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Museum of Fraternal Studies Founder Dan Freimark Seeks a Way Forward His Collection

By Wm. Stonecipher, Editor
Wisconsin Masonic Journal

BERLIN – Step down the winding stairs leading from the lobby to the basement of Berlin Lodge No. 38, just as Alice stepped through a mirror in Lewis Carroll's famous tale of alternate reality, "Through The Looking Glass," and you will find yourself similarly transported in time and space to a place few know exists — the arcane world of fraternal societies.

As you enter the museum-like setting beyond, you will view things previously unseen by anyone except those who were initiates to the fraternal orders and societies represented.

To the right rests a black wooden coffin, its lid open to reveal the earthly remains of someone long departed, a reminder to some long ago candidate of the International Order of Odd Fellows of that fate which awaits us all.

There are also illustrations of several initiatory devices used by various fraternal groups. There is an

image of a goat being ridden by some hapless candidate, a strength testing device showing another bending at the waist to grasp and pull up on the handles affixed thereto only to get smacked on the posterior, and another sprawled on a



Dan Freimark welcomes visitors to his micro-museum dedicated fraternal memorabilia located in the lower level of Berlin Lodge No. 38.

wooden apparatus trying to grasp something labeled a 'greased pig' — none of them in use by any organization still in existence, a disclaimer says.

To the left loom mannequins clad in old fashioned Knights Templar uniforms guarding entry into a room filled with a variety of colorful ritual costumes and artifacts, including a model Shriner in full costume.

In fact the entire basement of the lodge building has been trans-

formed into a walk-through micro museum of fraternal memorabilia from more than 30 fraternal organizations, some well known, and others that were quite obscure even when active.

Why is it important to remember these groups and why should Masons care about these other fraternal orders?

Dan Freimark, a Berlin resident and driving force behind an organizational effort to finance and build what he and other backers hope will be a full-sized independent Museum of Fraternal Studies on its own dedicated site that is dedicated to preserving this rapidly vanishing fraternal heritage, explains it like this.

"It is estimated that 1 in 4 American men belonged to a fraternal organization of one sort or another during what has been termed 'the golden age' of fraternal involvement that followed the Civil War and lasted into the first third of the 20th Century. Today, that number is 1 in 250."

"The fraternal structure in the US is like a wheel, with Freemasonry at

the hub and the other organizations like the spokes," Freimark said.

He went on to explain that with the passage of time and the changing interests of contemporary society, most of these organizations have gone dark and today have been largely forgotten.

Preserving this rich heritage of fraternal life while remnants still exist, is the passion of Dan Freimark, a Berlin native and local history enthusiast whose interest in fraternal studies was kindled by his over 25 years of work with the local Berlin Historical Society and Museum which is located in a house directly behind the Berlin Lodge building.

As Mr. Freimark related, "During See **MUSEUM** on page 9

Dan Freimark, a Berlin native and fraternal history enthusiast rents space in the lower level of Berlin Lodge No. 38 to display costumes, documents and ritual paraphernalia from more than 30 fraternal organizations. He hopes to see this effort expand into a full-fledged Museum of Fraternal Studies to be established in a larger existing facility or perhaps its own building.

New this month: Column by Grand Secretary DeWolf Debuts on Page 6

DOUSMAN – Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, is authoring a new monthly column for the Wisconsin Masonic Journal to communicate matters of interest to lodge officers in general and lodge secretaries in particular.

The Grand Secretary's first column begins by reviewing the instructions that are given to the Secretary at the time he is installed into office.

"If this was the total extent of the duties of a Secretary that office would be one of very little work and never-ending pleasure, but such is not the case," the Grand Secretary explains.

The Grand Secretary goes on to explain that the new Secretary soon discovers that "a seemingly never-ending list of duties" awaits his attention. He makes a point of drawing attention to the "Secretaries Handbook," which he encourages to obtain and review. The Secretaries Handbook is available for download from the Grand Lodge Web Site at <http://www.wisc-freemasonry.org> under the publications heading on the home page.

There is also a Secretary's Corner on the Web which contains many of the day-to-day documents the Secretary may need. Access to this resource is restricted but Secretaries may obtain the username and password required to access the site by calling the Grand Lodge Office on the toll-free line and asking for Cheryl.

The Grand Secretary also reminds Secretaries to make sure their books are closed for the past year and to begin preparation of the Annual Financial Statement they have just received. He also asked Secretaries to please make sure they are mailed to the Grand Secretary at the Grand Lodge Office no later than February 15, 2007. **umj**

The Grand Master's Message:

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

Brothers:

As we welcome this new year of 2007, we begin as always with the month of January. This first month of the year was named for the Roman god, Janus — a two faced god with one face looking to the rear and the other looking forward — seeing what has happened in the past and what was yet to come in the future.

As you start this new year, what will you see as you look back to 2006?

Did you set some goals and if so, did you meet them? What was "right" that you did and what could be improved? Did you try some new things, or were the old ones recycled for another time?

Did you introduce new men into the Fraternity or did you just continue reading the minutes and approving the bills?

Did you get personally involved in Lodge work or did you just sit back and wait for somebody else to do it?

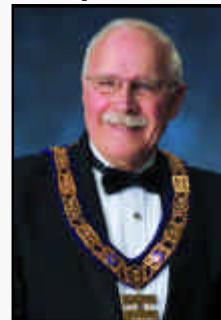
If we were to run a tally of activities in this past year for you, would you be in the plus or in the minus side? The choices, of course, are up to you. These questions become particularly pertinent as new Lodge officers are being installed. What plans are being made for your coming year? *If you don't know where you are going, you will end up some place else.*

Reviewing Accomplishments

At this mid-point of my year as Grand Master, I look to the past as the god, Janus, might have done; but also look to the future to see what there is yet that must be done. Things that can be crossed off of my "to do list" are as follows:

1. I have attend Annual Communications in several adjoining states,
2. I have distributed my pins as I have traveled, shaking the hands of the Brother in greeting,
3. The Wisconsin Program has been explained by Jr. Grand Warden Bro. Craig Campbell in District Meetings and other gatherings,
4. I am continuing to meet with the officers in the Progressive Line to plan for this year and for ongoing programs,
5. The Lodge Excellence Award (LEA) Program has been distributed to be implemented in the Lodges for 2006.

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Rodney A. Paulsen,
Grand Master of Masons
in Wisconsin

Second Leader Seminar is Saturday, Jan. 27 at Eau Claire Masonic Center

EAU CLAIRE – The second Leadership Training Seminar for this Masonic year will be held at the Eau Claire Masonic Center in downtown Eau Claire on Saturday, January 27. 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, January 19. 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 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. Two seminars remain: one in February and the other in May. The February seminar will be held February 17 at Dodgeville Lodge. The \$5 Early Bird Deadline is Friday, Feb. 9. **umj**

Ritual Cipher Now On GL Web Page: Ed Features Added, Too

DOUSMAN – The newest addition to the Grand Lodge Web Site is our Wisconsin Multiple Letter Cipher. It can be found under the Publications heading on the home page. This is the latest version the WMLC and incorporates all additions and deletions as approved by Grand Lodge.

One of the main reasons for the ritual being placed on the GL Web Page is so that brethren with laptop computers or other Internet access devices can immediately view a copy to answer any ritual related questions as they arise, in lodge or elsewhere. Another advantage to

having it in shared electronic form is so that brethren may review and print copies of pages of particular interest without having to purchase a copy of the entire ritual.

Printed copies of the familiar pocket-sized ritual cipher will continue to be available to members from the Grand Lodge Office in Dousman at \$7.50 per copy and includes a blue-covered binder. Complete sets of the pages only and binders are available for purchase separately.

Other features on the Grand Lodge Web Page under the Publications heading are as follows:

- **General Publications:** Lodge Locator Guide, Masonic Handbook (The Green Book, with pictures and without pictures), The Masonic Code
- See **WEB ADDITIONS** on page 2

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE...from page 1

6. I have attended several 150th anniversary celebrations, some of which have included the rededication of the lodges,

7. I have installed the officers of a number of lodges as well as attended lodge events and handed out special awards on behalf of the lodge.

8. A 'Freemasons Club' has been formed on the UW-Madison Campus which we anticipate will be duplicated in other areas of the state. This I see as the first step in the formation of a University Lodge.

9. The District Chaplains continue to meet under the able leadership of our Grand Chaplain, Rev. Bro. Ray Heilborn.

Looking to the future

In looking forward to see the things yet to come, Janus might observe in my planner, the items listed below:

1) The Grand Secretary will be announcing a series of workshops/meetings to orient Lodge secretaries, new and old, to the demands and requirements of being an effective Secretary.

2) The District Deputies have been asked to select a "District Mason of the Year" to be announced at the Annual Communication in June. Who will be the Brother selected from your District? Will it be you? Have you contributed to the Craft in a significant way?

3. For the many who have earned the Eagle Scout Award in the past or may earn it in the future, the Masonic Eagle Scout Commendation Award announced at Grand Lodge is now official. This is being made possible through the Grand Lodge of Michigan who developed the award. A recipient may be nominated by a Brother or a Scout leader. The nomination form is to be sent to the Grand Lodge of Michigan accompanied with the personal data of the Scout, Lodge information and a \$20 fee. In time the recipient will receive a personalized commendation certificate, a personal letter of commendation signed by the Wisconsin Grand Master, and a specially designed pocket medal.

The Masonic Eagle Scout Commendation Award nomination form is available on the Grand Lodge Web Site or by contacting the Grand Lodge Office. The certificate and materials will be mailed to the nominating Brother or Scout with the presentation to occur at the Eagle Court of Honor or a Lodge Recognition Night. I would encourage pictures be taken at the event with copies being sent to the Wisconsin Masonic Journal and the recipient's local newspaper. In recognizing Eagle Scouts don't forget to recognize Masons who have been active in Scouting with the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award. A plaque is being developed to be placed in the Grand Masonic Center to recognize Masons who have received this prestigious award.

