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## Grand Master Presides at Green Bay Mason/Shrine Day

Grand Master Roger Magoon, center, conferred the Master Mason Degree at the Man-to-Mason-to-Shrine degree conferral at the Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Center in Green Bay. Thirty candidates were registered for the Symbolic Lodge Degrees on Saturday, April 29. Thirty-six candidates were registered to enter the Shriners at Beja.

## Events held in Madison, Green Bay & West Allis:

# Man-to-Mason-to-Shrine Degree Days Bring 237 Men to Light in Freemasonry, Shrinedom

By William L. Stonecipher, Editor  
The Wisconsin Masonic Journal

The three Man-to-Mason-to-Shrine degree events authorized by Grand Master Roger Magoon saw 128 candidates brought to light as Master Masons and 106 initiated as Nobles of the Ancient Arabic Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, according to the most accurate numbers available as this issue went to press.

The first of the three combined degree events was held on Saturday, March 25 at the Zor Shrine Center in Madison. The second and third degree events were held on Saturday, April 29 in cooperation with Beja Shrine in Green Bay and Tripoli Shrine in Milwaukee.

At all three events, new Master Masons were presented the opportunity to petition and be initiated into the Shrine immediately following the completion of their Blue Lodge degrees if they so desired.

According to Grand Master Magoon, 32 candidates received their Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason degrees at the March 25 Zor event. 20 of these newly made Master Masons availed themselves of the opportunity to petition and be initiated into the Shrine. There were an additional 20 candidates for the Shrine who were already Master Masons.

In Green Bay's NEW Masonic Center, 30 candidates completed the EA, FC and MM Degrees on April 29, of which 16 elected to become Shriners in a Beja initiation later in the day. They were joined by 18 candidates for the Shrine who were already Masons.

The Beja Shrine Center is located about 300 feet directly north of the NEW Masonic Center. It was there that noon lunch was served for the degree participants and candidates and the Shrine ceremonial was held.

The West Allis Masonic Center hosted the Man-to-Mason-to-Shrine degrees in conjunction with Milwaukee's Tripoli Shrine. This event saw 66 men receive their three Masonic degrees. A total of 32 Master Masons were initiated into Tripoli Shrine. See page 3 for a picture of this group.



Getting wired for sound before the MM Degree, Tom Pinney Jr. adjusts GM Magoon's mike at the NEW Center.

Following their degrees in West Allis all of the new Master Masons and Shrine candidates were invited to attend a reception at the Tripoli Shrine Center in Milwaukee.

All three of these Mason-to-Shriner events used the exemplar/class format patterned after the multiple-candidate degree presentations long used by the Scottish and York Rites.

This format was utilized by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin beginning in 1997 when it was introduced by Grand Master Jack Allord to accommodate large numbers of candidates at one time.

This year, after receiving their Master Mason Degree, candidates were provided the option of continuing on to become Shriners that same day. In 2004 the Masonic Day-Light degree program initiated by Grand Master DeWolf and continued in 2005 by Grand Master Chamberlain, presented candidates with the option of continuing into the Scottish Rite.

It is uncertain whether or not this or a similar Man-to-Mason-style one-day degree event will be sanctioned during the new Grand Lodge year. *wmj*



**'To Our Ladies'** – Past Grand Master Larry Myers (left) and Grand Master Roger Magoon toast their ladies, Marsha Myers (lower left) and Marlene Magoon (seated at right) during the Grand Master's Testimonial Table Lodge May 6 in Appleton. At the Grand Master's request, the table lodge opened with a ceremony to honor men and women serving in our armed forces and especially those "...missing from our midst...POWs/MIAs." Their sacrifice and absence was remembered with a place setting for one at a small table covered white, with a lone red rose in a vase tied with a red ribbon, and salt and a slice of lemon resting on the plate. More on page 9.

## The Grand Master's Message:

By Brother Roger L. Magoon  
Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin

Greetings Brethren:

First, I would like to say "thanks" to all of the wonderful brothers, ladies and friends whom I have met. It has been my great honor and pleasure to serve the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin as Grand Master this past year. You have given me the opportunity to go places and do things I would have otherwise not done. These experiences will live with me forever!

Now that my time is drawing to a close, I find myself remembering the good times from this past year. I would like to highlight a few of those events.

After undergoing a complete knee transplant, which set me back a couple of weeks, I had the opportunity to attend the Masonic All-Star Soccer Games. This has always been one of our greatest charities with which I have been associated.

I was thrilled to be able to perform the cornerstone laying ceremony at our Compass Point Catered Living Facility at our Masonic Senior Living Campus in Dousman. There were also numerous lodge visits, table lodges, installations, and cornerstone ceremonies throughout the year.

