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Procession of Flags in 2004

The 2004 Grand Lodge Annual Communication opened with an impressive parade of American flags. Brother Clarence Olson, Master of Middleton-Ionic Lodge No. 180, held his lodge's flag, along with other Worshipful Masters, awaiting the start of the procession into the La Crosse Civic Center auditorium June 14. - Photos by Wm. Stonecipher, Editor

Grand Lodge to convene in 161st Annual Communication June 13 at Appleton's Radisson Paper Valley Convention Center

APPLETON - Bright and early on Monday morning, June 13, representatives from our 196 constituent lodges, Grand Lodge officers and permanent members of the Grand Lodge, will assemble at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel and Conference Center in downtown Appleton to convene the 161st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin.

In the Badger State not many organizations can boast of being in existence for 161 years. This distinction falls to the three lodges that formed our Grand Lodge on December 18, 1843 - Mineral Point Lodge No. 1 located in Mineral Point, Melody Lodge No. 2 in Platteville and Kilbourn Lodge No. 3 in Milwaukee, and the Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Wisconsin itself. Few organizations, if any, can match this heritage.

So it is with a sense of genuine historic import that the 2005 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin F & A. M. will convene in ample form at 8:30 a.m. Monday in the conference center's grand ballroom.

Bring Aprons

Representatives and attending brethren are reminded that the Grand Lodge sessions

will be tiled, so attendees are advised to be on time and come prepared to display their dues cards to gain admittance.

Representatives are also requested to wear the proper apron of their office to which they have been elected, or in the case of proxies, the office to which they have been elected or appointed if they are proxies for either the Master or either of the two Wardens. As a convenience, a number of disposable paper aprons will again be provided for those who do not bring their own.

Grand Lodge is open to permanent members of the Grand Lodge, Grand Lodge officers, representatives from

the 196 constituent lodges in Wisconsin, Master Masons in good standing and distinguished representatives from other grand lodge jurisdictions.

The Annual Communication will continue through Tuesday morning June 14, ending at noon or before, depending on the successful completion of business remaining before Grand Lodge.

Please refer to the tentative program at left for the start times of all events. Representatives and guests are reminded that the Grand Lodge sessions will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. on both Monday and Tuesday.

Richland Lodge No. 66 will open the Grand Lodge session Monday morning, and Appleton Lodge No. 349 will close on Tuesday at the conclusion of business.

Daily Parking

Parking is plentiful and readily available in two public parking ramps for the reasonable cost of \$1 per day. Both are located a short distance from the hotel. One is less than a short block to the north of the hotel, the other is directly across the street to the east.

Lodging

Information on accommodations has been sent to lodges. It is important that lodge

representatives and other brethren interested in reserving rooms overnight secure their own reservations directly with the hotels listed therein. The hotels listed are all located within two miles of the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel. Accommodations at the Radisson are already fully booked.

Special Program for Ladies

On Monday, ladies will have the opportunity to attend an Adventure Theater program followed by a luncheon and style show. The Adventure Theater offers an Eye-Max-type experience. The program, which changes per-

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A/C Final Plans Set

Annual Communication Committee members and Grand Lodge officers listened as A/C chairman Jim Hays explained how the Radisson Paper Valley's grand ballroom will be transformed to accommodate the 650-plus lodge representatives, distinguished guests and attending brethren expected to attend the 161st Grand Lodge meeting June 13-14 in Appleton. Grand Secretary DeWolf and committee member Dan Slavik, both obscured, are at left, and Sr. Grand Warden Rod Paulsen is next to Grand Master Chamberlain. Committee members Betty Moore (far left) and Theda Andres (far right) are also shown.

The Grand Master's Message:

Thanks for the memories...

By Keith D. Chamberlain
Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin

Greetings my Brothers:

At last! Spring has arrived and with it the promise of renewal. On the heels of the warmer temperatures comes that long awaited, much anticipated day in the life of any dedicated motorcyclist—the first ride of the new season!

With that thought in mind, it seemed fitting that I should end my journey as your Grand Master in much the same way as I began it. So just the other day, astride my Harley-Davidson with the warm May sun at my back, gently buffeted by a soft breeze and listening to the murmur of bridled horsepower, I let my thoughts drift backward in time to relive some of what has taken place in my Masonic life these past twelve months.

The year was filled with a multitude of new adventures and, although too many to list individually, several remain foremost in my thoughts.

It goes without saying that the Grand Lodge session in La Crosse was one of the highlights of my life, personally as well as Masonically. To have had the privilege, by virtue of your faith and trust, to carry forth Freemasonry's message has been a humbling and at times daunting experience.

I recall my visit to Three Pillars and meeting Mel, a first-rate gardener who raises some outstanding tomatoes (and some pretty nice geraniums, too). There was also the visit with Susan, an accomplished artist who presented me with her first-ever painting containing a motorcycle. It proudly resides on my office wall.

The Masonic All-Star Soccer Games and the Shrine Football Game followed by numerous Lodge visits, banquets, Table Lodges, installations and more. The kindness and hospitality my lady Linda and I received will always be remembered. Interaction with our Masonic bodies, visits with our Prince Hall Brothers and a joint Table Lodge only added to the variety of positive personal experiences.

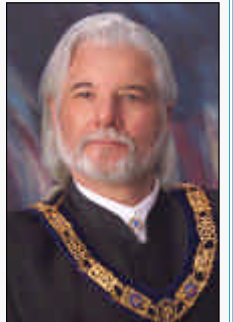
There was also a visitation to each of our Veterans Administration Hospitals, a sobering as well as heartwarming experience. It was these visits which brought forth the realization of the size of the debt each of us owes those Freemasons among us who give tirelessly of time and talent in an effort to make life more meaningful for our service men and women residing there.

My dear Brothers, given the time and space, I could list a multitude of experiences which served to make this one of the most significant years of my life. However, simply remarking on those experiences is but a small portion of what made these past twelve months meaningful to me.

My interaction with you has been one of the great rewards of the office of Grand Master. I have learned from you. Your input has served to shape me as well as the office you allowed me to superintend, and for that I owe you a great debt of gratitude. Never lose your desire to bring forth new or innovative ideas. Keep the lines of communication and dialog open. For you see, our journey was never about "I, me or mine"...it was always about "us, we and ours."

My heartfelt thanks to you for all you've done for Freemasonry, for one another and for your fellowman this past year, and, with heartfelt feelings from me to you, thanks for the memories.

Best Personal and Fraternal Regards,
Keith



Keith D. Chamberlain
Grand Master of Masons
in Wisconsin



Blowing Softly Brings Flute to Life

Grand Master Keith Chamberlain sounded a sampling of tuneful notes on a handmade wooden Native American-style flute presented to him by Brother John Wilke, Sr. Grand Deacon, at the testimonial dinner in honor of the Grand Master held May 14 in Platteville. Grand Secretary DeWolf, PGM, right, emceed the event. More pictures from the testimonial are on page 2.



A Wolf Sculpture for Grey Wolf

Grand Master Chamber Keith D. Chamberlain admires a ceramic wolf sculpture presented by the staff of Three Pillars, our Masonic senior living community. The Grand Master uses the words "grey wolf" as part of his e-mail address. Three Pillars' CEO Mark Strautman (right, behind the Grand Master) made the presentation, assisted by Wisconsin Masonic Home Board Chair Theda Andres (center). Grand Secretary Mike DeWolf, PGM, (right) and his lady Marilyn presented the Grand Master with an "After Grand Master Survival Kit" of turkey stuffing and seasonings. The testimonial dinner honoring the Grand Master was held at a supper club in Platteville May 14.



The Grand Master's Shoes

Past Grand Master Carl Wussow recalled how in 1993 newly appointed District 9 Deputy Chamberlain had attended a Grand Lodge function and discovered that he only had a pair of white tennis shoes to wear to a dressy lodge function. "Carl, can I borrow your shoes?" the young District Deputy asked. Grand Master Wussow did lend him a more suitable pair of shoes, the remembrance of which prompted Grand Master Chamberlain to comment, "This was the first time in my life I'd ever walked a mile in a Grand Master's shoes!" Past Grand Master Wussow presented Grand Master Chamberlain with a gold painted pair of tennis shoes as a symbol to remind him of that long ago example of shared Brotherly Love.



From Grand Lodge Officers

Junior Grand Warden J. B. Van Hollen and his lady Lynne presented a gift from the Grand Lodge Officers: a humidor for the Grand Master's cigar collection. Lending a hand at right is Clifford Godsey, Past Grand Master of Iowa, who lent his pocket knife to ease the gift-opening process. His lady Beverly is seated at right. Grand Master Chamberlain is a member of the Iowan's lodge in Dubuque. Lynne Van Hollen also presented a gift to the Grand Master's lady, Linda.



Thanks to Melody Lodge Kitchen Crew

Melody Lodge No. 2 hosted the Grand Lodge Full Staff Meeting on May 14-15, preparing lunch Saturday and breakfast Sunday. Pictured with Grand Master Chamberlain are kitchen hands Remy Colas (left), Jr. Warden; Andrew Burris (center), Sr. Deacon; Ron Jaacks (right), Master, and his son Cody



Closing Words

Deeply moved and appreciative of the respect and affection afforded him as Grand Master this year, Brother Keith Chamberlain read a brief selection from a book that expressed his sentiments quite well. He closed with the words that "...all of you are part of me, and I am part of all of you." Ten Grand Past Grand Masters were among the 164 guests present, as were representatives from several Appendant Bodies of which the Grand Master is a member. Richland, Warren and Benton Lodges presented him with heartfelt remembrances, anecdotes, and H-D related gifts.

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Tentative Program for the Annual Communication in Appleton on June 13 & 14

Tentative Program For Lodge Representatives & Guests

(Note: all annual communication events will take place at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel & Conference Center in downtown Appleton unless otherwise specified.)

BRETHREN

Monday, June 13, 2005

6:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast - Radisson Hotel, Grand Ballroom
 8:30 a.m. Grand Lodge Session Opening - Grand Ballroom
 12-1 p.m. Representatives Luncheon - Grand Ballroom
 1 p.m. Grand Lodge Session Resumes
 5 p.m. Representatives Reception (Cash Bar) - Radisson Hotel Courtyard (Weather Permitting)
 6 p.m. Representatives Banquet - Grand Ballroom

- Following Dinner, Installation of Grand Lodge Officers - Radisson Hotel, Grand Ballroom

Dress - Business Suit

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

6:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast - Radisson Hotel, Grand Ballroom
 6:30-8:30 a.m. Red Cross of Constantine Breakfast - Radisson Hotel, Redwood Room
 8:30 a.m. Grand Lodge Resumes - Radisson Hotel, Grand Ballroom

General Hospitality - Radisson Hotel, Lawrence Room

Sunday 12:30 - 4 p.m.

Monday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

LADIES

Monday, June 13, 2005

6:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast - Radisson Hotel, Grand Ballroom
 9:45 a.m. - 3 p.m. Ladies Program (Adventure Theater) and Luncheon with Style Show - Transportation Available
 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Representatives Reception (Cash Bar) Radisson Hotel, Courtyard (Weather Permitting)
 6 p.m. Representatives Banquet - Grand Ballroom
 Following Dinner - Installation of Grand Lodge Officers - Radisson Hotel, Grand Ballroom

Dress - Street Length Dress

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

8:45 - 9:45 a.m. Breakfast - Radisson Hotel, Grand Ballroom.
 Lunch on your own.