4. Senior Grand Warden John Wilke has his Leadership Seminars well underway. The first one in Dousman was well attended. All received an excellent orientation to the Masonic Toolbox and the means by which they can utilize it to develop a more effective lodge. Plan to attend one of the remaining sessions. Don't miss this opportunity to increase your Masonic knowledge and education. Seminars are open to all members of the Craft.

5. Requests for a change in District assignments are being held until the Deputy submits the request for the change with the signed agreement by all lodges involved in the changes.

6. The two display cabinets have been moved from the upstairs conference room to the main floor hallway. Currently being displayed are Blue Lodge Officer "Bullion" Aprons, glassware, and ritual books from as far back as the early 1800s. There are still some empty shelves for you or your lodge to loan Masonic memorabilia to be displayed. If you are in the area, stop in to see a part of our Masonic heritage.

7. The Grand Master's Appeal goes on. I would thank the Brothers who have contributed to this appeal to help our veterans who have been hospitalized or are within the Home at King. There is still time to answer this Appeal. Don't delay, do it today!

Things done, and things yet to do! When the time comes in June to pass on the reins of authority, I hope it can be said that I aimed high to set goals for the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin to be the best Grand Lodge that it can possibly be. I hope that this same philosophy will be reflected in your lodge as you start this new year of 2007 as a man and a Mason.

Fraternally submitted,
Rodney A. Paulsen, Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin



Ladies at the Table Toasts at McKinley

McKinley Lodge Jr. Warden James Lovett (right) presented the toast to education pioneer Maria Montessori at the Ladies at the Table dinner at McKinley Lodge, Brookfield, on Saturday, November 11. Special honored female guests present were Helen Wheeler, Grand Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, and Virginia Paulsen. Other notable women recognized were Children's Television Workshop (Sesame Street) founder Joan Ganz Cooney, Jacqueline Cochran, a female aircraft racer, and Dorothy Dix, mental health pioneer. McKinley Lodge Secretary Dick Breitzmann and his lady Jan are to the left of Grand Worthy Matron Helen Wheeler during the toast.



McKinley Table Lodge Guests of Honor

McKinley Lodge Worshipful Master Luis Silva (center, right) posed with Ladies at the Table guests of honor Grand Master Rod Paulsen (left), Helen Wheeler (center), Grand Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, and Virginia Paulsen (right) following dinner at the lodge on Saturday, Nov. 11.

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News of the Lodges

Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin

Adams Lodge Member Tony DeCarlo Turns 102 – May Be State's Oldest Active Mason

By Bro. Eugene Kuhnwald, Worshipful Master
Adams Lodge No. 332, Adams Wisconsin

Adams Masonic Lodge No. 332 celebrated the birthday of its oldest member on Wednesday, October 18, 2006, with a special dinner and birthday cake. Tony DeCarlo, a resident of Adams County and member of the Adams Lodge, was born on that date 102 years ago, on Oct. 18, 1904.

Brother DeCarlo lives by himself and gets around very well with some assistance from his Masonic friends. Tony is also a member of W. D. Niles-Elza M. Chase Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Adams as well as other York Rite Bodies (Council and Commandery).

At the party, with a glister in his eyes, Tony expressed his gratitude towards everyone involved with this surprise party. Tony stated to one of the lodge members; "I enjoy attending each and every meeting I get to go to. Every time I see another new member go through their degree, I learn something new that I missed from before."

Tony is an inspiration to us all, a valuable tool for us to have and to learn from, and magnificent friend with whom to be associated.



Tony DeCarlo at 102 years



Grand Master Paulsen Meets Bro. Tony DeCarlo

Grand Master Rodney Paulsen was pleased to meet 102 year-old Adams Lodge member Tony DeCarlo prior to the lodge's installation of officers December 16. In token of the occasion the Grand Master personally presented Brother DeCarlo with one of his pins, much to the delight of the Brother many consider to be the oldest active Mason in the state. Brother DeCarlo regularly attends lodge meetings. He celebrated his 102nd birthday on October 18.

Donations of Wood Working Equipment Sought for Mason-Woods Workshop

MASONWOODS – Brother Hugo Petters, Junior Warden of Mason-Woods Lodge No. 368, which calls the Three Pillars independent living campus on Shawano Lake in Cecil home, is seeking donations of wood working equipment that is no longer needed by its original owners.

"It is housecleaning time and it is my guess that somewhere there is a Brother who has some of the tools we need in the workshop at Mason Woods and would be willing to donate them.

Both the residents living here and the maintenance staff could put to good use the following items: a bandsaw, biscuit cutter, bench model belt sander, and a dust collection system."

He invites persons with any of these tools to please call our business office at 800-959-6637 and we will arrange for transportation. By the way, Mason-Woods Lodge meets the second and fourth Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Community Room on the Shawano Lake campus.



Adams Lodge Checkered Pavement

Incoming Adams Lodge Master Eugene Kuhnwald kneels at the altar during installation ceremonies on Saturday, December 16 in Adams. The checkered tile floor fills the central portion of the lodge room. This is one of the few lodges in Wisconsin (along with Baraboo Lodge) that has this kind of floor treatment. Grand Tiler Jim Wetzel, Installing Marshal, stands ready to place the jewel of office upon the shoulders of the incoming Master. Eugene Kuhnwald, who succeeds his "Brother brother," Michael Kuhnwald. This term was much used during the pre-installation presentation of awards to outgoing officers, all handcrafted by Brother Eugene. - WMJ Photos by WLS

Notes From The Grand Lecturer

By Brother Ronald H. Glaunert

Upcoming Proficiency Examinations

Brethren, the year 2007 is upon us and with it the opportunity for those who wish to obtain Proficiency or Ritualist Cards in Wisconsin Degree work.

The need for members to be proficient is so they may be of assistance to lodges that have degree work and be able to do the ritualistic work more efficiently and correctly. Busy lodges need people they can call on to help with their work. Proficiency and Ritualist Card holders can fill that need.

There is an increasing number of young masons who are learning the work and are participating in the degrees, and are becoming officers. They are prime candidates to be card holders and I encourage them to attend one of the proficiency exams to be held this spring.

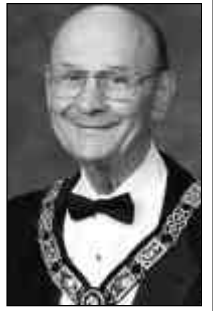
The plan is to have proficiency and ritualist test held in four different locations of the state so that travel distances will not be too great for those who wish to participate. Two dates and sites have already been selected — they are for Districts 7, 8, and 9 and are to be held on March 31 at the Madison Masonic Center.

The date for Districts 4, 5 and 6 examinations will be on May 19 at the Tomah Lodge in Tomah. Those interested in being a part of these events can contact either the District Deputy, District Lecturer or Area Administrator assigned to serve your lodge.

Starting times and details for these exams will be announced later.

If you know the ritual, why not have the card? I know for a fact that lodges are proud to proclaim that their members have Proficiency or Ritualist Cards.

Fraternally, Ron Glaunert
Grand Lecturer



Ronald H. Glaunert
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Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge Honored for Compass Point Fund Raising

Brother William H. Barnes, Director of Development for the Wisconsin Masonic Charities, visited Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge No. 42 on November 16, 2006, to present the lodge with a plaque in commemoration of the role it played in funding the new Compass Point Catered Living facility on the Three Pillars' Senior Living Campus in Dousman. Present to receive the award were, first row, left to right: Ian Watts Henry Pynakker, Master Tom Ewald, Douglas Campbell and Russell Hays. Second row: Ben Jarvis, Robert Jewell, Jack Holtz and Mark Brother. Third row: Eric Fuher, Jim Preston and Noah Schultz. Fourth row: Dave Grevenkamp, Lloyd Calderwood and Gary Pilgrim.

- Submitted by William H. Barnes, Director of Development, Wisconsin Masonic Charities

WEB ADDITIONS...from page 1 of Wisconsin (2006 Revision), and the Wisconsin Multiple Letter Cipher (1999 Revision).

• **Grand Lodge Proceedings:** 2003, 2004 and 2005. The 2006 proceedings will be posted when completed.

• **Grand Lodge Officer Handbooks:** Grand Lodge Officer Handbook (GLO); District Deputy Handbook; and Area Administrator Handbook. In addition to the named Grand Lodge officers, these hand-

books may also be of interest to those considering becoming a Grand Lodge officer at a future time.

• **Lodge Publications:** Senior Warden's Handbook, Counselor's Handbook, Secretary's Handbook, Chaplain's Prayers, and Three Minute Mason.

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Other features will be added as they are completed. **wmj**

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Tomah Lodge Raises Dennis Clinard

On Thursday, October 19, Brother Dennis Clinard (front row, center) was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Tomah Lodge No. 132. Brother Clinard is flanked on his right by Brother Chas Calhoun who conferred the degree and on his left by Master Harry Smith, who gave the charge. Pictured were the Brothers who had a part in the degree work. In the front row: Forrest Mades, David Rezin, Chaz Calhoun, Dennis Clinard, Harry Smith, Mike Sund and Robert Gray, Area Administrator. Back row: Robert Keene, Johnston Bell, Kenneth Kuhn, Robert Milton, Tom Johnson, Forrest Schucht, Hollis Herbenson and Steve Hanson.

- Submitted by Steve Hanson, Tomah Lodge Masonic News Hawk



Colin Moten Raised In Tomah Lodge 132

After Brother Colin Moten was recently raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Tomah Lodge No. 132, he received the Grand Master's pin from Area Administrator Robert Gray. Brother Moten was a Fellowcraft when he met the Grand Master at the VA Medical Center in Tomah, where our Brother works with homeless veterans.



