

# THE WISCONSIN Masonic Journal

VOLUME XLI, NUMBER 1

The Official Publication of the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin

JANUARY 2008



## Masons Ring Those Salvation Army Bells

Many Masons from lodges around the state have volunteered their time to tend Salvation Army red kettles. Above, Worshipful Brother Larry Zink, Past Master of Baraboo Lodge No. 34, is shown ringing a bell for the Salvation Army on Sunday, December 9. Brother Zink and Worshipful Master Jeff Stout helped support the Salvation Army fund raising effort by donating their time to ring the bell at the Gander Mountain Store in Baraboo.

— Submitted by Bro. Jeff Stout, Baraboo Lodge Master

## Grand Lodge Officers Confer Master Mason Degree in Madison

*Serving Grand Lodge officers assume all degree parts on Dec. 8*

MADISON – As part of Grand Master J. B. Van Hollen's emphasis on reinforcing Masonry's core values among all members of the Craft, including Grand Lodge Officers, having them confer the Master Mason Degree with serving officers taking all degree parts, is central to this effort.

The Grand Lodge Officers will confer Master Mason Degrees at each of the two remaining full staff meetings — in February at the meeting in Wausau and at the meeting in Eau Claire in April.

The Grand Lodge Officers' first Master Mason Degree in many years took place in the Madison Masonic Center on Saturday, December 8 as part of the Grand Lodge full staff meeting held in Madison. Grand Lodge Officers filled all the roles as they conferred the Master Mason Degree on a Fel-

See **GL MM DEGREE** on page 2



## Grand Master Confers Master Mason Degree

Brother Jeffrey Kim, a Fellowcraft of Hiram Lodge No. 50 and ROTC program student at UW-Madison, posed with Grand Master J. B. Van Hollen following his raising to the sublime degree of Master Mason December 8. The Grand Master conferred the degree and gave the charge.

— Photo by J. P. Storrs

## The Grand Master's Message:

By Brother J. B. Van Hollen  
Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin

### TRUTH

When we hear the word, truth, we often equate it with veracity or whether someone is telling a lie. As the word truth is used in our Masonic teachings, it connotes a larger meaning than that. It equates to morality.

There is some deep philosophical debate in society as to whether truth really exists. Is there really such a thing as right and wrong or is everything just relative? Some people want to selfishly believe that everything is relative so they can feel comfortable living their lives as they please. They can think what they want, do what they want and live their lives purely for themselves.

Then there are the rest of us, who to varying degrees, recognize that there is inherently a right and wrong. We can sense it. Our conscience tells us to do this or not do that. Many are content going through life making those gut calls and are comfortable in who they are. Most of the rest of us want more guidance, more light, so we correctly turn to our God.

I am a Christian so I find God's word in the Holy Bible. So, naturally, when the widow who lives next door needs to get to the doctor but her driveway has snow in it and I could shovel it but I would be late for work, I turn to the Bible to see what is right. I can't find a clear answer. There is nothing close to this in my concordance. What should I do?

These dilemmas happen to all of us, and quite often. God's word prevails in our lives but isn't necessarily as clear or pervasive as we might hope in any given circumstance at any given time. What do we do? We turn to other sources for guidance, direction and further light. We turn to friends, family, writings of others with great knowledge and we pray. One other thing that all of us or a loved one has done is turn to Masonry.

Masonry is crafted in such a way that men of all monotheistic religions can use its teachings to become better, more moral men, a good thing in the eyes of their God no matter who that may be. That is why truth is one of the three tenets of our craft, not to supplant religion, but to support it.

Throughout the degrees there are endless discussions of morality, virtue, right and wrong and how to become a better man. They are all based in truth which is why we are told on the day we become Masons that, "Truth is a Divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue. To be good men and true is the first lesson taught in Masonry. On this theme we contemplate and by its dictates endeavor to regulate our conduct."

Now comes the question. How hard do we endeavor to have morality regulate our conduct? We all try to differing degrees. None of us try hard enough. Being an active Mason takes us further in the right direction. We associate with good like-minded people. We listen to, read, study and recite the work. We want to improve as people so the light shines through us, and others will want to be Masons. We want to live it, so they will come.

God Bless,  
J.B.



J. B. Van Hollen,  
Grand Master

## On the January Cover

'Tis the season for lodges across Wisconsin to install their corps of officers for the coming year. Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin J. B. Van Hollen installed three new corps of officers to serve the three lodges that meet in the Eau Claire Masonic Temple on Saturday, December 12, 2007. Pictured in the cover are all officers of the three lodges that meet in the Eau Claire Temple of Freemasonry: In the front row, left to right, are Frank Strubel, District 2 Deputy; Richard Hazelton, Worshipful Master, Eau Claire Lodge No. 112; Gregory O'Reilly, Worshipful Master, Sanctuary Lodge No. 347; Daniel Marcon, Worshipful Master, George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351; J. B. Van Hollen, Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin.

In the second row, officers of Eau Claire Lodge: Timothy Buckley, Past Master; Duane Badman, Tiler; Larry Ganske, Counselor; William Mathey, Junior Steward; David Bollom, Senior Steward; Thomas Christiano, Junior Deacon; Michael Epton, Senior Deacon; Jon Shimoda, Chaplin; Harley Hogstrom, Secretary; Willard Young, Treasurer; James Rundall, Junior Warden; and Thomas Stevens, Senior Warden.

In the third row, officers of Sanctuary Lodge are pictured: Michael Meinke, Trustee; James Sessions, Tiler; Dan Walters, Counselor; David Linderholm, Chaplin; Steven Lasure, Secretary-Treasurer; Andrew McKenzie, Junior Warden; Peter Thompson, Senior Warden; Wayne Cowan, Senior Warden of George B. Wheeler. Fourth Row: Officers of George B. Wheeler Lodge: Neil Hanson, Tiler; Brandon Williams, Junior Steward; Michael Kasten, Senior Steward; Mark Hank, Junior Deacon; Otis Franke, proxie for Michael Holton, Senior Deacon; Robert Sloan, Chaplin; Roger Schoff, Secretary-Treasurer; James Kent, Junior Warden.

Eau Claire's three lodges were chartered over the past 138 years, with Eau Claire Lodge being chartered first in 1859; Sanctuary Lodge in 1929, and George B. Wheeler Lodge in 1954.

— Submitted by Bro. Neil Hanson,  
George B. Wheeler Lodge

## Bell that rang Low Twelve in Clintonville Lodge will now ring to honor vets on Memorial Day



Clintonville Lodge's bell will now ring in Graceland Cemetery. The lodge building was sold in 2005.

CLINTONVILLE – In 1978 the last steam train traveled through Clintonville, Wisconsin. Brother Harry Peotter, a member of Clintonville Lodge No. 197 and a master steam engine mechanic, obtained the bell from that train.

Brother Peotter presented the engine's bell to the Lodge as a gift and it was used to ring high and low twelve for every Masonic degree and dinner until 2005, when the Masonic Center building was sold.

This bell was one of the prized possessions of the Lodge and Brother Owen Nielson volunteered to head a committee to find the best place for it, where it would be useful and add dignity with its use.

The City of Clintonville accepted the bell as a gift, to be placed by the

lodge on Memorial Circle in Graceland Cemetery. The Appleton Marble and Granite Company was commissioned to create the foundation and place the bell in the proper position on the circle.

The bell will be used on Memorial Day to ring out each community military veteran who has passed away.

Clintonville Lodge also owned a plot of 10 grave sites to be used for indigent Masons. The last burial on this plot was in 1937 and the Lodge felt the city could make better use of the remaining sites.

The Clintonville Cemetery Association accepted the plot with the stipulation that the grave sites were to be used for any indigent person needing a burial site in the city.



## Ringling for the Brown County Salvation Army

Brothers Mike Belongia, Senior Warden (left) and Christopher Hirthe (right) rang bells for the Salvation Army in Green Bay on Saturday, December 8. Brethren from Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 322, Green Bay, rang bells for the Salvation Army of Brown County. Manning the two entrances of Woodman's Grocery Store, the bell ringing began at 8 a.m. and continued throughout the day. This is the fourth year that Roosevelt Lodge has rung bells for the Salvation Army. It is hoped that with the kettles being tended (and bells ringing), shoppers are more charitable than with unmanned kettles.

— Submitted by Bro. Gerry Brebner, Roosevelt Lodge



### 2008 Officers for Tomah Lodge

On Thursday, December 13 Tomah Lodge No. 132 held an open installation for the newly elected and appointed officers. Past Master Raymond Boettcher served as Installing Master, with PM Steve Hanson as Installing Marshal. Pictured from left to right in row 1: Johnston Bell, Secretary-Treasurer; Chaz Calhoun, Trustee; Robert Gray, Master; Ken Kuhn, Senior Warden; Frosty Mades, Chaplain-Organist. In row 2: Steve Hanson, Counselor; Gordon Aleckson, Installing Chaplain; Robert Keene, Tiler; Robert Milton, Junior Steward; Raymond Boettcher, Installing Master. Following installation the Master and his lady hosted a lunch for all in attendance.

- Submitted by News Hawk Steve Hanson

## NOTES FROM THE GRAND LECTURER

By Brother Ronald H. Glauert

### Hints to the Worshipful Masters

At this time of the year our Masonic Lodges are preparing to install the officers for the coming year or have already done so.

With that in mind, let me enumerate some points that make a successful Worshipful Master and in turn will surely make the Lodge more active and more successful in its conferring of degrees and its conducting of the meetings.

1. The Worshipful Master should not be craftsman, laborer, and all things to every project. He should superintend and direct the work.

2. Have a meeting of the officers as soon after the election as possible, to arrange the work and encourage them to study and tend their duties with enthusiasm.

3. Have each officer learn the duties of the officer immediately above him so that he may, when required, be able to perform them.

4. Always remember it is the Worshipful Master's work to plan, and to draw out the plan of work. Treat the officers confidentially and explain your plans, have them be a part of those plans so they all have part ownership.

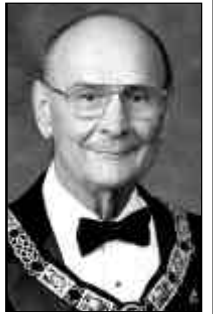
5. Give encouragement to any Brother who wishes to help no matter what Lodge they are a member of, encourage your officers to do the same; but bear in mind that your own members have first claim on your assistance and encouragement.

6. Do not parade your authority, but prove yourself worthy of the power placed in your hands, by using it as seldom as possible.

7. Remember that the best Master is he who best serves the Craft.

It is true that some are leaders and some area followers. When we elect our Masonic officers we do it because they are leaders and although some of the tasks of our leaders are difficult nonetheless they are obligated to do their very best for the Craft.

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



Ronald H. Glauert  
Grand Lecturer

## Save these dates for a very important guest appearance!

### GRAND MASTER'S 2008 TOUR DATES TO VISIT MASONS IN FLORIDA & ARIZONA ANNOUNCED

The following dates have been SCHEDULED for the Grand Master's visitation to Wisconsin Masons living permanently or temporarily in Florida and Arizona. Details will be forthcoming as they are finalized.