CHILD CARE

Child care will be available in the Redwood and Hickory Rooms of the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel on Monday morning and afternoon, 9:15 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Monday evening from 5 to 10 p.m.

To help subsidize a donation to our child care providers and to defray food expense for the children, a fee has been established of \$5 per child, per session. These fees must be prepaid.

Note: Lodge Representatives are reminded that they must register at the tables where they pick up their information packets on both days of the Annual Communication, Monday as well as Tuesday, in order to receive Grand Master's Achievement Award credit and mileage reimbursement and per diem for being in attendance. Plan to arrive early to take care of this necessary responsibility.

2005 Annual Communication Exhibit Space Available

The 161st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin will be held at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel and Convention Center in downtown Appleton on Monday and Tuesday, June 13 & 14, 2005.

Persons or groups interested in obtaining display space to promote Masonic programs, social events, lodge activities, community involvement or commercial products should contact:

Scott Graske, Grand Masonic Center Administrator
 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman WI 53118

For reservations phone toll-free in Wisconsin (800) 242-2307 or (262) 965-2200 out of state -

E-mail <glo@wisc-freemasonry.org>

Plan now to reserve your space—and note whether electricity is needed. The exhibit area will be open for set-up on Sunday, June 12.

Please respond no later than Friday, May 27 so that proper arrangements can be made.

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odically, promises to be exciting. The reservation fee is \$35, \$10 of which will be refunded at the event. Transport will be provided.

Exhibitors & Special Services

Commercial and fraternal exhibitors will be located in rooms adjacent to those in which the Grand Lodge session will be held. Look for the J. P. Luther area, Three Pillars Senior Living Communities display tables and our Grand Lodge Store.

Health screenings will again be offered by personnel from the Aurora Sinai-Samaritan Masonic Diagnostic Center in Milwaukee. A number of vital health assessments will be available at no charge.

In the event that a medical emergency develops during the Grand Lodge sessions, an AED (External Electronic Defibrillator) will be on hand, ready for immediate use should the need arise, as will be a cell phone designated for emergency use.

General Hospitality by OES

General hospitality for representatives and their ladies will be provided at the Radisson by members of the Order of The Eastern Star on Sunday afternoon from 12:30 to 4 p.m., Monday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Tuesday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

A/C Guest Speaker Planned

Grand Master Keith Chamberlain has made arrangements for Brother Glen Opp, of Rawson, Ohio to present an informative program during Grand Lodge, most likely on Tuesday morning. Brother Opp is a driving force behind the Midwest Conference on Masonic Education and has been widely recognized for his expertise. You won't want to miss his talk.

RESOLUTIONS

Six resolutions to be considered for adoption by representatives

(Note: in all resolutions deletions are indicated by strike through; additions are indicated by underline; omitted text is indicated by ***)

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1-2005

Submitted By: Committee on Expenditures

Section(s) Affected: 29.05

Vote Required for Adoption: Majority

Purpose: To adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2005-2006

RESOLVED, that the attached budget, which has been mailed to all constituent Lodges in accordance with Section 29.05(c) calling for expenditures of \$940,000.00 be adopted.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2-2005

Submitted By: Committee on Expenditures

Section(s) Affected:

Vote Required for Adoption: Majority

Purpose: To provide for Per Capita Tax.

RESOLVED, that the annual per capita tax upon each member of record of a chartered lodge on December 31, 2005, be and hereby is established at the sum of Twenty-Six Dollars and no cents (\$26.00) for the fiscal year 2005-2006

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 3-2005

Submitted By: Grand Secretary

Section(s) Affected:

Vote Required for Adoption: Majority

Purpose: Designate the place of holding Annual Communication in June, 2007

RESOLVED, that the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin for the year 2007 shall be held in the City of Madison, Wisconsin.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 4-2005

Submitted By: Sunrise Lodge No. 359

Section(s) Affected: 64.06 of the Masonic Code of Wisconsin

Vote Required for Adoption: Three-fourths

Purpose: To allow lodges to serve wine, beer and liquor in Masonic buildings.

RESOLVED, That Section 64.06 of the Masonic Code be restated in part, and amended as follows:

~~64.06 Liquor Forbidden. Every Lodge is charged to strictly exclude from its Temple and grounds all intoxicating liquors and fermented malt beverages with the following exceptions:~~

- (a) ~~Wine and beer may be allowed at Table Lodges, Festival Communications, Holidays and other special occasions and only upon dispensation from the Grand Master and, provided further, that no degree work is conferred and that a non-alcoholic beverage be provided for those who wish it.~~

64.06. Liquor. Lodges allowing alcohol to be

served shall comply with all local, state and federal regulations.

(a) ~~No alcoholic beverages may be served in the Lodge room or while lodge is in session. Non alcoholic beverages shall be available for those who wish it.~~

~~Designated drivers shall be provided.~~

*** (note: subsection (b) is unchanged and unaffected)

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 5-2005

Submitted By: Fond du Lac Lodge No. 26

Section(s) Affected: Section 96.04

Vote Required for Adoption: Three-fourths

Purpose: To amend the table of age and multipliers used by a Lodge in determining purchase price of a perpetual membership.

RESOLVED, That Section 94.06 be amended by adding new age categories as follows:

Determination of Purchase Price ***the purchase price shall be not less than the amount determined by multiplying the sum of the existing lodge dues and existing Grand Lodge per capita tax by a factor set forth in the following table:

Member's Attainment of Age	Factor
18-33	20
34-41	19
42-48	18
49-54	17
55-60	16
61 and older	14
61-66	14
67-72	11
73-79	09
80 and older	08

***shall be the purchase price for a qualified Master Mason who desires to become a participant....

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 6-2005

Submitted By: Kenosha Lodge No. 47

Section(s) Affected: 31.01(h)

Vote Required for Adoption: Three-fourths

Purpose: Assess an annual fee to each Master Mason as a contribution to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

RESOLVED, That Section 31.01(h) be amended:

31.01 Sources of Revenue ***

(h). For the Endowment Fund of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, ~~annually~~ from each ~~candidate for the Master Mason degree~~ at the time he pays his ~~fee for that degree~~ annual dues and per capita tax, to be remitted by the Secretary of each lodge to the Grand Secretary with the annual per capita tax for each.....\$1.00 If a Mason is affiliated in more than one Wisconsin lodge, only the lodge in which such plural member holds his primary membership shall be required to collect and remit said sum.

Annual Communication Details

• **LODGE REPRESENTATIVES** – Please remember that you must register at the tables where you picked up your information packets on both days of the Annual Communication. Please allow enough time to register prior to the opening of Grand Lodge at 8:30 a.m. on Monday as well as Tuesday. In order to receive Grand Master's Achievement Award credit and mileage reimbursement and per diem for being in attendance, this must be done. Plan to arrive early to take care of this responsibility.

• **REGISTRATION TABLES** – Representative registration begins at 6 a.m. Monday and Tuesday. Look for the registration tables which will be located on the south side of the fountain/pool in the Radisson Paper Valley's main lobby.

• **SKUNK PATROL** – Be initiated into this elite fraternal group on Monday night at 10:30 p.m. in the Evergreen Room. Meet the Grand Omnificent Phew. \$5 lifetime membership fee. Proceeds donated to Masonic charity. Fun, fellowship and a memorable experience await all who participate.

• **MEDICAL ASSISTANCE** – An Automatic Electronic Defibrillator will be on hand during Grand Lodge sessions should the need arise, as will a cell phone designated for emergency use.

• **HEALTH SCREENINGS** – Such vital signs as blood pressure, lung capacity, glaucoma and auditory acuity, among other health indicators, will be assessed by medical staff from the Masonic Diagnostic Center in the Aurora Sinai-Samaritan Hospital.

So, what is the "365 Club" anyway?

DOUSMAN – Being a member of the '365 Club' is a special distinction created for members of Wisconsin's Masonic Family who feel that an annual commitment to the Masonic Service and Assistance Fund was an important personal goal.

The 365 Club got its start in Fall of 1998 during Grand Master Larry Myers year in office. At that time the Service and Assistance Fund was designated as the recipient of funds raised by the Fall Grand Master's Appeal. The Masonic Fraternity rose to the occasion and contributed \$28,600.

Members of the 365 Club include Masons and members of the Masonic Family of organizations, members of their families and friends. What they all have in common is that they have set aside the equivalent of ten cents per day over the course of a year to helping the Fraternity provide assistance to members in need. Membership in the 365 Club is also encouraged for lodges even though the club was really conceived to reflect a personal commitment rather than a group effort.

The idea for the 365 Club grew out of a desire on the part of the Wisconsin Board of Masonic Service and Assistance and other concerned Masons to provide Masons with a way to individually perform perhaps the most fundamental practices that is at the core of what it means to be a Freemason — to aid and assist distressed members and their families.

The 365 Club is an outgrowth of this caring commitment on the part of the Fraternity to provide an opportunity for individual Freemasons, as well as others, to financially support this purely voluntary yet vitally important work of giving personalized and confidential charitable relief where it was needed.

Since the 365 Club began, some 380 individuals (and lodges) have contributed a total of \$15,735 — "An impressive amount," commented Erika Miller, Development Coordinator for the Wisconsin Masonic Charities.

Financial gifts to the 365 Club 'serve and assist' Masonic volunteer programs at the veterans' homes at Wood, Tomah, King and Madison; provide disaster relief efforts in cooperation with other Masonic grand jurisdictions through the Masonic Service Association — and most importantly, needy Masonic brethren and their families right here in Wisconsin.

Through February 2004 for example, \$31,000 was expended for relief and assistance reported Brother George Strom, president of the Service and Assistance board, in the 2004 Grand Lodge proceedings.

Remember, one dime per day set aside for Masonic Service and Assistance is a small price to pay for doing so much good. Set yours aside today, it only costs \$36.50 per year to keep the 365 Club alive.

And thank you to those who have already joined the 365 Club!



St. John's Supports Food Pantry

To celebrate 150 years in Whitewater, St. John's Lodge No. 57 held a free breakfast that was open to the community on Saturday, May 14 at the temple. A free-will offering was taken for donations to the Whitewater Food Pantry. Pictured is Marilyn Kienbaum from the Whitewater Food Pantry accepting a check from St. John's Worshipful Master Gary Kiger. - Submitted by Dale Olson, St. John's Sec.



St. John's Funds Defibrillator

In conjunction with the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, St. John's Lodge in Whitewater presented Whitewater High School with funds to place a defibrillator at the school. Pictured are School Board President Chuck Nass accepting a check from WM Kiger. In addition to this donation, two scholarships of \$600 each were presented at the Whitewater High School Scholarship Night May 25.

Soon-to-be collector's item to be raffled at Masonic All-Star Soccer Games July 30:

Last chance (maybe) to win Favre-signed Packer football

DOUSMAN – The Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation has announced that it will again hold a raffle for a Packer Team Autographed Football, and other great prizes, on Saturday, July 30 during this year's Wisconsin High School All-Star Soccer Game event. If anyone is interested in purchasing tickets ahead of time, they can do so at the Annual Communication June 13 and 14, or by making a check payable to the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation, and forwarding it to Wisconsin Masonic Charities, 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 53118. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Contributors need not be present to win.

