; James Salzwedel, Senior Warden; Harold Carpenter, Chaplain; Brain Kelley, Senior Deacon; Art Swan, Tiler; and Michael, Trustee.

– Submitted by Sec. James Swan, Sr.



Eau Claire Masons Visit Barron Lodge No. 220

Members of Eau Claire Lodge No. 112 traveled to Barron Lodge with Bro. George Money, a former member of Barron Lodge. Five members of Lodge 112 joined with Bro. Money and had an enjoyable evening with the brethren from Barron. We all joined in the presentation of a new American flag given on behalf of the late Bro. Paul Williams, 33rd Degree. Worshipful Master Boyd McEwen removed the old flag and installed the new assisted by Bro. Sec. Larry Hoyer. After the regular business was held, lodge was closed and we all adjourned to the dining room for a delicious lunch served by the brethren from Barron. Much conversation and camaraderie was held and the visiting brethren from Eau Claire returned home safely. Pictured from left to right in the third row are: Ken McDonald, WM Boyd McEwen, and Larry Hoyer. Center row: Charles White, Mike McCracken, Arlie Borgen, Wayne Matthys; Raymond Olson, and Richard Masek. Front row: Douglas Lundholm, Mike Epsom, George Money, Harley Hogstrom, Milton Dennis, Richard Hazelton. Missing from the photo is the picture taker, Charles Nelson.

– Submitted by Masonic News Hawk Doug Lundholm



Onalaska's 2007 Officers

The installation of officers for Onalaska Lodge No. 214 took place on December 9, 2006. Installing Officer was Martin Callaway, PM, Lacrosse Masonic Lodge No. 190. Pictured front row left to right: Sr. Warden Troy Freng; Worshipful Master Richard Matl; Jr. Warden Roger Christenson. Second row: Sec./Treas. Harold Jones; Jr. Steward James Nelson; Sr. Steward Roy Marcus. Third row: Tiler Leroy Hougom; Chaplain Wesley Hurlburt. Sr. Deacon Merlin Huber and Jr. Deacon Chris Peterson were unable to attend.

– Submitted by Roy Marcus, Onalaska Sr. Steward

Excelsior Lodge awards tool grants to 25 first-year trade apprentices

By Bro. Art McGlothlin

Excelsior Tool Grant Program

MILWAUKEE – Excelsior Lodge No. 175 for the seventh year presented tool grants to first-year apprentices in the operative skilled trades apprenticeship programs.

Apprentices in trades such as bricklayers, carpenters, cement masons, electricians, iron workers, painters, plumbers, sheet metal workers, steamfitters, operating engineers, roofers, laborers, sprinkler fitters, heat & frost insulators, and glaziers were represented.

This year twenty-five \$100 grants were presented at Lake Masonic Center on Monday evening, December 4, 2006, at 7 p.m. to first-year apprentices from these programs. The Excelsior tool grant program began in 1999 with 16 grants.

The selection of tool grant recipients is based on attendance, job performance, and scholastic achievement. Serious consideration was given to those apprentices showing marked improvement over their first year. All first-year apprentices in these programs are considered.

Recipients and their guests, Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee members and their guests, and union officials and their guests attended the awards program.

Tool grant recipients and their trade are as follows: Ted Castro, Bricklayer; Leonard Pawlak, Carpenter; Ahmad Salaam, Carpenter; Mauricio de la O-Ochoa, Cement Mason; Brian Rich, Construction Sheet Metal Worker; Joe Paul, Dry-wall Finisher; Darryl Schaefer, Electrician; Daniel Flaherty, Electrician; Steven Jodat, Residential Wireman; Matthew Szucs, Pile Driver; Wesley Rohan, Glazier; David Patterson, Heat & Frost Insulator; Jesse Hephner, Iron Worker; Stephen Cosby, Laborer; Chad Bindrich, Millwright; Mamadou Sow, Operating Engineer; Josh Weber, Painter; Von Derrick Kennedy, Cement Mason; Jamie McKay, Plumber; Tina Lupiezowiec, Refrigeration/Service Fitter; Jose Garcia, Roofer; Andrew Kerlin, Environmental Service Technician; Chris Williams, Sprinkler Fitter; Gregory Wargolet, Steamfitter; and Josh Przybylski, Tile Setter.

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Did You Know?

Are the Tracing Board and the Trestle Board Masonically the same?

No. The tracing-board bears upon it representations of the several symbols of one or all the degrees; the trestle board is that drawing board, supported upon a trestle, on which, anciently, the Master Builder drew his designs. In early lodges Masonic symbols were drawn upon the earth or floor with charcoal or chalk; these were erased when the meeting was over.

Later, such symbols were presented upon a permanent surface and became the Master's Carpet, and today in many lodges are to be seen upon oilcloth or canvas, pointed out by a Deacon during the delivery of the lecture. Trestle board appeared at least two hundred years ago, mentioned in Prichard's Masonry Dissected, (an) early expose of Masonic ritual. Mackey considers that the Volume of the Sacred Law is the trestle board of modern Masons.

(Source: "MSA Digest 101 Questions About Freemasonry")

Education As The Key To Tolerance

Traditionally, throughout its long history, symbolic and philosophical Freemasonry has taken a leading role in the promotion of learning and education. From its early beginnings, in the 17th and 18th centuries in England and Scotland, Masons were among the founders of learned academies, such as the Royal Society. Numberless Masons have been active in education at every level from grammar school through university.

Freemasons have been leading educators in Latin America and many other countries. To give just one example, Domingo Faustino Sarmiento, who was a leading Argentinean educational reformer, and later President of his country, was also an active Mason who became Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite in Argentina. All his

writings and actions are infused with Masonic philosophy.

In Chile, Mexico and elsewhere, Masonry has played a vital role in introducing nonsectarian, universal and free education at the elementary and secondary school levels. In Chile, numerous individual lodges have organized and managed dozens of private schools that provide high-quality free education to the poor.

