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## New Phone System at Grand Masonic Center Uses Internet to Carry Phone Calls

By Wm. Stonecipher, Editor  
Wisconsin Masonic Journal

DOUSMAN – The Grand Masonic Center, including the Grand Lodge Office, has a new phone system.

Replacing the nearly 30 year-old phones that were installed when the Grand Lodge offices moved into the Grand Masonic Center is a brand new one that makes use of a Voice Over Internet Protocol or “VOIP” technology.

In laymen’s terms, this technology is a method for taking analog audio signals, like the kind you hear when you talk on a standard telephone, and turning them into digital data that can be transmitted over the Internet, just like e-mail.

Recognizing that this terminology may sound completely alien to non-computer users or less-than tech-savvy individuals, callers to the Grand Lodge Office in Dousman will find their calls are answered in the same manner as always.

### Personal Service the Same

Your calls will continue to be answered by a real person who is a member of our Grand Lodge office staff—either Cheryl Martin, Receptionist; Alicia Darr, Bookkeeper; or Jan Gorgen, Office Manager.

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## Grand Chaplain Ritchie Offers Four Masonic Memorial Service Workshops

DOUSMAN – Grand Chaplain David Ritchie has announced four Memorial Service Workshops will be offered throughout the state in late January and February.

These workshops will be open to all Masons. Masters of Lodges and Chaplains are encouraged to attend. These workshops should be of interest to all Masons from those just learning a memorial service to those who have seen many others on their way. The Memorial Service is often the public face of Masonry and therefore an important part of who we are as a fraternity.

We will be covering etiquette, memorial services, frequently asked questions, Masonic tradition and the Masonic Code. There are many questions that have arisen and this is a chance to have them answered.

Participating brothers are asked to bring the memorial service that they use with them to the workshops.

The workshops will take place in:

- Lone Rock (Franklin Lodge) 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21.
- Green Bay (Theodore Roosevelt Lodge hosting) 7-9 p.m. on Monday, February 2.

- Eau Claire (Eau Claire Masonic Center) 7-9 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 9.
- Whitewater (St. Johns Lodge) 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, February 19.

If you are interested in participating please contact: Grand Chaplain Dave Ritchie by phone at (608) 776-2698 or e-mail at: <hickorysp@yahoo.com>.

In case of inclement weather, those who have signed up will be notified of any changes. **wmj**

## A Merry Christmas to All, Happy Holidays and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year

WHITEFISH BAY – Members of Aurora Lodge No. 30, their ladies and guests, gathered in the Whitefish Bay, Masonic Center on Saturday, December 6 to celebrate St. Nicholas Day in the manner of their German heritage with dinner, the singing of familiar Christmas songs from their homeland, and the reading of meaningful stories and poetry from longstanding family and ethnic traditions, all in German. At right, Worshipful Master Adolph Meinhardt read a German soldier’s Christmas letter to his wife from Russia during WWII. Notice the candles on the Christmas tree. Aurora Lodge is our only German speaking lodge in Wisconsin.



### Aurora Musical Accompaniment

Helmut Godejohann led the singing of German carols accompanied by Janet Huegel on keyboard and Rudi Neumeister on mandolin at Aurora Lodge’s St. Nicholas dinner. Brother Joe Pronnet (not pictured) did double duty as chef and reader of three holiday stories to the delight of all, especially the ones about Berta the Pig (who escaped being Christmas dinner) and Knecht Rupprecht (St. Nicholas’ helper who carried his sack).



### Waukesha Lodge Float Wins Top Honors

Waukesha Lodge No. 37 won first prize for decorated, theme floats in the City of Waukesha’s annual Christmas Parade Thanksgiving weekend. The float (pictured) was accompanied along the parade route by several Brothers and Job’s Daughters walking and passing out candy to kids. Brother Gene Johnson followed the float in his 1968 Ford Bronco carrying a sign advertising the lodge’s annual Breakfast with Santa which was held on December 6. It was estimated that over 20,000 spectators lined the parade route.

– Submitted by Bro. Robert McQuiffan, Waukesha Lodge Master

### On Our Cover

With arms spread wide in greeting, Santa Clause arrived in Pewaukee after a snowy sleigh ride from the North Pole on Saturday, December 6 to attend the annual “Breakfast With Santa” event at Pewaukee Lodge No. 246. One of the first to visit Santa during his eighth appearance there were Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge Worshipful Master Jim Preston, his lady Beth and son Jon. With them were family friend Kristy Vahl and her children Lucy and Josh. The Pewaukee pancake crew served 50 parents and their children by 9:30 a.m. They expected between 80-100 to come during the morning. Brian Stauff was Santa. More pictures from the event are on page 9.

– Photos by Wm. Stonecipher, Editor

## The Grand Master’s Message:

By Brother John W. Wilke  
Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin

### Preparing for “The Trip”

I remember last summer when my son called me and said he had paid for a fishing trip to Canada. The trip was the third week in August and worked well with regards to my busy Masonic schedule. Besides, being his guest I could not refuse.

Fishing is a passion of mine and I enjoy angling for any fish that is in a cooperative mood and decides to bite whatever is on the end of my line. Over the years I have amassed a complete sporting goods’ store of fishing equipment. Various rods from the custom “Little Streamer” built by an Evansville native for fly fishing the small streams of southwest Wisconsin to 10-foot “dipsy rods” for salmon fishing in Lake Michigan. My tackle supply is just as extensive and ranges from number 12 hooks to huge Musky and salt water plugs. As a matter of fact, I recently found a fly box with some #22 midge flies tied by a patient of mine in 1975!



John W. Wilke  
Grand Master

I now needed to prepare for the trip by carefully selecting which of the above-mentioned “experienced equipment” I would take along. The list began with two medium spin cast rods and reels spooled with six-pound test line for walleyes and perch. Extra spools loaded with ten-pound line for northern also sounded good. Two level wind rods and reels with composite line for trolling completed my selections.

Now the tackle! Jigs from 1/16 to 1/2 ounce in all colors of the rainbow, spinners, spoons, harness rigs, hooks, sinkers, jigging spoons, crank baits; the list went on and on. The preparation continued for a period of two months in anticipation of a six-day fishing trip.

However when the big day arrived, I was prepared. The trip was a success with many fish boated, a few eaten and memories made for life. Part of the joy of the trip was in the preparation and the anticipation that went along with it.

Along a parallel line, the Master of my lodge called and said he had scheduled a Friend’s Night for the lodge. We needed to make preparations and wanted all to help in the event. I began by reviewing the notes and publications written to achieve a successful Friend’s Night, especially the Wisconsin Program and the Friend’s Program in the Masonic Handbook. We collected the names of non-masons from the community whom we considered good men. The list was then narrowed down to ten individuals whom we contacted and invited to an informational Friend’s Night hosted by the lodge, which included a dinner and program featuring a special guest speaker.

Preparations for the event began with the scheduling of a lodge spruce-up day. This was followed by lining up a speaker, creating a dinner menu, assembling current material on Wisconsin Freemasonry to be distributed to the attendees, and the many other necessary duties which contribute to a successful Friend’s Night.

As a result of good direction by the Lodge’s Master and the help of many Brothers, we hosted nine of our ten invited guests, each wishing to learn more of this great craft. The Lodge then followed up with a letter of interest and a personal contact from the Master. Through careful planning and follow-up, the lodge received three petitions in addition to three persons interested in receiving more information.

The Friend’s Night went much like the fishing trip. It took a large amount of planning in addition to choosing from a wonderfully well supplied storehouse...in one case over a lifetime, and in the other, over several lifetimes. And, while both resulted in success with the primary goal accomplished, the greatest value was achieved in the memories of the journey and the new friendships found which will last a lifetime.

Yours in Brotherly Love,  
Grand Master John W. Wilke

## MORI Training Seminars Continue for Lodge Secretaries & Their Assistants

DOUSMAN - Three of the six scheduled training sessions for the Mori Online Registry Interface (MORI) announced earlier by Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, will be held this month and next.

The remaining training sessions scheduled are as follows:

- January 17, 2009 – Rhinelander
- February 7, 2009 – Milwaukee
- February 28, 2009 – Madison

It is required that lodge secretaries or their designated assistants be trained to qualify to use MORI, the new member on-line database system adopted by your Grand Lodge.

MORI allows individual lodge sec-

retaries or their designated assistants to maintain their lodge’s member information directly from their home or lodge computer.

Registration for the training seminars is limited to lodge secretaries or their assistants. These brethren are asked to select one of the remaining dates and locations. Please register by email at: <grand-secretary@wisc-freemasonry.org>.

Secretaries can also register online by clicking on the MORI tab on the Grand Lodge web site <www.wisc-freemasonry.org>.

Please indicate the MORI training session you wish to attend in your e-mail. Classes run from 9:30 a.m.

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to 2:30 p.m. and include lunch. Attendees will receive full details at the time of registration. There is no charge for the seminars.

It is important that lodge secretaries and/or their designated assistants attend a MORI seminar so that they can be trained in the use of the new lodge member database for maintaining their lodge's membership records.

Once lodge secretaries begin using MORI, they will be responsi-

ble for making both temporary and permanent address changes for their members.

To assist them in making temporary changes, MORI allows more than one address to be listed for lodge members who live part of the year away from Wisconsin. These address changes can be programmed by the lodge secretary to automatically coincide with expected dates of departure and return.

Don't delay, enroll today. **wmj**

### NEW PHONES...from page 1

One thing that will be different, however, is that if the person with whom you wish to speak is on another call or unavailable, your call will be connected with their personal extension and voice mailbox.

The phone will then search through the various phone numbers entered into the system where this person might be reached, and if that person can't be located, the caller will be prompted to leave a brief message and a callback number.

This process will be the same for the specific Grand Lodge personnel entered into the system. This feature also frees office staff from the responsibility of having to act as telephone operators and message takers.

Additionally, Grand Masonic Center tenant organizations such as the Order of The Eastern Star and Grand York Rite Bodies' offices now have direct extensions to their respective office personnel and will have their own voice mailboxes to receive messages.

### Savings in Long Distance

The main advantage in going to a VOIP phone system such as this is that both incoming and outgoing calls, as well as intra-office calls, piggyback on the already existing Internet service.

Without going further into the fine points of how VOIP-based phones work, the major benefit to Grand Lodge is that telephone communications, and especially long distance calls, are now digital. This will result in the virtual elimination of charges for long distance calls, and the cost savings from this benefit alone will enable the new phone system to eventually pay for itself.

Included in the voice mailbox setup at this time are the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Masonic Charities Development Director William H. Barnes and Charities Coordinator Erika Miller, in addition to the Grand Lodge office staff members men-

tioned earlier.

All may be reached, as before, by dialing either of the two Grand Lodge phone numbers: toll-free (800) 242-2307 or the Milwaukee metro line at (262) 965-2200.

Their individual extension numbers are as follows:

- Receptionist Cheryl Martin - 800
- Grand Secretary DeWolf - 801
- Grand Master Wilke - 802
- Office Mgr. Jan Gorgen - 803
- Bookkeeper Alicia Darr - 804
- Charities Coordinator Erika Miller - 831
- Masonic Charities Development Director William Barnes - 832

The Grand Secretary's extension is designed to reach him both during and after business hours. After 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 4 p.m. on Fridays the phone will search through his numbers and find where he is. The same holds true for calls to the Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary also said that in 30 days the <glo@wisc-freemasonry.org> e-mail will be discontinued, as will the Grand Secretary's direct toll-free number of (800) 686-0070. Calls to the Grand Secretary will continue to be toll-free but will now be routed through the present Grand Lodge toll-free number (800) 242-2307.

### After Hours Calls

Receptionist Cheryl Martin will continue being the primary contact for persons calling Grand Lodge from 8 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays.