• **January 22, 2008 - Luncheon in Davenport, FL**

• **January 23, 2008 - Luncheon in Ft. Myers, FL**

• **February 15, 2008 - Luncheon in Sun City West, AZ**

• **Davenport, Florida - Tuesday, January 22, 2008**, Deer Creek Country Club, 42749 Hwy. 27, Davenport, Florida (club number 863-424-2839). Social hour 11 a.m. Noon luncheon. Carl Wussow, PGM, is coordinating and accepting RSVPs at: (863) 420-1839 or 111 Laurel Oak Pass, Davenport, FL 33837-6488.

• **Fort Myers, Florida - Wednesday, January 23, 2008**, Forest Country Club, 6100 Club Boulevard, SW, Fort Myers, Florida. Social hour 11 a.m. Noon luncheon. Please RSVP to Brother Billy Brown, 271-2 Lenell Road, Ft. Myers Beach, FL 33931, Phone (239) 463-3361.

• **Sun City West, Arizona. Friday, February 15, 2008**, Briarwood Country Club. Social hour 11 a.m. Noon luncheon. RSVP to coordinators Otfried & Enyde Schultz, 18013 N. 99th Drive, #2, Sun City, Arizona 85373. Phone (623) 933-1461. Reservations due by Feb. 1.

Note: There is a \$10 refundable reservation fee for each person attending these receptions. Checks are to be made payable to the respective event coordinators and mailed to their home addresses.

Persons interested in attending can also contact the Development Office with questions, at 800-242-2307. A cash bar social hour at all receptions begins at 11 a.m. The luncheon is at noon.

### GL MM DEGREE...from page 1

lowcraft in Hiram Lodge No. 50, Brother Jeffrey Kim. Brother Kim is an ROTC program student at UW-Madison.

Conferring the Degree's first section as Master was Grand Master J. B. Van Hollen. Other offices in the first section were Senior Warden, Craig S. Campbell; Junior Warden, John Wilke; Secretary, Michael A. DeWolf; Chaplain, David R. Ritchie; Senior Deacon, Davey L. White, Jr.; Junior Deacon, Dennis V. Siewert; Senior Steward, Daniel L. Slavik; and Junior Steward, William Beetcher.

Second Section roles: Master, John Wilke; Junior Warden, Craig S. Campbell; Senior Deacon, Richard M. Trailer; King Solomon, John Wilke; King Hiram, Robert C. Strader; Scribe, Michael A. DeWolf; First Craftsman, Davey White, Jr.; Second Craftsman, Arby Humphrey; Ja, J. Patrick Storrs; Jo, Daniel L. Slavik; Jm, Kenneth C. Gorgen; Seafaring Man, Richard Vande Sande. Fellowcrafts were Dan Slavik, David E. Tainter, Jeffrey Marquardt and John C. Metcalf. Franklin Struble delivered the Soliloquy.

The 2nd section Historical Lecture was presented by L. Arby Humphrey; the 3rd Section Lecture

(slides) by Donald W. Hensiak. The Apron Address was given by Craig S. Campbell; the Bible Presentation by Davey L. White, Jr. **umj**

### Gallon Blood Donor

Mineral Point Lodge No. 1 sponsored the Red Cross Blood bank for the month of September in Mineral Point furnishing the lunch and beverages for the blood donors. That same month, Worshipful Master Raymond Paynter, pictured above, was awarded the Red Cross Gallon certificate for donating his fourteenth gallon of blood.

- Submitted by Bill Buckingham



### WE SAVE SLIDES TO DISK

Slide Scans as low as 69 cents ea. • Quality film & print scanning, DVD slideshows, image restoration, custom t-shirts, Tape to DVD transfers: vhs, vhs-c, beta, & 8mm • Call 877-718-4588, ask about our Christmas in July special!

<http://www.newworlddigitalarts.com>

## THE WISCONSIN Masonic Journal

Published by the Grand Lodge,  
Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin

JANUARY 2008

The Wisconsin Masonic Journal, Publication Number 011-551 (ISSN No. 10770410), is the authorized publication of the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin. It is published monthly except for the July/August issue which is combined. Periodical postage paid at Dousman, Wisconsin 53118 and additional offices. Postmasters: send address changes to The Wisconsin Masonic Journal, 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 53118.

#### Subscription Rates:

Non-members (within United States): \$15.00 per year (payable in advance)  
Non-members (mailed outside of the United States): \$50.00 (payable in advance)  
Members: \$8.50 per year (included in the Grand Lodge per-capita)

#### Address all correspondence to:

The Wisconsin Masonic Journal  
36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 53118  
Phone: 262-965-2200 FAX 262-965-4211  
Grand Masonic Center - Toll Free in Wisconsin 1-800-242-2307

#### Editorial Production Office Phone/FAX 262-334-1876

William Lawrence Stonecipher, Editor  
232 Lincoln Drive South, West Bend, WI 53095  
e-mail <wmjedit@sbcglobal.net>

#### Advertising Office Phone/FAX 262-965-3979

Diane Igl, Advertising Manager  
e-mail <eieio@execpc.com>

Advertising rates upon request. Deadline for submission of news or advertising copy is the fifth of each month preceding month of scheduled publication.

## Directory of Grand Lodge Officers 2007-2008

### Elected Officers

#### Grand Master

J. B. Van Hollen (210)  
Phone toll free at 1-800-242-2307  
<glo@wisc-freemasonry.org>

#### Deputy Grand Master

John W. Wilke (32)  
Bus. (608) 921-9907  
Res. (608) 463-7754  
Fax (608) 463-7754  
<jswilke@centurytel.net>

#### Senior Grand Warden

Craig S. Campbell (183)  
Res. (262) 375-8937  
Bus. (262) 512-4104  
<cscampbell@tsnet.com>

#### Junior Grand Warden

Joseph B. Harker (1)  
Res. (262) 782-1723  
Bus. (414) 382-3179  
<jharker@wi.rr.com>

#### Grand Treasurer

Richard A. Vande Sande (28)  
Res. (262) 763-6797  
<rvandesande@wi.rr.com>

#### Grand Secretary

Michael A. DeWolf, PGM (267)  
Res. (715) 849-4260  
Bus. (800) 686-0070  
Fax. (715) 298-3000  
<mdeWolf@charter.net>

#### Appointed Officers

##### Grand Chaplain

David Ritchie  
Res. (608) 776-2698  
<hickorysp@yahoo.com>

##### Grand Lecturer

Ronald H. Glauert (345)  
Res. (608) 788-4953

<rglauert@charter.net>

##### Senior Grand Deacon

Davey L. White, Jr. (4)  
Res. (608) 348-9352  
<dwhitejr@hotmail.com>

##### Junior Grand Deacon

Dennis V. Siewert (332)  
Res. (920) 339-8995  
Bus. (920) 435-6061  
<dsiewert@greenbaylighting.com>

##### Senior Grand Steward

Daniel L. Slavik (63)  
Res. (608) 244-4562  
Bus. (608) 327-5116  
<dslavik@sbcglobal.net>

##### Junior Grand Steward

William Beetcher (244)  
Res. (715) 349-8021  
<beetcher@sirentel.net>

##### Grand Marshal

Patrick Storrs (138)  
Res. (262) 306-1214  
Bus. (262) 338-1439 ext. 225  
<pat@jpsstorrs.com>

##### Grand Tiler

John Metcalf (119)  
Res. (608) 246-4310  
<jmetcalf@wmc.org>

##### Grand Orator

Robert Strader (363)  
Res. (262) 827-1606  
Bus. (414) 382-4956  
<rstrader@wi.rr.com>

##### District Deputies

**District 1**  
L. Arby Humphrey (329)  
Res. (715) 364-2492  
Bus. (218) 723-2510  
<arby.humphrey@usps.gov>

##### District 2

Franklin Struble (60)  
Res. (608) 269-4509  
<strublesports@centurytel.net>

##### District 3

Frank J. Dennee (225)  
Res. (715) 339-2668  
Bus. 715-339-2191  
<theden@pctnet.net>

##### District 4

Guy K. Gooding (322)  
Res. (920) 822-8104  
<GVGOOD@aol.com>

##### District 5

Raymon C. Kline (345)  
Res. (608) 781-6888  
<rprinting@centurytel.net>

##### District 6

Jeffrey Marquardt (71)  
Res. (608) 339-7832  
<zsasa15@verizon.net>

##### District 7

Richard M. Trailer (245)  
Res. (608) 423-7081  
<rtrailer@smallbytes.net>

##### District 8

A new District 8 Deputy will soon be announced.

##### District 9

Paul S. Huber (161)  
Res. (608) 290-5248  
<paulshuber@yahoo.com>

##### District 10

David Tainter (17)  
Res. (262) 268-3091  
Bus. (262) 898-2824  
<dtainter@bucyrus.com>

##### District 11

Kenneth C. Gorgen (307)  
Res. (262) 691-0859

<jkgorgen@wi.rr.com>

##### District 12

Donald W. Hensiak (189)  
Res. (414) 433-4741  
Bus. (414) 545-3370  
<webburger@prodigy.net>

#### Grand Masonic Center

Grand Lodge F.&A.M. of Wisconsin  
36275 Sunset Dr., Dousman, WI 53118  
Toll-free in WI • 1-800-242-2307  
Fax (262) 965-4211  
Metro (262) 965-2200

#### Grand Masonic Center Contacts

**Receptionist: Cheryl Martin**  
<cheryl@wisc-freemasonry.org>  
**Bookkeeper: Alicia Darr**  
<alicia@wisc-freemasonry.org>  
**Office Manager: Jan Gorgen**  
<jan@wisc-freemasonry.org>  
<glo@wisc-freemasonry.org>

#### Grand Lodge Website

[www.wisc-freemasonry.org](http://www.wisc-freemasonry.org)

#### The Wisconsin Masonic Journal

William L. Stonecipher, Editor  
232 Lincoln Drive South  
West Bend, WI 53095  
Phone/Fax (262) 334-1876  
<wmjedit@sbcglobal.net>

**WMJ Ad Manager Diane Igl.**  
36275 Sunset Dr., Dousman, WI 53118  
Phone/Fax (262) 965-3979  
<eieio@execpc.com>

# Thoughts for The Journey

By Grand Chaplain David Ritchie

## Are you a superstar or a team player?

It is January, the end of the football season.

The month starts with the college bowl games and ends in Super Bowl hype. The Badgers are playing on New Years Day and the Packers look to be in the play offs. There will be talk of who is the best. The Heismann Trophy and League MVP will be discussed for hours. Who are the superstars?

It always surprises me that the deeper you go into the post-season the fewer superstars you hear about. Those names we have been hearing every week since September are now out of the picture. The reason is simple. Superstars don't win the big games, teams do.

How often in the big games is it the guy no one has heard of that makes the big play? How often does the key block go unnoticed while the superstar thumps his chest in the end zone? How often did someone else, in the preceding plays, move the ball down the field so the superstar could score? In life and in lodge are you team player?

In the building of the Temple, there were superstars — Solomon, King of Israel; Hiram, King of Tyre; and Hiram Abif. There were also 3,300 Masters, 80,000 Fellowcrafts, and 70,000 Apprentices on the team.

It also takes a team to run the pancake breakfasts, friends nights, awards dinners, Past Masters recognitions, and all the other things that make up the life of a lodge. It is amazing what can be accomplished when everybody does what they can. Give your seasoned veterans something to do and make sure your rookies see some game time.

On any team, and our lodges are a team, there will be the "go to" guys, those guys who will get it done, and there will be those who play a supporting role.