An interesting development in the past century has been the appearance of Masonic-supported universities, such as the Free University of Brussels, and the recently-founded La Republica University in Santiago, Chile, created and run by Freemasons. Its name comes from Club de la Republica, as the Grand Lodge of Chile headquarters are known.

Other Masonic-sponsored universities have been founded or are in the process of being established in various other countries. In the United States, I can mention Girard College, founded by Bro. Stephen Girard, and Hamilton College, founded by Bro. Samuel Kirkland. I'm sure there are others.

An educated man learns to appreciate the wide range of opinions on any subject. Freemasonry, in addition, allows men of many different professions and backgrounds to meet together in a spirit of cooperation and understanding.

This brings me to the issue of education within the Lodge. All our wonderful principles and ideals are worthless, unless they are actually inculcated in the minds of each Mason. Why are our fundamental principles designated as landmarks? Because they are signposts, they point the way—they are not constraining walls, not anchors, but compasses. Freemasonry is not restricted to what goes on within the Lodge room. It has to become a way of life in order for the initiate to become a true and full-fledged Mason.

(Source: "Masonic Symbols and Signposts" by Leon Zeldis - Pg. 163-64)

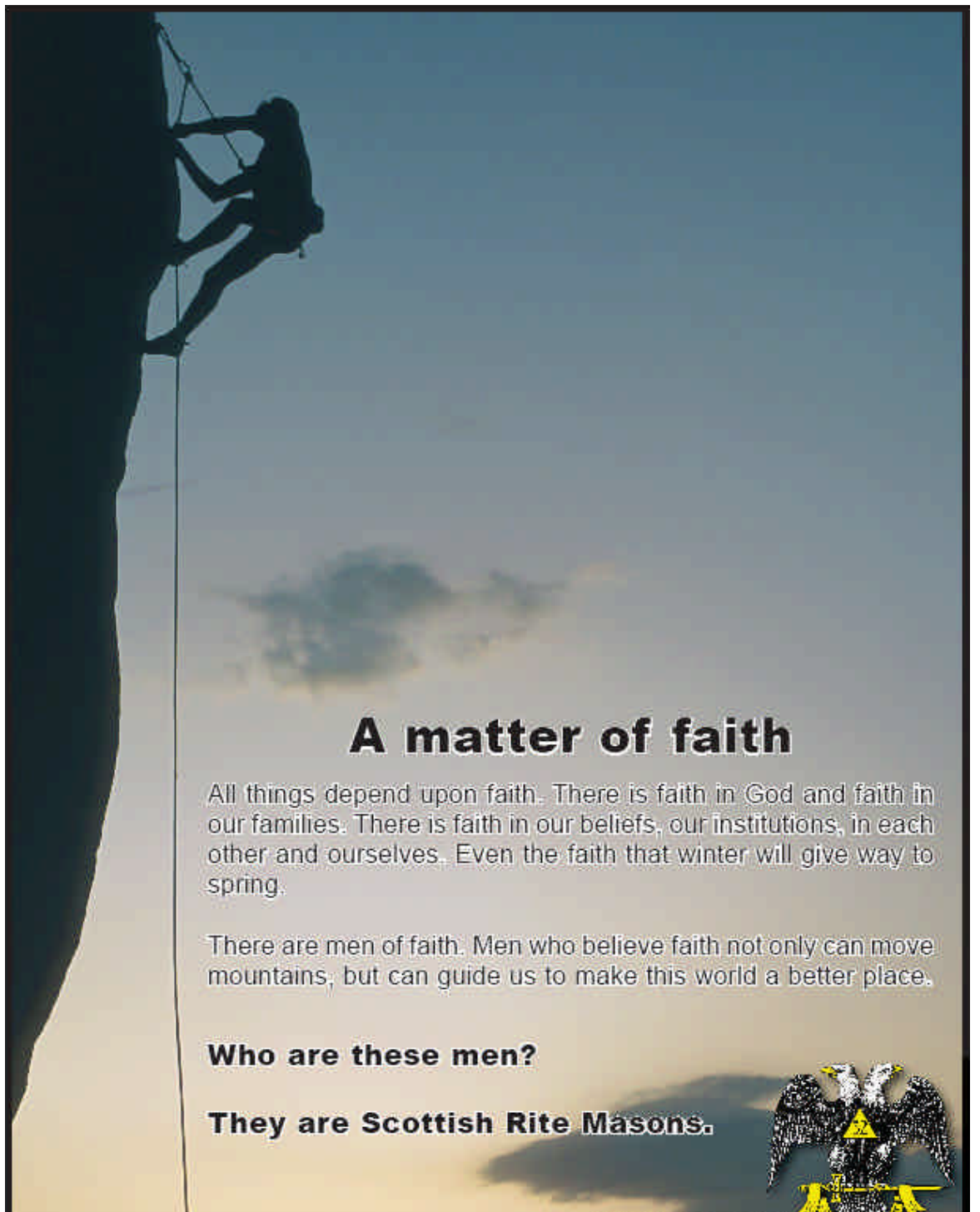
News of the Lodges

Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin



Installation of Island City Masonic Lodge No. 330

Pictured in the front row, left to right are: Past Master Arden Mikich (Installing Marshall); Past Grand Master George Wallinger (1986) (Installing Master); Worshipful Master Albert Jurgens III; and Junior Warden Robert Eckert. Center row: Senior Warden Jon Mundy; Tiler Ron Lohse; Senior Deacon Steve Burcaw; and Secretary/Treasurer Donal Otto. Back Row: Junior Steward Darrell Tamow; Junior Deacon Robert Latzel; Chaplin Richard Rhyner and Senior Steward John Kivi. This marks the third time that Worshipful Master Jurgens has served Island City Lodge in that capacity. Also in attendance were several Job's Daughters from Bethel 29, Rhinelander. Renee Simon, Sr. Princess; Jonelle Philbrick, Past Honored Queen; and Marcee Liebscher, Grand Bethel Jr. Princess.