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Many of you have received an appeal letter, asking you to support Wisconsin Masonry's oldest charity, the Service and Assistance Fund, by renewing or beginning a membership in the "365 Club." Just a "dime-a-day," or \$36.50 per year, will help needy brethren and their families. You will not receive a membership certificate or other token or gift in return for supporting the 365 Club, but you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have helped a Brother in need. Please consider a gift of \$36.50, made payable to the **SERVICE & ASSISTANCE FUND, and send to 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 53118.** We are counting on your support.

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Notes From The Grand Lecturer

By Brother Ronald H. Glaunert

Why Masonic Ritual?

Brethren:

The other night at a district meeting the discussion was on ritual and degree work, and I recalled the time when a brother told me that the Masonic Ritual per se was not that important to him, just a necessary part of Masonry.

I think I know what he didn't like about the ritual: it was the "repetition" — the same thing over and over again — which leads me to try to explain what our ritual really does for Masonry because it is repetition that is the essence of ritualism!

This poses a contradiction of sorts because we all recognize that nothing can be more boring than repetition. Be that as it may, let's take a closer look at the value of repetition, and ceremony, in our ritual

In America we have come to cherish originality, novelty and individuality, and have a tendency to dislike, if not fear, ceremony.



Ronald H. Glaunert
Grand Lecturer

Repetition shapes our universe; ceremony, our lives

Man has been shaped by a universe that loves repetition and the ceremonial. Night and day follow each other; the four seasons continue their endless circumambulations. Like the candidate about the lodge room, the stars move in fixed orbits; the tides rise and fall. The list of repetition in the universe and in our lives is endless.

Life, too, is filled with the elements of ceremony. When a child is born we have a christening; when it enters the church, it is confirmed; with the wedding comes a ceremony. Even our courts and legislative assemblies have ceremonies.

An individual plays in a band; a soldier marches with his company; he or she moves with his or her athletic team. In all of these activities, the individual forgets himself and is swept by emotions which seem greater and more worthwhile than his own habitual private feelings. This fosters an enlargement of the individual consciousness into a group consciousness.

"The beauty of our Masonic Ritual is that it does not exclude novelty and the opportunity for an individual to add to the richness of it all. There is always room for a Brother to improve the work by his better rendition of it, by his vocal interpretation or by his meaningful gestures. — Ron Glaunert, Grand Lecturer

If we apply this phenomena to the use of ritual in the Masonic Lodge, we will be better able to appreciate and to understand its practice and value there. By having a ritual as the basis of lodge work, the lodge is saved from the whims or impulses of the individual, and from the dictatorship of some masterful leader.

Just suppose that on each night a degree is conferred, it would consist of a speech by some member or by one of the officers, and that the speech would be new or different each time. For a while this would be refreshing and novel, but speeches would lose their appeal, simply because there are so few men that can give a successful speech. The same would be true of any form of initiation that would dispense with a ritual.

The individual soon wears out, but a ritual, evolved through generations of usage, full of lights, shadows and mysteries, is never at the mercy of individual whims or individual failures.

The beauty of our Masonic Ritual is that it does not exclude novelty and the opportunity for an individual to add to the richness of it all. There is always room for a Brother to improve the work by his better rendition of it, by his vocal interpretation or by his meaningful gestures.

Masonic Ritual is far richer in meaning and power than would be the production of any one man; for it has been shaped by many hands and its wisdom has come from many minds and from years of experience. In it is something more profound than any work of one person.

With our ritual, constance builds tradition

The Ritual has changed so little and so slowly that the candidate who receives his degree today will do and say very much the same things as the candidate did several hundred years ago, and when that Brother in his old age is witnessing the initiation of his grandson it will bring tears to his eyes to see and hear just what he saw and heard on that night of his initiation so many years ago.

It is by the means of ritual that the fraternity keeps its identity and holds fast to its members worldwide. The repetition of that same ritual means that every word becomes associated in the mind of each Mason. It is the fixed element in the life of the lodge and is the solid rock upon which the Fraternity can build.

This ritualistic element is something that almost any man can learn, and it excludes no man from being a part of the lodge activities.

If each meeting meant a speech or a new program, only a few gifted men could ever take part. As it is, there is not a member so ungifted that he could not take a part somewhere during degree work.

We have a great treasure in our ritual; for it is composed of riches drawn from all parts of the world and from all ages. To know that it is the Fraternity's great secret of vitality and genuine originality of individual development, there can be no freedom for a man when there is not also the strictest regulations.

Fraternally,
Ron Glaunert, Grand Lecturer

Valley Lodge has called eight locations home in its 150 years

By Brother James Brown
Valley Lodge News Hawk

SPARTA — Legend has it that the first meeting of Valley Lodge was in an open field. This was said to be in 1854, when the lodge was first formed.

Thereafter it met in the homes of various members in the area until 1856 when a meeting place was found above the Watchman, a newspaper that later became the Monroe Freeman, and ultimately, the Sparta Herald.

This second-floor location was called Watchman Hall. The newspaper and the building were owned by J.D. Condit and Milton Montgomery, both men being active in the lodge.

The lodge, as it grew, needed a larger space, and on July 18, 1856, moved into the second floor of Liberty Hall, which was located on the corner of Water and Oak Streets. The building now houses the law firm of Amdt, Buswell and Thome. This was the first public hall built in Sparta. The building was used for dances, entertainment and traveling shows. The lodge remained there for one year.

In 1857 the lodge moved again, this time to what was known as Jackson Hall. The hall was owned by S.D. Jackson who received a payment of \$50.00 per year from the lodge. The location of Jackson Hall is effectively shrouded in the past.

In 1859, a new lodge room was dedicated in the Palmer Building located at 142 N Water Street. It housed the Palmer Feed & Flour Store. The building was partially destroyed by fire in 1879.

The lodge remained there until June 20, 1864, when arrangements were made to rent the second floor of The Bank of Sparta building, at 106 South Water Street. The building now houses D's Hallmark. The rental was \$200.00 per year and was contracted for 10 years.

By 1869, the lodge had grown to 240 members in addition to the original nine charter members. Between 1890 and 1912, the lodge had some 95 active members.

In 1891 a Masonic Temple Asso-

ciation was formed and stock was issued with the purpose of erecting a temple building at the corner of Main and Water Streets (100-102 North Water).

The new temple was completed in 1892 and occupied the second floor of the building. The first floor contained two stores and the post office, the income from which helped offset operating costs. This remained the Masonic Temple until 1921. The building was shared with the Knights of Pythias, and, as you might expect, became crowded. As a result, the members of Valley Lodge again decided to move. The building was sold to the Knights of Pythias for \$15,000.

A dream fulfilled

Dr. Fred Stiles was an active and avid Mason. His home was on the corner of Main and Court Streets in Sparta. He had dreamed of having a Masonic Temple built on his home site. Unfortunately, he died in 1919 with his dream unfulfilled.

His wife, however, honored his dream and gave the land to Valley Lodge No. 60. Plans were drawn and building began. The new temple was completed in 1922 at a cost of \$57,000. Six thousand dollars were expended on fixtures. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1987.

The lodge remained in the Temple until 1992, when the building was sold to Monroe County, with funding from the Monroe County Historical Society.

The lodge purchased a vacant church located at the corner of Montgomery and Court Streets in 1992 and began extensive renovations. The building was dedicated and Valley Lodge began holding meetings there in 1993. It is still the home of Valley Lodge No. 60.

(To be continued)

Editor's note: this is the second installment in a series of articles authored by Valley Lodge member James Brown that have been appearing in the Sparta Herald newspaper in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Valley Lodge. Other installments will be published as they are received.



Brother Glenn Haukeness Honored for 50-years

Brother Glenn Haukeness, pictured on the right, is shown receiving his 50-year pin and certificate from Bro. Ralph Oftedahl, Senior Warden of Osseo-Fairchild-Augusta Lodge No. 213. Master Eric Johnson of Lodge No. 213 is shown standing behind, observing the presentation. Brother Haukeness received his Masonic honors at his insurance office in rural Strum, Wisconsin.

"The Lighter Side of Stress" was the topic at Landmark Lodge on April 26

By Bro. Bill Beetcher, Sec.
Landmark Lodge No. 244

FREDERIC — The Lighter Side of Stress was the topic of discussion at a special dinner for members and friends on Tuesday, April 26 at Landmark Masonic Lodge No. 244, Frederic.

Members and friends enjoyed a dinner of scalloped potatoes, ham, salad and deserts. After dinner Brother Tom Auer, Worshipful Master, introduced Dr. John Bowman, a retired psychologist from Chicago who has recently moved to the Webster area.

He spoke on the topic, "The Lighter Side of Stress," and through his use of humorous stories relating to the slight differences in lifestyles between Chicago and rural Wisconsin explained how important it is for us to recognize and deal with the stress of life. He believes that laughter is a great relief for stress, which was apparent, as he had us laughing all night.



Cook's Choice

Don Eggers takes time out from Northwestern Lodge's steak fry May 5 to sample his own special rhubarb upside-down cake. Don says he did it as a quality control measure.



It's Steaks for Scholarships in Prescott

The members of Northwestern Lodge No. 105 hold four steak dinners each year, two in spring and two in fall, at their lodge in Prescott. The two dinners this spring were held on April 22 and May 5. Each was well attended. The events help fund the scholarship given each year by the lodge. Pictured here are the chefs for one of the dinners: Larry Fischer, Gary Melstrom and Matt Knott (left to right).

- Photos by Masonic News Hawk Milt Helmer

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Cornerstone Dedication – On April 10, 2005, Grand Master Keith Chamberlain conducted a public cornerstone dedication for his home lodge, Richland Masonic Lodge No. 66, Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin. Forty-five people were in attendance, including Reverend Carson Culver representing the City of Richland Center, several Masons representing Grand Lodge, and Brother Mason State Senator Dale Schultz. Special recognition was given to Jean Birkett, widow of Brother Bill Birkett, for the donation of dress aprons, and to Betty Ferguson, widow of Brother Richard Ferguson, for a monetary donation to Richland Lodge. Richland Lodge also extends its thanks to its Brother Jim Jewell, representing Krause Monument, and Brother Gary Krause of La Belle Lodge No. 84, for donating their time and the cornerstone. Pictured left to right are the participants in the cornerstone dedication ceremony: Davey White, Tom Tourville, Harold McDonough, Joe Harker, Milt Schott, Fuzz Spangler, Jim Jewell, Howard Hansen, Grand Master Keith Chamberlain, Master Brent Clausius, Bill Jewell, John Wilke and Steve Hansen.



Sessions is Sanctuary Lodge Mason of the Year

Presenting the Mason of the Year Award to Brother James Sessions (right) for Sanctuary Lodge No. 347 in Eau Claire was Worshipful Master Greg O'Reilly (left). Brother Sessions' wife, Dolly (center), admired the plaque.

EAU CLAIRE – On Saturday, April 9, Brother James Sessions was honored as the Mason of the year for Sanctuary Lodge No. 347 in Eau Claire.

Brother Sessions was initiated an Entered Apprentice on April 2, 1956; passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on February 1, 1957; and raised to the degree of Master Mason on February 27, 1957, in Mondovi Lodge No. 252. Jim transferred to Western Star Lodge No. 55 in Janesville where he served in the chairs and was Master in 1965.