Shawano Lodge Donates Thanksgiving Birds

Shawano Lodge donated 50 turkeys to the Shawano Food Pantry for distribution to needy families. A surprise bonus was a special promotion by the store which was giving a 2-liter bottle of soda with each turkey purchased. So the Food Pantry was also the recipient of 50 bottles of soda. Pictured on the right is Chuck Anderson, Secretary of Shawano Lodge thanking Bill Mueller, store meat market manager, for his assistance with the project. The beaming lady is Flo Withers, Manager of the Food Pantry.

- Submitted by Bro. Chuck Anderson, Shawano Lodge Secretary



LaCrosse No. 190 Masons Fund AED

LaCrosse Masonic Lodge No. 190 presented a check recently to purchase an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) to Town of Campbell Fire Chief Gary Bauer as Brothers Sr. Deacon Keith Williams, Past Master Harry Hiser and Counselor Jim Winters look on (left to right). This is the eighth AED the Lodge has purchased with the assistance of Wisconsin Masonic Charities. Worshipful Master Scott Hiser is shown presenting the check.



La Crosse Raises Local Radio Personality

La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190 Brother Todd Wolhert (left), alternately known as Todd Springer, a disc jockey with the La Crosse Radio Group, posing with Worshipful Master Scott Hiser after being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason recently. Once again in a show of Masonic unity six lodges were present at the raising. Good food and Masonic fellowship followed the closing of lodge.

- Submitted by Martin Callaway, La Crosse Masonic News Hawk

In Service to the Craft

By Grand Chaplain Ray D. Heilborn

Where Are We Going This Year?

Almost all of our lodges are now installing, or have already installed, officers and leaders for this coming year. The questions before us are: Where are we going? What do we intend to accomplish this coming year?

I well remember when I was installed as the Worshipful Master of my lodge. It was with some apprehension that I looked forward to leading the brothers into what I hoped would be a fruitful and successful year of activities.

I placed the calendar before me and carefully plotted out the "stated communications" and then inserted my dream program of activities for our lodge. Some of my programs we accomplished, such as a monthly Trestleboard and a regular communication with the local newspaper informing them of our activities.



Rev. Ray D. Heilborn
Grand Chaplain

It was the unforeseen changes that caused me to be somewhat more pliable in my programming. We had the responsibility and pleasure of welcoming our brothers from the Spooner Lodge into our membership as we joined together as one lodge. It was a unification that proved beneficial and most edifying to both lodges as we combined talents and resources. We began our merger by adopting a rather informal procedure for conducting our business. We gathered about a squared table, with plenty of coffee and refreshments, and looking each other directly in the eye we worked out our process of coming together. We determined, as brothers, how we would elect our officers, how we would handle our finances and our obligations.

As is the situation in many lodges, we find that we need much more schooling and instruction in the fine art of Freemasonry. We are also finding a number of willing candidates for membership and are very much aware of the need of much more Masonic education.

Our members, both new and old, need to know the WHY of what we are doing in our rituals. It is not a one-time, nor an easy task, but rather a continuing education of what we are doing, why we are doing it, and where we are going in the future.

Ours is a fraternity largely unknown and unheralded by the general public. Perhaps we need to begin beating our drums and blowing our own horns and do more to alleviate the perceived mystery of Freemasonry.

As we begin our year, may it be with a sense of gratitude and deep appreciation for all that we have accomplished as Freemasons, and perhaps we can begin to find ways to let our light shine so that all might see us as we truly are rather than as we are generally viewed.

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

Corrections

- In the Foundation Scholarship pages of the November 2006 issue the name of Brother Allen Borchardt, in whose memory Neosho-Horicon-Mayville Lodge No. 108 gives a perpetual scholarship yearly, was misspelled. It should have been Alan Borchardt.

- The picture caption for "Trick or Treat at Adams Lodge" published on page 6 of the December issue, the number of Adams Lodge No. 332 was incorrectly stated as being No. 223.

- In the December issue's front

page story regarding the Leadership Seminar held in Dousman on October 28, Leadership Committee Chairman John Wilke was misquoted as to the reason presenter Bill Beecher, District 2 Deputy, was not present. Senior Grand Warden Wilke did in fact explain to attendees at the beginning of the seminar that Brother Beecher was excused to be in Eau Claire for the Scottish Rite Reunion. Brother Beecher is an officer in the Consistory there and that day the 32nd Degree was being presented. Our apologies to both: the error was the Editor's. *wmj*

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Eagle River Lodge Raises Three New MMs & Recognizes Longtime Member



EAGLE RIVER – Bro. Charles B. Wolfer, a member of Eagle River Lodge No. 248, was recognized for a half-century in Masonry, recently, with a certificate signed by Grand Master Magoon. Bro. Charles was raised a Master Mason on Feb. 14, 1956



Charles Wolfer
a 50-year
member of
Eagle River
Lodge No. 248



Eagle River's Newest Master Masons

ABOVE: Pictured from left to right are Brother Colin Crawford who was raised July 25, Worshipful Master Roger Tesch, and Brother David Chamberlain, raised August 22 at Eagle River Lodge No. 248.

AT LEFT: The newest member of Eagle River Lodge No.248, Eagle River, is Brother Brian Krause (left) with WM Roger Tesch. Brian was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on October 17, 2006.



Chippewa Falls Welcomes Daryl Morning & Nathan Kames as Newest Master Masons

Two new candidates were recently raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by the members of Chippewa Falls Lodge. Pictured above, left to right, are William Beecher, District 2 Deputy; Daryl Morning, Master Mason candidate; Robert Koepsel, Worshipful Master; and Nathan Kames, Master Mason candidate.

Viroqua Masons Begin 150th Year



La Belle Lodge No. 84 Installs 150th Year Officers

The members of La Belle Masonic Lodge No. 84 in Viroqua began their 150th year with an open installation of officers at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2006. The evening started off with a pot-luck dinner followed by the installation of officers. Coffee and desserts were served afterwards. Pictured from left to right are: Brian Ewing, Sr. Steward; John Wilke, Sr. Grand Warden; Ray Kline, District 5 Deputy; William Krueger, Sr. Warden; Nathan Anderson, Jr. Steward; Ernest Kramer, Worshipful Master; Larry Stegal, Sr. Deacon; Sean Young, Jr. Warden; Sean Kline, Jr. Deacon; Bryron Lawrence, C; Marlowe Nelson, C- B Elklöv, Trustee; Gray Krause, Trustee; Jerry Matson, Sec./Treasurer.
- Submitted by Bro. Kramer Willems, Master, La Belle No. 84

The Gavel Locator

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

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- District 6**
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- District 7**
Madison Lodge No. 5
- District 8**
Mineral Point Lodge No. 1
- District 9**
Columbus Lodge No. 75
- District 10**
Berlin Lodge No. 38
- District 11**
Geneva Lodge No. 44
- 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?

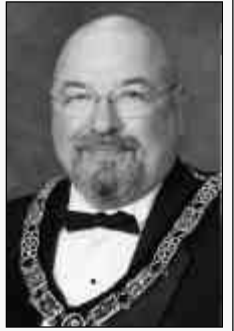
On The Secretary's Desk

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

Duties Outlined, Assistance Available

Warm Fraternal Greetings from the Grand Secretaries' Office. At the installation of a Secretary, he is instructed as to his duties, which are as follows:

"It is your duty to observe the will and pleasure of the Worshipful Master in recording the proceedings of this Lodge; transmit a copy thereof to the Grand Lodge when requested; to receive all monies paid into the Lodge and pay them over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefore. Your good inclination to Masonry and this Lodge, will induce you to discharge the duties of your office with fidelity, and by so doing, you will merit the esteem and applause of your Brethren."



Michael A. DeWolf
Grand Secretary

These are the instructions that are given to the Secretary at the time he is installed into office. If this was the total extent of the duties of a Secretary that office would be one of very little work and never-ending pleasure, but such is not the case.

The new Secretary soon discovers that to merit the esteem and applause of his Brethren, it is necessary that he devote himself to a seemingly never-ending list of duties. Some of the general duties, which pertain to all Lodges, are listed in the Secretaries Handbook. There are, however, differences in Lodges and, as a result, different duties for the Secretary. I encourage you to obtain a copy of the Secretaries Handbook and review it from time to time. You may download your personal copy from the Grand Lodge Web Site at <http://www.wisc-freemasonry.org/html/publications.htm>.

There is also a Secretaries Corner on the Web which contains many of the day-to-day documents you may need. Please call Cheryl at 800-242-2307 for the Username and Password to access the site.

For the month of January I would encourage you to make sure your books are closed for the past year and begin preparation of the Annual Financial Statement you have just received. This is for the year just ended. Please make sure you mail it to me at the Grand Lodge office no later than February 15, 2007 (Sec. 52.03 of the Code).

It is critical that we receive your statements on time because as an organization we file a "Group 990" with the IRS on your behalf. If you are late with your statements, we need to file for an extension. Please help us do the best job for you we can by being timely with your reports.

Our office staff at the Grand Lodge office is extremely knowledgeable and always available to help. To help better direct you calls I have highlighted some of their duties:

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- Lodge officer changes
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- Compile Annual Proceedings

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Department Duties:

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- Process expense checks and invoices
- Handle Masonic Foundation Scholarship payments
- Perform genealogical research for: Job's Daughters, Order of Eastern Star and other Masonic records as requested.

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Department Duties:

- Handle lodge supply orders
- Prepare and mail 50-year and above anniversary certificates, cards and pins
- Type, track and mail lodge dispensation requests
- Handle member and officer address changes/updates
- Prepare and mail 60-day suspension notice at request of originating lodge

One final note for the month; Transfers between lodges must go through the Grand Lodge office, not between lodges, and correspondence between Jurisdictions must also be handled between the Grand Secretaries office in both states.

Please feel free to contact each department directly with your questions by phone or email. I may be reached anytime at 800-686-0070 or by E-mail <grandsecretarywi@charter.net> and will be happy to help you on Code questions, procedures or anything not listed above.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

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

La Crosse No. 190 Honors Two at 50...