Before or after normal business hours or on weekends, callers will be prompted to enter the extension of the person they wish to reach. If the extension is unknown, callers are offered a variety of options to reach the desired party via a series of easy to follow menu prompts. Callers will then be able to leave a voice message on the desired extension if that person is unavailable. **wmj**



**Most Worshipful Grand Master of Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin, Inc., Frank A. Humphrey (left), and Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin, John W. Wilke, posed for the camera following the joint meeting of their respective fraternal relations committees on November 14 in Lake Mills.**



**Right Worshipful Prince Hall Deputy Grand Master Earl M. Thomas, III (right) enjoyed a moment of fun with our Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Craig S. Campbell after the joint fraternal committee meeting. Plans for the upcoming sixth annual Combined Table Lodge event at Tripoli Shrine Temple in Milwaukee on March 31 were discussed.**

## GLOW Fraternal Relations With Prince Hall Committee Meets With Prince Hall Grand Lodge

**By Bro. Hoe Harker, Senior Grand Warden and Chair, Fraternal Relations With Prince Hall Committee**

LAKE MILLS – On Friday evening November 14, 2008, our Grand Lodge Fraternal Relations With Prince Hall Committee met with it's Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin, Inc., counterparts at Pine Knoll Supper Club in Lake Mills.

The Fraternal Relation With Prince Hall Committee meeting was attend by a total of 40 brothers and their ladies. All enjoyed a fine dinner followed by business a meeting.

A number of items were discussed, including planning for the Sixth Annual Combined Jurisdiction Table Lodge which will be held on Tuesday, March 31 at Tripoli Shrine in Milwaukee.

Other items discussed were the edict of Past Grand Master J. B. Van Hollen concerning recognition and that it was adopted into the records of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin at the 2008 Annual Communication. Additionally, the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin web site now has a recognition table that all can review.

Worshipful Brother Bob Roth, representing the National Sojourners, reported on the recognition of Prince Hall by the National

Sojourners organizations. Brother Roth is Past President and Commander of Milwaukee Chapter No. 27, National Sojourner's, Inc.

He explained the official change to the bylaws of the National Sojourners organization opening the way for Prince Hall Masons in states that grant Grand Lodge recognition to Prince Hall to join the National Sojourners organization, if otherwise qualified as a Mason who has honorably served in the United States Armed Forces and is in the grade of E5 or higher, or has been asked to join as an Honorary Member (limited at up to 10% of the membership in any state unit). Pending approved by the respective state Masonic Grand Lodge organizations, Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin, Inc., Masons who are otherwise qualified militarily will be able to join National Sojourners in Wisconsin.

Brother Roth further stated that Milwaukee Chapter No. 27 would be honored to have Prince Hall Masons join the ranks of National Sojourners, and is now working with the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin and the Worthy Grand Secretary of Prince Hall Masons in Wisconsin to further distribute information to their lodges and other interested brothers.

"This is going to be an ongoing project," he added.

## Blue Lodge Warden's Seminar Planned for Feb. 25 at Madison Masonic Center

MADISON – Attention any and all Master Masons. You are invited to the Blue Lodge Warden's Seminar which is being hosted by the Valley of Madison Scottish Rite.

You do not need to be a Scottish Rite Mason, or a Blue Lodge officer to attend. Any Master Mason is welcome.

This free seminar will be held at the Madison Masonic Center on Wed. February 25 starting at 7 p.m. The speaker will be our Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Craig Campbell. According to Deputy Grand Master Campbell, "You will leave this seminar inspired."

Please make your reservations for this free seminar by calling the Valley of Madison Scottish Rite at (608) 256-2351. **wmj**

## Gift Annuities: Stable Income for Unstable Times

DOUSMAN – Gift annuity rates range from 5.7% at age 65 to 10.5% at age 90. Our average gift annuitant is age 78 and enjoys an income of 7.2%.

By making a gift of \$10,000 or more to one of the Wisconsin Masonic Charities you individually, or you and your spouse, will receive the following benefits:

- An income for one or two lives based on your age when making the gift;
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- A portion of each payment may be tax free;
- The satisfaction of knowing that the remainder of the gift will go to support a Masonic Charity of your choice.

You can provide gift annuity payments to someone else, such as a parent or individual in need. You receive the charitable tax deduction and they receive the payments for life.

To receive a free brochure detailing the benefits of gift annuities please call William Barnes, Director of Development for the Wisconsin Masonic Charities at (800) 242-2307.

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### Friends Night at Superior Lodge No. 236 Well Attended

The evening of November 12, 2008 was memorable for the brethren of Superior Lodge No. 236. Thirty-nine members and friends gathered at Superior Lodge for a Masonic Friends Night. The evening began with an informal social during which the fifteen guests in attendance met our members, were shown the lodge room, and their questions about masonry were answered. This was followed by a presentation by District 1 Deputy and Superior Lodge Past Master Arby Humphrey about his experiences within Masonry, the history, tenets, and evolution of our craft. The brothers and their guests then enjoyed a wonderful dinner, and following this returned to the lodge room for the night's guest speaker, Master Sgt. Wayne Kettlehut of the 148th Fighter Wing, Minnesota Air National Guard. Master Sgt. Kettlehut enthralled the members and guests with a narrative of his experiences in Iraq as a bomb disposal expert. Following his talk, dessert was served in the meeting room and the brothers and guests finished the evening in fine form. The members of Superior Lodge No. 236 wish to extend their thanks to PGM Kingman Loomis, the brethren of Acacia-Itasca Lodge No. 329, Barnes Lodge No. 365, Milton Lodge No. 161, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 210, and all those who joined us in making this a memorable evening. At our first meeting in December we read three new petitions from friends that attended the Friends Night.

- Submitted by Brother Dwight Davis



### Middleton-Ionic Lodge Honors Past Masters

Middleton-Ionic Lodge No. 180 Past Masters were honored October 21, 2008, at the lodge hall in Middleton. Pictured left to right (including their year as Worshipful Master): Clarence Olson (93-04-05), Past Grand Master Beecher Daniels (88), Wilbur Zentica (72), Emery Stluka (72), Roger Starkey (77) Dan Burkland (97), Past Grand Master A. D. Anderson (59) Dale Gillings (62-73-92) Howard Oertel (88), Glen Hoffman (80) and Henry Schroeder (70-90). Absent for the picture were Past Masters Don Asplin (83-84) and Robert Luening (94).

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

## NOTES FROM THE GRAND LECTURER

By Brother Kenneth C. Gorgen

### Masonic Cipher Education – Part Two

My Brothers:

Last month we looked at the value of the beginning pages in our Masonic cipher. Let's continue on that theme and call this month Masonic Cipher Education – Part Two. I am going to skip the center of the book, which contains the actual ritualistic part of the degrees, and jump right to the back and see what other information is available for use. I like to think of the back of the book as the "extra stuff."

Let's start on page 155. If you have an older version, look for the heading "Admission After Lodge Is Open." The first note on this page tells us that degree work and the opening and closing should not be interrupted by latecomers. In other words, no knocking on the door when the above work is in progress. This is great information for our Tilers. How many of us thought that the Tiler would need to study the cipher?



**Kenneth C. Gorgen**  
Grand Lecturer

There are countless items in the cipher for every officer of the Lodge. There is also another valuable lesson to be learned. Do not just concentrate on the memory portion of the ritual. Look at all of the notes that surround and apply to that ritual. Knowing the esoteric work, without understanding all of the intricate nuances that go with it is like having a steak dinner without the steak.

Moving on to the next page we see, "Reception of the Grand Lodge Officers," which is followed by "Reception of the Grand Master." The District Lecturers are focusing on these two items in the Schools of Instruction. By just reading all the notes and information, many unknowns begin to become known, and many questions are answered. The note at the top of the page, for instance, informs us that the Grand Master is introduced separately from the other Grand Lodge Officers, and that he is introduced last. The titles of the offices of the Grand Lodge Officers are completely listed in this area. Take time to read the notes, and these ceremonies will not be such a mystery.

#### Saluting the Flag – hand over heart or military salute?

The next section is the Flag Presentation. Page 161 has a full page of notes which explains saluting, a bugle call, how to carry the Flag, etc. Please note that the first two paragraphs talk about saluting the Flag in the lodge room and out-of-doors. Recently, there have been questions from some of our veterans if they can give the Flag a military salute even though they are not in uniform. The answer to this question is not in the cipher, but according to the National Defense Authorization Acts of 2008 and 2009, provisions have been made authorizing hand-salutes for veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag, and during the National Anthem. It does not specifically indicate during the Pledge of Allegiance, but it stands to reason that the pledge would be included in these Acts.

I encourage all of you to page through the cipher. There is a wealth of information there. Be sure to look at the floor work diagrams in the back of the book, too. Check to see if your lodge is doing the floor work correctly. If not, take the lead and help your lodge get back on track. Finally, take time to learn the work. Learn a new section or part, complete a degree and be a ritualist. Champion and encourage the newer members of your lodge to learn a part. You will be an asset to your lodge, and you will begin to look at Masonry in a different light.

Before closing, I do not want to assume that all Brothers have a cipher or know how to get one. First of all you must be a Master Mason to be able to obtain one. Once you have met that qualification, all you need to do is contact your lodge secretary or Cheryl at the Grand Lodge Office. The telephone number there is (800) 242-2307 toll-free.

I encourage all Master Masons to acquire their own personal cipher. Make notes in it, and mark it up. Use this book to increase your Masonic knowledge and then, my brothers, you will all see more Light.

Brethren, your comments or suggestions are always welcome. Contact Grand Lecturer Gorgen by e-mail at <jkgorgen@att.net> or by phone at (262) 691-0859.

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Continued from last month's issue is a listing of some of our blue lodge or individual scholarships that chose to name them or to honor an individual, or a former lodge. There are other lodges with unnamed perpetual scholarships.

Middleton Ionic Lodge #180 has a Perpetual Scholarship in honor of the Raemisch Family, awarded to Middleton-Ionic High School.

Lincoln Lodge #183 has two Perpetual Scholarships in honor of Rueben Penzenstadler and Herbert Otto, awarded to Germantown and Menomonee Falls High Schools respectively.

Osseo-Fairchild-Augusta Lodge #213 has a Perpetual Scholarship in honor of Augusta Lodge, established when they merged, awarded to Augusta High School.

Shell-Lake Spooner Lodge #221 has two Perpetual Scholarships in honor of Clinton & Dottie DesJardins, awarded to Shell Lake and Spooner High Schools.

Hancock Lodge #229 has a Per-

petual Scholarship in honor of Robert Young, awarded to Ellsworth High School.

Antigo Lodge #231 has a Perpetual Scholarship in honor of Floyd Meyer, awarded to Antigo High School.

Wilmot Lodge #241 has a Perpetual Scholarship in honor of Wilson Runyard, awarded to Wilmot Union High School.

Rhineland Lodge #242 has two Perpetual Scholarships, the Anderson Scholarship and the James Caldwell, Jr., Scholarship, both awarded to Rhineland High School.

Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge #261 has the Goodman Perpetual Scholarship, awarded to the Prince Hall Masonic Foundation.

Lafayette Lodge #265 has the Schwebke Perpetual Scholarship, awarded to Wauwatosa West High School.

Wauwatosa Lodge #267 has the Garry Perpetual Scholarship, awarded to Wauwatosa East High School.

Damascus Lodge #290 has the Elmer Lewitzke Perpetual Scholarship, awarded to Greendale High School.

Palmer Lodge #301 has the Ziese and the Hoesch Perpetual Scholarship, awarded to Wauwatosa West and East High Schools respectively.

McKinley Lodge #307 has the Stoklassa Perpetual Scholarship, awarded to Brookfield East High School.

James Hays Lodge #331 has the Allan E. Iding Perpetual Scholarship, awarded to Nicolet High School.