In a fraternity where we talk about everyone meeting on the level, it is important that we all work together. If we only give the ball to our lodge superstars, then we tire them out; and our older members wonder why they should show up, and the new members never learn.

It is my hope the superstars remember what it was like the first time they sat in a chair and placed that Steward's or Junior Deacon's jewel around their neck — and that feeling that you were now part of the team.

What was the first committee you were on? Did the more experienced let you help? Many of our members are hiding talents that will remain hidden if only one or two members do all the work.

If you want to be a true superstar, teach the new members what it means to be a Mason inside the lodge room and out. Don't just help them get the words to a lecture right, help them to understand what those words mean.

If you want to be a superstar, help your brothers understand that these lessons are to teach a way of life, not just something we pay lip service to on meeting night. Being a Mason means being a part of something that is so much bigger than any thing we could be alone. Share that.

There are two types of superstars: chest-thumpers and back-patters. Are you a chest-thumper or a back-patter? We know both kinds of men.

In lodge the chest-thumper will publicly correct any mistakes made by others and in a loud voice complain about the quality of the work. The back-patter will take the new members of the lodge aside and help them understand and perfect what they are doing.

The chest-thumper will take on a project because he is the only one who can do it. The back-patter calls the new members to help on the project, to get them involved, and offer rides to the older members so that they can take part.

The chest-thumper is the guy who will tell you how hard he worked. The back-patter will thank you for how hard you worked. We know both these types of men. Which would you rather have on your team. Which one are you?

Grand Chaplain Ritchie welcomes comments on his columns or suggestions for future topics from readers. He may be reached by phone at (608) 776-2698 or by e-mail at <hickorysp@yahoo.com>.



Rev. David Ritchie  
Grand Chaplain

# News of the Lodges

Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin



## Baraboo Lodge Holds Rusty Nail Degree

Baraboo Lodge No. 34, Baraboo, held a Rusty Nail Degree on October 3, 2007, to reacquaint members with the signs, grips and passwords of our degrees. Pictured front row left to right following the degree were Brothers Wayne Dennis, Essam Awad, Don Woltersdorf, Richard Campbell, Bryan Espinoza, Bruce Wymann and Bob Snyder. Second row: George Mork, Skip Bake, Jeff Stout, Marty Blake, Ted Yall, Bob Geatke and Michael Lyon. Third row: Brian Rich, Regie Haskins, Robert Griffin, Chris Haskins and Terry Blake. Not pictured is Larry Zink, photographer.

## The Gavel Locator

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

- District 1**  
Chetek Lodge No. 277
- District 2**  
Collins-Spring Valley No. 192
- District 3**  
Forest Lodge No. 130
- District 4**  
TriCounty Daylight No. 218
- District 5**  
Valley Lodge No. 60
- District 6**  
Montello Lodge No. 141
- District 7**  
Columbus Lodge No. 75
- District 8**  
Mineral Point Lodge No. 1
- District 9**  
Oregon Lodge No. 151
- District 10**  
Fond du Lac Lodge No. 26
- District 11**  
Southern Lanes Lodge No. 12
- District 12**  
West Allis Lodge No. 291

**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? E-mail your changes to the Wisconsin Masonic Journal at <wmjedit@sbcglobal.net>

Contact The Wisconsin  
Masonic Journal at  
<wmjedit@sbcglobal.net>

Please contact the Grand  
Master via Grand  
Secretary DeWolf  
at (800)686-0070  
or by e-mail at  
<mdewolf@charter.net>  
or via the Grand Lodge  
Office at (800) 242-2307  
or by e-mail <glo@wisc-  
freemasonry.org>



## Sanctuary Past Masters Displayed

Sanctuary Lodge No. 347 Worshipful Master Steve Lasure thanks Bill Amsdorf (Secretary, and Past Master), Don Olds (Past Master), and Greg O'Reilly (Senor Warden and Past Master) for a wall display of Past Master photographs. Bill Amsdorf put together a wall display of the past masters of Sanctuary Lodge No. 347 in Eau Claire. He designed the display and with the help of Don Olds, they made the parts to put the display together. Then on Saturday, Dec. 1 Bill, Don and Greg met and installed the display on the wall. Now when we walk into the lodge room we are reminded of the men who were able to take the time to serve their lodge. It is also a great way of teaching fellow brothers about some of the history of our lodge by remembering stories of the men pictured on the wall.

— Submitted by Bro. Michael Meinke



## Fifth Generation Trowbridge in Buffalo River Lodge

At the stated meeting of Buffalo River Lodge on November 12, 2007, Brother Brian Trowbridge became the fifth generation of the Trowbridge family to be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason of Mondovi lodge. Preceding Brian in the Masonic Fraternity were his father James, grandfather Robert, great-grandfather Hugh, and great-great-grandfather William. The Trowbridge family has served this lodge since the early 1900s. We welcome Brother Brian as a member of our lodge and thank the family for this fine record. Pictured left to right, are Brother James Trowbridge, Brother Brian J. Trowbridge and Worshipful Master Larry Drangsvet of Buffalo River Lodge No. 252 in Mondovi.

— Submitted by Bro. Ed Mahlum, Buffalo River Lodge Secretary

Being active in the life of your lodge is part  
of being a Mason.

## MASONIC SUPPLIES

Aprons • Gifts • Jewelry • Printing  
Secretary's Supplies • Altar Lights • Fraternal Ties  
Now Available – Online Ordering

Please visit our updated website. Online ordering is now available for your shopping convenience. Browse through the many items available online to find that special "Masonic Item" you've been looking for.

Catalogs may be downloaded online or e-mail a request for a printed copy. As always, our friendly and knowledgeable staff will assist you with phone orders or any special requests you may have weekdays 8-5 CST.

Call or Write for our Current Catalog

J.P. Luther CO.

P. O. Box 344 • 173 S. Pearl Street • Berlin, Wisconsin 54923  
920/361-1555 FAX: 800/842-9357 Toll Free: 800/558-8292  
WEBSITE: <http://www.jpluther.com> • E:MAIL: [jpl@vbe.com](mailto:jpl@vbe.com)



# Scripture Readings: The Master Mason Degree

## A Short Talk Bulletin

Published by The Masonic Service Association of North America

### Scripture Readings (The Third Degree)

By Wade D. Bridges, P.M.  
Georgia Lodge of Research

This Short Talk Bulletin subject was taken from a paper by Bro. Wade D. Bridges, P.M. of the Georgia Lodge of Research.

In the entire paper the Scripture readings for all three degrees was explained. This STB deals only with the Scripture lesson of the Third Degree. The paper was published in Vol. XIX, Transactions 2005, Georgia Lodge of Research.

The entire section of the paper dealing with the Third Degree is much too long for an STB and so, of necessity, substantial editing was required. We do recommend the entire paper to your reading.

[Note: This paper has been compiled from a set of three by W Bro. Wade D. Bridges, P.M. of the Georgia Lodge of Research, who expressly asserts they are not his original work, but a compilation of, and commentary on, the work of others. Unless otherwise stated, Bible references are to the standard King James Version.]

### The Third or Master Mason Degree

#### Ecclesiastes 12: 1-7

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain;

In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened.

And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low;

Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden and desire shall fail; because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets;

Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

#### About Ecclesiastes

Most people will agree that one cannot simply read the Bible and expect to glean all its meanings and lessons. In no place in the Scriptures is this truth more evident than in the Book of Ecclesiastes, which is liberally sprinkled with metaphors. This is particularly evident in Ecclesiastes 12:1-7.

"Ecclesiastes" is defined as "one who assembles" or "one who collects wise sayings." It is liberally translated as "The Preacher." Neither the date this book was written nor the identity of its author or authors is certain.

Until the 19th century, scholars thought it was authored by King Solomon, but that theory is not widely held by modern theologians. Some Jewish writers ascribe it to Isa-

iah, the great prophet and preacher; others ascribe it to Hezekiah, a son of David; while others think it was written by someone in the time of Zerubbabel.

Most orthodox Protestant scholars contend it was written by an unidentified writer, most likely in the third century B.C., who was following the tradition of much of ancient Jewish literature when he selects a famous personage as his mouthpiece. The tradition of Solomonic authorship almost guaranteed the book a place in the canon of Scripture.

The author of Ecclesiastes identifies himself as "the son of David, King of Jerusalem" (Ecc 1:1) but he never names himself in the Book. In Ecc 1:12, the writer states, "I, the Preacher was King over Israel in Jerusalem." Since Solomon was the only son of David who was King over Israel, there appears to be no doubt that 'King Solomon' was the one to whom the reference is made.

#### Physical Interpretation

The physical interpretation may best be considered line by line:

(1) REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR IN THE DAYS OF THY YOUTH

Many young and middle aged people overlook their surroundings and God, but as old age comes to them they start to become concerned with how they have arrived at where they are and now try to get caught up.

(2) WHILE THE EVIL DAYS COME NOT

When your body and mind don't work the way they did in youth.

(3) NOR THE YEARS DRAW NIGH

Your time and years are drawing to a close.

(4) WHEN THOU SHALT SAY, I HAVE NO PLEASURE IN THEM.

When you can't do that which took no effort in youth to do, and now all you can do is sit and watch, or have someone else do it for you.

(5) WHILE THE SUN, OR THE LIGHT OR THE MOON, OR THE STARS, BE NOT DARKENED

When death finally prevails and you are no longer part of the wonders of life and nature. Fading light depicts old age. For the old man, the world grows dark.

(6) NOR THE CLOUDS RETURN, AFTER THE RAIN

Rains created new growth and life, a fresh start. And the sun or the stars once again appear.

(7) IN THE DAYS WHEN THE KEEPERS OF THE HOUSE SHALL TREMBLE

The keepers of the house are the hands, the arms, and legs, the trembling comes with the feebleness of old age.

(8) AND THE STRONG MEN SHALL BOW THEMSELVES

When they become stooped over, or bow-legged, no longer able to stand erect.

(9) AND THE GRINDERS CEASE BECAUSE THEY ARE FEW

The grinders are the teeth, which were usually very few, (in old age), if you were fortunate enough to have any.

(10) AND THOSE THAT LOOK OUT OF THE WINDOWS BE DARKENED

The windows are the eyes. Failing sight is a trait common to old age.

(11) AND THE DOORS SHALL BE SHUT IN THE STREETS, WHEN THE SOUND OF THE GRINDING IS LOW

The doors are the lips, the streets are the mouth by which nourishment enters, and the sound of the grinding is the human voice. In old age when the teeth are lost, mumbling is a very common attribute.

(12) AND HE SHALL RISE UP AT THE VOICE OF THE BIRD

The bird is the crowing cock. In old age mankind is more restless in his slumbers, and early rising is a habit with many.

(13) AND ALL THE DAUGHTERS OF MUSIC SHALL BE BROUGHT LOW

The daughters of music are the ears. The voice loses its strength and hearing becomes less acute in the aged,

(14) ALSO, WHEN THEY SHALL BE AFRAID OF THAT WHICH IS HIGH

In the declining years, men fear to scale the heights which in their prime they ascended with ease.

(15) AND FEARS SHALL BE IN THE WAY

Timidity is a common fault of older people. They are filled with apprehension at the first sign of danger.

(16) AND THE ALMOND TREE SHALL FLOURISH

It refers to the white flower of that tree and the allegorical significance is to old age, when the hair of the head shall become white or gray.