La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190's 50-year member Bill Towner is the third generation to receive this recognition. Jr. Warden Mark Raitzer presented Brother Towner with his pin, certificate and card.

La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190 Holds PM/Old Timers Night

LA CROSSE – La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190's recent annual Past Masters/Old Timers Night started with a delicious Pancake and Sausage Supper prepared by PM Rich Gray and his crew.

On hand to receive his 50-year certificate was Brother Bill Towner. Bill was very pleased to reach this milestone and was proud to announce, "My father and grandfather both received 50-year



La Crosse 50-Year Member George Peterson (above) is the second generation in his family to mark 50 years in Masonry.

certificates from the fraternity and now I have too."

Also present to receive his 25-year card was our faithful Tiler and Seafaring man, Past Master Tom Knobloch. For 15 of his 25 years, Brother Tom served as our Lodge Secretary.

Brother George Peterson who also became a 50-year member was unable to be present because of health reasons. Past Master Martin Callaway presented Brother George with his card, certificate and pin at George's home. George appreciated the presentation and commented that his grandfather had been a 50-year member of the Craft.

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Hurley Lodge No. 237 Installs New Officers for 2007

The members of the sixth-most northern lodge in Wisconsin, Hurley Lodge No. 237, which meets in Mercer, installed their 2007 slate of officers on November 28 prior to going dark for the long, cold winter months. The lodge will not meet officially again until its April 10 meeting. Hurley Lodge meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays through their final meeting on November 27, 2007.

Pictured in the first row left to right: Gene Hickey, Sr. Deacon; Arden Mikich, Counselor; Steve Botes, Jr., Sr. Warden; A. L. Lathrop, Worshipful Master; Steve Botes, Sr., Sec./Treas.; and Jerry Janseen, Chaplain. Second row: Doug Reed, Jr. Deacon, Larry Olson, Sr. Warden; Walter Goblisch, Sr. Steward; and Ross Greaser, Tiler. Not pictured is Walter Semenok, Jr. Steward.

- Submitted by A. L. Lathrop, WM, 2007



Fifty-years Mark Reached for Hurley Lodge Brothers La Porte and Koller

Hurley Lodge No. 237 recognized two of its own, recently, for reaching the 50-year membership mark in the Masonic Fraternity — Calvin La Porte, left, and Frank Koller, right. Hurley Lodge's 2006 Worshipful Master, Irvin Feit, center, presented their certificates and pins on behalf Grand Lodge. - Submitted by Irvin Feit, WM, 2006



Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128 Honors 50-year-plus Members

The members of Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128 held their annual awards night on November 15. It was preceded by a fine chicken chowder dinner for the Masons and their ladies prepared by Master Curt Frost and his crew. AT LEFT: those present to receive their awards were Bro. Al Overtoom, 60 years, on the right of WM Curt Frost, and Bro. Gerald Johnson on his left. There were five 50-year-plus members present as well. ABOVE: Pictured are Brothers Vern Hoffman, 59 years; Erv Becker, 54 years; Joe Kosk, 52 years; John Ritchie, 59 years; and Al Overtoom, 60 years. Not present for the awards were Leland Albrecht, Scott Roberts and Jim Rox, all at 25 years; Dick Bennett and Jim Berryman, both 50 years; and Harley Bennett and Milt Voelker, both 55 years.



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The 2nd Leader Training Seminar is January 27 at the Eau Claire Masonic Center. The \$5 early-bird registration deadline is January 19. Use the coupon on page 3.

Help your lodge be all it can be! Be there!



Wisconsin Rapids Honors Past Masters

Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128, Wisconsin Rapids, held its annual Past Master's Night on September 20, 2006. The lodge was opened and closed in due form by the Past Masters. The meeting was preceded by a steak dinner prepared by Worshipful Master Curt Frost and his kitchen crew. There were 18 Past Masters present. Pictured are, front row left to right: Ed Neve, PGM John Hein, Harley Bennett, Jim Plahmer, Jim Stormoen, Stewart Fausch and Warren Grove. Second row: Ted Lyons, Curt Frost and Herb Sering. Third row: Earl Arndt, Russ Rottler, Jim Sedall & Jim Hanneman. Back row: Tom Taylor, Vern Clussman, Jeffrey Brewer and Norm Leiser.

- Submissions by Wisconsin Rapids Secretary Russ Rottler

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Madison's Four Lakes DayLight Installs 2007 Officers

The installation of officers for Four Lakes Daylight Lodge No. 362, Madison, was held on Monday, December 4 at 11:15 a.m. in lodge room two of the Madison Masonic Center. Pictured in the front row (L-R) are Robert J. Potter, Junior Steward; Richard L. Roe, Junior Deacon; Phillip H. Salkin, Junior Warden; James R. Lackore, Sr., Worshipful Master; Michael B. Lavelle, PM, Senior Warden; William L. Hauser, PM, Chaplain; Joseph H. Silverberg, PM, Senior Steward and Trustee. In the back row (L-R) are: Elmo O. Peterson, PM, Tiler; LeRoy R. Huber, PM, District 9 Deputy, Acting Senior Warden; Samuel B. Ferguson, PM, Acting Worshipful Master, Counselor; Richard M. Trailer, PM, District 7 Deputy, Acting Junior Warden; Daniel L. Slavik, PM, Grand Junior Steward, Installing Marshal; Dr. John W. Wilke, PM, Grand Senior Warden, Installing Worshipful Master; and Alfred C. Hunsicker, PM, Senior Deacon. Not Shown: William E. Burkhardt, PM, Secretary-Treasurer; James R. Lackore, Jr., Appleton Lodge No. 349, Installing and Acting Chaplain.

- Submitted by Bro. Jim Lackore, Four Lakes Daylight Worshipful Master

Middleton-Ionic Honors Most Experienced Members



Middleton-Ionic No. 180 Past Masters Recognized

Past Masters all, Brothers Harold Meyer, Beecher Daniels (84), Merlyn Hammer (80), Dale Gillings (73), Don Asplin (83), Roger Starkey (77), Brad McFarlane, Bob Luening (94), Wilbur Zemlica (72), Howard Oertel (88), Emery Situka (72), Henry Schroeder (70) and Clarence C. Olson (85) attended Middleton-Ionic's Past Master's Night dinner and program on October 3, 2006. Their age, where given, is in parentheses.

- Submitted by Clarence C. Olson, Middleton-Ionic Secretary



Collins-Spring Valley Lodge Donates Turkeys

The members of Collins-Spring Valley Lodge No. 192, Baldwin, donated 75 turkeys weighing 992 pounds this Thanksgiving to food pantries in Baldwin, Spring Valley and Roberts/Hammond. Pictured from left to right are Baldwin Food Shelves volunteers Willie and Carol Zevenbergen, and Masons Jeff Symes, Doug Ofstie and Dave Jacobson. Brother Jeff Synmes, a Past Master of Collins-Spring Valley Lodge, submitted this clipping from the Nov. 21 Baldwin Bulletin newspaper (thus, the poor reproduction).

Four Lakes Installation Celebrates Masonic Heritage of Lackore Family

MADISON – The installation of officers for Four Lakes Daylight Lodge No. 362, Madison, held special significance for incoming Worshipful Master, James R. Lackore, Sr., as he was installed into office on Monday, December 4, 2006, at 11:15 a.m. in lodge room two of the Madison Masonic Center.

Worshipful Master Lackore's installation was dedicated to the memory of Archibald G. Lackore, faithful Mason for 65 years - father of newly installed Worshipful Master James R. Lackore, Sr., and grandfather of James R. Lackore, Jr.

The Installing Master was Dr. John W. Wilke, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. The Installing Marshal was Daniel L. Slavik, Grand Junior Steward. The Installing Chaplain was James R. Lackore, Jr., of Appleton Lodge No. 349.

Following installation, members and guests gathered in the small dining room of the Masonic Center for a luncheon and brief program.

With deep sorrow WM Lackore noted the passing this past year of two brothers: Worshipful Master Tom Ross and Past Master John Morris. On behalf of the members of the Lodge, Lackore presented Masonic widow's pins to the departed Brothers' ladies, Barb Ross and Barb Morris. The program concluded with the Master's Address.

The rose bowl centerpieces on each dining table were dedicated to the memory of Lucille Elizabeth Byerly Lackore, active member of the Order of the Eastern Star and White Shrine, mother of WM Lackore and grandmother of the Installing Chaplain.

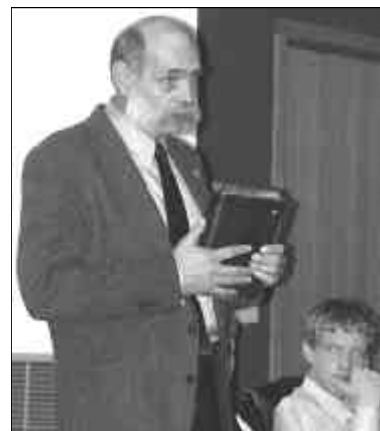
More than 60 members and guests were present for the installation.

Youth In Masonry



West Bend DeMolay Holds Awards Program

The members of West Bend Chapter Order of DeMolay posed for a picture at their recent awards night program held in the lodge room of West Bend Lodge No. 138. Members present October 16 were, front row, left to right: Jim Ericksen, Nathanael Stevenson, Stephen Campbell. Back row: John McIntyre, Steven Graff, Matt Mattson, Sam Stors and Brandon Lewis. West Bend presently has 17 members. There are 7 active chapters in Wisconsin.



Original Chapter Bible Presented

Brother Jim Myrhum, a Past Master of West Bend Lodge, a Senior DeMolay and Chapter Advisor, is shown as he discussed the history of West Bend Chapter as he presented the group's original DeMolay Bible to the newly reconstituted chapter.



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Richard Slade, a Past Master of West Bend Lodge No. 138, received a certificate of appreciation for his support of the Chapter from 14 year-old Matt Mattson at the Chapter's recently held awards nite.