MasonWoods Lodge #368 has two Perpetual Scholarships in honor of Gillett Lodge #344 and the Ansoerge Family, established after the two Lodges merged, awarded to Gillett and Suring High Schools.

Elmbrook Lodge #354 has the Mueller, Sr. Perpetual Scholarship, awarded to Brookfield Central High School.

George Washington 1776 #337 has a Perpetual Scholarship in honor of Brown Deer Lodge #357, established after the two Lodges merged, awarded to Brown Deer High School.

Day Lite Lodge #358 has Perpetual Scholarships in honor of William Ecklund and Carl Losse, awarded to Nathan Hale and West Allis High Schools respectively.

Silas Shepherd Lodge #1843 has two Perpetual Scholarships in honor of Carl Skoog, both awarded to the Menomonee Indian High School.

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### Quincy Lodge Provides Thanksgiving Dinners

On Tuesday, November 18 Quincy Lodge No. 71, Friendship, delivered 12 turkey dinner boxes to needy families in the Adams County area. The boxes came with all the ingredients for a sit-down Thanksgiving turkey dinner. Lodge members who pitched in to help assemble the boxes of food were, from left to right, Bro. Jim Wolf, Bro. Jim Stormeon, Worshipful Master Marshall Coon, Bro. Jerome Austin, Bro. Gary Thompson, Bro. Ken Kohen, Bro. Don Hollman, and Bro. Frank Sindelar.



### Hancock Lodge Supports County Food Shelf

A spaghetti dinner was held at Hancock Lodge, Ellsworth, on Friday, November 14 to raise funds to support the Pierce County Food Shelf. The lodge was packed from the beginning of the evening as area people brought in bags and bags of items for the food pantry and enjoyed a plate of delicious homemade spaghetti. The sauce was the creation of newly raised Brother Bruce Wigent of Prescott The Brothers behind the spaghetti feed were left to right: Dennis Donath, event organizer; Bill Reed, chief cook; Bruce Wigent, who created the homemade sauce; and Gary Waltz, Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star. The event cleared \$400 after expenses permitting donations of \$200 to both the Prescott and Ellsworth food shelves. – Milt Helmer Photo

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The following dates have been scheduled for Grand Master John W. Wilke's visitation to Wisconsin Masons living permanently or temporarily in Arizona and Florida.

- **January 23, 2009 - Luncheon in Sun City West, AZ**
- **January 26, 2009 - Luncheon in Ft. Myers, FL**
- **January 27, 2009 - Luncheon in Davenport, FL**

• **Sun City West, Arizona – Friday, January 23, 2009**, Briarwood Country Club, 20800 - N. 135th Avenue, Sun City West, AZ <www.briarwoodcc.com>. 11 a.m. cash bar, noon luncheon, follow by remarks from Grand Master John W. Wilke. RSVP and forward checks to: Paul (Yash) Handa, 14644 W. Ravenswood Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375. Phone (623) 546-1826. E-mail <yashphanda@yahoo.com>.

• **Fort Myers, Florida - Monday, January 26, 2009**, Luncheon at The Edison, 3583 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers, FL (Overlooking the historic Ft. Myers Country Club) www.edisonfl.com. 11 a.m cash bar, noon luncheon, followed by remarks from Grand Master Wilke. RSVP and forward checks to: Erika Miller, 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 53118 (800) 242-2307.

• **Davenport, Florida - Tuesday, January 27, 2009**, Luncheon at Deer Creek RV Golf Resort, 42749 Highway 27, Davenport, Florida www.deercreekrv.com <http://www.deercreekrv.com/>. 11 a.m. cash bar, noon luncheon, followed by remarks from the Grand Master. RSVP and forward checks to: Carl Wussow, PGM, 111 Laurel Oak Pass, Davenport, FL 33837, (863) 420-1839.

**Note:** There is a \$15 refundable reservation fee for each person attending these receptions. **Checks are to be made payable to the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation and mailed directly to the luncheon coordinator.** Persons interested in attending can also contact the Development Office with questions at 800-242-2307.

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# News of the Lodges

*Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin*



## Northwestern Lodge Holds Steak Fry

A Masonic Steak Fry was held on Friday, October 10 at Northwestern Lodge 105 in Prescott. Members of the lodge are shown welcoming Sheila Harsdorf, candidate for Wisconsin State Senate. Members left to right seated are Jamie Peterson, Dave Finley, Senator Sheila Harsdorf, Fred Benson, and Don Eggers (with his famous rhubarb upside down cake). Standing left to right are Gary Melstrom, Dennis Donath, Jacob Sobaszkiwicz, Steve Schwartz, Bill Reed and Mike Elliott. The funds raised will go toward Masonic Scholarships. – Submitted by Bro. Milt Helmer

**Brethren: When submitting pictures and text, please include the date that your event occurred.**



## Mineral Point Honor 50 and 60 Year Members

On November 3, 2008, Grand Master John W Wilke, and six Grand Lodge officers, Senior Grand Warden Joe Harker, Grand Chaplin Dave Richie, Grand Marshall Thomas Tourville, District Deputy Ted Hall, Area Administer Jim Jewell, and District Lecture Ross Pollock attended Mineral Point Lodge. Grand Master Wilke presented one 50 year certificate and pin, and recognized two 60 year members. Pictured above left to right are: Grand Master John Wilke; 60 year members Melvin Jackson, and Richard White; 50 year member Marvin Hanson; and Worshipful Master Jim Davis.

– Submitted by News Hawk Bill Buckingham



## Quincy Lodge Honors John Dunn, 50 year Mason

On September 17, 2008, Quincy Lodge No. 71 honored Brother John Dunn in celebrating his 50 years in Masonry. Brother John started his travels in Masonry on October 10, 1957, at Lodge No. 291 in West Allis. He transferred to Quincy Lodge in 1998. Brother John and his wife Alice now spend their time living between Wisconsin and Florida. Pictured from left to right are nephew Richard Dunn, Quincy Lodge 71; brother Alfred Dunn from Mesa Arizona; John Dunn, Quincy Lodge 71; and Brother Henry Dunn of Greendale, Wisconsin. Henry will be celebrated his 50th anniversary of Masonry in November. The Brothers and their wives came out to Mound View Country Club to help Brother John celebrate his anniversary.

## Thoughts for The Journey

By Grand Chaplain David Ritchie

### Is Masonry a religion?

My brothers, there is a question that keeps arising both among Masons and non-Masons: "Are we a religion?" The answer is, no, we are not a religion. We have never been a religion. Yet, I can understand how the confusion arises.

As Masons, we have placed great value in our faith and have agreed to live within certain moral boundaries. We give bibles or other sacred writings to our members, we pray, we use terms like "worshipful" for our officers, an altar and volume of sacred law are part of our lodge room, and we require belief in deity and the afterlife. These things may give the impression to an outsider that we are something we are not — a religion.

Part of the problem comes from a change in social values. Not that long ago we, as a society, opened and/or closed most meetings with prayer. Today few groups do. As a boy we prayed in school, before sporting events, at the beginning of 4-H and Boy Scouts.

Today prayer is not part of any of these groups. I was given a Bible when I completed my religion merit badge in Scouting and, as a group, we learned wood burning in 4-H by creating wall plaques of the Ten Commandments. Many organization from the PTA to sportsmen's groups swore-in their officers on the Bible. Today it is easy to forget how central to society prayer and the Bible were.



**Rev. David Ritchie**  
Grand Chaplain

As we became more aware of our national diversity, I think it was easier to ignore the subject of religion than to learn about our neighbor's faith. Instead of finding prayers all men could join in or providing the volume of sacred law a person took enlightenment from, it was easier in the name of "fear of offending" to place religion and faith on a shelf. I am proud to say that, as Masons, we took the time to find prayers that all men may pray, and included the writings that each man, individually, may find holy. For many the only public place they see prayer is in church or other house of worship. Therefore, if we as Masons include public prayer in our rituals, they see us in the same light.

The term "worshipful" for officers is not a religious one but simply a title of respect. In England many people are given titles, from government officials, judges, and members of certain groups. This includes titles like, "Your Grace, Lord, Lady, Sir," and a host of others. Here in the U.S. we use the title Honorable before the name of a judge. So the use of the title Worshipful is comparable to using the title Honorable, or Lord.

To many, altars are only found in churches but, in many countries altars are found in homes and public places. An altar is simply a raised table or platform on which rest objects of importance or a raised table for prayer. This is exactly their function in a lodge. In many places of worship the altar has been sanctified, or made pure or holy, but that is not the case with the altars found in a Masonic Lodge room.

Finally, the area that probably creates the most confusion but shouldn't is that every Mason must have belief in deity and an afterlife as well as agree to a certain idea of moral conduct. Unlike religions, we as Masons do not tell our members which god to follow or how to worship this deity. We do not claim to know the path to the afterlife. That is the role of religion.

Religion teaches a man about their god and how to please and worship that god. Religions teach, to put it bluntly, how to get to heaven. Religions teach a man how to focus his life so that when life is ended he may have found favor with his god. The focus of religion is the hereafter.

Masonic teaching is different. Its focus is on the here and now. How do we become better men, not to find our eternal reward, but to become better fathers, sons, employees/employers, neighbors, husbands and friends. The rewards of Masonry are worldly. Therefore we simply are not a religion.

It is wonderful when our Masonic lives and values match our spiritual ones. When we truly place faith in the center of all we do and when our work as men and our work as Masons and our spiritual labors become so entwined that they are virtually indistinguishable, then we have reached something for which all men should strive. Masonry is not a religion, or a substitute for religion, but a complement to our religions.

My brothers, there is something very special about a group where honor, integrity, and sound moral conduct are practiced to such an extent that people mistake us for what we are not.

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>.

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

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# News of the Lodges

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## Ben Franklin Lodge Hosts Minnesota Emulation Ritual Lodge Members

Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 83, Madison, was recently host to Sir Winston Churchill Lodge of Research No. 1003, under dispensation, at a stated communication at The Madison Club. Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 83 is a European-style lodge and practices in the Emulation Ritual. Sir Winston Churchill Lodge of Research No. 1003 is currently formed under dispensation in Minnesota as an Emulation Ritual Lodge, and members are also Brothers from several lodges in the Minneapolis and St. Paul metropolitan area. Pictured left to right are Brothers Gary Oien, Mark Forrester, Joseph Howell, James Anderson, Ross Lehman, Winter Guite, Paul Kraska, Curt Dimming, Erik Nielsen, John Curlott, Paul Gordon (Acting Ben Franklin Lodge Master), Patrick Blawat, Jalal Hussein, Gregory Ellis, Jason Berger, Frank Harris, Josef Pronnet, Ted Martz, Markus Schumann.

— Submitted by Bro. Paul Gordon, Benjamin Franklin Lodge Worshipful Master

## Benjamin Franklin Lodge Hosts Sir Winston Churchill Lodge Members From Twin Cities

MADISON — Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 83, Madison, was recently host to Sir Winston Churchill Lodge of Research No. 1003, under dispensation, at a stated communication at The Madison Club.

Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 83 is a European-style lodge and practices in the Emulation Ritual.

Sir Winston Churchill Lodge of Research No. 1003 is currently formed under dispensation in Minnesota as an Emulation Ritual Lodge, and members are also Brothers from several lodges in the Minneapolis and St. Paul metropolitan area. The two lodges were

part of a larger Table Lodge at the Minneapolis Club, Minneapolis, Minnesota this past summer which was held in honor of visiting members of Martello Lodge No. 7121 from England.

Five Minnesota Brothers travelled from the Twin Cities area to observe Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 83 perform the second degree of passing for one of its members.

Among the topics of discussion were aspects of the Emulation Ritual, lodge formation, dispensation, granting of a charter, and Emulation Lodge bylaws.