(17) AND THE GRASSHOPPER SHALL BE A BURDEN

To the weakness of old age, even the weight of so small a thing as a grasshopper, is a burden, or a pest.

(18) AND DESIRE SHALL FAIL

The appetites and desires of youth cease in the declining years.

(19) BECAUSE MAN GOETH TO HIS LONG HOME

Literally to his grave. Or to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns.

(20) AND THE MOURNERS GO ABOUT THE STREETS

This refers to the original custom of having official mourners, who make public lamentation for the dead.

(21) OR EVER THE SILVER CORD BE LOOSED

The silver cord is that spiritual cord which connects man to his God the same way an umbilical cord connects the baby to its mother.

(22) OR THE GOLDEN BOWL BE BROKEN

The skull is called the golden bowl, from its yellow color.

(23) OR THE PITCHER BE BROKEN AT THE FOUNTAIN

The pitcher is the great vein which carries the blood to the ventricle of the heart, here called the fountain.

(24) OR THE WHEEL BROKEN AT THE CISTERN

The wheel represents the aorta or great artery which receives the blood from the ventricle of the heart or the cistern and distributes it through the body.

(25) THEN SHALL THE DUST RETURN TO THE EARTH AS IT WAS, AND THE SPIRIT SHALL RETURN UNTO GOD WHO GAVE IT

Upon decomposition the body will return to mother earth from where it first originated, and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

#### Summary

Read this scripture how we will, the majestic awe-inspiring poetry rings home the solemn warning with a shake of the head and a shiver up the spine...Remember now thy Creator: "NOW," before the fearsome storms of life, or the decay of old age, are upon you; wait not until "fears are in the way" to cry for help to the Almighty. Delay not until toothless, sightless, white-haired age asks for help from on high, because there is no help left on earth!

Such is the intention of these ringing sentences, and such do they mean to Freemasons. No man thinks of his Master Mason's degree but hears again in his heart at least the beginning and ending of this sermon in poetry. "Remember now thy Creator, in the days of thy youth...then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." The solemn strokes on the bell which is Ecclesiastes and the soul-gripping drama of the legend of Hiram Abif are never to be known apart by him who met them together.

The whole is a reminder to start early to remember thy Creator (worship God), as you can't catch up in later life, for while the dust returns to the earth, the spirit must return to God for his judgment at the end of our lives. The proper living of our lives and worship of our God must last our lifetime, in order to obtain eternal life with our God when this life is over.

Whatever stage of our life, it is imperative that we as men and Masons: REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR!

#### Synopsis

The scripture readings of the three degrees are one of the most neglected areas of Masonic study. These passages occupy places of unusual prominence in the degrees, an indication that they are intended to be of special importance. The recitation of each passage has a major impact on the tone of each of the degrees. These words of each scripture are spoken only once in our ritual, unlike so many others, and are not mentioned in any subsequent explanation.

These papers have considered these readings and offer some explanation of their meaning as well as their historical and Biblical context. Be warned to beware of concluding that they are understood simply

because one can read the words and recognize their meanings. This is especially true in the case of Masonic Ritual and of Biblical passages.

Attention is called to a limitation of these papers: the passages are considered without regard to their historical dimension in the Craft, i.e., when they were introduced, how, in what sequence, etc. As a result, these interpretations cannot be said to have "historical" validity for any period of the Craft's history other than the present.

#### For Your Information

This monthly Short Talk Bulletin is furnished to all elective, most appointed Grand Lodge officers, and to selected Committeemen in each Grand Lodge which is a member of The Masonic Service Association of North America. A lodge copy is sent to each constituent lodge of member jurisdictions through the lodge officer (Worshipful Master, Secretary, Warden or Lodge Education Officer) designated by the Grand Lodge.

Individuals and other Masonic bodies may subscribe to *The Short Talk Bulletin* at current subscription rates, which are computed on the actual cost of preparation, printing and postage.

To keep the cost of *The Short Talk Bulletin* at a minimum, your cooperation in providing timely notice of changes in address and changes of lodge officers, is greatly appreciated. Six weeks notice is needed on changes of address. Back issues of *The Short Talk Bulletin* are available at \$.50 each.

#### Subscription Rates:

To U.S. Addresses (including APO & FPO) \$6.00 per year

To addresses outside the U.S. \$7.00 per year

#### SPECIAL NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

The expiration date of your subscription is indicated on the address label by the month and year, i.e. "1207" shows that your subscription expires with the December 2007 issue. Renewals or extension of subscriptions can be made at any time. Send the complete address label when extending/renewing subscriptions.

The Masonic Service Association of North America  
8120 Fenton St.,  
Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785  
Tel: 301-588-4010  
Fax: 301-608-3457  
E-mail: msana@ix.netcom.com  
Website: www.msana.com

### Wisconsin Masonic Charities On The Internet

Go to:

<[www.wisc-freemasonry.org](http://www.wisc-freemasonry.org)>  
and click on the Charities tab.

You can contact the Masonic Charities via e-mail at <[charities@wisc-freemasonry.org](mailto:charities@wisc-freemasonry.org)>.

Phone toll-free 1-800-242-2307

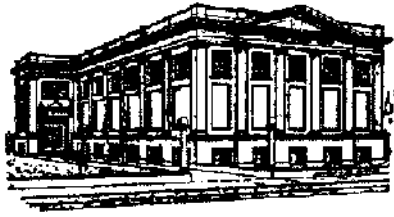
Brethren,  
Send articles and photos of your lodge happenings to: The Wisconsin Masonic Journal, 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 53118.  
Remember, "who, what, when, where and why will make the article from your lodge special.



Masonic Market  
P.O. Box 620801  
Middleton, WI 53562  
Ph./Fax: 608-824-2321  
[www.masonic-market.com](http://www.masonic-market.com)  
[shop@masonic-market.com](mailto:shop@masonic-market.com)



**Schmidt & Bartelt**  
FUNERAL SERVICE  
A Friend to the Family  
Grant Schmidt  
774-5010  
• Milwaukee • Wauwatosa  
• Mequon • Mukwonago  
• Menomonee Falls • Sussex  
• Whitefish Bay • Oconomowoc



# Stated Communications

for the Traveling Mason in Wisconsin

A paid service by Masonic Lodges in Wisconsin

## Adams

**Adams Lodge No. 332**  
148 S. Grant • 608-339-2126 (Sec)  
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark January & February

## Albany

**Albany Lodge No. 36**  
205 N. Water St. • 608-862-3327  
(Sec) • Meet 1st & 3rd Wed., 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

## Appleton

**Waverly Lodge No. 51**  
315 S. Bluemound Dr. • 920-738-9220  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

## Ashland

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

## Baldwin

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

## Baraboo

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

## Barnes

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

## Barneveld

**Barneveld Lodge No. 319**  
108 S. Jones St. • 414-758-0512 (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, 815 Park  
Ave. • 920-887-2530 • Meet 3rd  
Monday 7 p.m. - Dark July & August

## Beloit

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

## Berlin

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

## Black Earth

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

## Black River Falls

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

## Bloomer

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

## Bristol

**Washburn Lodge No. 145**  
8102 - 199th Ave. • 262-857-7801  
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

## Brodhead

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

## Brookfield

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

## Brookfield

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

## Brookfield

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

## Burlington

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

## Cambridge

**Social Lodge No. 245**  
105 S. Spring St. • 608-423-3823 (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)  
• 262-275-2931 (Sec) • 2nd & 4th Mon.  
7:30 p.m. • Dark June, 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

## Cedarburg

**Victory Lodge No. 320** • Advent  
Lutheran Church, W63 N642 Wash. Ave.  
• 262-275-2931 (Sec) • 2nd & 4th Mon.  
7:30 p.m. • Dark June, July & August

## Chetek

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

## Chippewa Falls

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

## Clear Lake

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

## Columbus

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

## Crandon

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

## Crivitz

**Tri-County Daylite Lodge No. 218**  
918 Louisa St. • 715-854-3088  
Meet 2nd Wednesday 10 a.m.  
Dark January & February

## Darlington

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

## Delavan

**Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12**  
1007 S. Second St. • 262-728-6822 (Sec)  
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August

## Dodgeville

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

## Dousman

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

## Dousman

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

## Durand

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

## Eagle River

**Eagle River Lodge No. 248**  
610 E. Division • 715-479-8646  
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 Thursdays, 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 • 715-349-8021 (Sec).  
Meets 2nd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

## Friendship

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

## Galesville

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

## Grafton

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

## Green Bay

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

## Green Bay

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

## Green Bay

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

## Green Bay

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

## Hartford

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

## Hayward

**Keystone Lodge No. 263**  
10629 Main St. • 715-634-8735 (Sec)  
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 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, 7:30 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 Mondays, 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**  
3735 Monona Drive • 608-224-0895  
(Sec) • Meet 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

## Madison

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

## Madison

**Hiram Lodge No. 50**  
310 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-0793  
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark 1st Mondays, July - Labor Day

## Madison

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

## Manitowoc

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

## Marinette

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

## Marshfield

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

## Medford

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

## Menomonie

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

## Mercer

**Hurley Lodge No. 237**  
5179 N. Hwy. 51 • 715-475-2453  
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark January, February & March

## Merrill

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

## Merrillan

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

## Middleton

**Middleton-Ionic Lodge No. 180**  
7409 Franklin Ave. • 608-831-4418  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

## Milton

**Milton Lodge No. 161**  
508 Vernal Avenue • 608-754-2464  
Meets 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

## Milwaukee

**Damascus Lodge No. 290**  
1235 E. Howard Ave. • 262-853-5631  
(Sec) • Meet 2nd & 4th Tues., Dinner  
6 p.m., Lodge at 7 • Dark July & August

## Milwaukee

**Excelsior Lodge No. 175**  
1235 E. Howard Ave. • 414-744-4609  
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July and August

## Milwaukee

**Freemasons Lodge No. 363**  
790 N. Buren St. • 414-425-5166

# News of the Lodges

*Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin*



## 2008 Officers of LaBelle Lodge Installed

La Belle Lodge No. 84, Viroqua, installed its 2008 officers on Wednesday, December 5, 2007. Family, friends and guests attended a dinner and ceremony at the lodge. Pictured left to right in the front row are: Gary Krause, Chaplain; Sean Kline, Senior Deacon; Richard Hunter, Junior Steward; Sean Young, Senior Warden; Nathan Anderson, Senior Steward; William Krueger, Worshipful Master; Brian Ewing, Junior Deacon; Birger Eklov, Tiler; Lary Stegall, Junior Warden; Marlowe Nelson, Counselor-Trustee; Harold McDonough, Installing Master; and Jerry Matson, Secretary-Treasurer. – Submitted by Bro. Bill Krueger



## Baldwin Masons Install 2008 Officers

The members of Collins-Spring Valley Lodge No. 192, Baldwin, held installation of officers at the December 5, 2007 meeting. Pictured left to right are: Doug Henry, Jr. Warden; Dave Jacobson, Sr. Warden and Treasurer; James Karlson, Chaplain, Sr. Deacon, and Trustee; Zach Symes, Jr. Deacon; Jeff Symes, Worshipful Master; Paul R. Nelson, Jr. Steward; and DelRoy Stone, Tiler. Not pictured are Randy Lindquist, Secretary, and Scott Peavey, Sr. Steward. – Submitted by News Hawk Doug Henry



## Eagle River Lodge Officers for 2008

Eagle River Masonic Lodge No. 248 Officers for the 2008 year are pictured above, front row left to right: Junior Warden P.M. James Carey III; Worshipful Master Scott Bishop; Senior Warden Gordon Kollauf; Treasurer P.M. Richard Mitchell; Senior Steward Ted Walker; Installing Marshall P.M. Tony Budj, Phillips Lodge No. 225; Chaplain P.M. Roger Tesch. Second row: Senior Deacon Brian Krause; Junior Deacon David Chamberlain; and Senior Steward Brad Wedow. Third row: Installing Master P.M. Don Schmitt, Phillips Lodge No. 225; Tiler Scott Kellogg; Secretary P.M. Vernon Rasmussen; and Counselor P.M. George Welnetz. – Submitted by Bro. Scott Bishop, Master



## 6th Annual Robert Burns Table Lodge Set for January 24

Lake Lodge No. 189  
Hosting at Lake  
Masonic Center

MILWAUKEE – Worshipful Master Dave Schreier and Lake Lodge No. 189 is proud to announce its 6th Annual Robert Burns Table Lodge. The date is Thursday, January 24, 2008, and will be held at the Lake Masonic Center, 1235 E. Howard Avenue in Milwaukee.