A matter of faith

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Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843

A Paper From The Archives of Wisconsin's Official Lodge of Masonic Research
"Why By The Square?" By Brother Silas H. Shepherd

Editor's Note: the first installment of this three-part series dealt primarily with the history of the square as a tool and its uses by operative masons, and its symbolic use by speculative masons authored by Brother Silas H. Shepherd. This paper appeared on pages 48-55 of Volume 4 of the 1987 Annual Transactions of the Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843.

- Part 2 of 3 -

Why By The Square? By Bro. Silas H. Shepherd

The Square may be considered historically, geometrically and Masonically or philosophically with the thought that it is its latter application we are particularly interested in.

A parallelogram having four equal sides and four right angles, the circle and the equilateral triangle are the basic geometric figures. They antedate recorded history. The square is so intimately associated with the circle in both its physical and moral application that our thought cannot dwell upon the one for any length of time without considering the other.

One of the most common and perhaps the most ancient method of producing a perfect right angle was by first drawing a circle, then bisecting it and from any point on the radius drawing two lines to the points A and B. The angle C will always be a right angle. This is said to have been one of the secrets of the operative masons.

Wherever mankind developed agriculture or architecture, they necessarily developed geometry to measure the land and to construct their buildings. The creation of temples for worship was one of the first occupations of mankind after they had derived some leisure from the necessary maintenance of life.

It seems very probable that they associated the moral virtues with the tools they used in building those temples as a natural consequence of the zeal and devotion which actuated them.

We find that the use of the Square as an instrument to prove right angles is the visible instrument of a law of nature. The two great laws of centrifugal and centripetal force are represented in the level, and the plumb, which joined, form the square.

Centrifugal & Centripetal Force: Striking a Balance

The application of the plumb, square and level to the temporal building is to make the building conform to these laws of nature. Nature moves in circles and around a center. The angle is the degrees of divergence of two radii from a common center. In the right angle we have a balanced divergence which brings to an equilibrium the centrifugal and centripetal forces.

Hence we may find the physical application of the square is of more fundamental importance than would be seen by a superficial glance. We also find it has most important relationship to the circle, the point and to the radiations from that central point. Thus we find the square used

physically to assist us in building according to the lines of resistance in centrifugal and centripetal force in the motion of the earth.

The point within a circle is emblematical of these forces which are dependent of the center. The English Lodges are opened on the Center. It is from this center, either physical or symbolical that we start the radii which form the angle of 90 degrees.

The base and altitude of this square may also be considered as the Level and the Plumb, both physically and morally. The Level represents the centrifugal force or line which any object would follow if this force was not counteracted. The Plumb represents the force of gravity.

The Level

In the application of their use to moral and Masonic principles we find equally certain laws of morality which they represent. The Level teaches Equality, Brotherly love, our duty to our fellowman.

Do we fully comprehend the importance of this duty? Do we realize the full Masonic meaning of Brotherly? Are we quite sure that we consider the whole human species as one family?

Until we have this basic Masonic tenet skillfully adjusted into our Temple of Character, we have failed to use the Level as we were taught.

The Plumb

The Plumb teaches rectitude of conduct or our duty to God. The most important duty we owe God is to follow the laws of His Universe, which we may find continually symbolized by the point within the circle.

The two lines forming the base and altitude of the square have represented to us our duty to God and to our fellowman.

These duties necessarily include our duty to ourselves and hence we find that agreeable to the laws of nature and man's application of the square, or an angle of 90 degrees, to certain physical and moral details, he will be unable to find in any textbook on geometry, architecture or ethics a principle which is as far reaching and important as the application of the square.

Continue this geometrical symbolism to the circle, the equilateral triangle and all the dependent figures you may wish. The forty-seventh problem of Euclid is but a further extension of the use of the same basic principles.

The Square has yet higher and more recondite meaning, but the possibility of building character with its use is only limited to the power of the human mind to delve in philosophical speculation.

The high ideals which are sure to be the result of such speculation cannot fail to be reflected in actions.

Addenda

"The signs were invented with a view to the rules of geometry. The square, considered as a working tool, a jewel, or light, is of importance in both operative and speculative

Masonry.

"The stones of the temple were tried and proved by our instrument called the square; and living stones must be tried and proved by eternal and immutable principles. The square is defined to be an angle of ninety degrees, or the fourth part of a circle. It is a perfect figure, found within the circle, and drawn from a perfect center. In being then tried by the square, we are admonished that human conduct must be tried by those perfect rules and principles which have emanated from God; and hence we may reasonably infer that the square was adopted as a great light, and the place where it shines was selected mainly on the ground that the rules and principles of morality and religion are revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

"Masons cannot part on the square without meeting together on the central point from which the square is drawn. When we meet upon that point, as a band of brothers, we retire necessarily on the square, which is indicative of that 'nice adjustment of feelings which can only be preserved by a constant application of the square of morality.'

"We should not only meet and part upon the square, but are solemnly obligated to stop and act upon the square — to give ordinary and extraordinary signs by and upon the square — to communicate with each other, by letters and syllables, by signs or grips, by words or sentences, upon the square — and in advancing from one degree to another, in being initiated, passed and raised, all light and knowledge are imparted upon the square. He that would smooth himself into perfect square posture, should often try himself by the perfect square of justice and equity." — *The Keystone of the Masonic Arch* by Chas. Scott - 1856.

(Note—The perfect sincerity of one right line to another, forming an angle, is as the line of that angle, the line of duty being the radius. An acute angle is an imperfect sincerity. An obtuse angle is an injustice. Join sincerity perfectly to any duty and it forms justice, and is equal to an angle of 90 degrees.)

"Towards an eternal centre of fight and nobleness, and of that only, is all this confusion tending. Through all the doubts and uncertainties, the trials and triumphs, the clouds and sunshine of the circle of human life, there is only one point we can with certainty rely on, there is only one centre that can give us the right angle by which to live and

work together.
 "Amid all the mystery of sin, misery and pain, the red riot of war and the thousand forms of evil around us, the one consoling faith is, that in the centre of this incomprehensible universe

there beats the living, loving heart of an Almighty Father, who will place in His eternal Temple all that is true and square, and Who out of this dark material chaos shall yet evolve a glorious spiritual cosmos."