The visiting Brothers explained details of their upcoming lodge trip

to Cuba. Besides visiting Lodges there, they have a goal of bringing needed medical and personal care items with them to be given to the Cuban people.

The lodge meeting was followed by a Festive Board. Traditional Masonic toasts and toasts of personal preference in the spirit of Brotherhood kept the firing cannons busy.

Some of the cannons in use were gifts from Sir Winston Churchill Lodge of Research No. 1003 given during the Minneapolis Table Lodge.

The evening concluded with informal discussions at a local cigar bar.



## Called to Labor in Reedsburg

Pictured (left to right) are recently raised Reedsburg Lodge Master Masons Jason Dallman, Loganville; Douglas Bentley, Reedsburg; David Hollis, Wisconsin Dells (not pictured is Richard Woolever, La Valle). All took active roles in the life of their lodge upon being raised. See story below.

## New Master Masons Called to Labor in Reedsburg Lodge No. 79

By Bro. Douglas Bentley, Reedsburg Lodge No. 79 Masonic News Hawk

Reedsburg Lodge No. 79 raised four brothers to the sublime degree of Master Mason in the last year. All four have assumed duties in various positions within the lodge.

Douglas Bentley of Reedsburg became the Senior Steward shortly after being raised. He later replaced the Junior Deacon who moved out of town and has now been elected Junior Warden for 2009.

In addition, Bro. Bentley has become the "public relations" person for the lodge taking photos, writing press releases, and promoting fund raising and charitable events.

Jason Dallman, Loganville, became Junior Steward when he was raised to a Master Mason and assumed the Senior Steward position in September.

Brother Dallman was appointed

Junior Deacon for the upcoming year.

Richard Woolever of La Valle, served as a Junior Steward and is our "Sea Faring Man" for the Master's Degree. Woolever will be the Senior Deacon for 2009.

David Hollis, Wisconsin Dells, is our most recent Brother Master Mason. He has served as both Junior and Senior Steward and has been appointed Chaplin and Senior Steward for 2009.

"We are very excited about the commitment and activity of these new Brothers," remarked Greg Georgeson, outgoing Worshipful Master of Reedsburg Lodge.

Robert Ott, Worshipful Master for the upcoming year, is looking forward to working with these Brothers and challenges them to remain active and learn everything they can from the more experienced members. "With everything that is going on, 2009 will be a good year." **wmj**



## 2009 Officers Installed at Onalaska Lodge

Onalaska Lodge No. 214 held Installation of Officers on Saturday, December 13, 2008. Thanks to the local Brothers from La Crosse and West Salem Lodges who helped to make it a great occasion. Pictured are from left to right are: Richard Gray, Russell Moran, Roy Marcus, Roger Christenson, Wessley Hurlburt, Troy Freng, Richard Matl, Leroy Hougum, Richard Hougum, Christopher Petersen, Lowell Larson, Harold Jones, and Harry "Red" Hiser.



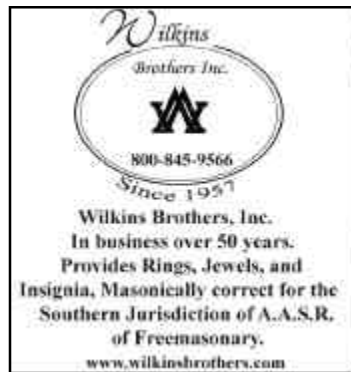
## 50-Year Award Goes to Bro. Martin Callaway

Worshipful Master Keith Williams of La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190 presented a 50-year certificate and pin to Past Master Martin Callaway at the La Crosse Lodge Old Timers Night recently.



## Tomah Lodge Quilt Raffle Winner Announced

Roger Severson of Tomah is the lucky winner in the third annual Quilt Raffle held by Tomah Lodge No. 132 in Tomah. The quilt was made by Jean Calhoun, wife of Tomah Past Master Chaz Calhoun, and her mother, Mary Hansen. Roger's name was drawn at the conclusion of the annual Arts and Crafts Show hosted at the lodge building on November 22. This is the 18th annual Arts and Crafts Show which is always held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving.



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### Members Honored

Lincoln Lodge celebrated their 50 and 25 year members at a banquet on September 23, 2008. Pictured above, second from the left is Craig Campbell, speaker for the evening and a 25-year member of Lincoln Lodge and four of the 50-year members who were honored: Robert H. Tank (far left), Roger Wetterau, Elmer Bieri and Glen Sutton.

### Lincoln Lodge No. 183 Honors 50- and 25-year Members at Sept. Banquet

SUSSEX – September 23, 2008, will long be remembered for many Lincoln Lodge Masons. It was a 25/50-year banquet at Sussex Bowl, Sussex.

Between 75 and 80 Masons, their wives and friends, gathered to celebrate Masons who had been members for 25 years and other Masons who had been 50-year members. All had attained that status between 2000 and the present day at Lincoln.

A buffet dinner was served, followed with an address by Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, Craig Campbell. He spoke on, "What Is A Mason," and used a member as an example. It was eye-opening to some and very enlightening to others, and was just one of the best explanations of a Mason as witnessed by many non-Masons. Many wives were finally made aware of what their husbands are as Masons.

Members with 25 and 50 years as members have not been honored since the year 2000. Therefore all Masons now at Lincoln with 25 years to date included Craig Campbell, Richard Held, Robert Mattfeld, all of whom were present. Those 25-year members who did not attend but were sent their pins and certificates included David Carr, Dale Denis, Bary Dickinson, Bruce Hansen, Dennis Maeder, Michael Maury, Charles Meyer, Bruce Nelson, Marshall Peebles and Scott Steinke.

Lincoln 50-year members present were Elmer Bieri, Glen Sutton, Robert Tank and Roger Wetterau. Not present were 50-year members Thomas Bauer, Donald Gessert, August Helms and Harry Turtenwald.

Worshipful Master of Lincoln Lodge, Dan Stujenske, was Master of Ceremonies and also handed out the awards. Prayer before dinner was given by District 10 Lecturer Patrick Stors.

Throughout the evening door prizes were awarded. Surprise of the evening was Secretary of Lincoln Lodge, Roger Wetterau, being presented with a Honorary Past Master's apron and certificate (photo at right). The Worshipful Master made note of this, since in the history of Lincoln Lodge this had only been done once before. All expenses of the evening were a gift of a Lincoln Lodge member. No lodge funds were used.



### Three Master Masons Raised at Dousman Lodge

Dousman Lodge No. 315 raised three new Master Masons recently. Pictured left to right in the first row are: Lodge Counselor Henry Pynakker; new Master Masons Duane Roehll and Steve Pennycuff. Worshipful Master John Werner is in the center. In the back row are Jr. Warden Douglas Campbell and new Master Mason Karl Buschus. – Submitted by News Hawk Henry Pynakker



### Mineral Point Lodge Raises New Master Mason

Brother Jay Dommershausen was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on October 27, 2008, at Mineral Point Lodge No. 1. Pictured from left to right are: Worshipful Master Jim Davis, Jay Dommershausen, and Senior Warden Ray Paynter.

– Submitted by Mineral Point Lodge Masonic News Hawk Bill Buckingham

# News of the Lodges

*Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin*



### Chippewa Falls Lodge Honors Dale Babbitt for 60 Years as a Mason

Chippewa Falls Lodge No. 176 recently presented Brother Dale Babbitt with a 60-year certificate for membership in Masonry. Dale is a Thirty-third Degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Past Commander In Chief of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Eau Claire.

– Submitted by Bro. Richard Frazier, Chippewa Falls Lodge Worshipful Master



### Lincoln Lodge's Wetterau Receives Honorary Apron

Lincoln Lodge Master Dan Stujenske, left, presented Bro. Roger Wetterau with an Honorary Past Master's apron and certificate at the 25/50-year banquet at the Sussex Bowl on September 23, 2008.



### Gaylesville Lodge Hosts Grand Master Wilke & His Lady Sharon

On October 6, 2008, Galesville's Decora Lodge No. 177 had special visitors. Grand Master John Wilke and his lady Sharon, and Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau High School senior Clara Byom provided a special evening. Ms. Byom gave a presentation on her Wisconsin Ambassadors of Music 16-day trip through Europe. Decora Lodge helped finance her trip. There were 36 present for a most enjoyable evening.

– Submitted by Bro. Fred Cafe, Decora Lodge Past Master



### Waukesha Lodge Hosts Food Booth in Conjunction With H-D 105th Anniversary Observance

Over Labor Day weekend, August 28 through August 31, Waukesha Lodge No. 37 operated a food booth in Waukesha's Cutler Park in conjunction with the "Weekend in Waukesha" celebration of Harley Davidson's 105th Anniversary. Not only were plenty of burgers, brats and hot dogs sold but our banner attracted a number of "traveling men" from other states and foreign countries to the booth. It was not unusual for someone to jokingly ask "Can you tell me about Masonry?" with a big smile on their face and a Masonic ring on their finger. The stand was run by volunteers consisting of lodge members, their wives and families, Job's Daughters and moms from Bethels 10 and 64, and members of the York Rite Bodies. It was a Masonic family affair!

– Submitted by Waukesha Lodge WM Robert D. McQuillan



### Bro. Sanford Michel Honored for 50-years at Waukesha Lodge

Brother Sanford A. Michel (left) was presented his 50-year pin and certificate by Waukesha Worshipful Master Robert D. McQuillan (right) at the September 15 meeting of Waukesha Lodge No. 37. Fifty years ago Brother Sandy received his degrees in Lodge No. 591 in Michigan over the months of June, July and August. This is unusual because most lodges are dark during those months.



### 25-year DNR Volunteer Award Goes to Mason-Woods SW Hugo Petters

A twenty-five year volunteer Hunter Education Instructor award was presented to Bro. Hugo Petters at a lodge meeting by DNR Conservation Warden Jim Horne this fall. Hugo served as lead instructor at White Lake for 20 years and is now assisting in the Gillett area. He and his wife, Lu are residents of Mason Woods where he is now Senior Warden of Mason-Woods Lodge No. 238.



### Job's Daughters Assist La Crosse Lodge With Past Master's /Old- Timer's Night Serving

Bethel 27 Job's Daughters in La Crosse was pleased to assist La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190 with their annual "Past Masters - Old Timers Night" pancake supper. Shown with the cooks, PM Rich Gray and JW Todd Wolbert, are Ashley Zamot, Brianna Stetter and Emily Zamot.



**Staff Sgt. Wainright a Master Mason in Eagle River**

Eagle River Lodge raised Staff Sergeant Casey Wainwright to the sublime degree of Master Mason with the help of Island City Lodge No. 330, and Rhinelander Lodge No. 242. Pictured in the first row, left to right are: PM. Everett Ellingson; Jon Mundy W.M. of Island City Lodge; Bro. Casey Wainwright; Scott Bishop W.M. of Eagle River Lodge; James Carey IV; and Roger Tesch. Second row: Brothers George Welnetz, Brian Krause, James Carey III, Thomas Foerster and Don Eaglesham.

- Submitted by Eagle River Masonic News Hawk Scott Bishop



**Hillsboro No. 255 Consolidates with Viroqua No. 84**

Members of Viroqua LaBelle Lodge No. 84 held a consolidation ceremony for the brothers of Hillsboro No. 255. The lodge was opened in due form using Hillsboro's Bible and working tools. Worshipful Master William Kreuger welcomed the brothers into the lodge and thanked them for their help in making a smooth transition. Pictured left to right are: William Kreuger, Sean Kline, Sean Young, Arden Peterson, Raymond Dyar, Joseph Bruha, and Kurt Eckes. The night was dedicated to the loving memory of Bryon and Rita Lawrence.