The program will begin promptly at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$17 each.

The menu will consist of a fine Roast “Beast” dinner prepared by Chef Robert Rubner of McBob’s Pub in Milwaukee.

The Scottish delicacy Haggis will be prepared by Pipe Major Donald Hensiak. The Haggis will be served with its traditional fanfare including the “Address to a Haggis” written by famed Scottish Poet and Masonic Brother Robert Burns.

Red and white wines will be served for the celebratory toasting. Please bring along your Toasting Cannons! Traditional Table Lodge series of toasts and scintillating Masonic discourse will be featured.

All Masons are invited to attend. The deadline for tickets is January 15, 2008. For reservations please send a Check in the amount of \$17 per person to:

Bro. Don Hensiak  
S74 W20710 Field Drive  
Muskego, WI 53150  
Phone (414) 433-4741

## Lodge Excellence Award To Richland Lodge

Recently the Masons of Richland Lodge No. 66 received a Gold Level Lodge Excellence Award for 2006. Pictured is Milt Schott (left), Past Master 2006, receiving the Excellence Award from Deputy Grand Master John Wilke. New plaques have been sent to lodges, replacing the Grand Master Achievement Award plaques.

## Is there a member of your lodge in need?

How about the wife of a departed brother?

Why not ask among the brethren in your lodge and see if there is anyone who could use a little help. Someone will surely be glad you did.



## Four Lodges Combine Installations in Green Bay

On Friday, December 14 a co-installation of officers was held for Washington Lodge No. 21, Des Peres Lodge No. 85, Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 322 and Daylite Lodge No. 360. The quad ceremony was held at the Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Center in Green Bay and officiated by Dennis V. Siewert, Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. Theodore Roosevelt Lodge, which supplied refreshments to the brethren, ladies and guests, hosted the event. New Worshipful Masters of the four lodges are pictured left to right: Scott Heintz, Des Peres Lodge; Dan Lyons, Washington Lodge; Dale Vollrath, Daylite Lodge; and John Sage, Roosevelt Lodge. Brother Siewert is at right.

– Submitted by Bro. Gery Brebner, Roosevelt Lodge

## DAY-LITE LODGE NO. 358 “The First & Friendliest”

Day-Lite Lodge in Wisconsin  
Located at the West Allis Masonic Temple,  
75th and National in West Allis

We invite Masons who prefer not to go out at night and those who work nights to come for a visit.

Day-Lite Lodge meets on the 1st & 3rd Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. We feature Masonic Education and a free lunch is served after the meeting.

Coffee is available at 9:00 a.m. We look forward to your visit!



**Tony Broadbent Raised at Richland Lodge  
Twenty-five Attend Master Mason Degree**

On November 7, 2007, Richland Lodge No. 66, Richland Center, raised Brother Anthony (Tony) Broadbent from the Degree of Fellowcraft to that of Master Mason with 25 Brothers in attendance. Lodge No. 66 was especially pleased to have Deputy Grand Master John Wilke and Past Grand Master Keith Chamberlain present. Lunch and fellowship followed the degree. Shown welcoming Tony are fellow Richland Lodge No. 66 members (left to right) New Master Mason Tony Broadbent, Senior Warden Jim Jewell, Worshipful Master Brent Clausius, Junior Warden Howard Hansen, and Deputy Grand Master John Wilke. – Submitted by WM Brent Clausius



**Sheboygan Lodge In  
Parades Last Summer**

Members of Sheboygan Lodge No. 11, Sheboygan, carried a large American flag as a patriotic statement to draw positive attention to the lodge. They appeared in several parades.

**Sheboygan Lodge Remembers the  
Patriotism of Warm Summer Parades**

SHEBOYGAN – The brothers of Sheboygan Lodge No. 11 are lamenting the arrival of winter but they remember with fondness their participation in the warmth of summer parades.

Past Master Jim Longo led the efforts of 18 brothers to raise public awareness of Freemasonry by participating in the City of Sheboygan's Fourth of July and Brat Days parades, and Sheboygan Falls' Falls Fest parade.

Two antique cars were decorated with Masonic emblems and Lodge information. The local Commandery unit marched in full regalia, as did some Blue Lodge members.

But the hit of the summer at all three parades was the enormous American flag the group carried. It covered most of the width of the city street and was carried by six white-gloved brothers, each holding a corner or a side of the national ensign, sometimes at their side, sometimes over their heads.

According to Longo, "The strategy was to create a 'Wow!' visual through the wearing of regalia...the Commandery's hats and swords, and the tuxes, working-tool collars, and aprons were all designed to get the crowd's attention, then we carried the American flag to create a great tie between our fraternity and the patriotism the crowd was feeling."

Continuing, Bro. Longo said, "I don't think there's a better way to raise awareness about Freemasonry and to link that awareness to our patriotism and love of country at

the community level."

Worshipful Master Ron Werner commented, "It was wonderful to see the eyes of the parade-watchers light up as they saw our large flag coming. Even older people, comfortable in their chairs along the route, stood up. Some of the men were even saluting."

Senior Warden Matt Elliot remembered, "People didn't know whether to put their hands over their hearts or applaud first as we were going by they were so impressed. The feeling of patriotism generated by our flag was really something."

As the brothers marched along, they heard shouts of "Thank you!" called out to them along the entire route. Past Master Derrick Rupp recalled, "The applause put goose bumps all up and down my arms!"

Fast-forward to today, as the brothers sit in their Lodge remembering: the only thing putting goose bumps on them now is the freezing rain and snow outside that lets them know that winter has finally arrived!

The Sheboygan Lodge plans on making these parades annual events. The lodge hopes the word will get out and that perhaps other lodges in the state will do the same to raise their community's awareness of how Freemasonry is tied to the founding of America.

Please feel free to contact Past Master Jim Longo for more information at (920) 207-4123.

– Released by Brother Cory Bouck, Sheboygan Lodge No. 11



**Hancock Lodge Elects Officers – Serves Famous Oyster Stew**

The active Hancock Lodge No. 229, Ellsworth, elected officers at their regular monthly communication at the Ellsworth Masonic Center in Ellsworth on Tuesday, December 11, 2007. Worshipful Master Rick Swan presided over the evening. Past Masters Gary Waltz and Dr. E.R. Jonas were in charge of the traditional Oyster Stew. The dinner served near record numbers of Masons, Star members and invited guests. The chefs and serving crew at the annual Oyster Stew dinner at the Masonic Center take a break during serving. Left to right is: Duane Odalen, John Reinke, Chef Gary Waltz, Dennis Donath, Worshipful Master Elect, Dan Fischer and Worshipful Master Rick Swan. Missing was Doc Jonas, co-chair of the dinner. Officers elected by ballot were Dan Fischer, Worshipful Master; Gary Waltz, Senior Warden; Dennis Donath, Junior Warden; Secretary Norris Berg; Treasurer Lonnie Feuerhelm; and trustee Rick Swan. Special recognition was accorded Harold Fosmo Jr. for his 15 years service as treasurer. After the election Worshipful Master elect Dan Fischer announced his team of appointed officers, which included Duane Odalen as Junior Steward; John O'Keefe as Senior Steward; Mike McCarthy as Junior Deacon; Burt Hamm as Senior Deacon; Jim Hines as Chaplain; Doc Jonas as Tiler; and Jack Hofmeister as Lodge Counselor. The Lodge's next public functions will be a pancake breakfast scheduled for January 20. – Submitted by Bro. Milt Helmer

Say, Brother, haven't been to your lodge in some time? Why not drop in to say hello at the next stated or special meeting? You know you will always have friends in Masonry.



"OUR DAD ALWAYS BELIEVED IN FAIR PRICES... and we do, too."

When Dad started our funeral home in 1933, he believed in providing families with the very best facilities and service at a reasonable cost. Today, more than ever, we know the importance of helping each family plan the funeral they want within their budget.

Krause

FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATION SERVICES

9000 West Capitol Dr. • Milwaukee 414-464-4640  
7001 West Brown Deer Rd. • Milwaukee 414-354-9400  
12401 West National Ave. • New Berlin 262-786-8009

William Krause, Sr. with children



**McKinley Lodge Installation of Officers**

Installation of Officers was held on December 8, 2007, for McKinley Lodge No. 307 in Brookfield. Worshipful Master is James C. Lovett II, the first African American Worshipful Master at McKinley Lodge. Officers installed were: Senior Warden, Mike Gorgen; Junior Warden, Ricardo Vieira; Secretary Ryan Mayrand, P.M.; Treasurer Kevin Breitzmann; Chaplain Bob Kappel; Senior Deacon Jose Maia; Junior Deacon Todd Jaremko; and Junior Steward Jared Broderick. Not pictured are Senior Steward Brad Bloodworth, Counselor Brian Breitzmann, Organist Milton Vyvyan, and Tiler Mauricio Garzon. – Submitted by Bro. James Lovett II

## Stated Communications (continued from page 5)

### Pewaukee

**Pewaukee Lodge No. 246**  
126 Main St. • 262-780-0680 (WM)  
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark June, July & August

### Phillips

**Phillips Lodge No. 225**  
137 N. Lake Ave. • 715-339-3785  
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark June, July & August

### Platteville

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

### Plymouth

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

### Portage

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

### Port Washington

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

### Potosi

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

### Poynette

**Poynette Lodge No. 173**  
Poynette City Hall, 106 Main, 608-635-4503  
(Sec) • Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Prairie du Chien

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

### Prairie du Sac

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

### Prescott

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

### Racine

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

### Reedsburg

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

### Rhineland

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

### Rice Lake

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

### Richland Center

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

### River Falls

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

### Shawano

**Shawano Lodge No. 170**  
201-1/2 S. Main St. • 715-526-3920  
Meets 1 & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark January & February

### Sheboygan

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

### Shell Lake

**Shell Lake/Spooner Lodge No. 221**  
28 Dobby Drive • 715-468-2251 (Sec)  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Shullsburg

**Amitia Lodge No. 25**  
127-1/2 Water St. • 608-965-3188 (Sec)  
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 8 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Shullsburg

**Benton Lodge No. 268**  
404 N. Virtue St. • 608-965-3575 (Sec)  
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 8 p.m.  
Dark January & February

### South Milwaukee

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

### Sparta

**Valley Lodge No. 60**  
603 N. Court St. • 608-269-2616  
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Star Prairie

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

### Stevens Point

**Evergreen Lodge No. 93**  
2854 Church Street • 715-344-2447  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Stoughton

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

### Sturgeon Bay

**Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174**  
31 S. 3rd Ave. • 920-493-3727  
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Sun Prairie

**Sun Prairie Lodge No. 143**  
31 S. 3rd Ave. • 920-493-3727  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Superior

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

### Superior

**Superior Lodge No. 236**  
1503 Belknap St. • 715-394-3419 (Sec)  
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Sussex

**Lincoln Lodge No. 183**  
N64 W23624 Main St. • 262-251-3840  
Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Tomah

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

### Union Grove

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

### Viroqua

**La Belle Lodge No. 84**  
118-1/2 S. Main • 608-637-7581 • Meet 1st &  
3rd Wed., 7:30 p.m.; Meet 1st Wed. July, August  
& Dec. • Dark January & February

### Waterloo

**Waterloo Lodge No. 63**  
300 Hendricks Street • 920-478-2048 (Sec)  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Waukesha

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

### Waupaca

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

### Waupun

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

### Wausau

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

### Wautoma

**Wautoma Lodge No. 148**  
203 S. Scott St. • 920-787-7657 (Sec.)  
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.  
Dark Jan. & Feb. - 4th Monday of Dec.