— *Past and Present* by Thos. Carlyle.

To be continued next month

Amicitia, Benton Lodges Honor Members



60 Year Members Beck & Black Honored – Bob Thompson Receives Masonic Service Award

On December 16 Amicitia Lodge No. 25 and Benton Lodge No. 268 held a combined awards night in Shullsburg. The picture at right shows Bro. Robert Robbins (standing at right) presenting Brother Bob Thompson (in chair) with his Masonic Service Award. Brother Bob was an Area Administrator, District Deputy, and Secretary-Treasurer of Benton Lodge. Behind Brother Bob is his son, Bro. Joe Thompson. The second picture shows Bro. Thompson (center), Brother Rollin Beck (on the left) and Brother Tom Black (right) with their 60-year certificates and their 60 year pins. Also, Francis



Benton's Bob Thompson (seated) receives his Masonic Service Award December 16.

Temperly was presented the Mason of the Year award for 2005 and Brother Greg Roelli was presented the Mason of the Year for 2006.

— Submitted by Bro. Kenneth Leitzinger, Secretary

2007 Amicitia & Benton Lodge Officers



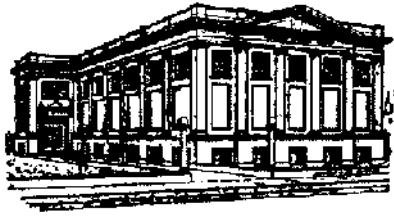
Amicitia & Benton Hold Joint Installation

On December 18, 2006, Amicitia lodge No. 25 and Benton Lodge No 268 held joint installation with PGM Larry Meyers as installing Master and District 8 Deputy Emmett Reilly as Installing Marshal. Pictured above are Amicitia Lodge officers as follows left to right: Kenneth Leitzinger, Sec.; Scott Pedley, Past Master; Steve Leitzinger, Senior Warden; John Roelli, Worshipful Master; Emmett Reilly, Tiler; Alex Roelli, Junior Warden; Jarrett Cook, Senior Deacon; Greg Roelli, Junior Deacon and PGM Larry Meyers.



Benton Lodge Officers

Benton Lodge No. 268 Officers are as follows left to right: Joe Thompson, Junior Warden; Al Dellabella, Past Master; Robert Robbins, Worshipful Master; Scott Pedlay, Senior Deacon; Bob Lewis, Secretary; Kevin Germaine, Senior Warden; Jim Reilly, Chaplain; Harold Beald, Treasurer; Emmett Reilly, Tiler and PGM Larry Meyers. — Submitted by Bro. Kenneth Leitzinger, Secretary



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1st Wed. only in July & August

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Dark July & August

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Dark July, August

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Cecil

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Dark January & February

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Chippewa Falls

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Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

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Columbus Lodge No. 75
318 N. Ludington St. • 920-623-3705 (Sec)
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Crandon Lodge No. 287
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Tri-County Daylite Lodge No. 218
918 Louisa St. • 715-854-3088
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Darlington

Evening Star Lodge No. 64
433 Wells St. • 608-776-4213 (Sec)
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Dark July & August

Delavan

Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12
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Dark July & August

Dodgeville

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200 W. Chapel St. • 608-935-3548
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Dousman

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214 Main St. • 262-593-2647 (Sec)
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Dark July & August

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Eau Claire

Eau Claire Lodge No. 112
616 Graham Ave. • 715-824-4275 (Sec.)
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Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

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Dark June - August

Green Bay

Des Peres Lodge No. 85
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Green Bay

Washington Lodge No. 21
525 N. Taylor St. • 920-494-5205
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Dark July & August

Hartford

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

Hayward

Keystone Lodge No. 263
511 N. Iowa Ave. • 715-634-4715
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Hudson

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

Janesville

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

Jefferson

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

Kenosha

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

Kenosha

Sunrise Lodge No. 359
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Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 9:30 a.m.
Dark July & August

Kenosha

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

La Crosse

Frontier Lodge No. 45
118 S. 8th St. • 608-782-1616
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

La Crosse

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

Ladysmith

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

Lake Geneva

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

Linden

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

Lodi

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

Lone Rock

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

Madison

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

Madison

Doric Lodge No. 356
5202 Cottage Grove Rd.
608-224-0895 (Sec) • Meet 1st & 3rd
Tues., 7:30 p.m. • Dark July & August

Madison

Four Lakes Daylite Lodge No. 362
301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-2351
Meet 1st Mondays, 10 a.m. (except Sept.
2nd Monday) Dark July & August

Madison

Hiram Lodge No. 50
310 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-0793
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Dark 1st Mondays, July - Labor Day

Madison

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

Manitowoc

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

Marinette

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

Marshfield

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

Medford

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

Menomonie

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

Mercer

Hurley Lodge No. 237
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Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark January, February & March

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Virginia Falls Lodge No. 226
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Dark June, July & August

Merrillan

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

Middleton

Middleton-Ionic Lodge No. 180
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Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Milton

Milton Lodge No. 161
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Dark July & August

Milwaukee

Damascus Lodge No. 290
1235 E. Howard Ave. • 262-853-5631
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6 p.m., Lodge at 7 • Dark July & August

Milwaukee

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Dark July and August

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Dark July & August

Milwaukee

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Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

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Meet 2nd Tues. July/Aug. Dark Jan/Feb

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

Potosi

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

Poynette

Poynette Lodge No. 173
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(Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Prairie du Chien

Prairie du Chien Lodge No. 8
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7:30 p.m. • Dark July & Aug.