- Submitted by La Belle Lodge Masonic News Hawk Ernest Kramer



**Northwest Wisconsin Brethren Complete Degrees**

Several Master Masons who were raised earlier this year, received their second and third sections at open lodge on October 28. Pictured left to right is Dan Fischer of Hancock Lodge in Ellsworth, Worshipful Master, Dave Leonard of Hancock Lodge, Bruce Wigent of Northwestern Lodge in Prescott, Mike Waltz and Gary Waltz, both of Hancock Lodge. Past Master Gary Waltz served in the East during his son's second section.

- Photo by Masonic News Hawk Milt Helmer



**Francis Matson Honored at Viroqua's La Belle Lodge**

On November 19 Viroqua's La Belle Lodge No. 84 proudly presented Brother Francis James Matson, Jr. (center) with his 50-year membership certificate. Worshipful Master William Krueger (left) called Secretary Jerrold Matson (right) to the East to conduct the presentation ceremony. Brother Fran received all his degrees in La Crosse's Frontier Lodge No. 45 and served as their Worshipful Master in 1963. He joined LaBelle Lodge No. 84 after moving to Viroqua in retirement.

**Franklin Lodge No. 16 Present Certificates of Appreciation to Trio of Members**



Sr. Warden Richard Rasmussen and WM Craig Rasmussen



Secretary Rollie Spencer and WM Craig Rasmussen

**Certificates of Franklin Lodge Appreciation**

Franklin Lodge No. 16 WM Craig Rasmussen presented Certificates of Appreciation to the recipients of this year's awards, Senior Warden Richard Rasmussen and Secretary Rollie Spencer during the lodge's December 10 meeting.



Bro. William J. Jewell and WM Craig Rasmussen

**58 Year Member Jewel**

Franklin Lodge No. 16 WM Craig Rasmussen presents Bro. William J. Jewell a token of appreciation in recognition of his 58 years as a Mason during the lodge's annual Christmas Party held on December 6, 2008.

- Submitted by Bro. Keith Chamberlain, PGM



**Collins-Spring Valley Lodge Installation of Officers**

Installation of officers for Collins-Spring Valley Lodge No. 192, Baldwin, was held on December 3, 2008. Officers pictured from left to right are: Jake Haselman, Trustee and Senior Steward; Peter Nelson, Junior Warden; Dave Jacobson, Senior Warden and Treasurer; James Karlson, Trustee and Senior Deacon; Doug Henry, Master; Jay Custer, Junior Deacon; Sky Ofstie, Trustee and Junior Steward; and DelRoy Stone, Tyler. Not pictured is Randy Lindquist, Secretary.

- Submitted by Collins-Spring Valley Masonic News Hawk Doug Henry



**Past Masters Night at Doric Lodge**

Past Masters Night was held at Doric Lodge No. 356 on November 18, 2008. Past Masters present as pictured above in the front row left to right are: Present WM and Past Master Terry Reick, Dale Holmen, and Fred Liedel. In the back row left to right are Brothers Bill Winge, Charles Porter, Mitch Custer, and Jim Martin.

- Submitted by Doric Lodge Masonic News Hawk Paul Hallingstad

**Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 210 and LaBelle OES Host Joint Friend's Night Dinner**



Worshipful Master Tim Mott (left) and his wife Proudly enjoy visiting with Eva Loomis (right).



Worthy Matron Helen Engeldinger and Worthy Patron J. W. Engeldinger of Lac La Belle Chapter 23, OES, Ashland.



Past Master Gregg Olson (right) presents a Past Master's Apron to Worshipful Master Tim Mott

**By Bro. Brian Marriott  
Ancient Landmark Lodge**

ASHLAND – On Saturday, October 18, 2008, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 210 and Lac La Belle Chapter 23, OES, both of Ashland, sponsored a dinner for friends at the lodge. The purpose was to invite friends that may not be aware of the two groups and inform them about our activities.

Roast Prime Rib with all of the trimmings was served. After the dinner, which was served in the lodge's dining room, everyone moved into the lodge where a short program was presented. Worshipful Master Tim Mott presented a short history of the Masons and briefly described our purpose. The Senior Warden spoke about the significance of the White lambskin Apron. Past Grand Master Kingman Loomis also spoke about the Masons. Brother John C. Van Hollan read a short list on what a Mason should be and told of an incident that he experienced after WWII in Germany.

Next, the Worthy Matron, Helen Engeldinger; and Worthy Patron, J. W. Engeldinger and Associate Matron Peggy Kman; spoke about Eastern Star. Before the meeting was closed, Past Master Gregg Olson presented Master Tim Mott with a Past Master's Apron.

Later it was reported that several of the guests request additional information about both organizations. The officers of both organizations expressed that they were pleased with the attendance and the interest in both groups that the guests showed. Both groups are planning to host another dinner next year.

# News of the Lodges

*Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin*



**Installation of Officers for Park Falls Lodge No. 300**

Park Falls Lodge No. 200 and Phillips Lodge No. 225 held a joint installation on December 1, 2008, at Phillips Masonic Lodge. Officers for Park Falls Lodge for 2009 are pictured above. In the front row, left to right, are: Junior Warden Glenn Seitz; Worshipful Master Clayton Wollerman; Installing Officer, Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin John W. Wilke; Senior Warden Jerome Johnson and Junior Deacon Jerry Smart. In the second row, left to right: Senior Deacon Bruce Harvey; Senior Steward John Smith, Lodge Counselor Don Schmidt, Secretary David Dyer, and Chaplain Roger Reas.

– Submitted by Masonic News Hawk Gary Metz



**Installation of Officers for Phillips Lodge No. 225**

On the night of December 1, 2008, Phillips Lodge No. 225 and Park Falls Lodge No. 300 celebrated with a Joint Installation of Officers Ceremony at the Phillips Masonic Lodge, in which our Most Worshipful Grand Master John W. Wilke presided as Installing Officer. Phillips and Park Falls Lodges were honored and most grateful for the presence among us of Most Worshipful Grand Master John W. Wilke. 2009 officers for Phillips Lodge are pictured above, in the front row, left to right: Junior Deacon Gary Metz; Worshipful Master John Kosina; Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin John W. Wilke; Senior Warden David Sonntag; and Senior Steward Don Meetz. In the second row are: Senior Deacon Karl Von Seggem; Junior Warden Ron Stickle; Secretary Don Schmidt; Tiler Kevin Hemp; Counselor Tony Budaj; and Junior Steward Frank Dennee.

– Submitted by Masonic News Hawk Gary Metz



**Snowy Start to Pewaukee Breakfast With Santa**

An Alberta Clipper accompanied Santa's visit to Pewaukee Lodge with a fluffy white blanket of snow. The lodge is located in the center of downtown Pewaukee on Main Street. The lodge presently has 55 members.



**Pewaukee Lodge Kitchen Crew & Griddle Masters**

Manning the pancake griddle (left) is big responsibility in trying to keep up with the 80-100 hungry parents and children attending the lodge's breakfast with Santa but the Pewaukee Brethren were up to the job. Pictured right to left are Tim Zellner, a recently raised member of the lodge and future Jr. Deacon; Eric McGinnis, Jr. Warden; kitchen specialist Gary Garsombke; Ron Knutson, Jr., a Past Master and Secretary-Treasurer; and Anthony Knutson, Sr. Deacon. Many of the attendees were repeat visitors from previous years, and in the lodge room upstairs, Santa greeted children by name, referring to his record book of previous Christmas wishes from previous visits, much to the delight of both parents and children.



**Santa's Helpers**

Brother Ron Knutson handled ticket sales at the door and here posed with Santa's elf helper Cassie McGinnis.

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# Meet Hiram Abi of Tyre, Master Architect and Builder of King Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem

**Editor's explanatory note:** The following paper was e-mailed to me by Wisconsin's Grand Orator Bob Strader and it presents a most interesting and educational approach to what is known about our Master Builder, the revered Hiram Abif. This paper was published in the January 1894 issue of the "Voice of Masonry and Family Magazine" and, evidently, in a few places. It came from the collection of historical literature in Bro. Strader's library and, as he related, "I enjoyed it so much that I scanned the 20 pages or so from the magazine and brought it back to electronic form." Due to its length the paper will be serialized over several issues. The paper's formatting follows classic compositional structure but some paragraphs have been subdivided to enhance readability.

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## HIRAM ABIF

The story of the great temple builder - an historical lecture, delivered by Bro. Alexander H. Morgan, Past Master, to Montgomery Lodge No. 19, F. and A. M. of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 5th, 1893, and subsequently published in "The Keystone."

HIRAM ABIF is the name of one whose history is coeval with the institution of Ancient Craft Masonry. It is a name that is or should be familiar to every son of light. It is sometimes applied to the instrument with which the Worshipful Master gives the signals that direct the craftsmen in their movements, and to preserve order in the lodge. Two of our ancient Grand Masters bore the name of Hiram; one a king of Tyre, whose title of Grand Master appears to have been bestowed upon him for the substantial aid he furnished at the building of the Temple. He also sent the man whose genius gave perfectness to the work: In the sacred writings, where reference is made to the circumstances through which this celebrated personage became connected with Jewish history and Masonic tradition, Hiram, king of Tyre, refers to the architect Hiram as "Hiram Abi," that is, "Hiram my father," which is an evidence of his high standing at the Tyrian court, for the title "ab" or father, was among the Hebrews often bestowed, as a title of honor, on the chief advisers and intimate friends of the king.

This name is so closely linked with Freemasonry that the term or title Hiramite was and is yet used in the so-called "higher degrees," to designate a Master Mason. But, while this is true, it is not the less strange that beyond the fact of the close connection of the Tyrian architect with certain parts of the third degree, scarcely anything is said as to the life of the man, or the history of the nation from whence he came. But when we consider how much was due, both to the man and the nation, for the active part they took in the great event, which may be said to have been the foundation or starting point of the Masonic Institution, I may be pardoned, not for choosing for my theme the story of Hiram the builder, but for devoting a considerable part of a Masonic discourse to the history of the Phoenician or Tyrian people. And if the brethren could be induced to look into the records of this celebrated nation, famous in many ways, but more particularly as the chief navigators of antiquity, their interest would be largely increased in the life and times of Hiram the builder.

The term or title "builder" is applicable to many things, and is used in various ways. It is defined as one who builds, one whose occupation is to build, an architect, a shipwright, a mason. In Scripture the application is figurative or symbolic, to increase and strengthen, to cement and knit together, to settle or establish and preserve. The Scriptural is the most applicable to our subject, because Freemasonry applies it to symbolize her most sublime image.

The original builder was GOD. His works begin with the beginning, exist by His eternal will, and can end only under the same Divine fiat. His creature, endowed with faculties which He has bestowed, man being the most intelligent, approaching nearest to Divinity, aspires to imitate his Creator, hence among other arts arose the art of building.

Man said: "GOD has made the earth, the sun, the moon, the stars, the universe. I will also build. I will build houses, palaces, temples, which shall defy the shocks of time and make for me glory and fame to posterity." But man's buildings have only proven his inferiority to the Creator; they crumble and fall. History or tradition may preserve for awhile their memory, fame extol their greatness, and then they fade into the dim, uncertain past, the shadows grow fainter, and they are gone.

Freemasonry has among its buildings one that will endure longer than any other known structure—not the physical, but the spiritual edifice, which, having its perfectness symbolized in the material building, is really the imperishable, immortal soul. From time to time in the world's history men have appeared upon the scene whose lives were so interwoven with the events of the times in which they lived, that they appear to be a part and portion of the century.