### Wauwatosa

**Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301**  
4315 N. 92nd St. • 414-463-8390  
Meet 4th Friday, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Wauwatosa

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

### Wauwatosa

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

### West Allis

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

### West Allis

**Wauwatosa Lodge No. 267**  
7515 W. National Ave. • 262-250-1588  
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### West Allis

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

### West Bend

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

### West Salem

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

### Whitefish Bay

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

### Whitefish Bay

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

### Whitewater

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

### Wilmot

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

### Winneconne

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

### Wisconsin Dells

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

### Wisconsin Rapids

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

### Armistead-Bingham

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

### ABOUT LODGE LISTINGS

Lodge listings are \$20 for one year. To have your lodge listed in this column, mail your lodge check made payable to the Wisconsin Masonic Journal to: **WMJ Lodge Listings c/o Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin, 36275 Sunset Dr., Dousman, WI 53118.** If information in your listing is incorrect, please send corrections to the Editor at: **<wmjedit@sbcglobal.net>** (262) 334-1876 by phone. Due to production deadlines, new lodge listings may not appear for up to two months.



## Quarry Notes

William L. Stonecipher, Editor

• **Scholarship Name Correction** – We inadvertently misspelled the name of one of the scholarships published in the November issue. The name of the perpetual scholarship given to Horicon High School by Neosho-Mayville-Horicon Lodge should have read “The Alan R. Borchardt Memorial Scholarship.”

• **Speaker Offers Services** – Brother Bill Slate is continuing his offer to speak at lodge meetings. He recently presented a program at Casia Lodge in Plymouth and it was well received according to a thank you letter. Brother Slate has volunteered to provide a short half-hour to forty-five minute presentation on a lodge’s meeting night. Topics are on history and patriotic subjects. Brother Slate does not charge a fee and offers his services as a courtesy to lodges to encourage membership attendance. Why not take advantage of this opportunity? Interested lodges may call (920) 398-2371 (This is a business phone number). The secretary that answers the phone will take your information and schedule the visit.

• **Keep Grand Lodge & WMJ In Your Lodge’s Communications Loop** – As you plan your lodge’s significant events for the coming year, be sure to send dates and pertinent information to the Wisconsin Masonic Journal and Grand Secretary DeWolf for posting to the Events Calendar on the Grand Lodge Web Site.

To have events listed in this web-based calendar or on the Wisconsin Masonic Calendar on the back page of each issue, please e-mail the date and a brief description of the event to Grand Secretary DeWolf at <mdewolf@charter.net> or <grandsecretarywi@charter.net> or Wisconsin Masonic Journal Editor Stonecipher at <wmjedit@sbcglobal.net> or to the Grand Masonic Center in Dousman, attention Cheryl, at <cheryl@wisc-freemasonry.org>. The surest way to have event dates with complete descriptions listed on the Wisconsin Masonic Calendar is to send news releases directly to Masonic Journal Editor Stonecipher.

What events are of special interest to others? Such events as special table lodges, guest speaker programs, fund raising or public outreach events are certainly deserving of publicity. When scheduling these events, keep the need for publicity in mind.

The Wisconsin Masonic Journal should receive notification of these events by the fifth of the month preceding your lodge’s scheduled event. This means that pre-planning is essential. We work one month ahead in order to meet our publication deadline requirements. For example, in order to have an announcement or calendar date appear in the Journal about an event that will be happening this coming March, we need to have it in early February and hopefully by the fifth of the month.

This lead time is necessary because the March issue will be completed and sent to our printer on February 27. It will be printed and mailed on March 3 and be in the hands of the Craft beginning March 4 or 5. So you can see that publicity for a lodge event scheduled to occur in March should be sent before the third week in February or it simply will not appear.

• **This year how about scheduling a Widow’s Night?** As leadership in lodges transitions to a new year, a time-honored Masonic tradition deserves your consideration as a special event during the coming year — the remembering of the widows of deceased brothers through the observance of so-called Widow’s Night programs.

While admittedly not a particularly inviting term (call it a Night of Remembrance or something similar if you wish) a Widow’s Night program nevertheless offers a convenient way to include the widows of deceased members in the life of the lodge, which is something they will surely appreciate.

Whenever I have attended a lodge event to which the spouses of deceased members have been invited for the express purpose of honoring them and the memory of their husbands, the effort has been well received. Combining a Widow’s Night with a Ladies at the Table event offers a great way to accomplish this. *wmj*

Send your News of the Lodges  
submissions to  
the Wisconsin Masonic Journal at

<wmjedit@sbcglobal.net>

Attention William Stonecipher, Editor

Visit the Grand Lodge Web Site at  
<<http://www.wisc-freemasonry.org>>  
See the Current Events Calendar,  
Charities, Advertising Rate Sheets,  
and The Wisconsin Masonic Journal On-line

HARDER  
FUNERAL  
HOME

DEAN K. HARDER,  
President

18700 West Capitol Drive  
Brookfield, Wisconsin 53045  
(262) 781-8350

MOE PRINTING, INC.

Established 1935

723 S. 5th St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53204-1799

(414) 672-7350

ask for: George

gmoe@execpc.com

Fax (414) 672-1011

• Commercial Printing  
• Computer Typesetting  
• Monthly Newsletters

# BUSINESS CARD ADVERTISING

Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin



### Eagle River Lodge's Otto Schmidt Remembered With Three Pillars Award

Eagle River Masonic Lodge No. 248 honored the life of Eagle River resident Otto Schmidt with the presentation of the Otto Schmidt Memorial 'Three Pillars Award' to Past Master Vernon Rasmussen, PM Richard Mitchell, PM George Welnetz, PM Bob Coriveau and PM Otto Krause. The Award was presented by Eagle River Worshipful Master Scott Bishop. The service of these brothers over the many years has shown them to be pillars of Eagle River Lodge. The Lodge is supported by three great pillars; denominated Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. Otto Schmidt was a pillar of this Lodge and of the City of Eagle River, not because of the positions he held, but more importantly by always walking and acting as a just and upright Mason. Otto was a gentleman, friend and our brother.

- Submitted by Eagle River Master Scott Bishop



### Tomah Lodge Raising

On December 6, 2007, Brother Mark Charbonneau was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Tomah Lodge No. 132. Past Master Harry Smith obligated Brother Charbonneau, and Worshipful Master Chaz Calhoun led the second section. Pictured from the left are; WM Chaz Calhoun, Brother Mark Charbonneau and PM Harry Smith.

- Submitted by New Hawk Steve Hanson

## Let Our Business Card Ads Work for Your Business

If you would like to display your business card here, call Wisconsin Masonic Journal Advertising Manager Diane Igl at (262) 965-3979 or contact her by E-mail at <eieio@execpc.com>

**The price is just \$374.50 for one year (that's 11 issues).**

Advance payment is required to receive this special offer. If billed monthly, the price is \$37.45 per month or \$411.95 per year. Pay early and save! Repetition works!

"Where your business is always appreciated"

**ROBERT HAACK** • Diamonds  
• Wedding Rings  
• Estate Jewelry  
• Custom Design

**Dan B. Miller**  
7550 W. Layton Ave.  
Greenfield, WI 53220  
Tel: 414.281.0500  
Fax: 414.281.5600  
dan@roberthaackdiamonds.com  
www.roberthaackdiamonds.com

**DIAMOND IMPORTERS**

*We Buy Gold & Diamonds*

**HOLL MOTORS**  
5861 S. 108<sup>th</sup> PLACE • HALES CORNERS, WI 53130  
FAX: (414) 425-7245 (414) 425-2400

**WISCONSIN'S LARGEST  
19 STRAIGHT YEARS**

OVER 90 YEARS OF QUALITY SERVICE & RELIABILITY

**JOHN SAGE**  
PHD  
Senior Consultant

**Optima**  
Teach • Change • Perform  
**Optima Associates, Inc.**  
1580 Mid Valley Drive • DePere, WI 54115  
p: 920.425.1005 f: 920.425.1009 c: 920.471.2361  
email: john.sage@optimatcp.com web: optimatcp.com  
For all of your Hazardous Material, DOT, OSHA, EPA,  
and Lean Management Needs

**Stephen J. Clabots • Bruce F. Woyak • Alan W. Pavelski**  
State Certified Fire Fighter & U.S. Veteran Owned  
Serving Central Wisconsin Since 1982

- Qualified NFPA-80 Fire Door Inspection & Maintenance Service
- Residential Garage Doors & Openers
- Central Vac Systems & In Home Electronics
- Industrial Type & OHD's
- Security & Fire Doors
- Environmental Doors
- PMI's Available
- Operating Devices, Openers & Accessories
- Personal & Storefront Type Doors & Hardware
- Dock Levelers, Shelters, Seals & Platform Lifts
- Rapid Speed Roll-ups, PVC Curtain Walls, Pest Control Doors & More

1400 Integrity Parkway • P.O. Box 663  
Plover, WI 54467-0663  
715-342-4153 • Fax: 715-342-1499  
Sales, Service, Installation Email: sales@centraldoorsolutions.com

**ROBERTSON RYAN & ASSOCIATES, INC.**

**CHARLES V. JOHNSON**  
Sr. Vice-President of Agency Development  
Complete insurance for Personal, Commercial,  
National and International Programs

20975 Swenson Drive, Suite 175, Waukesha, WI 53186  
Telephone 414/271-3575 Direct 414/221-0335 Fax 262/717-9434  
Cellular 414/333-1575 Home 262/567-7712  
e-mail: cjohnson@robertsonryan.com

• Clean  
• Comfortable  
• Convenient

**FORTY WINKS INN**

Your Host,  
Bud Metzger

11017 W. Bluemound Rd. Resv. (800) WINKS INN  
Wauwatosa, WI 53226 (800-946-5746)  
Phone (414) 774-2800 Fax (414) 774-9134

**WOODWARD PRINTING SERVICES**  
Serving businesses.

DESIGN | PREPRESS  
SHEET-FED B/W & CMYK PRINTING | END-USER  
IN-JET LABELING | MAILING | DELIVERY

For a FREE estimate contact STEVE SCHULZ  
608-845-9859 | cell 608-212-5519  
ss@wds.com

NEED A NEW OR USED CAR, TRUCK, SUV OR VAN?