Prairie du Sac

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

Prescott

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

Racine

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

Reedsburg

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

Rhineland

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

Rice Lake

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

Richland Center

Richland Lodge No. 66
290 W. Union St. • 608-647-4487 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

River Falls

River Falls Lodge No. 109
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Dark July & August

Shawano

Shawano Lodge No. 170
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Dark January & February

Sheboygan

Sheboygan Lodge No. 11
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Meets All Year

Shell Lake

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Shullsburg

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Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 8 p.m.
Dark July & August

Shullsburg

Benton Lodge No. 268
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Dark January & February

South Milwaukee

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Dark July & August

Sparta

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Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

Stevens Point

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Dark July & August

Stoughton

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Dark July & August

Sturgeon Bay

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Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

Superior

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Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

Sussex

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Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

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Meet All Year

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& Dec. • Dark January & February

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Waterloo Lodge No. 63
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Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

Waukesha

Waukesha Lodge No. 37
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Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Waupaca

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Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Waupun

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Dark July & August

Wausau

Forest Lodge No. 130
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Dark June, July & August

Wautoma

Wautoma Lodge No. 148
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Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark Jan. & Feb. - 4th Mon. Nov. & Dec.

Wauwatosa

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Meet 4th Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Wauwatosa

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Dark July, August

Wauwatosa

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Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

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West Salem

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Meets 4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Whitefish Bay

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Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

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Quarry Notes

William L. Stonecipher, Editor

• **NASCAR Scottish Rite Racing Team Announced** – It isn't every day that a Masonic organization announces that it is venturing into the world of automotive motor sports sponsorship on the high profile NASCAR circuit.

A new Scottish Rite Racing Team was introduced by NASCAR, BC Motorsports, and the Frank Cicci Racing team, at the Scottish Rite House of the Temple on Saturday, January 6, 2007, according to a news release from Stan Dodd, Public Relations Manager for the team. NASCAR representatives, the Racing Team, and members of the Masonic community were present at the House of the Temple is located in Washington, D.C.

The Scottish Rite car will be driven by veteran driver Brian Conz, who himself is a 32° Scottish Rite Mason. Brother Conz, who began his driving career in 1988, has recorded 15 wins, 79 top fives, and 108 top ten finishes. He is also in the running for the Raybestos Rookie of the Year honors.

Bro. Conz will be piloting the Scottish Rite No. 34 Chevrolet for Frank Cicci Racing based in Mooresville, N.C. With 743 starts and 19 victories, the team has fielded drivers such as current NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Champion Todd Bodine, Randy LaJoie, and David Green.

Car owner Frank Cicci states, "We are so excited and privileged to have such an honorable organization associated with us, we look forward to a long-lasting relationship with the Scottish Rite and Brian."

Interestingly, driver Conz is a Michigan Mason, as was President and Brother Gerald Ford. Both received the 32° in the Scottish Rite, with Bro. Ford being honored with the 33°.

Scottish Rite Racing will compete in the 2007 NASCAR Busch Series of races commencing at the Daytona International Speedway in Florida on February 17 for the full 35 race schedule.

The Scottish Rite hopes its racing team will foster an increased awareness of childhood speech and learning disorders, and the vital importance of early diagnosis and treatment. Dean R. Alban, 33°, Director of Membership Services for the Scottish Rite said, "If we can help just one more child learn to speak and communicate, then our race team will have served its purpose."

• **MSA Volunteers Enrich Lives at King Vets Home** – Brother Tom Dowman, Masonic Service Association Hospital Visitation Representative for the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King, near Waupaca, was recently published in the Oshkosh Northwestern. Brother Dowman wrote an opinion piece thanking the Northwestern for publishing a Veterans Day feature in the Local section of the Nov. 11 issue that centered on a visit with King resident and WW II veteran Jim Landon and his wife. The tone of the story by Cheryl Shery, who writes for the Appleton Post-Crescent, and images by photographer Sharon Cekada emphasized the feeling of community that makes life for members (instead of patients or residents) more home or resort-like, rather than institutional. In his letter which appeared on the Opinion page on Nov. 23, MSA Representative Dowman praised the efforts of the more than 400 volunteers, including our Grand Master Rodney Paulsen for naming Wisconsin's three VA Medical Centers and the Vets Home at King as recipients of the funds raised by his fund this fall. In addition, he also praised the various Masons, their spouses and volunteers from 20 area communities that sponsor and assist in providing quarterly Band Socials and refreshments throughout the year for the pleasure and comfort of members and staff alike. Said Bro. Dowman of the service the MSA volunteers provide there, "Wisconsin Masons feel privileged to provide pleasure and comfort for those who have made significant sacrifices to protect our freedom and democracy. Nothing makes one feel better than to have been a part of one of these programs for these most honored citizens of our state."

• **President and Brother Gerald R. Ford Remembered** – Brother James "JayBee" Burton, Master of Day-Lite Lodge No. 358 and Commander of the Tripoli Shrine Long Riders, penned a tribute in honor of Brother Gerald Rudolph Ford which was published in the most recent Tripoli Tattler. He wrote his own tribute from notes he made while watching the televised funeral services for President Ford. It is as follows:

Today was a national day of mourning for the passing of our last Masonic 38th President of the United States of America, Gerald Rudolph Ford. When listening to the eulogy, all I can think of is, that today could have been a "National Day of Recognition for Masonry," if only the American people would have had a chance to realize it.

Integrity, honesty, loyalty, sensibility, serenity, prudence, dignity, merciful, humble, meek, courage, devotion, humility, character, concern, values, common sense, virtues, duty...these were all the adjectives used to describe who and what the late President emulated. Are not these the same principles and qualities that exemplify what true Masons are?

They also said that he would not compromise his principles, (but instead would) stay true to form, restore confidence and hope, was admired by his colleagues, and made you feel that he was no better than you, on the Level. He stated he would strive for the best: "Be all you can be," and he said it was a privilege and honor to serve.

So today should also be a "National Day of Reflection for us Masons." We should use this day as a lesson to remind us (of) the characteristics of a Mason. Then we as Masons can show the nation what Masonry truly can and should be.

Rest in Peace and Thank you, Brother President.