Fund Raiser Recognized

Rob Clifton, Wisconsin's State Deputy Master Counselor, Awards West Bend DeMolay member Steven Graff a certificate for excellence in fund raising. Graff was top Candy Bar Sales, one of West Bend Chapter's fund raising efforts.

MUSEUM...from page 1

my research (with the society), I found that a lot of the people I was investigating were members of fraternal groups in Berlin and I wanted to learn more about them, especially the Masons and Knights of Pythias."

His interest was piqued and in 1990 provided the impetus to learn more about these fraternal organizations and the role they played in society. Dan said that he joined the Knights of Pythias about that same year to learn more about the Pythians.

To the question of why he joined the Knights of Pythias and not the Masons, he answered: "As a Missouri Synod Lutheran, membership in the Masons is forbidden by my church but membership in the Knights of Pythias is not."

Interestingly enough it was three Masons — Wayne Leverenz, Gary Parker and Walt Lohman, all of whom were very much interested in fraternal history, that helped Dan make contact with a Knights of Pythias group in the Milwaukee area. They all shared a common interest in fraternal history and this interest brought them together.

Also, "John Schroeder, my great uncle, was a Mason and one of the first residents to move into one of the duplexes on the Three Pillars Campus in Dousman," Freimark related.

The Museum of Fraternal Studies is an experiment designed to cultivate interest in the preservation and promotion of fraternal orders.

"What you see here is a micro-museum, just a little test of the waters for a larger full-fledged museum. At present, the micro-museum contains artifacts from over 100 different organizations with many on exhibit.

Our concept acknowledges Freemasonry as the most prominent fraternal order in history, but it is complemented by hundreds of other groups in the development of our Nation.

The main purpose of the Museum of Fraternal Studies is to promote the historic role that fraternal groups played not only in our past history, but are currently serving today.

The Museum's Concept

The concept of a Fraternal Museum is over 10 years in the making. Freimark noticed a strong connection between prominent names in

the community. The connections not only appeared in obituaries, but were found all over local cemeteries. That connection was fraternalism.

The problem for Freimark became one of discovering where does one go to obtain information on these orders and what did they actually do? And so his quest began.

Ten years have passed, and countless hours of research and collecting has led to this first stage: what he terms a micro-museum.

Freimark is quick to give credit to the support of local Masons. "Without the support of the Berlin Masonic Lodge and individuals such as Robert Uchner, James Zamzow, James Petersen and others, this first step could not have happened."

Looking to the Future

The Museum of Fraternal Studies is Wisconsin's presently the one and only museum dedicated to preserving memorabilia of the rich fraternal heritage that is in large part responsible for many of the social institutions that have made America the great country it is, Freimark explained.

He said that he has visited the Masonic Heritage Museum in the Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Center and held preliminary talks with a Mason involved in a York Rite archive preservation effort at the Masonic Temple in Oshkosh in the hopes he might find support for his dream of establishing a broad based Museum of Fraternal Studies.

So far these efforts have come to naught, noting that because he isn't a member of the Fraternity, this tends to be a "non-starter" in discussions with Freemasons.

In one of his promotional hand-outs, he explains that throughout history, fraternal groups aided the poor, fed our hungry, clothed our needy, educated our citizens, and healed the nation after times of conflict. The "Lodge" was often the center of every village and city social function, or fund raiser. If it were not for fraternal groups, the insurance benefits we rely on today would not exist.

This museum has been the first stage in determining if there is sufficient interest to support a more comprehensive, expanded effort.

The final result will be a place to call "home" not only for Masons and Odd Fellows, but also Rotarians, Foresters and Grangers as well.

"I'm kind of at my zenith right now, and it's up to someone else to step in a take it from here," Dan said of the museum's future.

Museum hours during the winter are by appointment. Persons or lodges interested in a tour or learning how they can support the museum are invited to contact Dan by phone at (920) 361-1274 or e-mail at <cte47593@centurytel.net>.



Knights Templar

This is one of the several interesting displays pertaining to the Masonic Fraternity. Artifacts from more than 30 fraternal groups are on display.



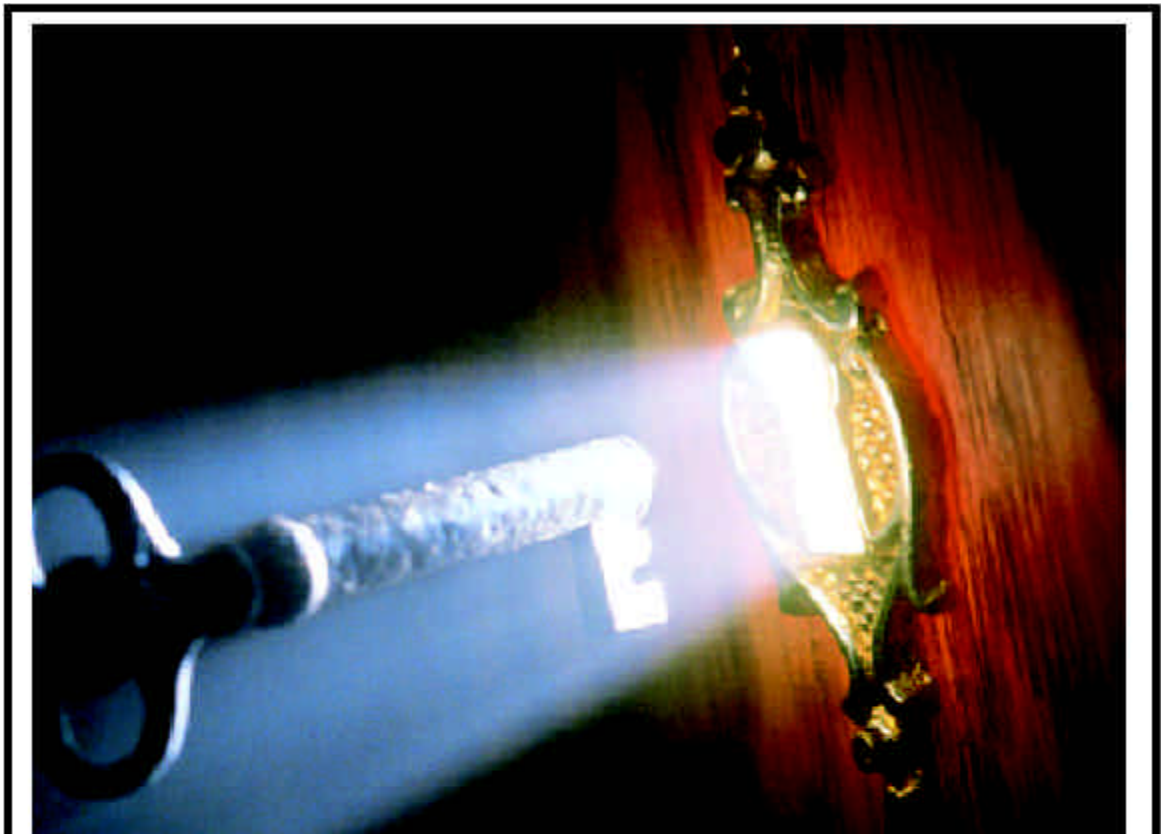
Morgan's Exposure

A copy of the Morgan Exposure of Freemasonry is but one of the interesting documents included in the museum's literary collection.



Royal Arch King's Costume and Knights Templar Drill Uniform?

If you would venture a guess that these two items are indeed belong to the York Rite, you would be wrong. Instead, they belong to the AOUW, better known as the Ancient Order of United Workmen, circa 1885. The elaborate costume was used in the group's ritual and the officer's uniform for drill competition and parades. In order for a fraternal group to be considered for inclusion in the museum, the group must have written bylaws and constitution, a written ritual, regalia, a belief in a supreme being, patriotism to the US, and reverence to the flag as part of their ceremony. - WLS Photos



A quest for knowledge

Knowledge – it is the basis upon which humans are able to improve themselves and the world about them.

There are men who believe the quest for knowledge does not end with a ceremony and the presentation of a diploma. There are men who have joined together in an unending search for knowledge and they believe that knowledge is the key to self-improvement.

Who are these men?

They are Scottish Rite Masons.



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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 following paper, more a narrative or dramatic discussion, actually, appeared on pages 48-55 of Volume 4 of the 1987 Annual Transactions of the Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843. Although many of the research papers authored by Silas Shepherd were published in the official bulletin of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin in the 1940s, notes accompanying this particular paper do not indicate that it was previously so published. Enjoy the story.

- Part 1 of 3 - Why By The Square? By Bro. Silas H. Shepherd

Let us allow our imaginations to take us 62 miles east of London to the ancient city of Canterbury and back in time to the year 1175, five years after the murder of Thomas a' Becket.

Fire has destroyed the cathedral which had been rebuilt in 1070 A.D., on the site of the church which King Ethelbert gave to Augustine about 597 A.D. William of Sens, a Master Mason from France, with craftsmen and apprentices, is rebuilding the cathedral. It is a labor of love in which every workman vies with his fellows with nothing short of perfection as a goal. Although the hours are long and the labor extremely fatiguing, the devotion to a great Christian ideal makes the work a pleasure and it is only when the gathering dusk makes it imperative that further progress is postponed to the morrow.

As the order comes from the Master, calling the craft from labor to refreshment, they repair in an orderly manner to the Lodge where the stewards have provided the evening meal. The lodge is a temporary structure to provide a home for the workmen, as they reside at Canterbury only until the Cathedral is completed and then travel, perhaps into foreign countries, to work on other edifices.

These craftsmen and apprentices naturally invoke the blessing of God on all their undertakings and thus, after grace has been spoken by the Master, each workman feels that even the food of which he partakes is a part of the design of the Temple on High of which the Cathedral he is constructing is a symbol.

The meal being finished, the Master calls the Craft to order for the reception, or initiation, of a candidate who wished to become an Entered Apprentice, which included an obligation to serve seven years. His qualifications had been thoroughly investigated; his moral, intellectual and physical requirements had met the approbation of the Craft and the Master was satisfied that all established usages and customs had been covered. He therefore ordered that the candidate be properly prepared and initiated.