CALL WHO YOU KNOW!

Tom Ewald 262-673-9400  
Brian Ewald 414-481-3500  
Craig Ewald 414-258-5000  
Dan Ewald 262-513-3300  
Emil Ewald 262-667-5555

WE WILL MEET OR BEAT ANY ADVERTISED PRICE ON ANY NEW CAR, TRUCK, SUV OR VAN WE SELL!

SHOP 24/7 @ www.ewaldauto.com

**Bob Moore**  
REALTOR, GRI

1507 E. Sunset Dr., Waukesha, WI 53189  
Office (262) 544-8560 • VM (262) 797-7600 x2242  
Fax (262) 549-0708  
Email: bmoore@firstweber.com  
www.firstweber.com

**FIRSTWEBER REALTOR**

**Masonic Jewelry**  
Buy~Sell~Trade  
Custom Design  
We buy and sell Masonic Jewelry

**Stein's Jewelers**

**David H. Paul**  
414.272.2356  
fax: 414.272.2359

715 W. Wisconsin Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI 53233  
david@steinsjewelers.com

Det. Matt Elliott

**SPECIAL OPERATIONS  
DETECTIVE AGENCY**

1517 South 12th Street  
Sheboygan, Wisconsin 53081

Phone: (920) 457-0008 / Fax: (920) 457-9260  
Email: specialops@unit@sbcglobal.net  
www.special-operations.com

Armed & Unarmed Security Officers / Vehicle Patrols / K-9 Units

**Chamberlain's  
FLOWERS**  
Family Owned Since 1945

133 N. Main St. 6737 W. Washington St., Ste. 2147  
Dousman, WI 53118 West Allis, WI 53214  
(262) 965-3384 1-800-353-1525 (414) 453-1525

Around the corner or around the world... flowers for all occasions

**Lakeside Wealth Management LLC**  
Securities Offered Through Linsco/Private Ledger (LPL) • Member NASD/SIPC

**Michael D. Kugler**  
LPL Financial Advisor

3924 Highway NN  
West Bend, WI 53095

(262) 306-1730  
Fax: (262) 306-1948  
Toll Free: 866-306-1730  
E-Mail: michael.kugler@lpl.com

**LWM**

**Countrywide®**  
HOME LOANS

**BROOKS ELITZER**  
SALES MANAGER

(715) 356-7918 OFFICE  
(715) 614-5829 CELL  
(715) 358-2132 FAX

8648 HWY 51 NORTH  
UNIT 10  
PO Box 1316  
MINOCQUA, WI 54548

BROOKS\_ELITZER@COUNTRYWIDE.COM

**Earl Casto**  
Realtor®  
Senior Real Estate Specialist

Direct: (262) 797-3515 Ext. 246  
Office: (262) 784-8466  
E-mail: ecasto@shorewest.com

New Berlin Office  
3580 South Moorland Road  
New Berlin, WI 53151 Fax: (262) 784-8359  
shorewest.com BHO

**ShoreWEST REALTOR**



# Three Pillars

SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITIES

Masonic Center for Health & Rehab | Riverside Lodge  
Village on the Square | Mason Woods | Compass Point

410 North Main Street

Dousman, Wisconsin 53118

800.848.5306 / [www.threepillars.org](http://www.threepillars.org)

## A season of giving

The holidays are always a busy time on the Three Pillars campus with holiday parties and events, but both residents and staff take time to give back to the community. Residents at the Village on the Square have a wonderful group of knitters and crocheters who generously give of their time and talents to make mittens, hats, scarves, sweaters, and blankets to donate to those in need. They currently have seventeen members in the knitting group who meet every other week to knit, learn from each other, and visit. This year's third annual mitten tree was covered with all sorts of items the group has made which will be donated to three local charities.

Three Pillars residents and staff also participated again this year in the annual "Toys for Tots" campaign. Toys were collected in each of the buildings across campus and Three Pillars

was also a drop off site for those in the local community who wished to drop off toys for this worthwhile annual event.



Pictured above gathered around the mitten tree are a few members of the knitting group. From the left are Violet Kelpin, Virginia Galloway, Bernice Hoeff, Ruth Rauholm, Delores Glesnicki, George Wallace, and seated is Doreen Krueger all residents at the Village on the Square.

In the photo to the left, from the left are Sara Zimmerman, Campus Dietitian; Juli Ernst, Restaurant Coordinator; Dan Hoye, Executive Chef; Ron Siecl, Dining Services Manager; and Helene Biechke, a resident at the Masonic Center for Health & Rehab.

A Message from Mary Millard  
DIRECTOR OF FRATERNAL RELATIONS

### New Years Resolutions

We talk about New Year's Resolutions at the end of every year. How many of us even take the time to make them? And are they realistic for us to even do them. I am asking Lodges and Chapters to think about the resolution of "FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT THREE PILLARS in 2008". It really is an easy resolution to keep. You can either contact me and I will come to your chapter or lodge to give a presentation, or better yet, make an appointment to come to visit our campus. In order to keep this New Year's Resolution of 2008, please contact Mary Millard at 800.848.4306 or via e-mail at [millard@threepillars.org](mailto:millard@threepillars.org).

Happy New Year!

You are Cordially Invited to Our  
**WINTER OPEN HOUSE**  
at the Village on the Square

**Wednesday, February 13th**  
**six to eight o'clock in the evening**

*Come take a peek at what the  
Village on the Square has to offer!*

Enjoy refreshments, take a tour,  
and meet our residents and staff.

**Village on the Square**  
375 Highway 67 in Dousman  
800.848.5306 / [www.threepillars.org](http://www.threepillars.org)

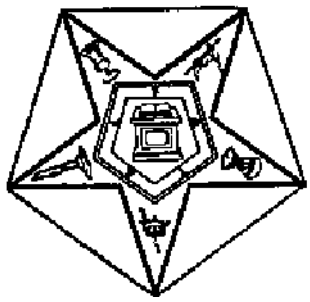
Enjoy Lakeside Living in the  
Heart of the Serene North Woods

For more information or a private tour, call Judi at  
800.959.6637 or visit: [www.threepillars.org](http://www.threepillars.org)

**MASONWOODS**  
Senior Living Community  
15446 Emory Avenue Road  
Coell, Wisconsin

For more information, or to schedule a tour call 800.848.5306 / [www.threepillars.org](http://www.threepillars.org)





# Order of Eastern Star

## Mary J. Rasmussen Grand Adah

Being appointed to serve in the "Led by His Light" Grand Family has been a highlight in my years as an Eastern Star member.

I was initiated into Rainbow Chapter, Wisconsin Rapids in 1973, with my father Richard Hisgen being a courtesy candidate and my mother Nancy presiding as Worthy Matron during the Initiation. This was a special night with many family friends attending from Racine, my hometown.

Being raised in a Masonic household, I joined Job's Daughters, Bethel 22 in Racine along with my sister, Barb; when my father transferred to a job in Wisconsin Rapids I affiliated with Bethel 21. Dad Harley Bennett and Mom Ruth Bennett were the Advisors, and still are part of my life. I am a Majority member of Job's Daughters.

The OES State Christmas Party in 2001 brought an unexpected surprise, PGM Sister Phyllis Eklov & PGP Brother Harley Bennett presented me with the Grand Representative appointment to South Dakota. My fiancé, Richard Rasmussen (Rick) and I attended two Grand Sessions in South Dakota and made many new friends. Rick could not come in the Session the first year, so by the next year's session, he became a Mason and joined Eastern Star! Rick and I were married Christmas Eve 2005 at midnight!

My appointment as Grand Adah is the first Star Point I have had, and one that I love! I have enjoyed traveling and meeting new Sisters and Brothers, it has been a wonderful experience. My sincere "Thanks" to WGM Lauri Twardy & WGP Cal Wells for the appointment and their love and support. Being a member of Kilbourn Chapter, Wisconsin Dells for many years, now I enjoyed being Chaplain and the line offices; and this year serving as Worthy Matron for the third time. One could not ask for a better home chapter.

## Claudia Heiden Kosman Grand Electa

In 2004 I was honored to change my name to Kosman as I started a new page in my life.

My Eastern Star life began on November 16, 1970, when I was initiated into Lake Park Chapter, No. 202 that met at the Kenwood Masonic Temple in Milwaukee.

In 1972, I was proud to hold my first office serving as Adah while my parents, Carlton and Elaine Sprague served in the East. I held the offices of Electa and Marshal in the years soon after. Then having two small children to raise, I chose to be home as much as possible for a number of years.

During those years, my chapter moved its meeting place to the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Milwaukee. In 1986 I served as Associate Conductress. The four years leading up to being Worthy Matron in 1989-1990 brought me many "Treasured Memories". Having no one to follow me, I stayed on as Worthy Matron until May of 1991 when Lake Park Chapter consolidated with Wauwatosa Chapter No. 219. I held the offices of Associate Conductress and Conductress there as needed. From 1996 through 1997 I traveled the state as Grand Representative of Rhode Island including a very rewarding trip to Rhode Island's Grand Chapter Session near the end of my appointment. I retired in June of 1998 and within a month moved to the Montello area. A year later I found it necessary to transfer my membership to Star of Bethlehem Chapter No. 100 in Portage where I affiliated in June of 1999. Here I held the offices Esther, Associate Conductress, Conductress, Associate Matron and Worthy Matron. I currently hold the office of Conductress.

In all those years I never dreamed that I would be Grand Electa and part of the "Led by His Light" Grand Family. The past 37 years in the Order of Eastern Star has been spectacular.

## Grand Representative Appointments

Regina Meighan, St. Omar Chapter, Monroe - Nebraska.

## Chapter Calendar Dates

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

### January

- 10 - Compass Night - Golden Rule Chapter, Wauwatosa with picnic and pound auction
- 15 - Honor Chaplain, Marshal, Organist, Warder and Sentinel - Electa Chapter, Milwaukee
- 16 - Honor Past Matrons and Past Patrons - Chippewa Chapter, Chippewa Falls
- 17 - Honor Star Points - Honor Chapter, Sturgeon Bay
- Honor Warder and Sentinel, Melody Chapter, Middleton
- 22 - Compass Night, West Allis Chapter, West Allis
- 28 - Star Point Night, Acadia Chapter, Brookfield
- 31 - Casino Night, honoring Edgerton-Milton, Baraboo and Union Grove Chapters - Melody Chapter, Middleton

### February

- 7 - Compass Night, Dousman Chapter, Dousman
- 7 - Honor Secretary and Treasurer, Melody Chapter, Middleton
- 8 - Triwaukee Club Meeting
- 9 - Southeast Club Meeting
- 11 - Honoring West Allis, Wauwatosa, Golden Rule, Vega and Electa Chapters - Acadia Chapter, Brookfield

This page is sponsored by The Order of The Eastern Star

## Grand Representative Receptions

February 9, 2008

**Star of Bethlehem Chapter No. 100 Portage, WI** Invites you to a Reception Honoring Sister **Claudia Kosman, Grand Electa of Wisconsin** at Antiqua Bay, Howard Johnson, 655 Frontage Road, Wisconsin Dells, WI 1-90/94 - Exit 87. Social Time - 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., Entertainment - 3:00 p.m. Program - 3:45 p.m., Dinner - 4:30 p.m. (Vegetarian meal available upon request), \$15 per person (No Refunds).