After moving back to Eau Claire,

Brother Jim transferred to Sanctuary Lodge, where he again served in the chairs. In 2002, he was elected Master.

Brother Sessions has also served as High Priest for the Chippewa Chapter, Royal Arch Masons in 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988 and 1991.

He was also Arch Master for several years in the Grand Council, Council of Royal and Select Masters, and Thrice Illustrious Master.

Jim was Commander in 1983, and 1997 for the Eau Claire Commandery and is also a Scottish Rite member.



Farwell Raised at H. S. Baird Lodge – On Monday evening at 9 p.m. on May 9, 2005, Mr. Drew Farwell, following a long family tradition, was raised as a Master Mason in Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 211 in Sturgeon Bay. Brother Farwell was posted for his degrees by his mentor, Bro. A. Wayne Pashke (left), in both the "Old Posting" and in the Wisconsin System. It was very nice to hear a candidate recite the Old Posting. New Master Mason Farwell is shown here being congratulated by his mentor and Jay Herbst, the Senior Warden of the lodge.

– Submitted by Bro. Peter L. Wyatt, H.S. Baird Masonic News Hawk

Palmer Lodge Mother's Day Magic Show Event Brings In \$500

By Brother Tim Kloss, WM
Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301

With the help of Zotz the Magician, we raised \$550.00 for Operation Phone Home at the special Mother's Day Magic Show held on Friday, May 6. Also providing invaluable assistance was Kilbourn Chapter No. 1 Royal Arch Masons, (High Priest Bill Kraatz) and Golden Rule Chapter No. 194 O. E. S. (Worthy Matron Lee Powell). I'll be sending in the money to the Masonic Service Association in June, when I receive the final check.

Once again, Thank you to all who helped from the bottom of my heart. It's great to be in the company of so many caring Masons and ladies.



Richard Galstad Honored

Retired Trempealeau County Judge Bro. Richard D. Galstad is shown receiving his 50-year pin and certificate from Master Eric Johnson of Osseo-Fairchild-Augusta Masonic Lodge No. 213. Bro. Galstad received his Masonic Degrees in La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190, later demitting to Osseo Lodge No. 213. Brother Galstad received his Masonic honors at his home in rural Osseo, Wisconsin.



Hancock Mason of the Year

Harold Fosmo, Jr., the 2004 Mason of the Year, is shown here accepting a specially prepared plaque and pin from Hancock Lodge Jr. Warden Charlie Webster, left, while Worshipful Master Milt Helmer looked on. The award was presented at the Mason of the Year banquet on Friday May 13 at the Ellsworth Masonic Center.

– Photo by Carol Helmer

Hancock Masons, OES, Honor Their Own for Outstanding Service

By Milt Helmer, Hancock
Lodge Masonic News Hawk

On Friday May 13, the members of Hancock Lodge and their sisters of the Eastern Star Chapter gathered to honor their own.

Charlie Webster, the Junior Warden of Hancock Lodge, and his committee put on a wonderful program, including a tribute to the members of the Lodge and Star chapter that had passed away during 2004.

Also introduced were all the new Lodge members who were raised to the Master Mason degree in 2004. They included Scott Bristol, Steve Bristol, Greg Eaton, Brett Hofmeister, Ben Gaard and Fred Finstad.

Jean Krauss, Worthy Matron of the Star Chapter announced the initiation of Ellen Sherry, Carol Helmer, Daryl Donath, Dennis Donath, Sandie Finstad, Margaret Hofmeister, Sharon Hofmeister, Jack Hofmeister, Teresa Jonas and Dr. Eugene Jonas. Norris Berg also became a dual member.

Also recognized for their contribution to the lodge was C. J. Hofmeister, who received his 50-year pin last year, and Jerry Bristol, for serving as Master of the Lodge in 2004. Several Star members were also honored with a Shining Star awards being presented by Worthy Matron Jean Krauss. Among recipients were Vera Eaton, who has served in an official capacity for many years. Also recognized were Mary and Jerry Bristol for their work at adding new members this past year.

The evening also included a silent auction with over 30 items donated by brothers and sisters. The funds are scheduled to be used for the several scholarships given each year by the lodge. The auction brought in well over \$2,500.00.

But the highlight of the evening was the presentation of the "Mason of the Year" award. That honor was given to the lodge Treasurer Harold Fosmo, Jr.

In making the presentation, Brother Webster said Fosmo has not only served his country as a combat veteran in Viet Nam, but is also an active member of the American Legion, and is active with the Veterans Administration, Veteran of Vietnam Veterans of America.

Honoree Fosmo also dedicates countless hours of memorization of lodge degree work and has received his proficiency card from

the Wisconsin Grand Lodge. Fosmo was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1977 and has been an active member of the lodge, also serving as Worshipful Master.

In his closing remarks Brother Webster said "Above all else a Mason exhibits loyalty to the Fraternity, his family, his country and his God. He displays friendship, morality and brotherly love for his fellow man. He champions the cause of the widow, the orphan, the weak and the oppressed. He is the enemy of ignorance, falsehood, bigotry, oppression, superstition, atheism and all else that promote servitude. Above all, he is a brother to all."

The Gavel Locator

Gavel, Gavel, Who's Got Your District's Traveling Gavel? Help us locate your District's Gavel.

District 1

Barnes Lodge No. 365

District 2

River Falls Lodge No. 169

District 3

Island City Lodge No. 330

District 4

Masonwoods Lodge No. 368

District 5

West Salem Lodge No. 125

District 6

Montello Lodge No. 141

District 7

Sheboygan Lodge No. 11

District 8

Warren Lodge No. 4

District 9

Columbus Lodge No. 75

District 10

Hartford Lodge No. 120

District 11

Unity Lodge No. 367

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



YORK RITE NEWS

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Wisconsin Sir Knights Attend Galena Commandery Inspection – The Sir Knights & Ladies of Galena Commandery No. 40 of Galena, Illinois were pleased to greet and welcome 30 Sir Knights and their ladies to their annual Inspection event which was held on Saturday, April 9 in Galena, Illinois at the Odd Fellow Hall. Two new Sir Knights were welcomed into Templary, Sir Knight Theodore T. Williams and Sir Knight Howard L. Raber. Congratulations to these new Knights Templars. And a "Big Thank You" to all the Sir Knights that assembled to perform the orders on these fine men. Five Wisconsin Commanderies were represented at Galena's Inspection. A Grand Banquet dinner followed the Inspection with musical entertainment.



R.A.M. Nursing Scholarship Awarded to Peggy LeBlanc
Grand High Priest John F. Sigafus presents Peggy Sue LeBlanc of Hayward, with a Scholarship check for her Nursing career. The Royal Arch Foundation of Wisconsin provides scholarships to persons pursuing a career in nursing or allied medical fields. Peggy will be attending WITC Nursing School in Rice Lake to further her nursing education.



Order of the Beauceant Inducts New Members – La Crosse Assembly No. 215 Wisconsin was pleased to hold a special initiation on March 19 for Mrs. Marge Roycraft, Chippewa Falls, Mrs. Pam Catellier, Platteville and Mrs. Sharon Handeland, Waukesha. The initiation of these ladies was held while La Crosse Commandery No. 9 was holding their annual Homecoming and Inspection. The three new sisters are wives of Wisconsin Grand Commandery officers. La Crosse is the only remaining Beauceant Assembly in Wisconsin. Pictured from the left are, front row: Mary Callaway, Marjorie Bush, Pam Catellier, Marge Roycraft, Carol Dresser, Dorothy Wiedman, Donna Hersh. Back Row: Nancy Van Zile, Marie Beissel, Sharon Handeland, Marion Baker, Hazel Tyler, Norma Denny.

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Your Monthly Motivation... You'll Find True Joy Using Your Potential

Your greatest success and happiness in life will be found when you use your natural abilities to their fullest extent.

Happiness is not in having or being, it's in the doing.

The essence of true wisdom is to know that rest is rust, and that real life is activity, laughter and love.

You were created to conquer your environment, to solve problems and to achieve goals.

You'll find no real satisfaction or happiness in life without obstacles to conquer and goals to achieve.

Yes, there is true happiness. It's found in doing a job well done, in achieving a worthy goal, in putting your child to sleep, and in writing the last line of your journal.

Your personal growth itself contains the seed of happiness.

Send In Your Activities!

Companions and Sir Knights, send in your special dates, scheduled events, and general information for publication to:

Larry Catellier, 150 Ellen Street, Platteville, WI. 53818-3613.

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When submitting pictures please identify all individuals and include complete information, also include a self addressed stamped envelope when requesting the return of a photo!

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

Grand York Rite Sessions to be held in Green Bay June 15-18

DOUSMAN – To the Dais Officers, Past Presiding Officers of Constituent Chapters, Councils and Commanderies; Grand Officers Past and Present, of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of the State of Wisconsin:

The 155th Grand Convocation, 148th Grand Assembly and 147th Grand Conclave of these Grand York Rite Bodies of Wisconsin will be held June 15 -18, 2005, at the Regency Suites Convention Center, 333 Main Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons - June 15

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters - June 16

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar - June 17 & 18

ATTENDANCE:

It is the duty of the three Principal Officers of Chapter, Council and Commandery to attend their respective Grand Session. All Companions and Sir Knights are welcome and urged to attend.

PROXY CARDS:

Were sent to each Constituent Body, should the Principal Officer be unable to attend, he may give his proxy to another according to the By-laws of the respective Grand Body. The Presiding Officer must sign the proxy Card.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

Each delegate and guest is requested to make their own reservations with Regency Suites, call toll free 1-

800-236-3330 or 920-432-4555. Single or double occupancy rooms including children under 18 are \$93.00 plus tax. When making reservations, state that you are attending the Grand York Rite Sessions.

MEAL RESERVATIONS:

Please obtain forms from the recorders of your York Rite Body. The completed form and with check payable to: 2005 Grand York Rite Sessions, should be mailed to: Robert C. Whisman, 1316 Portside Lane, Green Bay, WI 54313.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

Each Grand Body will be on duty according to the program schedule. It is the responsibility of each delegate and guest to register each day with the Credentials Committee.

REGISTRATION TABLE:

Your meal tickets, programs and other information will be here.

DRESS:

Grand officers, distinguished guests and ladies of Chapter and Council, formal attire is requested for the Grand York Rite Banquet Thursday evening. Grand Commandery officers: uniform less sword, chapeau and gloves. Distinguished guests: uniform as above or formal attire. Ladies of Grand Officers and Distinguished Guests: formal attire.

- Fraternally Yours, John F. Sigafus, Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin.

- Zealously Yours, Ronald R. Rasmussen, Grand Master, Council of Royal & Select Masters.

- Courteously Yours, Brian J. Hudy, Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Wisconsin.



Grand Prelate Emeritus William Dresser Honored – At a combined Homecoming and Inspection in Oshkosh in February, Sir Knight and Companion William Dresser, (center) Grand Prelate Emeritus, received his 50-year certificate and pin to acknowledge his longevity in the Royal Arch and Commandery. Bill has been a great asset to the Commandery and can be depended upon for excellent ritual work. Congratulations, Bill. Presenting the awards were Sir Knight Kenneth Bales, (left) Commander Appleton Commandery No. 29 and High Priest of Appleton Chapter No. 47, Royal Arch Masons, and Sir Knight Brian J. Hudy (right) R. E. Grand Commander.