Take away that one intense personality, and the void becomes so great that history loses her interest, and the records of those particular years seem scarce worth the writing down. Some of those men were builders of nations, like the Prophet

Moses, leading his people from bondage to freedom; some striking down absolutism and building up constitutional government; some were builders of cities, of monuments, of temples. The man whose name appears at the head of our discourse was of those we have last mentioned. And though his works were of the material kind, yet they live: true, not in the bronze, or stone, or cedar, of the original Temple, but Freemasonry, the embalmer of past events, gives new life to his works in her august ceremonies, while his name also lives as an example of secrecy, obedience and fidelity to all those who travel along the road leading to the altar of everlasting truth. And so I might go on indefinitely speaking of the many classes of builders who have lived and wrought in their vocations, some to the detriment and some to the benefit of mankind.

But the builders who most concern the Freemasons are two in number, Solomon, king of Israel, and the Tyrian architect, Hiram Abif. How those two builders became united, how the name of the king and that of the architect were made famous, is well known to all those who believe in the doctrines for the illustration of which this grand Temple was erected.

When Solomon was about to build, he discovered that the most important instrument was wanting. There was no experienced artist among the Hebrews capable of directing the labors of the workmen, or of laying out the work for them to execute; so he turned to his friend and ally, Hiram, king of Tyre, for relief in the emergency, and, in answer to his appeal, Hiram or Hiram Abif came to Jerusalem to build the great Temple on Mount Moriah. He was a Phoenician, of a Hebrew mother and a Tyrian father.

Let us devote a few moments to this celebrated nation, which, next to Egypt, was of the most remote antiquity, and closely associated with the Jewish nation. In the Masonic lodge all who have been raised to the sublime degree will remember the Scriptural quotation: "He was a son of a widow of the daughter of Dan, his father was a man of Tyre." But perhaps few of the brethren have looked further into the history of this remarkable man, still less of the great people called Phoenicians. Phoenicia was a country situated at the eastern end of the Mediterranean, or "Great Sea," as it was known to the ancients. Phoenicia signifies "Region of Palms," taking its name from that graceful tree which in all tropical countries is the most striking object to the eye of the traveler, and the most useful to the inhabitants.

### Origin of the Phoenician Nation

Who were the Phoenicians or Tyrians, and from whence did they come? For the answer to this question we turn to the East, the original source from whence humanity issued. Herodotus, the "Father of History," as he is called, considered the best authority on the events of those remote times, gives us to understand that the Phoenicians were a Semitic race from the East, who, about the time when Terah, the father of Abram, turned his face from Uz of the Chaldees towards the Land of Promise, also spread themselves along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea, dispossessing the aboriginal inhabitants, probably Canaanites.

The Tyrian nation was founded by the Phoenicians, who, being disturbed by an earthquake, were induced to leave their native land and to settle first of all on the Assyrian lake, and afterward on the shore of the Mediterranean, founding a city which they called Sidon, from the abundance of fish, for in the Phoenician tongue a fish is called "Sidon."

This story of the origin of the Phoenician nation and their settlements on the shores of the Mediterranean reads like a romance, but it comes from a famous historian and must be accepted, at least, as reliable as other histories written by the same hand.

In many characteristics the Phoenicians were closely allied to the Hebrews, as were all the Semitic nations. In form and feature, in language also, the resemblance to the Hebrews predominated. In religion they were pagans; Baal the Sun, Ash-toreth or Astarte, the Moon, were the ruling deities of the Phoenician pantheon, with many of lesser degree, and the familiar relations of the two nations, Hebrew and Phoenician, were shown, that in the frequent lapses of the former into idolatry they set up altars to Baal, the chief of the Phoenician gods.

Like all commercial peoples, intercourse with other nations developed liberal opinions in the matter of religions, and the Phoenicians were not very particular as to the modes of worship of the peoples with whom they traded. It was of little consequence to them whether it was Osiris, of the Egyptians; Zeus, of the Greeks; Jove, of the Romans, or the JEHOVAH of the Jews. Trade and commerce were of much more importance than the form of worship or the name of DEITY. This is not asserting that the Phoenicians were devoid of religious belief; on the contrary, among themselves they were "intensely religious," but they did not strive as propagandists. Out of Phoenicia it was with them, like their Hebrew allies, business first; religion could take care of itself.

The dimensions of this famous country were quite insignificant when compared with the ruling nations of antiquity. A tract of land about two hundred miles in length, in its widest part some thirty-five miles or less, was all that comprised this land of Phoenicia.

(to be continued next month)

## Youth In Masonry



### Masonic Day in La Crosse Bethel IOJD

Honored Queen Kali Brokaw and members of Bethel 27 Job's Daughters of La Crosse held a special Masonic Day to honor the Masonic organizations in our Masonic family. Organizations present to support the Bethel were Frontier-Badger Lodge No. 45, La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190, Ruth Chapter Order of The Eastern Star, White Shrine and the Social Order of the Beauceant. The Bethel presented a moving ceremony involving the placing of various colored flowers on the altar for each organization. Following refreshments, a "Bake Walk" was held with the proceeds going to the Bethel's Promotional/Education Project. Each visitor received a lovely patriotic bookmark made by Honored Queen Kali. Pictured left to right in the first row are: Brooke Ruben, Emily Zamot, HQ Kali Brokaw, Sabrina Macsurak, and Caitlin Deal. Row 2: JW Todd Wolherst La Crosse Lodge, Marie Affeldt, Amada Walsh, Aleda Brokaw, WM Jason Risberg, Frontier-Badger Lodge. Row 3: Rebekah Olson, Rachel Stetter, Shannon Bolen, Shana DeBoer, Ashley Zamot and Martin Callaway, La Crosse Lodge.

## DeMolay Honors Day 2008

WEST ALLIS - Wisconsin DeMolay held its annual Honors Day on Saturday, October 11, 2008, at the West Allis Masonic Center. During the afternoon the Wisconsin Court of Chevaliers and the Wisconsin DeMolay Legion of Honor held their annual meetings and elections of officers. The Court of Chevaliers elected Aaron Gretencord as its Commander and the Legion of Honor elected Kevin Klinger as its Dean for the next year.

The evening program paid tribute to members of DeMolay, Advisory Councils and the Masonic Fraternity. Colleen Hill, an Advisor from Kenosha Chapter, was awarded the Cross of Honor. This honor is presented to past or present members of an Advisory Council or to any personal representative of the Executive Officer. Colleen was honored for her outstanding work with Kenosha Chapter.

The Degree of Chevalier is awarded by DeMolay International's Supreme Council to recognize a DeMolay who has proven himself outstanding by giving time and energy to strengthen the Order. To be considered for this honor the designate must have been conspicuous in all phases of DeMolay activity. The Degree of Chevalier cannot be applied for and nomination is made without the knowledge of the DeMolay being honored.

This year Degree of Chevalier was presented to State Master Councilor John Scott of Kenosha Chapter and Chris Nigge-meier of Brookfield Chapter.

DeMolay's highest award, the Legion of Honor, was presented to the following men. Receiving the Active Legion of Honor were Arthur Mattox, Shawn Noble and Donny Pellman. This is conferred upon a Senior DeMolay who has attained the age of twenty-five and has shown outstanding leadership in some field of endeavor including service to the Order of DeMolay. Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin Joseph Harker was selected to receive this honor but was unable to attend. Joe will be presented with his honors at our next Honors Day on October 3, 2009, at the West Bend Masonic Center.

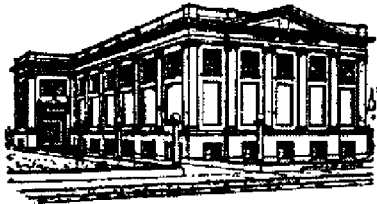
Receiving the Honorary Legion of Honor were Deputy Grand Master Craig Campbell, Roger Chase and John Clifton. This award is conferred upon a Master Mason over the age of 30 who has performed unusual and meritorious service on behalf of the Order of DeMolay or who has evidenced a spirit of cooperation and appreciation for the Order.

The evening concluded with the Wisconsin DeMolay Foundation presenting scholarships to 18 deserving young men and women. In addition to meeting academic requirements, these scholarships are based on the support these young people have devoted to DeMolay.

- Submitted by Bro. Robert Lijewski,  
Executive Officer, Wisconsin DeMolay

### Send Youth Page Submissions To:

- **Rainbow for Girls:** Jane Blackwood, 937 Euclid Avenue, Beloit, WI 53511 e-mail: <stormkat@sbcglobal.net>
- **Jobs Daughters:** Mary Callaway, 1525 16th Street South, La Crosse, WI 54601 e-mail <7MCAL@Aol.com>
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## Ashland

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## Berlin

**Berlin Lodge No. 38**  
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Meets 7 p.m. 2nd & 4th Thurs. Jan., Oct., and at 7 p.m. 2nd Thursday only, Nov. & Dec.  
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1020 Mills St. • 608-795-4484 (Sec)  
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Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
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2122 16th Ave. • 715-568-5152  
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.  
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8102 - 199th Ave. • 262-857-7801  
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
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**Camp Douglas Lodge No. 272**  
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**Mason-Woods Lodge No. 368**  
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Dark January & February

## Cedarburg

**Victory Lodge No. 320**  
501 W. Grand Ave., Port Washington  
262-275-2931 (Sec) • 2nd & 4th Mon.  
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## Chetek

**Chetek Lodge No. 277**  
216 Main 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  
Meet 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

## Eau Claire

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

## Eau Claire

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

## Eau Claire

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

## Edgerton

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

## Ellsworth

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

## Evansville

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

## Fond du Lac

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

## Frederic

**Landmark Lodge No. 244**  
109 United Way • 612-998-7901 (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. • 920-499-9777  
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 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-Badger Lodge No. 45**  
118 8th St. • 608-782-1616  
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August

## La Crosse

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

## Ladysmith

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

## Lake Geneva

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

## Linden

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

## Lodi

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

## Lone Rock

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

## Madison

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

## Madison

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

## Madison

**Four Lakes Daylite Lodge No. 362**  
810 Chicago St. • 920-684-4334  
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 1/2 Tenth 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 Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

## Milton

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

## Milwaukee

**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

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### Palmyra

**Palmyra Lodge No. 68**  
125 N. 3 St. • 262-495-4887  
Meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark January & February

### Park Falls

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

### Pewaukee

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

### Phillips

**Phillips Lodge No. 225**  
137 N. Lake Ave. • 715-339-3785  
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 & 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

**Amicitia Lodge No. 25**  
127-1/2 Water St. • 608-965-3188 (Sec)  
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 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**  
152 N. Bird St. • 608-825-3925  
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 Bellnap St. • 715-392-1398 (Sec)  
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 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 Saturday, 8:30 a.m.  
Meets 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. • 262-889-8181 (Sec)  
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Winneconne

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

### Wisconsin Dells

**Dells Lodge No. 124**  
815 Oak St. • 608-254-8136  
Meet 1st & 3rd 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.

Please call ahead before attending. The addresses listed are where the lodge meets and may not be correct for mail.



## Quarry Notes

William L. Stonecipher, Editor

• **Charity Scam Surfaces** – West Bend Lodge Worshipful Master Jim Becker reported that a co-worker at his place of employment received an e-mail from something called, “The Freemason society grant,” prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. The message explained a grant program with the admirable goal of enhancing man’s living conditions.

“Dear Beneficiary,” the e-mail began (a sure tip-off that this was likely a scam). It then explained that the recipient had been selected as the 2008 beneficiary for the foundation laying grants, stating that these grants “...are issued every year around the world in accordance with the objective of the Freemasons as stated by Thomas Paine in 1808 which is to insure the continuous freedom of man and to enhance man’s living conditions.”

(Thomas Paine, though not a Mason, was indeed acquainted with many Freemasons, including Benjamin Franklin, and authored an essay in which he suggested that the Freemasonry’s origins lay with the Celtic Druids. – Mackey’s Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry.)