The preparation was of a nature to make a most serious impression on the young applicant of the importance of the undertaking. His reception into the lodge was accomplished by an ancient ceremony such as had been used in the Mysteries of Mithra before the Christian era, and similar to the one used at the present time. Notwithstanding these formalities, the whole of the ceremony was

short. An obligation was taken by the candidate in which he promised to be faithful to God, to the church, and to the Craft, and to diligently apply himself to the study of the profession he was choosing. He also promised to hold in veneration the established customs and usages of the Craft. He was then clothed as an Entered Apprentice and given his working tools.

The old traditions were recited and a charge was given him, which in essentials has been handed down to the present day. After the charge, the Master gave a lecture. In our imagination let us listen to his words:

"You are now an Entered Apprentice and have seven years to faithfully serve before you can become a Fellow Craft. You have had instruction of a general character, but it will be necessary for you to study all this general knowledge in detail and learn how to apply the principles taught you to your work. The tools you have been given have uses which have been briefly explained but it is only by much practice that they can be skillfully handled.

"To become a Fellow Craft, and perhaps eventually a Master, it will be necessary for you to have a full comprehension of the ultimate purposes of our Craft. Among the tools and implements we use there is none of more vital importance or more significant of the basic principles of building both this temporal cathedral and that more important Temple of Character than the Square.

"Let me, therefore, admonish you to learn, in all their details, the many lessons the Square can teach the earnest student."

In any contemplations of the use of the square, or angle of 90 degrees as a symbol of virtuous conduct, we instinctively try to conceive of its origin as such. In fact we even go beyond its origin as a symbol to its use as a mechanical instrument.

Definite knowledge of when mankind discovered the principle of the square, or angle of 90 degrees and eventually discovered the many practical purposes to which its application might be applied is impossible to find in historical records, because when civilization had developed to the point where intelligible records were preserved, the uses of the square were well established.

Square First Used as a Divider of Land?

We may only speculate on how some of our primitive ancestors may have found that by placing one straight stick on the ground in an easterly and westerly direction and then placing another across it in a northerly and southerly direction they conceived the idea of crudely dividing the surrounding land into four equal parts.

From this crude beginning and by continued effort they eventually discovered that by measuring of three units of length on the stick that extended north and four units on that which extended west and adjusting them so that a stick five units in length connected these measured distances that each of the four figures were exactly of the same angle. Such is a probability of the earliest use of a square.

When mankind had become great

builders and undertook such stupendous work as constructing the pyramids they had a very advanced knowledge of the use of the square and an exact knowledge of orientation, or erecting on lines due east and west. At the time of erection of the Parthenon and other masterpieces of Greek Architecture it seems almost certain that the basic principle of proportions was a geometrical progression of squares.

The Vesica:

Key to Gothic Architecture

It takes but little study of the square to direct attention to the circle and in architecture this must eventually have led to the discovery of the principle of the "vesica" which is the key to Gothic architecture.

The operative cathedral builder possessed secrets which were considered of great value. He knew the physical properties of the Square and their relationship to circles and with this knowledge he erected the pointed arch. He had but few tools and implements, but his thorough knowledge of putting each of them to its very best use made it possible for him to build cathedrals which have never been equalled.

The square is such a pertinent symbol in every degree and ceremony of Freemasonry that we should endeavor to learn all the applications of its use in erecting our Temple of Character.

Freemasonry consists of a course of ancient hieroglyphical and moral instructions, taught according to ancient usage, by types, emblems and allegorical figures. The emblems are geometrical and architectural, and by a continual use for many centuries as symbols of moral and spiritual truths some of them have become, not only the common method of Freemasonry but also figures of speech in every day language.

To say that a man 'acts on the square' is synonymous for his acting honestly. If we are to derive the most benefits from this particular system of symbolic teaching of which Freemasonry is the custodian, we may profitably seek for not one, but many meanings to the symbolic tools and implements which are given to us to build the Temple of Character.

If we are to become proficient as builders of our Spiritual Temple, we must understand why Geometry not only 'proves the wonderful properties of nature, but also demonstrates the more important truths of morality.'

The square, or angle of 90°, is not only one of the most important geometric figures and of first importance in architecture; but is the most pertinent symbol of Freemasonry. It is one of the Great Lights, a working tool, and one of the Jewels of the Lodge. It is the the insignia of the Master, and the forms of the Lodge and all movements, signs and ceremonies are regulated by its law.

As a Great Light and a working tool it teaches us to square our actions by the Square of Virtue, and as a Jewel it teaches Morality.

In the installation of the Master he is invested with the Square and told that it "teaches us to regulate our actions by rule and line and to harmonize our conduct by the principles of morality and virtue."

To be continued next month

Youth In Masonry



Job's Daughters Represent Six Bethels at Installation

Dad Harry Overly, Grand outer Guard (left) and Dan Slavik, Junior Grand Steward (right) are honored to be with members from Bethels 31, 29, 27, 3, 44 and 73. Pictured in the front row, left to right are: Alaina Leisten; Senior Princess Sabrina Kent; Honored Queen Karisa Kent; Kristen Turmire; Junior Princess Britta Ganske; and Amy Slavik. Center row: Dad Harry Overly; Kelly Anderson; Shannon Bolen; Marisa Leisten; Marshal Jamee Foslid; and Marcee Liebscher. Back Row: Ali Brokl; Amanda Bolen-Walsh; Emily Halverson; Renee Simon and Dan Slavik.

Eau Claire Job's Daughters Install New Officers

The Masonic Center in Eau Claire was a great place to be on Saturday, September 15 as Job's Daughters from Bethels 3 Fond du Lac, 27 La Crosse, 29 Rhinelander, 44 Sun Prairie and PHQ Kelly Anderson of 73 Brookfield and a student at UW-Eau Claire gathered to assist Bethel 31 with the initiation of new members and installation.

A joint meeting of the 5 Bethels was very impressive. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the 3 initiates could not attend the ceremony. This did not spoil the day. The Bethel meeting was beautifully executed with Past Honored Queen of Bethel 3 and Grand Bethel Senior Princess Marissa Leisien presiding. The Guardian Council of Bethel 31 was installed during the Bethel meeting.

Dawn Wik will serve as Bethel Guardian, James Kent as Associate Bethel Guardian and Joy Olson as Director of Music. New friendships were formed and the many Job's Daughters experienced a wonderful feeling of caring and cooperation. Following a pizza supper the Installation of Bethel 31 Officers was held. Marissa Leisien served as the Installing Officer.

The Bethel was honored to have Grand Guardian Council members present: Vice Grand Guardian Laura Slavik, Grand Outer Guard Harry Overly, Past Grand Guardians Nancy Saggio and Mary Callaway, Past Associate Grand Guardian Martin Callaway. Representing Grand lodge was Junior Grand Steward Dan Slavik.

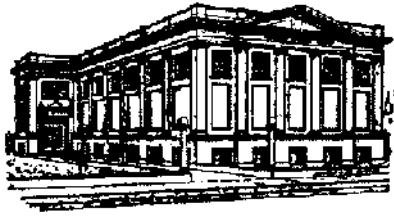


Bethel 27 Visits Shriners Hospital

Amanda Bolen-Walsh, Honored Queen Bethel 27 La Crosse and members of the Bethel describe their recent visit to the Shriners' Hospital in Minneapolis as an awesome experience and a wonderful time. Honored Queen Amanda had chosen the hospital and a visit to Mall of America as her Queen's Trip. The members collected Bingo prizes and other suggested gifts for the children at the hospital. The daughters were delighted to meet the patients, make new friends and play games with them. One of their favorites is "Apples to Apples". The girls were given a very interesting and informative tour of the hospital. Following lunch and saying their good byes, the girls enjoyed a fun time at the Mall of America. They appreciate Mom and Dad Callaway and Mike DeBoer for making the trip possible. Pictured above left to right in row are: Sam Alioto, Kali Brokaw, Shana DeBoer, and Marie Affeldt. Row 2: Chandra Crane, patient Cassie, Shannon Bolen, and Amanda Bolen-Walsh. Row 1: Emily Halverson.

Send Youth Page Submissions To:

- Rainbow for Girls: Rae Canfield, 2601 Chippewa Drive, Plover, WI 54467
- Jobs Daughters: Mary Callaway, 1525 16th Street South, La Crosse, WI 54601-5773 e-mail: 7MCAL@Aol.com
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205 N. Water St. • 608-862-3327 (Sec) • Meet 1st & 3rd Wed., 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Appleton

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Ancient Landmark No. 210
206 Sixth Ave. West • 715-682-3270
Meet 1st Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Baldwin

Collins-Spring Valley Lodge 192
790 Main St. • 715-796-2133 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Baraboo

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

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

Barneveld

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

Bayfield

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

Beaver Dam

Dodge County Lodge No. 72
Best Western Campus Inn Motor Lodge
815 Park Ave. • 920-887-2530
Meet 3rd Monday, 7 p.m. - Meet All Year

Beloit

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

Berlin

Berlin Lodge No. 38
124 E. Huron St. • 920-361-9774 (Sec)
Meets 7 p.m. 2nd & 4th Thurs. Jan. - Oct., and
at 7 p.m. 2nd Thursday only, Nov. & Dec.
Dark July & August

Black Earth

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

Black River Falls

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

Bloomer

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

Bristol

Washburn Lodge No. 145
8501 - 199th Ave. • 262-857-7501
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Brodhead

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

Brookfield

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

Brookfield

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

Brookfield

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

Burlington

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

Cambridge

Social Lodge No. 245
105 S. Spring St. • 608-423-3823 (Sec.)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July, August

Camp Douglas

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

Cecil

Mason-Woods Lodge No. 368
N6446 Emery Ansonge Rd • 715-745-4840 • Meet 1st & 3rd Tues., 10 a.m.
Dark January & February