Companions Mauk & VanDyke Recognized – At a recent Convocation for Appleton Chapter No. 47, Royal Arch Masons, High Priest Kenneth Bales (center) presents Companions Archie Mauk (left) and John VanDyke (right) with Past High Priest certificates and congratulated them for their dedication to Appleton Chapter and Royal Arch Masonry. Archie was High Priest in 1968, and again in 1988-1991; John was High Priest in 1967. Companion Bales has been High Priest since 1997.



Pictured here are the 25 members of the Eau Claire Masonic Day-Light 2005 class who became Master Masons on April 2. They received all three degrees plus the lectures of each degree. Their respective lodges will complete the required posting and examinations. Their names are listed below but not in the order in which they are pictured.

– Submitted by Masonic News Hawk Milt Helmer

Masonic Day-Light 2005 helps 112 New Master Masons Begin Their Journey in Freemasonry

Editor's note: listed here are the names and lodges of the 112 candidates who received their Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees as part of the four Masonic Day-Light 2005 degree classes held Saturday, April 2, 2005.

Receiving their degrees at the Eau Claire Masonic Temple in Eau Claire:

Gary Anderson, Mosinee 318
 Roger Brooten, Blue Hills 234
 Carl Dahlin, Acacia-Itasca 329
 Richard DeCosta, Hancock 229
 Fred Friedeck, Chippewa Falls 176
 Gayl Greske, Hancock 229
 Brian Hedrington, G. B. Wheeler 351
 Tracy Hom, Blue Hills 234
 Michael Kastens, New Richmond 195
 Steven Krolikowski, Mosinee 318
 Dale Larson, George B Wheeler 351
 Drew Larson, George B Wheeler 351
 Tom Monson, George B Wheeler 351
 Michael Peterson, Geo. B Wheeler 351
 Gary Powers, George B. Wheeler 351
 Steven Reid, Mosinee 318
 Henry Rogers, Eau Claire 112
 Tim Sauter, Acacia-Itasca 329
 Steven Sawyer, Keystone 263
 Bruce Schumaker, Hancock 229
 Glenn Seitz, Park Falls 300
 Steven Talmage, New Richmond 195
 S. Grant Tharaldson, G. B. Wheeler 351
 Scott Trefren, Mosinee 318
 James Van Druten, Blue Hills 234

The following candidates received their degrees at the Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Center in Green Bay:

Gerald Brebner, Theo Roosevelt 322
 Adam Buchholtz, Berlin 38
 R. Caleb Chapel, Des Peres 85
 Dennis Clark, Theo Roosevelt 322
 Robert Cleveland, Theo Roosevelt 322
 Roger Frievalt, Twin Cities 61
 Michael Gans, Waupaca 123
 Donald Gans, Waupaca 123
 Jesse Lawrenz, Washington 21
 Gordon Lopes, Berlin 38

Bill Mueller, Theo Roosevelt 322
 Todd Mueller, Washington 21
 Duane Pillar, Oshkosh 27
 Dennis Plantz, Berlin 38
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 Donald Anderson, Lodi Valley 99
 Todd Backman, Baraboo 34
 Bucky Bobland, Linden 206
 Alan Brawders, Jefferson County 9
 Mark Buehler, Madison 5
 S. Douglas Coe, St. John's 57
 Todd Coe, St. John's 57
 Chad Coe, St. John's 57
 Lynn Cunningham, St. John's 57
 Richard Davison, Waterloo 63
 Craig Komplin, Fond du Lac 26
 Keny Kurt, Lodi Valley 99
 David Lehmann, Montello 141
 Arthur Lenius, Social 245
 Elmer McPherson, Reedsburg 79
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 Vincent Russo, St. John's 57
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 Steven Weatherspoon-Roberts, Lodi Valley 99

Receiving their degrees at the Humphrey Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Milwaukee:

Thomas Baas, Freemasons 363
 Robert Bedrosian, Wilmot 241
 Jeffrey Benn, Jr., Freemasons 363
 Michael Bleeke, Freemasons 363
 Mark Brothers, Oconomowoc-Hartland
 Richard Burany, Oconomowoc-Hart.
 Charles Carroll, Geo Washington 1776
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 Enrique De La Garza, Freemasons 363
 Nicholas Devich, Freemasons 363
 Jeffrey Ellsworth, Independence 80
 Aaron Ferguson, Hartford 120
 Araturo Flores, Jr., Freemasons 363
 Paul Frenn, Freemasons 363
 David Gerdman, Oconomowoc-Hart.
 Aaron Gonzalez, Myron Reed 297

Dominic Greco, Kenosha 47
 Richard Hagopian, Racine-Belle City
 Robert Heger, Jr., Freemasons 363
 James Home, Freemasons 363
 Richard Hudson, Freemasons 363
 Norman Janisse, Lake 189
 Glen Jones, West Allis 291
 Carl Jozefacki, Excelsior 175
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 Kenneth Kealey, Myron Reed 297
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 Mark Lipinski, Freemasons 363
 Lee Lurvey, Oconomowoc-Hart. 42
 Terrance Maney, Myron Reed 297
 Jeffrey Mather, Freemasons 363
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 Jay Mitchell, Oconomowoc-Hart. 42
 Thomas Mor, Myron Reed 297
 Brian Mularski, Freemasons 363
 James Nelson, Independence 80
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 James icholson, Freemasons 363
 Pat Norton, Day-Lite 358
 Mark Norville, Freemasons 363
 James Olson, Oconomowoc-Hart. 42
 Kemal Pelit, Freemasons 363
 Charles Perkin, Oconomowoc-Hart. 42
 Patrick Pfohl, Wisconsin 13
 Gary Porath, Freemasons 363
 Steven Prunuske, Freemasons 363
 Craig Przanowski, Oconomowoc-Hart.
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 Mark Warner, Freemasons 363
 Joseph Wienczek, Freemasons 363
 Richard Williams, Unity 367
 Samuel Williams II, Freemasons 363
 Lloyd Wilson, Damascus 290
 William Winkler, Lincoln 183
 Bryan Yoshimura, Freemasons 363

Won't you make a special effort to warmly welcome these new Master Masons into your lodge!



Booth at Children's Festival – Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128 had a booth at the annual "Children's Festival" held at Lincoln High School in Wisconsin Rapids on April 9. Brothers "Dusty" Rhoads, Herb Sering and Jerry Sedall with the help of some of the council and members of Bethel 23 of Job's Daughters gave out KID ID kits and helped with the fingerprinting of the children. Masonic Bears were also given out. This is the third year that the lodge has participated in this event. Masonic information was made available and interest in our fraternity was shown by several of the fathers of the children

– Submitted by Rapids Masonic News Hawk Russell Rottler



McNaughton, Safford Raised at Appleton 349

On April 27, 2005, Tim DeHart, Worshipful Master of Appleton Lodge No. 349, conferred the Master Mason Degrees on Robert Safford and Donavon McNaughton. Assisting as Senior Deacon for the evening was none other than the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Roger Magoon. Pictured left to right are: Roger Magoon, Bob Safford, Don McNaughton and Tim DeHart. There were 21 Brothers in attendance. The degrees were conferred in excellent fashion. Congratulations to our new Brothers!



Cassia Lodge Celebrate Friends Night

Cassia Lodge No. 167, Plymouth, celebrated Friends Night on Monday, April 18. The event drew Masons and friends from all over the Sheboygan County area. The dinner and program, which was open to the public, allowed non-Masons to see what we are all about. Brother Robert A. Stib (center) received his 50-year certificate from Senior Grand Warden Rodney A. Paulsen (right). Cassia Lodge Master Cliff J. Hall (left) looks on.

PLYMOUTH – Cassia Lodge No. 167, Plymouth, celebrated Friends Night on Monday, April 18, 2005. The event drew Masons and friends from all over the Sheboygan County area. The dinner and program, which was open to the public, allowed non-Masons to see what we are all about. There were tours of the Lodge, which has been extensively remodeled to include an elevator, and new carpeting.

The keynote speaker for our dinner was Senior Grand Warden Rodney A. Paulsen. SGW Paulsen instantly connected with the crowd as he is very familiar with the Plymouth area, having spent much time vacationing here over the years. He played a little historical trivia contest with the audience and we found that he knew as

much about who was who around town as many of our old-timers did.

His talk about Masonry and its impact on our society captivated the audience not only because it was informational, but that it was well punctuated with down-home humor which was appreciated by everyone.

During the evening, the Grand Senior Warden honored our newest 50-year members. Brother Robert A. Stib celebrated this 50th year of service to the Craft, having been raised on February 14, 1955. Brother Ronald Slater, who could not be present, was honored for reaching his 50-year anniversary, having been raised on January 21, 1955.

The evening closed with a prayer, and a new appreciation of Masonry for our guests.

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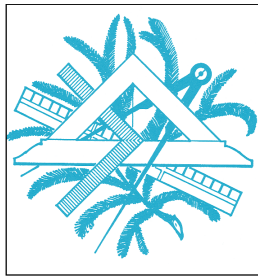
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Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843

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"Freemasonry has the correct answer for every problem confronting human conduct or thought."

- Brother Silas H. Shepherd

The remaining Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843 meetings for the year are as follows. All are on the second Saturday of the month:

- June 11, Twin Cities No. 61, Neenah
- Sept. 10, Black River No. 74, Black River Falls
- Dec. 10, Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge No. 42, Oconomowoc. This is the annual meeting.

All meetings start at 10 a.m. There will be a lunch served at the Oconomowoc meeting, with installation of new officers to follow at 1 p.m. All Master Masons are welcome.

The Dew of Hermon: A Further Explanation of Psalm 133

By Brother James D. Fleming, Master Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843

The Masonic Service Association of North America, in 1922 and 1924, published a book by Oliver Day Street titled, "Symbolism of The Three Degrees." Every Mason should read this volume! It can be found on the Internet at <www.Kessinger Publishing>. The explanation of Brotherly Love is so eloquent that a part of it is printed below. A portion of Psalm 133, we will recall, is used in the EA Degree to accompany the candidate's progress during his beginning journey within the Lodge.

David (in Psalm 133) sang the virtues of brethren dwelling together in unity and likened it to the precious ointment upon the head and beard of Aaron, and to the dew which fell upon Mount Hermon.

The beauties of these smiles are so charmingly set forth in an address before the Grand Lodge of Alabama in 1843, by Brother Eugene V. Levert, that I take the following excerpt from it:

"Because this unity is good and pleasant, David compares it to the sacred oil, or precious ointment with which Aaron, the High Priest, was consecrated to office.

"This ointment was composed of olive oil, with several aromatic substances, which made it a most fragrant and delightful perfume. The Israelites were positively forbidden to make any like it, or to have, or use it for common purposes.

"This ointment of consecration was emblematical of the Holy Spirit's influences, which alone can enlighten and purify the heart of man. And by this comparison we are taught that God alone can afford that grace by which the corrupt heart of man may be disposed to peace and unity with his brethren.

"He compares it to this ointment also, because of the pleasure which such a state of unity amongst brethren affords to society. That as the fragrant smell of this ointment, which was poured upon the head of Aaron, extended to and delighted with its fragrance all around him, so unity of brethren is a source of pleasure as well as advantage to every member of the community.