RSVP with remittance, name and title by January 30, 2008, To: Margaret Ramsay, 104 West Cook Street, Apt. 312, Portage, WI 53901. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Antiqua Bay until January 28, 2008.

February 10, 2008

**Kilbourn Chapter No. 120** cordially invites you & your escort to a reception Honoring Sister **Mary J. Rasmussen, Grand Adah of Wisconsin** at the Wintergreen Resort, 60 Gasser Road (Locate by Tanger Mall, Exit 92, 190/94), Wisconsin Dells. Social Hour - 12:30 - 1:30 P.M. Dinner - 1:30 P.M. Entertainment and Program to follow \$21 per person (Sorry no refunds).

RSVP with Remittance, Name & title by January 31, 2008. Make check payable to: Shirley Knuth, W15077 County Road WD, Wisconsin Dells, WI. A Block of rooms at \$79.00 at the Wintergreen held till January 26. 1-800-648-4765, ask for WI OES

February 16, 2008

**Chippewa Chapter No. 112** invites you to a Program and Dinner honoring **Sister Jean Bastian, Grand Warder of Wisconsin** at the Bridgewater Restaurant, 1009 W. Park Ave, Chippewa Falls, WI. Social Hour - 5 p.m., Dinner - 6 p.m. Choice of Chicken Cordon Bleu w/Rice or London Broil. Entertainment to follow. \$20 per person (No Refunds). Checks payable to Chippewa Chapter #112. Send reservation, titles and entrée choice by February 8, 2008 to: Esther Frazier, PGM, 502 Mansfield, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729. (715) 723-5020.

February 17, 2008

**Superior Chapter, No. 252** invites you to a dinner and program to Honor **Sister Joanne Freiman, Grand Ruth of Wisconsin**.

Superior Elks Club, 1503 Belknap Street, (U.S. Business Hwy 2) Superior, Wisconsin. Social Hour - Noon followed by Dinner and a Program. \$18 per person. No Refunds. Reservations with name, title and remittance to: Ronald Pete, Secretary, 6928 South Tuff Road, Superior, WI 54880 by February 10, 2008.

### SISTERS AND BROTHERS

We would like to hear from you about your chapter's special events, 50-year members or chatter about your chapter that you would like to have printed on this page. Please send your information to Sister Jane Blackwood, stormkat@sbcglobal.net or 937 Euclid Ave, Beloit, WI 53511-6006

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

NOTE: Chapter Secretaries: please send me a copy of your 2008 calendars so that your chapter's special dates may be listed.

## From The Worthy Grand Matron

Sisters and Brothers, HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas.

The beginning of a new year should cause us to pause and evaluate what we have accomplished this last year and plan what we want to do the coming year.

Membership has to be the first thing we look at. A number of Chapters have held membership events with success. If your Chapter's membership event hasn't occurred, it's not too late. It is time, though, to get busy in making your plans. The Chapters have been initiating, since May, we have 50 new Sisters and Brothers! Congratulations.

Community Service is the next thing we need to review. We have heard lots of reports of the good work the Chapter members are doing. The first week of March is "Let's Make A Difference" week. Your plans should be in the process of finalization for your Chapter's Community Service Project for that week. Remember to toot your horn and let Roxanne Gnatzig and Gena Pontow know what your Chapter has done.

November was Re-obligation month. Many Chapters participated and repeated our Obligation. Do you pause and review our obligation everyday? Do you live your Obligation in your every day life?

In November we also visited Fort

McCoy and celebrated and thanked our Veterans. It was a wonderful day. We enjoyed a nice meal. The Commander of the Fort talked about today's Army. Thank you to everyone who shared that day with us.

Light and Joy have been on the move. They are traveling the state and visiting many Chapters. We are told that there are lots of items in their houses to keep them company. Thanks to the Chapters that have taken care of Light and Joy. We knew they were in safe keeping with our Sisters and Brothers.

We are looking forward to the New Year with great enthusiasm and excitement. The first big event is our trip to Las Vegas. Some of our Sisters who are traveling with us have reminded us that "what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas." We will have a good time.

We have several Grand Officer Parties in the next few months. We hope that many of you will join us in celebrating and thanking these Sisters and Brothers for their service to Grand Chapter this year.

Sisters and Brothers, you are a part of the greatest Fraternity, the Masonic Fraternity. Share the Masonic experience, encourage members of your Lodge to continue their Masonic experience and join Eastern Star.

Following His Light,  
Laurie & Cal



## Honoring Our Veterans with the Army

WGM Laurie Twardy, Col. Sentinella and WGP Cal Wells, as well as some of the items to be sent to the women and men serving our country in the armed services abroad.

## Wisconsin OES Leaders Tour Fort McCoy

By Nick Schultz, PGP

On Saturday, November 10, 126 members of the Order of the Eastern Star from throughout Wisconsin spent the day honoring our veterans and those currently serving in the armed forces by touring Fort McCoy.

Fort McCoy is an Army training facility in central Wisconsin. Many of the troops that are deployed in Afghanistan and Iraq trained at and deployed from Fort McCoy. It also houses the Wisconsin State Highway Patrol Academy and The Challenge Academy, a boot-camp style school, run by the Wisconsin Army National Guard, for at-risk teens who receive their high school equivalency upon completing the program.

Worthy Grand Matron Laurie Twardy and Worthy Grand Patron Cal Wells asked Mary Moen, Associate Matron of Sparta Chapter, and a retired Army Officer, to arrange a visit to the Fort to honor our veterans and to support our troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. Members were asked to bring items to be sent to the troops serving overseas and the result was extremely heart warming. Colonel Sentinella, Commanding Officer of Fort McCoy, welcomed all and gave a presentation on the Fort's mission and activities and thanked those that contributed items for the troops. A presentation was also made about the support activities and counseling offered to the families of those deployed abroad. It has never been more true that, "those serve who stay at home." With multiple deployments for many troops, their families feel a real loss and have special needs. By honoring our troops serving overseas, the members of Eastern in Wisconsin honored their families as well.

We toured the Fort's facilities and History Center. Many vehicles from WWII, Korea and Viet Nam were on display, as well as displays of uniforms and paraphernalia from Army uniforms and equipment from the early 1900s (when the Fort opened) to the present.

## Chapters With New Initiates

November-December 2007

- Alpha Chapter, Argyle - 1
- Golden Rule, Wauwatosa - 1
- Fidelity, Appleton - 1
- Ozaukee, Port Washington - 1
- Vega, Milwaukee - 2

## New Eastern Star 50-Year Members

- Dorothy Olson, Shullsburg, Shullsburg
- Illa Schuster, Shullsburg, Shullsburg
- Janet Wymore, Shullsburg, Shullsburg

Installed in a combined ceremony December 12 were the officers of the three Eau Claire Lodges: Eau Claire Lodge No. 112, Sanctuary Lodge No. 347, and George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351. Identification of the officers pictured is on page 1.



# Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

## January 2008

- 2 Installation of Officers Freemasons Lodge (GM) Humphrey Scottish Rite Center, 6:30 pm
- 5 Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge Open Installation of 2008 Officers, 6:30 p.m., Sheraton Four Points in Brown Deer, corner of Brown Deer and Green Bay Roads.
- 10 Installation of Officers (GM) West Bend 138, 6:30 pm
- 12 Chaplains Workshop - Led by Rev. Jerry Schrankler District 10 Chaplain Fond du Lac Lodge No. 26 1:30 pm
- 19 Chaplains Workshop - Led by Rev. Jerry Schrankler District 10 Chaplain, Cassia Lodge No. 167, Plymouth, 1:30 pm
- 22 Grand Master's Visit to Florida (GM) Davenport, Florida. Deer Creek Country Club, 42749 Hwy. 27, Davenport, Florida, Social hour 11 a.m. Noon luncheon. Carl Wussow, PGM, is accepting RSVPs at: (863) 420-1839 or 111 Laurel Oak Pass, Davenport, FL 33837-6488.
- 23 Grand Master's Visit to Florida (GM) Fort Myers, Florida. Forest Country Club, 6100 Club Boulevard, SW, Fort Myers, Florida. Social hour 11 a.m. Noon luncheon. Please RSVP to Brother Billy Brown, 271-2 Lenell Road, Ft. Myers Beach, FL 33931, Phone (239) 463-3361.
- 26 Chaplains Workshop - Led by Rev. Jerry Schrankler District 10 Chaplain Hartford Lodge No. 120, 1:30 pm
- 26 School of Instruction - District No. 4 Henry S Baird Lodge No. 174, 9 am - 3 pm

## March 2008

- 8 School of Instruction - District 4 Washington Lodge No. 21, 9 am - 3 pm
- 29 School of Instruction District 7 Poynette No. 173 9 am
- 31 Joint Table Lodge with Prince Hall (GM) MW Prince Hall Masonic Center, 600 W. Walnut, Milwaukee, 5:30 pm

## April 2008

- 4 Full Staff Meeting (GM) Eau Claire, 5 pm
- 5 Full Staff Meeting (GM) Eau Claire, 8 am
- 5 District 6 School of Instruction, Marshfield Lodge, 9 am
- 5 School of Instruction, District 4, Marinette Lodge No. 182, 9am - 3 pm
- 6 Blue Hills No. 234: Banquet Facility Dedication (GM) Blue Hills Lodge No. 234: Rice Lake, 1:30 pm
- 6 Full Staff Meeting (GM) Eau Claire, 8 am
- 11 Spring Reunion Scottish Rite Madison Madison, TBD
- 12 District 6 School of Instruction Twin Cities Lodge, 9 am
- 12 District 2 Spring Meeting New Richmond Lodge No. 195, 9 am
- 26 District 7 District Meeting Doric No. 356, 9 am

## May 2008

- 22 WMBAB (GM) Grand Masonic Center 3 pm

## June 2008

- 6 Annual Communication (GM) Madison Masonic Center 8:30 am
- 7 Annual Communication (GM) Madison Masonic Center 8:30 am

## August 2008

- 1 Summer Staff Meeting (GM) Pewaukee 5:30 pm

## February 2008

- 5 School of Instruction, District 2-3, Eau Claire Lodge No. 112, 7 p.m.
- 6 School of Instruction, District 2-3 Sanctuary Lodge No. 347, 7 p.m.
- 8 Full Staff Meeting (GM) Wausau, Jefferson Street Inn & Wausau Masonic Center, TBD
- 9 Full Staff Meeting (GM) Wausau, 8:00 am
- 10 Full Staff Meeting (GM) Wausau, Jefferson Street Inn & Wausau Masonic Center, 8:00 am
- 15 Grand Masters Visit to Arizona (GM) Sun City West. Luncheon at Brianwood Country Club, Sun City West, Arizona. Social hour 11 a.m., Noon luncheon. Please RSVP to coordinators Offred & Enyde Schultz, 18013 N. 99th Drive, #2, Sun City, Arizona 85373. Phone (623) 933-1461. Reservations due by Feb. 1.

**Periodical**

GRAND LODGE, F. & A. M. OF WISCONSIN  
 36275 SUNSET DRIVE,  
 DOUSMAN, WISCONSIN 53118

THE WISCONSIN  
**Masonic Journal**