Chetek

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

Chippewa Falls

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

Clear Lake

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

Columbus

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

Crandon

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

Crivitz

Tri-County Daylite Lodge No. 218
918 Louisa St. • 715-854-3088
Meet 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark January & February

Darlington

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

Delavan

Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12
1007 S. Second St. • 414-294-9332 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Dodgeville

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

Dousman

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

Dousman

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

Durand

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

Eagle River

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

Eau Claire

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

Eau Claire

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

Eau Claire

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

Edgerton

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

Ellsworth

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

Evansville

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

Fond du Lac

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

Frederic

Landmark Lodge No. 244
109 United Way • 715-327-8963
Meets 2nd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Friendship

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

Galesville

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

Grafton

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

Green Bay

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

Green Bay

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

Green Bay

Theodore Roosevelt Lodge 322
525 N. Taylor St. • 920-490-9777
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Green Bay

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

Hartford

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

Hayward

Keystone Lodge No. 263
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
807 61st St. • 262-694-7817
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 9:30 a.m.
Dark July & August

Kenosha

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

La Crosse

Frontier 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 Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Ladysmith

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

Lake Geneva

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

Linden

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

Lodi

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

Lone Rock

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

Madison

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

Madison

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

Manitowoc

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

Marinette

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

Marshfield

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

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Medford Lodge No. 217
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Dark January & February

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Menomonie Lodge No. 164
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Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Mercer

Hurley Lodge No. 237
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Dark January, February & March

Merrill

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

Merrillan

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

Middleton

Middleton-Ionic Lodge No. 180
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Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

Plymouth

Cassia Lodge No. 167
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Dark July & August

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

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Dark July & August

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7:30 p.m. • Dark July & Aug.

Prairie du Sac

Sauk Prairie Lodge No. 113
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Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July, August & 1st Mon. in Sept.

Prescott

Northwestern Lodge No. 105
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Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Racine

Racine-Belle City Lodge No. 18
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Meets All Year

Reedsburg

Reedsburg Lodge No. 79
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Dark July & August

Rhineland

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Dark January & February

Rice Lake

Blue Hills Lodge No. 234
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Richland Lodge No. 66
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Dark July & August

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South Milwaukee

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Dark July & August

Sparta

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Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

Stoughton

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Dark July & August

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Meets All Year

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Waukesha Lodge No. 37
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Dark July & August

Waupaca

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Dark June, July & August

Waupun

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Dark July & August

Wausau

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Dark June, July & August

Wautoma

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Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

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• Note: addresses listed here are where the lodge meets •



Quarry Notes

William L. Stonecipher, Editor

• **Ritual Tips** – Brother Rick Gustafson, District 10 Lecturer, has authored a series of articles titled “Rick’s Ritual Tips” which have been circulating weekly to District 10 Masons via e-mail (and yes, the Grand Master approves).

District Lecturer Gustafson began distributing his ritual tips which are in reality a series of mini schools of instruction, on November 3 last year. The ninth in the series is due as the January issue goes to press. As the name implies, each of his ritual tips deals with the conduct of our three fundamental degrees. His pointers cover a variety of topics ranging from the physical mechanics of executing the degree under discussion to achieving the desired dramatic emphasis appropriate to maximize the benefit to the candidate.

In his first e-mail offering, Brother Gustafson explains that he was motivated to offer his ritual tips by his attraction to the ritual, and the advice he offers is highly practical and will surely enhance the ritual experience for all concerned, including the candidate. Brother Rick’s tips are drawn from his 22 years of experience in conferring degrees (more than 130 symbolic lodge degrees) and having conducted more than 75 schools of instruction in standard and experimental formats.

“Through all of this,” Brother Gustafson writes, “there are certain things about the Masonic Ritual that I’ve learned that I wish to share with you. Feel free to share these tips with other brothers or use them in your lodge for teaching, learning and discussion. If you have anything relating to the ritual, its symbolism or its performance that you want me to address, please contact me and I’ll add it to my list.”

Titles such as “Duly and Truly Prepared” (the subject of the forthcoming 9th ritual tip from Rick), “One Dozen Eggs,” “Conducting the Candidate,” “Some Misused Words,” “On the Count of Four,” “I Can’t Memorize!” and “Out at Third Base,” give insights into our degrees and their execution gleaned from his ritual related experiences.

Brother Rick Gustafson’s e-mail address is <rickgustafson@charter.net>. Drop him a note and he will be happy to add you to his mailing list.

Info on Willard Van Brunt’s 6-foot Tuna Given to WMH in 1926 Sought

The Editor received an e-mail inquiry from a man named Steve Wynn on Thursday, December 7 asking for assistance in learning the fate of an 80-year-old tuna that was given as a gift to the Wisconsin Masonic Home in Dousman in 1926, by Willard A. Van Brunt, founder of the Wisconsin Masonic Home in Dousman.

Mr. Wynn, a West Coast resident, wrote: “I am the co-owner of Mr. Van Brunt’s historic fishing cruiser, the *Ida May*. Mr. Van Brunt retired to California shortly after donating the farm in Dousman to the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons for the Masonic Home. He spent his remaining years fishing aboard this beautiful yacht, a vessel that is quite famous on the West Coast.

“My best friend and I have been restoring the yacht for over a year, and it is registered as a Historic Vessel with the National Park Service. This restoration project is documented on our website, www.idamay.org.

“A major part of our restoration effort is the complete documentation of the yacht, its history and the history of its owners.

“On Willard Van Brunt’s 78th birthday, in 1925, he caught a 157 pound tuna, the second largest of the year. He was most proud of this catch. I have attached a photo of him posing alongside the tuna at the weigh-in at Catalina Island. He had the 6-foot fish mounted, and then presented it as a gift to the Masonic Home in February, 1926.

“We are preparing an extensive exhibit for the San Francisco Mar-



Willard Van Brunt with his 6-foot tuna caught from the deck of the *Ida May* in 1925 on his 78th birthday,

itime Museum, for when it reopens in a couple of years. The history is even more interesting, as the second owner was Stan Laurel, of Laurel & Hardy. As you can understand, we are most interested in learning the whereabouts of the mounted tuna, if it still exists, as it is the only known preserved fish caught by Mr. Van Brunt.

“If it still exists somewhere, as I believe it likely does, a 6-foot tuna in Wisconsin must be quite a sight and difficult to miss. Hopefully, somebody will remember seeing it somewhere or have a bit of information that will help our cause.

“Thank you so much for your time and attention to this request.”

Mr. Wynn has invited persons with information about the tuna to email him at <ida.may@hotmail.com> with any information.

Steve Wynn
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A big thank you to the residents, staff, and community members who made our 2006 Toys for Tots Campaign a big success. Pictured with some of the toys that were gathered this year from the left are: Fritzie Bischel, Doris Morris, Doris Veith, Delores Gliniecki, Ruth Runholm, Virginia Galloway, and Polly Werner all residents at the Village on the Square and standing behind them is David Linnell, Campus Director of Dining Services.



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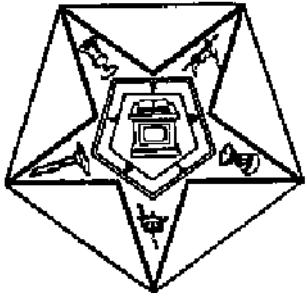


Third Annual President's Award for Outstanding Customer Service

The third annual President's Award for Outstanding Customer Service was presented to Susie Begholz of Three Pillars in recognition for demonstrating outstanding customer service in her efforts and contributions to the Three Pillars residents, families, and staff. The intention of this award is to acknowledge an individual who displays an outstanding level of customer service over the year. Susie is a Certified Nursing Assistant and has been with Three Pillars for almost ten years. Susie is pictured above with Mark Strautman, President/CEO of Three Pillars.

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Thank you Lord for the New Year 2007. A New Year which we can work to make life better for others, work to strengthen our great Order of Eastern Star in our community and in the State of Wisconsin.

May the promises we made on New Year's Eve be kept throughout 2007 by our hard work.

We opened our hearts and wallets to put gifts under the Christmas tree, but let us not forget throughout the year that there are many charities that need to be put high upon our list of giving every day.

The Grand Chapter Cancer Charity is going to the Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer (MACC), Inc Fund. The primary beneficiary of MACC Fund is the research Center of the Medical College of Wisconsin and the University of Wisconsin's Comprehensive Cancer Center in Madison. Progress is achieved through research that resulted in an increase in the overall cure rate from 20 percent to 80 percent. Yet, many challenges remain. MACC Fund support is a source of hope for young people suffering from cancer and other related blood disorders.

We have a few of the beautiful Wisconsin OES ornaments left so remember a Sister or Brother with the ornament that makes a statement for the Order of Eastern Star and giving support to children.

The additional Eastern Star Charities which you will be blessed by giving to are; ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership), Heart Fund, International Temple, Knights Templar Eye Foundation (gives grants for eye surgeries, procedures and glasses for those who are less fortunate) and the World of Youth (scholarships for Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls, and DeMolay).

We look forward to the special events and meetings scheduled throughout the month of January.

In Faith and Prayer
Helen Wheeler, WGM

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

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From the Worthy Grand Patron

Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe that 2006 is over and 2007 is here. Time goes by so quickly. I can't believe Helen and I are already working on our "Garden of Faith" Session. We have been working to make it an enjoyable one for each of you and for our visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions.

Soon I will be sending letters to many of you for help in many areas for the session. Please

take the time to consider and answer 'yes'. Many hands help lighten the load.

I have great news to share with each of you. On the night of November 30th, the

Grand Family initiated two new members into Racine Chapter. The evening started with a delicious dinner served and prepared by Sister Doris and Brother Frank Goffe.

After we went upstairs, Racine Chapter opened their special meeting; the Grand Officers went into their stations and put on the initiation. Helen and I remained in the East for the rest of the evening and had the pleasure to welcome the many visitors attending the meeting. There were 61 members in attendance.