"He compares it also to the dew, which fell on Mount Hermon. Hermon is a range of mountains on the north border of the land of Canaan, or of the Israelites, on the east side of Jordan, including within its range several eminences, one of which is called Zion. This is not same

as Zion the Holy City, but is one of the eminences of Hermon. It is said that the dew which forms upon this mountain (Hermon) is so abundant, that a person exposed to it in the night would be as thoroughly wet as though he had been drenched with water; and yet it is so salubrious, that a man might sleep in the open air all night and be without feeling the least inconvenience, or suffering any injury from the dews of Hermon.

"To this abundant and healthful dew, David compares unity amongst brethren to teach us that it is fruitful in its benefits and pleasures, shedding an abundance of good upon all who come within its influence, communicating the most solid pleasures and advantages, without injury to any one.

"Unity among brethren is wealth to the indigent, instruction to the ignorant, a friend to the friendless, and a father to the orphan. For there the Lord commanded the blessing. There, not on Hermon, but on a society of united brethren. For where such union exists it is the product of the Spirit of Holiness; which causes the purified heart to send forth the tribute of praise, ardent and savoury, 'as the pot of burning incense.'

"Submitters note: Mt. Hermon lies on the border of Syria, Israel and Lebanon. The life giving water of its melting snows feed the headwaters of the River Jordan. Mt. Zion on the other hand lies to the South in a more arid region where such refreshment would be priceless. The comparison here is equally revealing: the Unity of Brotherly Love is as priceless as a dew of Hermon would be to an arid region of Zion."

Master Masons interested in topics such as this will find them at Silas Shepherd Lodge No. 1843. When attending this year's Grand Lodge Annual Communication, look for the Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research table.

Genesis of Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of Research

In 1983 three historically-minded Past Masters conceived the idea of creating a Masonic research lodge. Rick Gustafson, William Milz and John Mitchell, all in their 30s at the time, discussed the concept with Past Grand Master Allan E. Iding.

An organizational meeting was held in Sheboygan in August 1983. More than 30 Masons signed a petition for dispensation to form a new lodge. When Grand Master Kenneth Shannon presented the dispensation at a meeting in Hartland in December of that year, the membership had increased to 89.

Iding was the first Master, and Gustafson and Milz were the Wardens. Mitchell became the Secretary-Treasurer of the lodge. At the 1984 annual communication in Eau Claire, the Grand Lodge issued a charter to Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843. The lodge added 102 additional members at that session, doubling its size in just one day.

The lodge's namesake, Silas H. Shepherd, was a leader of Masonic education in Wisconsin. As chairman of the Grand Lodge Research Committee between 1916 and 1936, he was nationally recognized for his scholarly writing on Masonic subjects. The number "1843" denotes the year of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of Research meets four times a year in different locations. The December annual meeting was always held at the Hartland Lodge building, to recognize Silas Shepherd's "home lodge," Hartland Lodge No. 122. Masonic writers present papers at the meetings and the lodge publishes these papers annually in its proceedings, distributing them to its members throughout the world. Its by-laws prohibit the conferring of any degrees. Memberships are plural. *umj*



Consolidation to Southern Lakes Lodge - Delavan, Elkhorn and Walworth Masonic Lodges recently celebrated their consolidation into one new lodge, Southern Lakes Masonic Lodge No. 12. A dinner party was held at Lake Lawn Resort to commemorate the event and 'the remodeling' of the Masonic Center in Delavan.

- Photo by Bob Rauland

In Service to the Craft

By Grand Chaplain Ray D. Heilborn

What Is Purposeful Living?

During my tenure as a college professor there were a number of times when a student would follow me to my office, obviously concerned about some significant problem. When I inquired about the student's concern, I often heard the same refrain, "Professor Heilborn, I don't know what my purpose is in life!"

The young person would then state: "I know everyone is born for a specific purpose, and I am afraid that I will not know what my purpose is or how to meet it."

The first question I would ask is: "Who ever told you that you had a specific purpose for being alive?" I would explain that most of us are born because of the mutual love of our parents. A few are the product of uncontrolled passion, some others are miscalculations, but in fact, none of us are shackled at birth with a specific divine purpose for existence. We are here because we are here!



Rev. Ray D. Heilborn
Grand Chaplain

That does not mean that our lives are without purpose and thus we are relieved of any responsibility for making our lives be purposeful. Indeed, any purpose that may come to our lives is the result of the actions we take and the activities into which we engage to give them purpose. We soon become aware of the fact that acting alone we usually are able to accomplish very little of significance.

It is, therefore, extremely important that we make wise choices about all of our future relationships. There are so many needs in the world, and often so few resources to meet these needs that is only through combined efforts and dedication that we find ourselves able to make our lives meaningful and give our selves some purpose and justification for our existence.

We, in our Masonic Fraternity reach out in so many directions to assist so many persons in so many ways because we are so many are dedicated to the principles of brotherly love, truth and charity. Individually it costs us so little to do so very much for so very many different persons.

Masonry is the vehicle by which all of our fraternal lives are given purpose. Lives are saved by defibrillators, young people are given scholarships to begin their journey through higher education, children who are disabled in various manners are given the opportunity to walk, or talk, or read, because of our programs. Research in various diseases is underwritten by our organizations. Hospitals and homes are made available for those in desperate need. We could go on and on listing hundreds of facilities that are in existence to serve humanity because of the love and dedication of Freemasonry.

I challenge you to carefully examine the expenditures in your check-book and note how much you spend on yourself and your needs and desires, and how little you actually are giving to aid others. Then you will realize how very much your membership in Freemasonry is worth in giving your life some purpose and meaning.

Namaskar!

Winneconne Lodge Tops \$25,000 in Donations to Salvation Army Since '88

Winneconne Lodge No. 186, in Winneconne, held its annual Salvation Army Night program on April 12. On behalf of the lodge, event chairman Dennis Durant (left) presented Captain David Daugherty of the Salvation Army (right) with a check in the amount of \$1,710.00. With this amount, lodge contributions to the Salvation Army have passed the \$25,000 mark since the lodge began their support in 1988.

- Submitted by Bro. Bob Paffenroth, Winneconne Lodge Sec./Treas.



Morning Star Officers

In the picture at right, Brother James Scoville (on the left), the new Worshipful Master of Morning Star Lodge No. 10 for 2005, and Brother Todd Prueshel, the new Secretary, tended to business recently, following their installation. Morning Star Lodge is located in Beloit. The photo was taken at the temple there.

- Submitted by Bro. Don Koeshall, for Morning Star Lodge No. 10



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Brethren, remember the "Three Cs" of Wisconsin Freemasonry: we are Constant, Caring and Committed. These values form the cornerstone of our Grand Master's Blue Lodge Public Awareness Program.

Youth In Masonry



Bethel 32 Officers Installed in Green Bay

Bethel 32 Job's Daughters members, Green Bay, pictured at Honored Queen Amanda Koch's installation on January 15. Pictured in the front row from the left are Renee Glinski, Treasurer; Ariel Goerl, Senior Princess; Amanda Koch, Honored Queen; Lyla Gorel, Chaplain; Audra LaPierre, Junior Princess; and Katie Sommerfeldt, 4th Messenger. In the second row are Jessica Sommerfeldt, 5th Messenger; Ashley Feldmann, 1st Messenger; and Corine Schrap, 2nd Messenger. In the third row are Amanda Sabah, Guide; Katie Sommerfeldt, 4th Messenger; Bethany Hubbard, Librarian; and Jessica Feldmann, Outer Guard. Installing Officers (not pictured), all either present or past members of the Bethel, were Mom Lyla Goerl, Guardian Secretary; Mom Jerilyn Fletcher, Musician; Amanda Heintz, Bethel, Marshal; Kristen Rietz, PHQ; Lyla Goerl, Outgoing Honored Queen, Chaplain; Jennifer Riezz, Choir; Cassie McKonald, Recorder; and Molly McDonald, PHQ and MM.



Honest Abe & Mary Todd Attend Reception

"A Night with the Lincolns," a self-written and researched script, was performed by Max and Donna Daniels following a formal dinner at Rainbow for Girls Grand Worthy Advisor Katie Shore's reception in Monroe recently. The couple has portrayed the Lincolns for 17 years. Pictured are Donna Daniels as Mary Todd Lincoln; Max Daniels as President Abraham Lincoln; Katie Shore, Rainbow Grand Worthy Advisor 2005; and Barbara Foster Rainbow Supreme Deputy for Wisconsin.



Statewide Ritual Competition

Wisconsin Job's Daughters' statewide ritual competition was held April 8 with 47 daughters competing individually and four five-member teams doing Messenger ritual competition. In only the second year of its existence, a new category, "Junior Grand Ritualist" was available to all Wisconsin Job's Daughters. In the ceremony of initiation, all 8,000-plus words that make up the speaking parts for the ceremony must be memorized and each daughter must recite them from memory. A daughter is only allowed a maximum of 10 missed or repeated words. Ariel Goerl, age 13 from Bethel 32 in Green Bay was the only entry in this category this year. Ariel is the first, and only Junior Grand Ritualist in the state of Wisconsin. She was presented with a specially engraved medal Pictured L-R: Vice Grand Guardian Ronal Koller, Grand Guardian Susan Faris, Ariel Goerl, Associate Grand Guardian Leo Cigale.

Historic Guests Attend Rainbow for Girls Reception

"Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

These famous words from the Gettysburg address spoken by President Abraham Lincoln came to life again at Grand Worthy Advisor Katie Shore's reception in Monroe.

"A Night with the Lincolns," a self-written and researched script, was performed by Max and Donna Daniels. The couple has portrayed the Lincolns for 17 years. They are also past Vice-Presidents of the National Association of Lincoln Presenters and were named by the Association in 1994 as the first recipients of the "Best Abraham and Mary Lincoln Team."

The Lincolns spoke of their courtship, family, Abe's early law career, his subsequent election to the Presidency, and of course, the War between the States. Many declared it "the most enjoyable history lesson" they'd ever had!

Guests were able to bid on a variety of theme baskets to benefit Special Olympics, the State Service Project selected by Grand Worthy Advisor Katie. The auction raised \$595.01.

Job's Daughters Jamboree is August 12-14 in Green Lake

Wisconsin Job's Daughters will hold their annual statewide Jamboree August 12-14 at the Green Lake Conference Center in Green Lake.

Activities begin Friday afternoon with tram rides, swimming, crafts, a scavenger hunt and other events. A talent show featuring even-numbered Bethels will be held Friday evening. This will be followed by a Venetian-theme boat parade. All Bethels are encouraged to enter a decorated boat.

The annual Grand Bethel meeting will be held Saturday morning. The Miss Wisconsin Job's Daughters Pageant will be held that evening. Installation of new Grand Bethel officers, choir and representatives will be held Sunday morning.

Reservation deadline is June 10. Contact Mom Dorothy Cigale for more information.



New Medford Lodge a Group Effort

Total cost for the new Medford Lodge building is \$65,0173. An additional \$9,000 in materials were donated. Carpet for lodge room donated by the Medford Order of the Eastern Star Chapter. The land and original building, a former church, was purchased a few years ago for \$25,000. The lodge room and kitchen are complete, some interior work remains. Dividers are needed for two lavatories and the dining room floor still needs covering. Exterior landscaping also is awaiting completion. A Masonic emblem for the outside of the building has been ordered. Lodge Secretary Jim Blair noted that although lodge funds are low at this time, the lodge and the land are completely paid for. "There is no mortgage, he said. "We are most proud of our accomplishments!"