A mission statement for the so-called Freemason society came next, followed by a recitation of all that is right and noble about a socially, economically, religiously and politically enlightened internationalist society that aims to promote human development, equality, and social justice without regard to race, gender, religion or politics — and that the Freemason society seeks to bring about these positive changes through development and relief programs overseas. raise public awareness of poverty and injustice, increase understanding of the worldwide interdependence of rich and poor, and create the will to change unjust structures and lifestyles.

The charity also sees itself acting as an advocate for the poor, articulating a clear analysis of the underlying causes of poverty and challenging governments and international bodies to adopt policies which incorporate the principles of social justice.

Then came a mention of funds in the amount of \$1.5 million to be used “to better the lot of man through your own initiative.” The e-mail closed with an invitation to contact a certain party for a payment procedure. The phone numbers given were overseas ones. It was signed by a Mrs. Faith Richard the P.R.O. Freemason Grand Charity.

I “googled” Freemason Grand Charity and, much to my surprise, discovered that there really is a legitimate Freemason’s Grand Charity based in England. I also discovered a link to a web site called Hoax-slayer.com that tells all about the Freemason society grand charity (minus the ‘s’ and capital letters) hoax. This is a scam.



Former Grand Lecturer Ralph Knowlton

• **Former Grand Lecturer Knowlton Passes** – We were recently informed that former Grand Lecturer Ralph Fontaine Knowlton passed on to the Lodge Eternal on Wednesday, May 28 at the age of 87. Brother Knowlton served Masonry in Wisconsin as Grand Lecturer from 1975-1981. During his tenure our single letter cipher with separate posting keys came into being. He was a member of Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 322, serving as Master in 1961, and N.E.W. Daylight Lodge No. 360, serving as Master in 2002, in Green Bay. He was also a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Green Bay, where he was honored as a 33rd Degree Mason, was a York Rite Mason and member of the Red Cross of Constantine. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Edna, their two daughters, Jan Metz and Nancy Gesler, both of Green Bay, and other relatives. A Masonic memorial service was held on Saturday, May 31 at the N.E.W. Masonic Center in Green Bay..

• **Member Database Information & Address Changes** – It has come to our attention that there appears to be a degree of confusion within the Craft concerning the procedure to follow when making either temporary or permanent changes of address.

Last month, for example, I received a call from the Master of a lodge who reported that his Wisconsin Masonic Journal was being mistakenly sent under his name to a Brother’s address in a neighboring city and he asked my assistance as Editor in correcting the error with Grand Lodge.

When it was suggested that he should really be asking the secretary of his lodge to troubleshoot the problem, the Master told me that he had already done so, twice, and both times the secretary said that he had already made the correction in the lodge records and that the Master’s address was correct. As far as the secretary was concerned his records were correct and the problem was with Grand Lodge.

As a courtesy, I called the Grand Lodge office and spoke with Cheryl Martin, giving her the correct member information and updated address so she could make the correction in the MORI database. What we couldn’t figure out was why the address was incorrect in the first place and why wasn’t the correction made earlier? Good question.

As it turned out, the secretary of the lodge in question is still using the Blue Lodge Information System (BLIS) program. The problem with this is that the now outmoded BLIS program was designed as a stand-alone computer software program and the information entered therein resided only on the user’s computer and Grand Lodge had no way to automatically “know” what resided on a lodge secretary’s own computer. As a result, if an address correction was made in BLIS, it went no further than the secretary’s computer. The secretary still had to notify Grand Lodge of a member’s address change.

With the new Masonic Online Registry Interface (MORI) database system now being used, this situation will no longer exist. With MORI, when a lodge secretary or his designated assistant makes a change to his lodge’s member information section, it is changed. This includes requests for a change in address.

Brethren, MORI is now! Get trained so you can take charge of your lodge’s member information in the Grand Lodge database. Now all address changes, including the addition of start and stop dates for a temporary second address, are in the hands of your lodge secretary. If he is not a computer user, a designated assistant who is can be selected and trained. BLIS may be useful for keeping track of non-lodge member addresses and printing mailing labels but for all else, it is obsolete. **wmj**

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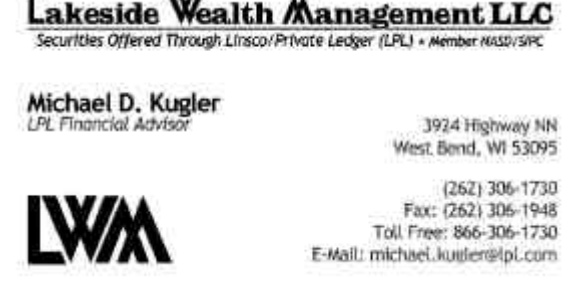
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A Message from Mary Millard -  
Director of Fraternal Relations

## RESOLUTIONS are OUT, GOALS are IN!!!

Resolutions are too easy to be broken and once they are broken, they are often forgotten. A Goal is something you wish to accomplish. It may take several steps before it is completed and you have a given time to accomplish this. First of all, a goal needs to be decided. Then you list the steps on how you can get this accomplished. Here is an example:

### Goal: Learn more about Three Pillars in 2009

1. Read the Three Pillars page in the Masonic Journal
2. Watch the DVD given to all chapter and lodges called "A Jewel of Wisconsin Masonry"
3. Write for information about the Three Pillars Senior Retirement Communities
4. Have Mary Millard come and give a program at a meeting or social
5. Visit the campus of Three Pillars at Dousman or Mason Woods
6. Plan to attend the Friends and Family Picnic on August 2nd.

Goals need to be attainable and I encourage each of you to set a goal to learn more about Three Pillars. Sometimes I feel Three Pillars is one of the best kept secrets of the fraternity. But I would like you to be proud to have the association with Three Pillars and in order to have that pride you need to know "what we have to offer".

I will check with you throughout the year to see how you are doing on "reaching your goal".

## Students Meet with Teacher

This may not be unusual, but these students were former students of Fran Laney's 8th grade class in 1963. Fran taught at Prairie View Grade School in North Prairie. Kathy Gray, Debbie Nuetzel, Eileen Altenburg, and Chris Klusendorf spent the afternoon reminiscing with Fran about events that took place when they were her students. A few of the memories that were brought back were:



- Fran's love for books
- The "Word of the Week" especially the word "Pottergeist"
- Always making the students do the best they could
- Fran helping them build their self worth

Fran always told her students "You cannot make me stop loving each one of you!" Fran and her late husband Harlan moved to Three Pillars from Elkhorn, WI.

(Pictured above left to right: Debbie Nuetzel, Chris Klusendorf, Eileen Altenburg, Kathy Gray, and front center is resident Fran Laney)

## Moms and Tots

The Moms and Tots group of Oconomowoc will be coming to the Three Pillars campus the 2nd Friday of every month. This group is for children up to age three to enjoy play dates and interacting with other children around the same age. Recently, the residents had an opportunity to experience these children and watch them play together.



# PillarsPlus

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



As part of Wisconsin Masonic Home's continuing Outreach Program, Three Pillars has a Resource Guide Website which includes a set of internet links to help you with your basic questions about senior care issues. Visit our website today!

## Mason Woods Decked the Halls for the Holiday



It has become an annual event when decorating the Christmas tree to start out with a good breakfast. The duplex residents were the hosts for the wonderful breakfast. Following the meal the Mason Woods

Christmas tree was decorated. The 12 foot tree that stood with all its lights and beauty in the Jackson Room with the outside winter landscape in the background.

It has also become tradition for the Mason Woods residents and staff to adopt a needy family at Christmas time. With the economy the way it is today, a family in need was not hard to find. The family's wish list was granted from the generous donations collected. There was additional money left to purchase other items for the family, and to donate canned goods to the local food pantry. Gift wrapping for these gifts were done after the tree trimming.

On that day a lot was accomplished, everyone had a full belly, while they enjoyed the beautiful Christmas tree. Everyone felt good about opening their hearts once again to someone in need.



## WGM/WGP and Chapter Calendar

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

### January

- 3 - Kinnickinnic, River Falls – Grand Officer Party
- 7 - Chippewa, Chippewa Falls – WGM/WGP Visit
- 10 - Honor, Sturgeon Bay – Grand Officer Party  
- Beloit – Madison Area Club
- 11 - Shawano, Shawano – Grand Officer Party
- 12 - Arbutus, Stevens Point - WGM/WGP Visit
- 13 - Rainbow, Wisconsin Rapids - WGM/WGP Visit  
- Ozaukee, Port Washington – 104th Chapter Anniversary, Ritual of 1867  
- West Allis, West Allis – Honor Chaplain, Marshal, Organist, Warder & Sentinel
- 14 - Linden, Linden - Sou'Westers Area Club  
- Wauwatosa, Brookfield – Compass Night
- 15 - Sheboygan, Sheboygan – Honor Past Matrons & Past Patron – Soup Supper at 5:30 at First Presbyterian Church, Sheboygan
- 17-24 - WGM/WGP Caribbean Cruise
- 18 - Melody, Middleton – Honor Past Matrons & Past Patrons
- 27 - West Allis, West Allis – Honor Youth  
- Phoenix, Beloit – Blue Jean/Sweatshirt Night, Honor Youth
- 28 - Linden, Linden - WGM/WGP Visit  
- Wauwatosa, Brookfield – Honor Chaplain, Marshal, Organist
- 31 - Frederic, Frederic – Grand Officer Party

### February

- 1 - Ladysmith, Ladysmith – Grand Officer Party
- 4 - Bristol, Bristol – WGM/WGP Visit & Compass Night
- 5 - Melody, Middleton – WGM/WGP Visit & Grand Representative Reception, 6:30 P.M. Meeting, 7:30 P.M. Reception  
- Sheboygan, Sheboygan – Honor Electa & Sentinel, wear red hat, First Presbyterian Church

## Al Jennerman Grand Warder



I was born and raised in northern Wisconsin with 7 brothers and sisters.

My life revolved around a family service station business. In 1972, I graduated from high school and joined the army. After a 3 year tour, I worked for the Soo line railroad on the extra gangs. There was more to learn so off to college I went. After obtaining my technical degree in fluid power, I worked for a company that made railroad equipment. They transferred me to California which was really nice but not quite what I wanted. We returned to Wisconsin to be near family and once again to College. I earned a BS degree in business in 1989. Since then I have managed a metal fabricating shop and worked as a production supervisor. Currently I am working in retail sporting goods. I get to converse with people that hunt and fish and they even pay me for it.

In 1972 I married my high school sweetheart, Margaret. She comes from a family of 12 children. We have been blessed with 3 children Andrea, Jeremiah and Nicki. They have further blessed us with 5 grandchildren, Kristen, Alec, Lucas, Alyiah (our grand session baby) and Jade. Alyiah Rose Kruse was born May 19, 2004 during the grand session. Her grandmother was Grand Electa at that time (hence her middle name Rose). The birth announcement was made by 2004 WGM Karen Carpenter. This is just one of the wonderful memories we have of our children, grandchildren and Star.

I became a Master Mason in 1986, joined the Scottish Rite and Shrine in 1987. I was elected Master of my lodge in 1992 and again in 2008. In 1991, I was initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star. The offices I have held are: Associate Patron in 1995, 1996 and 2007, Worthy Patron 1997 through 2006 and again in 2008. I was the Grand Representative of New Hampshire in Wisconsin in 2005-2006. I became a member of the Fraternal order of the Beaver in 1990. This is a fun sideline for Masons who get involved with fur trade and historical reenactments.

I have dedicated my time and efforts to the Masonic fraternities because of the great satisfaction I feel when helping others. Also, it is the only organization that will treat you as family.

## Marla McFetridge Grand Organist



My husband Lowell and I joined Shakopee Chapter #90 in Minnesota in Nov. 1971. I was Ruth, and then went up the line to Worthy Matron along

with Lowell as Worthy Patron. I have also held offices of Warder, Electa, Conductress again, and Organist until present. I was Grand Page for Grand Chapter of Minnesota in 1977. I joined Frederic Chapter #239 in Wisconsin in 1994 and have been Organist ever since.