Remember, if any time our Grand Family can be of assistance to your chapter please give us a call. We will be very happy to do so.

Sisters and brothers, the Lord has given me many blessings and He has also given each of you as my friend. My prayer for each of you is that this New Year brings you love, happiness, peace, and joy.

In Faith and Love,
John J. Knee, WGP

Edwina Koth Grand Warder

My name is Edwina Koth, Grand Warder of Wisconsin.

I come from a long history of Masonic affiliation. My Dad was a Mason, Shrine Clown, and Baja Recorder until he passed away. My sisters and I were members of Job's Daughters as we grew up. My mom walked with me as I became a member of Eastern Star 12 years ago. I come from a family of five sisters and one brother.

My Sisters have always supported my work in Eastern Star. My sister Kelly, who passed away in April of 2006 was Warder during my year as Worthy Matron of Shawano Chapter and is now my Angel as I hold the office of Grand Warder.

For the past seven years I worked at Wisconsin Film and Bag making plastic bags and film. I am also proud to have my mom as my escort this year. She is a great support for me.

Hope to see you on the Star Trail,
Edwina Koth, Grand Warder



General Grand Chapter Committee Members

Wisconsin is proud of its General Grand Chapter Committee Members. They were installed at General Grand Chapter in October. Pictured left to right are: Phyllis Eklov, PGM, a member of the Visionquest Committee; Harley Bennett, PGP, a member of the Youth Committee, and Karen Carpenter, PGM, a member of the Registration Committee.



Warm Hearts Equals Warm Heads & Hands

Warm-hearted Eastern Star members from five southeast Wisconsin chapters (Bristol No. 164, Union Grove No. 71, Racine No. 45, Pike No. 285 and Kenosha No. 92) have joined forces to warm the heads and hands of needy Kenosha elementary school students. While some members (as pictured) are using their knitting and crocheting talents to make mittens, scarves and hats, others are using their purchasing powers with local merchants to obtain these items. The Masonic Bodies at 807-61st Street (Kenosha Lodge No. 47, Sunrise Lodge No. 359, Commandery, DeMolay and Job's Daughter Bethels No. 30 and 77) have also joined in on this project. Delivery to Women's/Children's Horizons and six elementary schools (Lincoln, Durkee, Frank, Columbus, Wilson and Bain) was scheduled for December 18. This is the project's third year. Eastern Star members pictured as seated left to right: Roberta Little, Millie Gitzlaff, Fran Rice and Marjorie Charlton.

- Article by Dona-Rae Baumgart



Story of Success Shared - The Streifels share a moment with Star members during their visit to the Ellsworth Masonic Center. Pictured left to right are Dr. Eugene R. Jonas, Andrea Streifel and son Carter, Doug Streifel and daughter Brynna, Mary Bristol, Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star Chapter and Jerry Bristol, Worthy Patron.

- Photo by Milt Helmer

Ellsworth OES hears of Shrine Hospital Treatment Success

By Milt Helmer
There is a lot of good in the world if we know where to look.

On Tuesday, October 2, 2006, Doug and Andrea Streifel, a young couple from Eau Claire, shared their

heart warming story with Order of the Eastern Star and Hancock Lodge members as part of Worthy Matron Mary Bristol's campaign to bring the good works of the Shrine Hospitals, the Eastern Star and the Freemasons to people in the community. "Not many people know all the good things that are going on all around us," said Mary.

Announcements

Congratulations to TERRY FEDJE, Frederic Chapter, Frederic, on her special appointment as a Friend of a Feather of the General Grand Chapter. Sister Terry received her honor at the General Grand Chapter this October.

PROFICIENCY TESTING: If you were unable to take part in the Proficiency testing this summer, it will be offered again on February 10, 2007. Please notify Laurie Twardy, Associate Grand Matron, or Audrey Pavlik, P.G.M., by January 10th if you are interested. The location will be determined according to where there are applicants.

WISCONSIN - MICHIGAN EXCHANGE date is Saturday, February 17, 2007 at the Kalamazoo County Masonic Center. Registration at 4:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$15.00 per person. More information will be forthcoming.

Grand Officer Parties

Vega Chapter cordially invites you to a program and dinner honoring DON P. JENSEN, Sr., Grand Marshal, to be held Saturday, January 27. Gathering is at 2:30 p.m. at the Lake Masonic Center, 1235 E. Howard Ave., Milwaukee. The program will begin at 3 p.m. followed by a dinner at 5 p.m.. Cost is \$15 per person. RSVP by January 17 with name, title and remittance to: Linda Schreier, 2241 W. Southland Drive, Oak Creek, WI 53154-3630. Please make checks payable to Linda Schreier. Sorry, no refunds.

Rainbow Chapter, Wisconsin Rapids cordially invites you to a reception honoring JOYE KUHILKA, Grand Organist on Saturday, January 20, 2007 with social hour at 12 p.m. and dinner at 1 p.m. to be held at the American Legion Post 442. 10929 State Hwy 13 South, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494. RSVP by January 10 to: Linda Sedall, 2530 Branwood Drive, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494. The cost is \$15 per person. Please include name and title when making reservations. Sorry, no refunds.

Before the Star's regular meeting the Streifels told how their daughter Brynna received treatment at the Shrine Hospital in Minneapolis.

Brynna, their first child, was born with hip displacia, and they were faced with monumental medical bills to correct the problem which would have left them with a debt that would take a lifetime to repay or force them into bankruptcy.

Dr. Chris Tashjian, a member of the Hancock Lodge, recommended they see Dr. E. R. Jonas for help. Doc Jonas is the Shrine Hospital representative for the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club and is well known for sponsoring children to receive treatment at the Shrine Hospital in the Twin Cities, Minneapolis-St. Paul.

Within days of her birth the staff at Shriners' Hospital placed little Brynna in a harness to begin correcting her condition, which she wore day and night for the next 18 months.

Today Brynna is a lively and active little girl who shows no signs at all of her trials as an infant. Her condition has progressed so well in fact, she will not have to go back for a check-up for another two years.

"The Shrine Hospitals will monitor her progress until she is 18," said Mrs. Streifel. All this, and as Andrea says, "we have not seen one bill."



This is the season for installations in Wisconsin Lodges and Adams Lodge No. 332, located in Adams, installed its officers for 2007 on Saturday, December 16 with the able assistance of Grand Master Rod Paulsen and Grand Tiler Jim Wetzel. Pictured in the front row are Adams Lodge Chaplain Ed Thomsen, PM; Tiler Ron Brink; Grand Tiler Wetzel, Installing Marshal; Grand Master Paulsen, Installing Master; Eugene Kuhnwald, Adams' Worshipful Master; Russell Olson, Jr. Steward; Dick Doss, Jr. Warden; and Eric Doss, Jr. Deacon (Eric is the lodge's newest Master Mason). Knights Templars Parker Dow, Roger Chase, Gary Roth and Ray Mielke, representing Macoy and Baraboo Commanderies, presented the colors. Outgoing Master Michael Kuhnwald, second row right, took over the duties as Secretary. Several of the new officers were unable to attend because they were working.
- Photo by Wm. Stonecipher, Editor

Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

January 2007

- 1 Lake Lodge No. 189, Milwaukee, and The Rafters Restaurant has teamed up to sponsor a New Year's Day fund raiser to benefit the Children's Shriner Hospital, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Scottish Rite 32nd Degree Children's Learning Center, and other Masonic charities. 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person! Volunteers needed. Contact Sr. Warden John Bugajski and his lady Nancy if you wish to help out or donate time or money, or to purchase tickets. John and Nancy can be reached at 414-282-7279 or cell at 414-467-3887. See story on page 3.
- 6 Inspection and Homecoming / Sheboygan Commandery No. 32, Sheboygan.
- 7 West Bend Lodge No. 138 Installation of 2007 Officers. 3 p.m., 301 University Drive, West Bend.
- 8 School of Instruction - District 12, Area 5, Wauwatosa Lodge No. 267 - West Allis Masonic Center 7:30 p.m.
- 13 School of Instruction - District 4, Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174, Sturgeon Bay, 9 a.m.
- 16 School of Instruction, District 12 Area 4, Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge No. 261, Milwaukee 7:30 p.m.
- 16 GRAND MASTER'S 2007 TOUR TO VISIT MASONS IN FLORIDA - Luncheon in Davenport, FL
- 18 GRAND MASTER'S 2007 TOUR TO VISIT MASONS IN FLORIDA - Luncheon in Ft. Myers, FL.
- 25 5th Annual Robert Burns Table Lodge sponsored by Lake Lodge No. 189 at Lake Masonic Center, 1235 E. Howard Avenue in Milwaukee. Tickets are \$15 each. Program begins promptly at 6 p.m. Ticket deadline is January 15. For reservations please send a check in the amount of \$15 per person to: Bro. Don Hensiak, S74 W20710 Field Drive, Muskego, WI 53150. All Masons invited to attend. See story on page 3.
- 27 Leadership Training Seminar - Eau Claire Masonic Center. See reminder on page 1. Registration coupon is on page 3. \$5 Early registration deadline is January 19.

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 (GIM) Wausau TBD
- 10, 11 Full Staff Meeting (GIM) Wausau 9 a.m.
- 16 School of Instruction, District 12 Area 5, West Allis Lodge No. 291, West Allis, 7:30 p.m.
- 17 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.
- 22 School of Instruction, District 2 Area 2, North Star Lodge No. 1877 p.m.
- 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, AZ
- 7 School of Instruction - District 12 Area 3, Freemasons Lodge No. 363, Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m.
- 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
- 26 Ozaukee Lodge No. 17's Annual Table Lodge and Fish Boil, featuring a traditional "Smith Bothers" style Fish Boil and Todd Brown Raffle. 6 p.m. Monday.
- 29 Grand Lodge of Wisconsin & Prince Hall Grand Lodge Combined Table Lodge, 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

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