Cutting and trimming

The new Medford Lodge building covers 3,016 square feet. The lodge room is 88 by 32 feet, the entryway is 10 by 20 feet and the dining room, rest rooms and kitchen about the same size as the lodge room. Here Brother Jonathan Wood cuts siding while Marjorie Blair carries some cut siding to the installation volunteer crew shown below.



Medford Masons, Eastern Star Construct New Lodge Building

By Dr. Clem Dozer, Medford Lodge Masonic News Hawk

MEDFORD – Medford Masonic Lodge No. 217 has built a new lodge building at 150 South 7th Street. The new lodge includes a new kitchen and dining room.

The old lodge building was located on Main Street in downtown Medford. This building had several sets of stairs that prevented many of our members from attending lodge.

Several years ago plans were made to relocate to a ground-level building that would be handicapped accessible so that all our older members could attend. After much study, and with no available building to be found, the Lodge decided to buy a lot and build a brand new building.

Over the past year several members of the Lodge and Medford Order of the Eastern Star worked long hours and completed the new lodge building with no debt on the property or building. To list all those that worked so hard to complete this building project would be impossible as I may leave out someone and that we don't want to do.

Since late last summer we have been meeting in the new lodge building and along with the Eastern Star's help, we now have one of the nicest buildings for our brotherhood and a permanent place for the Eastern Star to meet.

We hope to have our dedication date set by the next month's publication, at which time we would like to invite all the Wisconsin Masons to join us in the grand celebration.

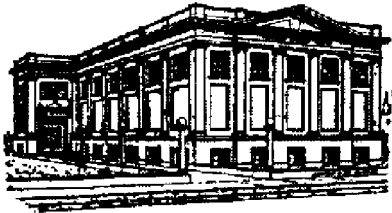
Since the new lodge has been built we now are providing a place for other organizations to meet and use our building. The Medford Weight Watchers group is presently using the building once a week for their meetings. Hopefully in the future we can offer this beautiful building for other uses in the Medford community.

Our goal is to have a degree team in place in the near future so that we will be able to conduct our degrees with all local members taking part. The lodge meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursday nights each month. Our challenge now is to involve all active Masons in the Medford community in our lodge.

At the last lodge meeting we made plans to conduct training sessions at the new lodge hall for all our new members and to refresh the floor work of some of the older members.

We invite all Wisconsin Masons to visit our new lodge and see what can be accomplished with the help and hard work of the Medford Masons.

The date for the dedication of the new building has not been set at this time. However plans are being made for this summer of early fall for this special event to take place.



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Ladies of Masons Provide VA Reading Materials



Donation to Purchase Reading Materials for Tomah VA Hospital

May 3 was a big day for veterans of our armed services who use the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Tomah. They received \$800 in funds from Linda Chamberlain's Ladies Appeal to purchase subscriptions to various periodicals and newspapers for reading by patients in the media center there. Pictured (left to right) are Laura Bishop, Tomah VA Medical Center Voluntary Services Coordinator; Jerry Molnar, Acting Director of the Tomah Veterans Administration Medical Center; Brother Steve Hanson, Masonic Service Association Representative at the Tomah facility; and Phyllis Goetz, Health Sciences Librarian. The main patient reception building is in the background.

Funds to Buy Reading Materials for Middleton VA Hospital

Beecher Daniels (left), Past Grand Master and State coordinator of the Masonic Service Association of North America's Veterans Administration Hospital Visitation Program, was joined by La Verne Storkson (right), MSA Volunteer Coordinator at the Henry S. Middleton VA Hospital, in a May 4 presentation of \$800 raised during Linda Chamberlain's Ladies Appeal. Receiving the funds on behalf of the Middleton VA Hospital was Scott Krueger, Chief of Voluntary Services at the Madison facility, one of four Wisconsin and Upper Peninsula of Michigan.



Owen Lodge fools Mother Nature by holding its corned beef dinner in April instead of March

OWEN – Owen Masonic Lodge No. 317 hosted a belated "Corned Beef & Cabbage" dinner on April 9, 2005. After suffering from inclement weather for the past three years, it was decided to try to fool Mother Nature by scheduling the event for later in Spring.

Over 100 people attended and, as in the past 15 years, the proceeds will fund student scholarships at seven area high schools. The weather was great, and enough funds were generated to award one \$600 scholarship.

– Submitted by Masonic News Hawk Frank R. Olszewski, WM



Chetek Lodge Has Successful Friend's Night

Chetek Lodge No. 277 held s Friend's Night program on April 28. The evening began with a short program to introduce our members and explain what Masonry is about. We then had a meal of meatballs, ham and trimmings. We then returned to the lodge room for a presentation by Brother Bob Unbehau's son, Bobby, who kayaked around Lake Superior in two months last summer. The program consisted of slides and narration of the trip along the way. Shown after dinner is 50-year member Neven Taylor (left) visiting with one of our guests after the meal. Brother Ken Paff (also on left) is pictured too. Coming up this summer is Chetek Lodge's annual Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast. Serving times are from 8 to 11 a.m.

– Submitted by Bro. Dick Jerdee, Secretary of Chetek Lodge

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William L. Stonecipher, Editor

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Even though most of you who are News Hawks have recently mailed in a card identifying yourselves, it is still important that you also identify yourselves in each submission sent in for publication. By doing so you will greatly assist the editor in giving the credit you deserve for your efforts.

A few words are also in order about the use of screen names when making submissions by e-mail. Masonic News Hawks should avoid using their screen name or e-mail address as the sole means of identification. You may know who you are, but I do not. Please take an extra few seconds to type out your entire name, the lodge you represent and in what capacity you are making the submission. Whether you are a lodge Secretary, Worshipful Master, or a Masonic News Hawk, please let me know who you are so that I can give proper credit.

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Recently, however, we were denied permission to reproduce a story and picture about George Washington 1776 Lodge's 'Man of the Year' award recipient, Joe Lemel, that appeared in a suburban Milwaukee publication. A substantial fee was asked to reproduce the picture, and the story was withheld. That's too bad, because it would have been a good story for us and wider exposure for them. *wnj*

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Senior Living Week

Staff and residents at Three Pillars celebrated Senior Living Week from May 8th through the 14th. This year's theme was "On Wisconsin" with activities all week relating to our great state. The week started with a Mother's Day Tea on Sunday. Throughout the week staff and residents enjoyed Wisconsin favorites such as cream puffs, yogurt parfaits, and cheese. Other activities around campus included: Wisconsin Trivia, a presentation on Wisconsin Lighthouses, a Polka Party, an outing to Watson's Wild West Museum in Elkhorn, a barbeque, and the annual "washers tournament" - a resident and staff favorite. Pictured above are residents that won trophies at the annual washers tournament. In the first row from the left is: Inez Morris, Evelyn Washo, Marie Keller. In the second row is Robert Klein, Fran Gansling, Verlon Schleifer, Marguet Lance, and Louise Nelsen.



Volunteer Open House

Our volunteers at Three Pillars are a very important part of our campus. To show them our appreciation, Three Pillars staff served a gourmet dinner to volunteers at the annual volunteer recognition dinner. The dinner included: a Martha's vineyard salad and stuffed chicken breast with asparagus. Pictured above enjoying dinner are Bill and Mary Wells from behind and across the table is John Rice. Serving them wine from the left are Melissa Gibbs; Lifestyles Therapist, and Pat Tomczyk; Social Worker. If you are interested in volunteering at Three Pillars, please call Mary Millard at 262.965.9391

100 YEARS OF CARING



Join us for our 100th Year Birthday Celebration

Sunday, the tenth of July
two thousand and five

beginning at
four o'clock in the afternoon

Three Pillars Senior Living Communities
Wisconsin Masonic Home
36225 Sunset Drive
Dousman, Wisconsin

Festivities

Opening Ceremony at four o'clock
Complimentary Picnic from five to eight o'clock
Entertainment to begin at seven o'clock
Fireworks to follow at nine thirty



— 1905 to 2005 —



37TH ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ

presented by: Wisconsin Masonic Home Service Club

Sunday, August 7th 2005

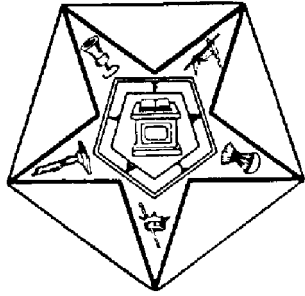
Serving from 12:00 to 2:00 pm
Food and Fun for Everyone!



Delicious barbecued
chicken & all the fixings!

Craft Booths
Antique Car Show,
Hayrides,
Fishing, and More!





Order of Eastern Star

Calendar of Chapter Meetings

June Calendar of Chapter Meetings

- Wed., June 1 - Bristol 164, 7:30 Installation of Officers
 Thurs., June 2 - Dousman 257, 7:30 Installation of Officers
 - Argyle (Alpha 114), 7:30 Installation of Officers
 Fri., June 3 - Milwaukee (Vega 76), 7:30 Installation of Officers
 Thurs., June 9 - Kenosha 92, 7:00 Farewell and JUS Night - Honor Past Matrons and Past Patrons
 - Mukwonago (LaBelle 40), 7:30 Father's Day - Honor Masons, Farewell
 Sun., June 12 - Wauwatosa (Golden Rule 194), 2:00 PM Installation of Officers
 Mon., June 13 - Jefferson (Martha 66), 7:30 Grand Chapter Reports, Memorial Service, Father's Day, Flag Tribute and Masonic Night
 Tues., June 14 - Waukesha (Ina J. Reid 55) 7:30 Farewell
 - Burlington 153, 7:00 Red, White and Blue Night, Honor Fathers
 - Beloit (Phoenix 215), 7:30 Memorials, Honor Fathers, Birthdays and Farewell
 - Sun Prairie (Twilight 165), 7:00 Installation of Officers
 Wed., June 15 - Madison (Starlite 283), Potluck and Farewell, Honor Secretaries and Treasurers
 - Chippewa Falls (Chippewa 112), 7:30 Father's Day, Farewell
 Sat., June 18 - Sturgeon Bay (Honor 1), Installation of Officers
 Mon., June 20 - Sparta 18, 7:30 Stated Meeting
 - Oregon 49, 7:30 Farewell
 - Kenosha (Pike 285), 7:00 Installation of Officers
 Tues., June 21 - Tomah 6, 7:30 Father's Day Program
 - Kewaunee (Kewaunee - Algoma 228) 7:00 Officer Farewell, Installation of Officers
 - La Crosse (Ruth 23), 7:30 Stated Meeting
 - Milwaukee (Electa 75), 7:30 Installation of Officers
 Wed., June 22 - Brookfield (Wauwatosa 219), 7:30 Installation of Officers
 Thurs., June 23 - Mukwonago (LaBelle 40), 7:00 Installation of Officers
 - Sussex (Lila B. Graser 159), 7:30 Installation of Officers
 - Racine 45, 7:00 Installation of Officers
 Sat., June 25 - Kenosha 92, Installation of Officers
 Sun., June 26 - Madison (Starlite 283), 1:00 PM Installation of Officers
 - Green Bay (Charles A. Lawton 270), 2:00 PM, Installation of Officers
 Mon., June 27 - Jefferson (Martha 66), 7:30 Good Bye
 - Evansville (Columbia 29), 7:30 Installation of Officers
 - Appleton (Fidelity 94), 7:00 Installation of Officers
 - Brookfield (Acadia 269), 7:30 Installation of Officers
 Tues., June 28 - Burlington 153, 7:00 Installation of Officers
 - Beloit (Phoenix 215), 7:30 Installation of Officers
 - West Allis 172, 7:30 Installation of Officers
 Thurs., June 30
 - Delavan (Walworth 148), 7:00 Installation of Officers
 - Owen 274, 7:30 Installation of Officers