In 1978 I was Jobs Daughter Bethel Guardian of Shakopee and Grand Bethel Director of Music in 1998. I still play for Jobs Daughters Installations in Shakopee.

We have lived in California, Washington, Colorado, Minnesota, and Utah and when Lowell retired from the airlines we moved to Wisconsin to the farm where he was raised. He raises beef cattle, some pigs, chickens and gardens. I play the organ at our little country church and once a month at the nursing homes when Pastor has service.

Lowell and I have three children, Corla, Christy and Craig and six grandchildren; we have lots of fun together. In my spare time I take folks to appointments etc. through our church "Neighbor to Neighbor" program. I bake and take and have Birthday parties for our farm neighbors and friends.

I was an Usher at General Grand Chapter in 2006 where Sister Helen and Brother Dave asked me to be in their Minnesota "Wishing Will Make It So" Grand Family. I was overwhelmed and what a wonderful journey it has been. And now I have been honored and blessed to be in Sister Kris and Brother Ron's Season for Blessings Grand Family. I look forward to this year with great joy and excitement to see old friends and make new ones and do my best for the Good of the Order of Eastern Star.

## Bus Trip To Michigan

A bus trip has been planned for March 7-8 to Battle Creek, MI to enjoy an evening with our Michigan Sisters and Brothers. Check the website ([www.wisconsinoes.org](http://www.wisconsinoes.org)) for more information. This will be a fun weekend – you won't want to miss it!

## Grand Officer Parties

**Shawano Chapter #167** invites you to a Party for **Sister Renee Campbell, Grand Chaplain of Wisconsin** on Sunday, January 11, 2009 at Mason Woods, N6446 Emery Ansorge Rd., Cecil, WI 54111. 1 p.m. Dinner and Entertainment. Reservations with name and title and remittance of \$16 per person by December 30, 2008 to: Marian Teckam, 1137 S. Weed St., Shawano, WI 54166 • (715) 526-8663. Make checks payable to Shawano Chapter No. 16. – No Refunds

**Frederic Chapter #239** invites you to a Program and Dinner Honoring **Sister Marla McFetridge, Grand Organist of Wisconsin** on Saturday, January 31, 2009 at American Legion, 108 N. Oak St., Grantsburg, WI. 5 p.m. Social Hour - 6 p.m. Dinner. RSVP by January 24, 2009 with Name, Title and Remittance of \$20 per person to: Laramie Reissner, 28 W. Evans St., Rice Lake, WI 54868 • (715) 234-6443. Make checks payable to Frederic Chapter No. 239. – No Refunds

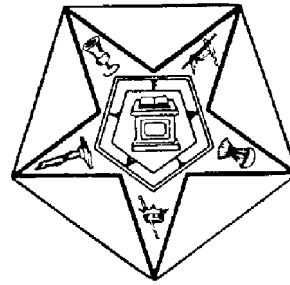
**Ladysmith Chapter #287** invites you to a reception in honor of **Brother Al Jennerman, Grand Warder of Wisconsin** on Sunday, February 1, 2009, 12 Noon at Tee-A-Way Gold and Supper Club, 1401 E. 11th Street, Ladysmith, WI. RSVP by January 15 with name and title and remittance of \$20 per person to: Susan Felske, 15152 Hwy. 178, Jim Falls, WI 54748 • (715) 715-382-4967. Make checks payable to Ladysmith Chapter No. 287. – No Refunds

**Vega Chapter and Electa Chapter** Invite you to a Program and Dinner in honor of **Sister Laura Dessereau, Grand Ruth of Wisconsin** on Sunday, February 8, 2009, 3:30 p.m. Social, 4 p.m. Program, 5:30 p.m. Dinner at Lake Masonic Center, 1235 E. Howard Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53207. RSVP with Name, Title and Remittance of \$20 per person by January 28, 2009 to: Linda Schreier, 2241 W. Southland Drive, Oak Creek, WI 53154 • E-Mail: [jobiemom@wi.rr.com](mailto:jobiemom@wi.rr.com) • (414) 761-3022. Make checks payable to Linda Schreier. – No Refunds

**Columbia Chapter No. 29** Cordially invites you and your escort to a Dinner and Reception honoring **Sister Barbara Englund, Grand Martha of Wisconsin** on Saturday, February 14, 2009, at the Best Western Motel, 3900 Milton, Ave, Janesville, WI. • Social 5:15 p.m. • Dinner 6:00 p.m. RSVP with Name, Title with Remittance of \$25 per person by January 17, 2009 to: Kay Faulkner, P.O. Box 171, Evansville, WI 53536-0171. Make checks payable to Kay Faulkner. – No Refunds

**Dodgeville Chapter No. 39**, Cordially invites you to attend a Luncheon and Program Honoring **Sister Angela Pishion, Grand Adah of Wisconsin** on Sunday, February 15, 2009 at Dodger Bowl, 318 King St., Dodgeville, WI 53533. • Social Hour 12:30 p.m. • Buffet Luncheon 1 p.m. RSVP with Name, Title, and Remittance of \$22 per person by February 8, 2009 to: Kristen Schoville, 306 S. Fifth St., Evansville, WI 53536. (608) 574-3695 Make checks payable to Kristen Schoville. – No Refunds

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## Message From The WGM & WGP



**Kristin K. Engbring**  
Worthy Grand Matron of Wisconsin  
**Ronald R. Rasmussen**  
Worthy Grand Patron of Wisconsin

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Happy New Year! We hope that your holiday season was a time of reflection, filled with celebration and gratitude for all of our blessings. 2009 is now upon us; let us step into the New Year with hope for a bright future, for our families, for our country and for our Order.

We will save the last lesson taught by our Star Points for the February issue. That seems an appropriate month to talk about the virtue of love. This month we'd like to deviate from the "virtue" discussion and focus about membership. As we have been traveling to the Chapters this year, we have been promoting membership in our Order. We all know that increased membership is essential to the future of Eastern Star, but are we willing to actively work

towards it in our Chapters? Or are we letting someone else take responsibility for planning a membership event or inviting inactive members back to Chapter?

Each of us, Sisters and Brothers, has a place in keeping our Chapters alive and active. Each of us is important to the future success of our Chapters, for each of us brings talents and gifts to our Order. Share these gifts. Use your talents. Call inactive members and offer to bring them to Chapter. Work with your Chapter to promote public awareness in your community. Wear your "Ask Me About Eastern Star" buttons, and then be prepared to tell people about our wonderful organization. Check out the membership link on the website for program ideas. Don't sit back and wait – get involved and excited about membership and make your Chapter the place others will want to be. Working together we can accomplish much!

Grand Chapter plans are in full swing. We hope to see you in attendance to share in the successes of this year. We will honor all members initiated into Eastern Star during this Grand Chapter year on Tuesday evening, May 19. Plan to attend and invite your new members to be there. Membership: let us work together, and celebrate together.

Blessings,  
Kris and Ron

## Grand Rep Receptions

**February 5** Melody, Middleton & Starlite, Madison – Honoring **Shirley Storkson, Grand Representative of Tennessee**, 6:30 p.m. Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Program with refreshments to follow, Middleton Masonic Center, 7409 Franklin Ave., Middleton, WI. In lieu of gifts donations to WGM/WGP project (H.O.P.E.) appreciated. RSVP to Diane Moore, 608-318-0717 or E-Mail: [smoores@charter.net](mailto:smoores@charter.net).

**February 21** - Lemonweir Chapter, Mauston – Honoring **Sharon Bollig, Grand Representative of Colorado**, 1 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 1055 E. State St., Mauston, WI. RSVP to Wanda Hoover, 608-847-4481 or E-Mail [wanda-hoover@hotmail.com](mailto:wanda-hoover@hotmail.com) by February 15.

**March 2** - Pike Chapter, Kenosha Honoring **Cheryl Budwick, Grand Representative of Texas**, 7 p.m., Unity Masonic Center, 4320 Washington Rd., Kenosha, WI. RSVP to Josephine Irvine, 3312 75th St., Kenosha, WI 53142-4448 or E-Mail [haubrichb@aol.com](mailto:haubrichb@aol.com) by February 21.

## Training Awards for Religious Leadership

The ESTARL committee has been busy interviewing and reviewing over ten different applications for education grant money awarded through the ESTARL program. Each year all the money collected is given out in awards. This past year nine awards were given to students who are attending seminary either part time or full time and one award was given for a lay person attending a youth leadership training event.

Scholarships were given to:

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# Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

## January 2009

- 5 District 12 - Schools of Instruction James M. Hays Lodge No. 331, 7 p.m.
- 9 District 12 School of Instruction, Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301, 7 p.m.
- 12 District 12 School of Instruction, Excelsior Lodge, 7 p.m.
- 17 MORI Training Seminar for Lodge Secretaries and Assistants at Rhineland. Register via the Grand Lodge web site.
- 24 District 4 School of Instruction, H. S. Baird Lodge, 9 a.m.
- 26 District 12 School of Instruction, Wauwatosa Lodge, 7 p.m.
- 29 The Valley of Milwaukee A.A.S.R. will hold its 2nd annual Wild Game Night (stag event) on Thursday, January 29 at the Humphrey Scottish Rite building in Milwaukee. Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner is at 7. Venison and beef are on the menu. Sports-related raffle items, silent auctions and a return of the Fishing Museum are planned. Price is \$25 with proceeds to the Wisconsin Scottish Rite Foundation. Featured speaker will be a Wisconsin DNR Game Warden. Send reservation checks to Wild Game Night, Wisconsin Scottish Rite Foundation, 790 N. Van Buren St., Milwaukee, WI 53202.
- 30 Grand Lodge Staff Meeting (GM) TBD 5:30 p.m.
- 31 Grand Lodge Staff Meeting (GM) TBD

## February 2009

- 1 Grand Lodge Staff Meeting (GM) TBD
- 3 District 2 School of Instruction, Eau Claire Lodge, 7 p.m.
- 4 District 2 School of Instruction, Sanctuary Lodge, 7 p.m.
- 5 District 12 School of Instruction, Nathan Hale Lodge, 7 p.m.
- 7 MORI Training Seminar for Lodge Secretaries and Assistants at Milwaukee. Register via the Grand Lodge web site at <www.wisc-freemasonry.org>.

- 8 District 11 School of Instruction, MM Degree, Washburn Lodge, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 District 11 School of Instruction, EA Degree, Racine-Belle City Lodge, 7 p.m.
- 9 District 11 School of Instruction, FC Degree, Burlington Lodge No. 28, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 District 11 School of Instruction, FC Degree, Laffin St James Lodge No. 247, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 District 11 School of Instruction, FC Degree, Elmbrook Lodge No. 354, 7 p.m.

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- 5 District 12 School of Instruction, Wisconsin Lodge, 7 p.m.
- 12 District 12 School of Instruction, Independence Lodge, 7 p.m.
- 14 District 4 School of Instruction, N.E. W. Daylite Lodge, 9 a.m.
- 19 District 12 School of Instruction, Lake Lodge, 7 p.m.
- 25 District 12 School of Instruction, Freemasons Lodge, 7 p.m.
- 28 District 7 Spring Meeting, Four Lakes Daylite, 9 a.m.
- 31 Grand Lodge of Wisconsin/Prince Hall Grand Lodge Joint Table Lodge, Tripoli Shrine, Milwaukee, 6 p.m.

## April 2009

- 4 District 4 School of Instruction, Oconto, 9 a.m.
- 17 Scottish Rite Valley of Madison Spring Reunion - Madison 24-26 Grand Lodge Staff Meeting (GM)

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