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Church & School*

Children from the first and second grade classes at Saint Paul's Ev. Church and School in Oconomowoc recently paid a visit to the Three Pillars campus. They came to perform their Christmas program for residents from Compass Point and Village on the Square. The performance was held at the Chapel in the Holz Pavilion.

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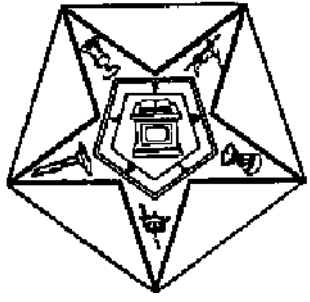
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MasonWoods HELPING THOSE IN NEED

Residents at MasonWoods met the challenge again this year to make a difference for a local family. They contacted Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Gillett and found a family in need. Donations of clothing, gifts, and cash were collected. The church then delivered all the donations on Friday, December 22nd. Pictured above is Dick Moe, a resident at MasonWoods with some of the donations before they were delivered to the family.





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“Visionquest” Statement

Dear Sisters and Brothers;
It is with pleasure that I represent the Grand Jurisdiction of Wisconsin as your member of the Visionquest Committee for the next three years. With the love and support of all our Sisters and Brothers working as a team, we know we can make a difference.

Wisconsin is a part of the Upper Midwest Region. At our group meetings we discussed various ways in which we can accomplish our dreams.

The mission statement, which this committee created, is as follows: ‘We will implement more effective ways to promote membership and to encourage participation and attendance at Eastern Star Meetings’.

These are some of our goals: 1. Every Jurisdiction will have a vision statement, this will be created by the Line Officers and Membership Committee, within the current Grand

Family and of course with the approval of the current Worthy Grand Matron. The Visionquest Committee member will work closely with the Worthy Grand Matron and her officers. 2. Each Grand Jurisdiction will have a Membership Committee. 3. Each subordinate chapter will have a Membership Committee and create their vision statement. 4. Each will set goals – short term as well as long term.

We know when you first look at these goals one might think goodness, we will never be able to do that. But remember the words of Arland Gilbert, ‘When we accept tough jobs as a challenge and wade into them with joy and enthusiasm, miracles can happen’.

There will be more coming out next month, stay tuned and join in on this exciting venture. In Faith and Love, Phyllis Eklov, Member of the Visionquest Committee of the GGC.

Judy Emerson Grand Adah

I was born and raised in Madison. We moved to Elgin, IL for a short time but returned to Madison. I had two sisters — my elder sister, Jean, who passed away five years ago, and Sally, who lives in California.

A short stay at the UW was a good experience, but I longed to get into the work-a-day world. So it was that I met Harland and after two years we decided to be married. Forty-nine years later, we are proud parents of a daughter Cindy, a son Jeff and five grandchildren. I retired after 37 and one-half years of service with the State of Wisconsin.

My love for animals resulted in the gift of a horse from my father when I was in eighth grade. Two years ago I had the opportunity to be a volunteer at a therapeutic horsemanship center for children with disabilities. It was very rewarding to work with horse and rider.

My life is so full. I belong to and am an officer of several Masonic organizations including Amaranth, White Shrine, Daughters of the Nile and the Order of True Kindred.

I thank our Worthy Grand Matron, Helen, and Worthy Grand Patron, John, for this appointment. It is an exciting time for me.

Rosemary (Rosie) Fiscus, Grand Electa

I was born in 1949, the middle of five children of Harvey and Evelyn Menke, PGM. Growing up on a farm I was active in 4-H showing animals and involved in the 4-H Junior Leadership Program. Job’s Daughters was also a part of my teen years.

While attending UW-La Crosse, I met my future husband, Dave. We married in 1970 and moved to Oregon where Dave had a teaching job.

Our family increased with the arrival of two sons, Scott and Brian. Scott has two children and Brian has three children.

Camping, canoeing, golfing, reading, church, school, travel and youth soccer coaching are some of the activities that keep me busy.

Eastern Star has been a part of my life since 1968. I have held the offices of Adah, Associate Conduress, Associate Matron and Worthy Matron. While my mother, Evelyn Menke, PGM, was on her way to the Grand East, I was her travelling companion. Recently, I was honored to be appointed as the Grand Representative to British Columbia and the Yukon.

Grand Representative Party

We cordially invite you to join Wauwatosa Chapter in honoring Grand Representatives, Bernice Kurtz, Grand Representative to Georgia and Lorene Philbrook, Grand Representative to Iowa on Sunday, February 18, 2007 at the McKinley Masonic Center, 4550 N. Pilgrim Road, Brookfield, WI. Program begins at 2 p.m. with lunch to follow.



Diana Kifer is Order of Amaranth Grand Royal Matron
On November 4, 2006, Sister Diana Kifer, Loyalty Chapter, Plymouth, and Fond du Lac Chapter, Fond du Lac, was installed as Grand Royal Matron of the Grand Court of Wisconsin, Order of the Amaranth. The installation was held at the Wintergreen Resort at Wisconsin Dells with many of the Grand Family and Eastern Star members in attendance. Sister Diana was Grand Electa in 2004-2005. The music for the installation was provided by Sister Marcia Earl who was Grand Organist 2004-2005 with Diana. Diana’s theme for her year is “Believe” and her motto is “Believe in Yourself.”

From the Worthy Grand Matron

The Wisconsin Grand Chapter 2006-2007 year is into the ninth month with three very busy months ahead.

Much has taken place in those nine months and to give a few of the events, which I am honored to have attended were the Installations of our Masonic Organizations, the “Ladies at the Table” in Brookfield, evenings of honor in our Subordinate Chapters and General Grand Chapter Triennium.

The 2006-2009 “Choctaw” General Grand Chapter Triennium began with “The Council Fires” for the installation of the “Star Tribe” Officers. The closing ended with “Oh Great Spirit, may our spirits soar gracefully to you on the morning breeze, may all our acts bring Joy to You as the deepest seas and may our arms reach out to embrace One Another as You have embraced us in Love”.