**Walworth, Phoenix, Tomah & Sparta Chapters
 Cordially invite you and your escort to a
 Harvest Ball Dinner & Program Honoring
 Martha E. Swanson, Worthy Grand Matron
 and
 Roy A. Skogen, Worthy Grand Patron**

Saturday, July 9, 2005
 Social Hour 4:30 PM. • Dinner 5:30 PM.
 \$25.00 per person
 Cranberry Country Lodge, 319 Wittig Road, Tomah, WI
 Reservations with Title and Remittance to:
 Mrs. Noreen Christensen, P. O. Box 73, Rockland, WI 54653
 Please make checks payable to Harvest of Prayers Special Fund.
 Sorry, no refunds. Reservations no later than June 25, 2005

Sisters and Brothers

If you would like to have information about your chapter meetings, special events, 50-year members, new members or chatter about your chapter printed on this page; please send information for this page 45 days prior to publication date to: Richard Prunuske, W182 S6490 Muskego Dr., Muskego, WI 53150 • E-mail: prunuske@wcf.net

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Theme: Harvest of Prayers

AIM: Unity with other fraternal organizations
MOTTO: Fraternal unity to REAP membership
WATCHWORDS:
 Hardy Produce
 Appetites Enjoyed
 Require Around
 Very Congregated
 Excellent Events
 Satisfying
 Tastefulness

HONORED STATIONS:
 Ruth & Adah
EMBLEM: Praying Hands
FLOWERS: Tiger Lilies, Mums, Sunflower & Cranberries
COLORS: Burnt Orange, Yellow, Brown, Burnt Red, Tan (All fall colors)
FUN EMBLEMS:
 W.G.M. Comucopia & Sheaf
 W.G.P. Buffalo
PROJECTS:
 Literacy, ESTARL
CLUB NAMES: Marty's Gleaners
 Roy's Grazers
GRAND OFFICERS: Threshers
ESCORTS: Reapers
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES:
 Roamers
DISTRICT DEPUTIES:
 Wheat Sheaves
ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE:
 Happy Harvesters

BIBLE VERSES:
 W.G.M. The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.
 - Matthew 9:37-38
 W.G.P. Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.
 - Mark 9: 23



Ellsworth Eastern Star Chapter Welcomes Six New Members - The new members of the Order of the Eastern Star in Ellsworth after initiation ceremonies on May 3, 2005. Left to right are: Jeanne Krauss, Worthy Matron, Sandy Finstad, Teresa Jonas, Dr. Eugene Jonas, Dale Remus, Worthy Patron, Margaret Hofmeister and Jack and Sharon Hofmeister.
 - Photo by Milt Helmer

ELSWORTH - On Tuesday, May 3 the Ellsworth Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star welcomed six new members during initiation ceremonies at the Ellsworth Masonic Center.

The new members included Margaret Hofmeister, Sandy Finstad, Dr. Eugene Jonas, Teresa Jonas, Sharon Hofmeister and Jack Hofmeister. The initiating officer for the evening was Worthy Patron Dale Remus. With the dual membership of Norris Berg the Star Chapter in Ellsworth has added 11 new members in their Star year. Four members were added in December.



Ellsworth Chapter Honors Two Members for 50-Years - Two members of the Order of the Eastern Star received 50-year membership pins during the special initiation ceremonies at the Ellsworth Masonic Center on Tuesday May 3, 2005. Shown left to right is Jeanne Krauss, Worthy Matron, 50-year members Janet Nichel and Emma Stafford and Dale Remus, Worthy Patron.
 - Photo by Milt Helmer

Grand Representative Appointments

Julie Connor - Arkansas, Superior Chapter
 Ruth Bennett - Colorado, Rainbow Chapter
 Mary Ann Gray - Illinois, Linden Chapter
 Lorene Philbrook - Iowa, Wauwatosa Chapter
 Janet Dorsey - Maine, Sheboygan Chapter
 Carrie Peterson - Maryland, Loyal Chapter
 Roger Reukauf - South Dakota, Twilight Chapter
 Rhonda Roalkvam - Washington, Lemonweir Chapter

Grand Representative Parties

You are Cordially Invited to an 'Eastern Star World' Party honoring
Judith Morse
 Grand Representative of Rhode Island
 Saturday, June 11, 2005, 1 PM
 Masonic Center
 130 N. 1st Street, Wausau
 We are planning a happy time filled with food, fun and music for all to enjoy
 Please R.S.V.P. if possible, If not, please come anyhow.
 Sarah Kamke, 1148 Grand Ave.
 Schofield, WI 54476
 Phone 715 - 359 - 4564

Trillium Chapter

Cordially Invites You to A Reception Honoring
Carol Fick
 Grand Representative of Manitoba
 Saturday, June 25, 2005, 2 PM
 Crivitz Masonic Lodge
 918 Louisa Street, Crivitz, WI
 RSVP by June 10, 2005
 Marge Raab, Secretary
 W6422 Birchwood Rd., Crivitz, WI 54114 (715) 854 - 2236
 Carol is also a member of Loyalty Chapter, Plymouth, WI

Wisconsin Eastern Star Foundation

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MEMORIALS:

Barbara Bollinger, PGM
 In Memory of Howard Trescher, PGP, and in Memory of Helen Pivet, wife of Leonard Pivet, PGP, and in Memory of Mae Bell, former Grand Warder

Exemplification Workshops

Workshops begin at 3 p.m. & Exemplification at 7 p.m.

A dinner will be served for all those who wish to attend at 5p.m. Cost: \$10 - \$15.

Willow River Masonic Center New Richmond July 16, 2005

Dinner reservations to:
 Harold Christensen,
 495 County Rd. G
 New Richmond, WI 54017

Rainbow Masonic Center Wisconsin Rapids July 23, 2005

Dinner reservations to:
 Ruth Bennett, 1027 Angelus,
 Nekoosa, WI 54457

Janesville Masonic Center Janesville August 5, 2005

Dinner reservations to:
 Barbara Lawrence
 115 S. Fremont St., Janesville, WI
 53545-4258

Vega/Lake Lodge Masonic Center Milwaukee August 6, 2005

Dinner reservations to:
 Sally Lutzke, 4464 S. Howell Ave.
 Milwaukee, WI 53207



The walls are up, the roof is on and interior partitioning has begun on the three story portion of Three Pillars' new Catered Living Residential Care Apartment Complex on the Fraternity's senior living campus in Dousman. Brother Jerry Hoepfner (on bridge at right), Three Pillars' Director of Environmental Services, takes a phone call in his role as logistics coordinator between the construction company and Three Pillars. A spring 2006 completion date for the \$14 million project is planned. This picture was taken May 10. – Photo by Wm. Stonecipher

Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

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

- June 2005**
- 3 Hartford Lodge No. 120 Cornerstone Dedication Ceremony, Schauer Art Center, Hartford (GM)
 - 11 Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843 Quarterly Meeting, Twin Cities No. 61, Neenah 10 a.m.
 - 13-14 161st Grand Lodge Annual Communication, Radisson Paper Valley Hotel and Convention Center, Appleton. Grand Lodge convenes at 8:30 a.m. on both days. Please see story on page 1 and tentative schedule of events on page 3. (GM)
 - 15-18 York Rite Annual Grand Sessions, Regency Suites Conference Center, Green Bay. Please see details on the York Rite page. June 15 - Royal Arch session; June 16 - Council of Royal & Select Masters session; June 17-18 - Knights Templar Session. (GM)
 - 19 Wautoma Masonic Union will present its fourth annual Father's Day Antique & Classic Car and Truck Show at the Bird Creek Park in Wautoma. Any vehicle that is 20 years old or older may register. Hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For further information please contact Bro. Ed Anderson, Wautoma-Lodge, at (920)293-4305.
- July 2005**
- 10 "100 Years of Caring" Centennial of Wisconsin Masonic Home observance on the Three Pillars Campus in Dousman. Opening ceremony is at 4 p.m. and will be followed by complimentary picnic at 5-8 p.m., entertainment at 7 p.m. and fireworks at 9:30 p.m.
 - 24 Rock County All-Masonic Fish Boil at the Thesere Park, 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per adult, children eat free. For reservations contact Paul S. Huber at (608)290-5248.
 - 28-31 DeMolay State Conclave, UW-Stevens Point
 - 28-29 14th Annual Wisconsin High School All-Star Boys and Girls Soccer Games Event Sponsored by the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation begins at Cardinal Stritch University. At 6 p.m. on Friday, July 29, a scrimmage between the High School All-Stars and Special Olympics' soccer players will be held, followed by an informal reception and pizza supper featuring the Grand Master, coaches, Masonic Soccer Game volunteers and players.
 - 30 14th Annual Wisconsin High School All-Star Boys and Girls Soccer Games Sponsored by the Masonic Soccer Foundation. The Girls' game begins at 11 a.m. with the Boy's game to follow at the Bavarian Inn Soccer Fields, Glendale. A recognition event and breakfast is at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast is \$10 per person. Admission to the soccer games is \$5 per person. (GM)
- August 2005**
- 5-7 Grand Assembly Rainbow for Girls, McKinley Masonic Center, Brookfield.
 - 6-7 Grand Lodge Summer Full Staff Mtg., Pewaukee (GM)
 - 7 Wisconsin Masonic Home Service Club Chicken BBQ, Three Pillars Campus, Dousman (GM)
 - 12-14 Job's Daughters State Jamboree, Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, Wisconsin.
 - 15 First Annual "Teddy Bear Classic" golf event at Muskego Lakes Country Club, S100 W14020 Loomis Road (HWY 36) in Muskego. This event is hosted by The Valley of Milwaukee Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and the Masonic Lodges of Southeastern Wisconsin. 10:30 a.m. shotgun start. Entry Fee \$75.00 Per Golfer and includes golf (Shamble Format), cart, lunch & banquet. Dinner only is \$25.00. Reservations are required. Three raffles with great prizes! Net proceeds will benefit The 32° Children's Learning Center - Milwaukee, a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. Send reservations and hole sponsorships via US mail to The Humphrey Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 790 North Van Buren Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202-3809. Credit Cards Accepted 414-276-4744 ext. 108 • 414-276-0913 Fax. Checks should be made payable to: Children's Learning Center-Milwaukee. Donations of prizes and hole sponsor fees are tax deductible.
- September 2005**
- 10 Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843 Meeting, Black River Lodge No. 74, Black River Falls 10 a.m.
- October 2005**
- 22-23 Grand Lodge Full Staff Meeting, Brookfield
- December 2005**
- 10 Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843 Annual Meeting & Election of Officers, Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge No. 42, Oconomowoc, 10 a.m.
- Note:** events listed here are drawn mainly from the Future Dates Calendar kept at the Grand Lodge Office in Dousman. To have an event included therein please submit pertinent details to the Grand Lodge Office by mail, FAX or e-mail and request that they be included.