I was one of several whom was honored to attend an evening with the Officers and members of the Wisconsin Grand Lodge, the Prince Hall Lodge and their Ladies. After a great time of fellowship and enjoying a delicious dinner it was obvious that we all love our Masonic Organizations and what they stand for.

Lady Virginia Paulson gave a small heart shaped pin, which we pinned on ourselves, with a small note with this verse - “God measures people by the size of their heart and not by what they own. May your heart grow with Faith, Hope, Kindness, Charity and Love.”

If we all let our hearts grow with Faith, Hope, Kindness, Charity and Love, we would not have to be concerned with membership. Let’s make this a late resolution: We need Change – we need more Faith, Hope, Kindness, Charity and Love, within our Families, our work and our Masonic organizations.

The Month of February is “Heart” month - let us start growing.

In Faith and Love,
Helen Wheeler
Worthy Grand Matron

Sisters & 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 it 45 days prior to publication date to: Brother Richard Prunuske, W182 S6490 Muskego Dr., Muskego, WI 53150

Submissions by E-mail are welcome. Send them to:

<prunuske@wcf.net>

From the Worthy Grand Patron

The New Year has started out with a very busy schedule for me. I will be going to many Grand Officers receptions, Grand Representatives parties, and many friends and compass nights. It is so great to see many of our sisters and brothers out traveling. For those of you whose chapters are dark during the months of January and February, don’t just sit at home and watch the old TV, come out and join me. We can have a “Whale of a Good Time.” The weather has been delightful and traveling the roadways has been great.

Helen and I will be honoring the station of Chaplain at our “Garden of Faith” Session in May. This station has always been very special to me. It reminds me of the many blessings I have received and the special bond I have with God. We can go to God at any time with our wants, troubles and thanks. He will always listen to us, so remember to hold out your hand and pray for His wonderful love.

After you read this article, STOP and take a minute to pray for world peace, love of family and friends, of the many blessings we have received and for all who are in need of His healing hand. Prayers in large numbers can work miracles.

To all of the subordinate chapter Chaplains, please remember to join me in Middleton in May, so that I will be able to greet and thank you for holding this special station in your home Chapter.

In Faith and Prayer,
John Knee, WGP

Grand Marshal Partners With Boys & Girls Club Water Safety



Don Jensen Grand Marshal Don “Boots” Jensen, Sr., Vega Chapter, Milwaukee, is a police sergeant with the Milwaukee Police Department’s Harbor Patrol (and former Marine Corps veteran).

The patrol has three boats manned by 12 officers led by Brother Don. Their jurisdiction covers 48 miles of lakeshore. Brother Don is a 25-year veteran of the police force. The patrol is responsible for policing boaters, assisting with Homeland Security Department checks and performing search and rescue operations.

After leading recovery efforts for two young boys who drowned last spring, Brother Don felt the need to do something about kids who cannot swim. “We talk about leave no

child behind when it comes to education, but we also should leave no child behind when it comes to water safety. You have to have respect for water.”

Brother Don’s concern led to a partnership with the Boys and Girls Clubs to develop a swimming program for the inner city. The Boys and Girls Club now has two local branches that charge a \$5 fee for the swim classes that are held year-round. The fee is waived for low-income families. The 8-week class teaches kids to swim and to be aware of the dangers of water.

Brother Don says, “You’ve got to give back to the community, and you can give back more than money. This year over 360 kids were taught to swim. We collected in excess of \$29K in donations from the community to continue the lessons.”

Job well done, Brother Don, and we’re sure these lessons and the lessons in years to come will save many, many lives.

Grand Officer Parties

Please Join **Phoenix Chapter, Beloit & Queen of Sheba Chapter**, Reedsburg for a luncheon & program to honor Brother **Ronald R. Rasmussen, Grand Sentinel of Wisconsin** on Saturday, February 24, 2007. Social hour begins at 12 p.m. with Luncheon at 1 p.m. and program to follow. All this taking place at the Beloit Masonic Center 229 W. Grand Ave., Beloit, WI. RSVP with remittance of \$5 by February 17, 2007 to: Lois Maxted, 1708 Johnson St., Beloit, WI 53511, (608) 362-2417 (No refunds). Ron asks that in lieu of gifts, donations be given to the Worthy Grand Matron’s & Worthy Grand Patron’s Projects.

You are invited to attend a party for **Marv Engelke, Grand Chaplain** on Sunday, February 25, 2007 with social hour at 12 noon. Lunch is at 1 p.m. with Roast Beef and Ham served ‘Family Style’ at the Dodge Point Country Club, County Highway YD, Dodgeville, WI, 608-987-2814. The cost is \$13.50 per person. Send title and payment to: Elaine Engelke, North 400 Main, Blanchardville, WI 53516. 608-523-4134. Engelm@tds.net Sorry no refunds. In lieu of gifts, donations to WGM/WGP projects please.

Oregon Chapter cordially invites you to a program and dinner honoring **Rosie Fiscus, Grand Electa** on Saturday, March 3, 2007 at the American Legion Hall, 4911 Burma Rd., McFarland, WI. Registration and Social Hour begins at 4 p.m. with Dinner at 5 p.m. followed by entertainment. Cost is \$15 per person. RSVP by February 17, 2007 with Name, Title and Remittance to: Karen Everson, OES Reception, 5285 Lincoln Rd., Oregon, WI 53575-2731. Please make checks payable to Oregon OES. Sorry no refunds.

Melody Chapter invites you to a Dinner and Program honoring **Judy Emerson, Grand Adah** on Sunday, March 4, 2007 with 12:00 Social Hour and 1:00 Dinner at the Middleton Masonic Center, 7409 Franklin Ave. Middleton, WI. Cost is \$11.00 per person. Send reservation with remittance to Karen Schwarz, 625 N. Segoe Road #500, Madison, WI 53705 608-233-8378. Menu Pork loin or roast chicken (please state preference). Reservations by February 20, 2007. Sorry, no refunds.

Please send your party notices to the OES page coordinator.

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Grand Master Rodney A. Paulsen and his lady Virginia were honored Saturday, January 13 by the members of his home lodge, Southern Lakes No. 12. After installing the lodge's 2007 officers the Grand Master and Virginia were presented with engraved stone mementos of their service to Freemasonry during Bro. Paulsen's year in office. In making the presentation, Southern Lakes' Worshipful Master Mike Gonyer (right) drew attention to the process by which a rough-hewn ashlar becomes a polished, finished ashlar and related it symbolically to the process of maturation a Grand Master undergoes during his year in office. Senior Warden Bill Petkoff (left) assisted in the presentation. Southern Lakes Lodge is located in Delavan and was formed as a consolidation in May 2004 of Elkhorn, Delavan-Darien and Walworth Lodges.
- Photo by Wm. Stonecipher, Editor

Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

February 2007

- 1 School of Instruction - District 12 Area 3, Nathan Hale Lodge No. 350, Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
- 5 District 12 School of Instruction, James M. Hays Lodge No. 331 TBD
- 6 School of Instruction, District 2 Area 3, Eau Claire Lodge No. 112, 7 p.m.
- 7 School of Instruction, District 2 Area 3, Sanctuary Lodge No. 347, Eau Claire, 7 p.m.
- 8 School of Instruction, District 12 Area 1, Lake Lodge No. 189, Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
- 9 Full Staff Meeting (GM) Wausau TBD
- 10, 11 Full Staff Meeting (GM) Wausau 9 a.m.
- 16 School of Instruction, District 12 Area 5, West Allis Lodge No. 291, West Allis, 7:30 p.m.
- 17 'Musical Mayhem' Fundraiser for the Ellen M. Walton Nursing Scholarship Fund of the WI Masonic Foundation - Janesville PAC 7:00 p.m. See story on page 4.
- 17 Third Leadership Training Seminar - Dodgeville Lodge No. 119, 9 a.m. \$5 early registration deadline is Feb. 9.
- 17 School of Instruction, District 2 Area 1, Chetek Lodge No. 277, 9 a.m.
- 18 IOJD Grand Bethel Fun Day - tubing at Sunburst in Kewaskum. Lunch and fun at the West Bend Lodge afterwards. Come by 11 a.m. Release form required. Cost is \$12 per each.
- 22 School of Instruction, District 2 Area 2, North Star Lodge No. 1877 p.m.
- 24 Grand Master's Testimonial Reception & Dinner, Districts 10, 11 & 12, Country Springs Hotel & Water Park on Saturday. The Country Springs complex is located at 2810 Golf Rd. in Pewaukee. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person. Registration deadline is February 17. Make checks payable to Burlington Masonic Lodge 28. A cash bar will be available starting at 6 in the banquet hall. A block of rooms has been set aside for this event at a special Masonic rate of \$99 per room. Each person is responsible to make their own reservations. Call 262-547-0201 or 800-247-6640 and mention the Masonic event on the 24th. If you have any questions please contact Jim Jante at 262-210-9510.
- 26 District 8 Spring Meeting
- 27 School of Instruction - District 2 Area 2, New Richmond Lodge No. 195, 7 p.m.
- 28 School of Instruction - District 12 Area 2, Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301 - Wauwatosa, 7:30 p.m.

March 2007

- 6 GRAND MASTER'S 2007 TOUR TO VISIT MASONS IN ARIZONA - Luncheon in Sun City West, Arizona

- 7 School of Instruction - District 12 Area 3, Freemasons Lodge No. 363, Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m.
- 10-11 IOJD Multi-State Exemplification, Battle Creek, Michigan. Bethel Guardians have details.
- 10 School of Instruction - District 4, Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 322, Green Bay, 9 a.m.
- 12 School of Instruction - District 12 Area 1, Damascus Lodge No. 290, 7 p.m.
- 20 School of Instruction - District 12 Area 4, George Washington 1776 Lodge No. 337, Whitefish Bay, 7:30 pm
- 26 Ozaukee Lodge No. 17's Annual Table Lodge and Fish Boil, featuring a traditional "Smith Brothers" style Fish Boil and Todd Brown Raffle. 6 p.m. Monday.
- 29 Grand Lodge of Wisconsin & Prince Hall Grand Lodge Combined Table Lodge, Tripoli Shrine, Milwaukee 6 p.m.
- 31 State Proficiency School, Madison Masonic Center 9-12

April 2007

- 2 School of Instruction - District 12 Area 5, Day Lite Lodge No. 358 - West Allis, 9 a.m.
- 14 School of Instruction - District 4, Pine Lodge No. 188, Oconto, 9 a.m.
- 20-22 Grand Lodge Full Staff Meeting
- 24 District 5 Spring Mtg., Tomah Lodge No. 132, 7 p.m.
- 25 District 10 Spring Mtg., Sheboygan Lodge, 6:15 p.m.
- 30 School of Instruction - District 7, Middleton-Ionic Lodge 180 - Middleton, WI

May 2007

- 5 Leadership Seminar, Waverly Lodge, Appleton. \$5 Early registration Deadline is Friday, April 27.
- 19 Grand Master's Northeast Wisconsin Reception & Breakfast at Marinette Lodge No. 182, 8 a.m.
- 19 District 4 Spring Meeting - 9 a.m. - Marinette Lodge
- 19 District 4 Proficiency School - 10 a.m. - Marinette Lodge
- 20 Grand Master's Central-Southwest Wisconsin Reception & Dinner for Masons and their ladies primarily in Districts 7, 8 & 9. Coordinating the event is District 8 Deputy Emmett Reilly. The event will be held at the Wheel Inn, in Shullsburg. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner set for 6:30. A program will follow. Dinner is \$15 per person, tax and gratuity included. Reservations are to sent directly to Emmett Reilly, 18648 Mineral Road, Shullsburg, WI 53586.

June 2007

- 1-2 Annual Communication, Madison Masonic Center, Madison, Convenes at 8:30 a.m. both days.
- 3-16 York Rite Bodies Grand Session, Green Bay