We enjoyed a wonderful combined Table Lodge with our Prince Hall Brothers again this year. I also attended many events where I was able to interact with our youth groups.

The Man-to-Mason-to-Shrine experience was a great success! Finally, there was a wonderful Ladies at the Table and Testimonial hosted by the brothers of my home Lodge, Appleton Lodge No. 349.

I was able to visit our Veterans Administration Hospitals at Milwaukee, Madison, Tomah and King. Being able to meet and share stories with some of the Masonic Veterans was grand. It was great to be able to honor those Freemasons and their wives who have devoted many hours of time to help the service men and women who reside at each of the veteran's facilities.

It has taken me more than eight years to complete this journey and the effort has been well worth the experience.

The future for Freemasonry is out there waiting for us...for all of us! Each and every one of us must bear his full share of responsibility for our future as an organization. If we truly love this fraternity, we must take the time to seek out and identify new members, talk with them, give them petitions and encourage them to join.

Following that effort, we must help these new members by mentoring them, taking them to meetings, teaching them the ritual or introducing them to someone who can teach them.

We must focus on remembering that Freemasonry is "A Way of Life." We must remember as we act out our parts on this grand stage of life, that our character is observed through our actions. Those who observe us, judge our fraternity. How we live our lives determines not only our own destiny but that of the Craft as well.

Lastly, in closing, let me sincerely thank all of you for allowing me to serve you as your Grand Master this past year. It has been a great experience! My special thanks go to my wife, Marlene, my son Kurt and his family, my sister Helen and brother-in-law Ken, and my good friends, Jim and Peggy Hays. Without all of you, my success would not have been possible.

Please keep the men and women of our Armed Forces in your thoughts and prayers. May they return home safely.

Bless all of you, bless our great Fraternity, and God bless America.



Roger L. Magoon  
Grand Master of Masons  
in Wisconsin

## Masonic Ed Conference Provides Forum for the Sharing of Ideas

By Wm. Stonecipher, Editor  
Wisconsin Masonic Journal

MILWAUKEE – "Back to Basics" was the theme of the 57th annual

conference. Eight in fact were PGMs.

The 12 jurisdictions comprising the Midwest Conference are those from the states of Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and the province of Manitoba in Canada.



Author Mark Tabbert speaking about his book at the Midwest Conference April 1.

This annual meeting provides Masons interested in furthering our fraternal education to participate in a forum where ideas may be exchanged and programs evaluated as to their use and success, or in some instances failure.

Many attendees sit on their respective grand lodge education committees or are grand lodge offi-

The host jurisdiction this year, Wisconsin, was well represented with eighteen brethren in attendance.

Leading our "official" delegation at the conference were members of our Grand Lodge Education Committee,

headed by Keith Chamberlain, PGM, Chairman. Other committee members in attendance were Joe See *MIDWEST ED* on page 2

**MIDWEST ED... from page 1**

Harker, Jr. Grand Deacon; Rod Paulsen, Deputy Grand Master; Dan Slavik, District 7 Deputy; and John Wilke, Jr. Grand Warden.

Rounding out our representation were Grand Master Roger Magoon, Grand Treasurer Jim Hays, Jr. Grand Steward Dennis Siewert, Grand Marshal Richard Vande Sande and several District Deputies. Representing the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite was brother Norm Christensen, Deputy for Wisconsin.

A strong contingent of interested Masons from Wisconsin was also on hand, including several Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research members, including Al Iding, PGM, editor of "Forward Freemasonry."

In all, a total of 49 Masons, counting official grand lodge educational representatives, presenters and guests, were present for the conference's opening session on Saturday, April 1. A table lodge banquet conducted by Freemasons Lodge was held Saturday night. The conference continued through Sunday morning.

The object of the two-day conference was to exchange ideas, renew fraternal friendships and carry back to their home jurisdictions the good news of programs that others are using to good effect.

President of the Midwest Conference this year is Wisconsin's Grand Secretary, Michael A. DeWolf, PGM. President DeWolf acted as conference emcee, guiding the introductions of representatives and presenters, and presiding over the business portions of the two-day seminar.

**Conference Hi-points**

A touch of humor got the conference off to a bright start when president DeWolf commented that "technology rules" as he worked with one of the Indiana delegates to get a balky CD player to feed its signal through the computer and digital projector in preparation for the screening of a Grand Lodge of Indiana-produced video for use in introducing the Fraternity to non-Masons (and yes, when the time came, the video was successfully screened).

Keith Chamberlain, Wisconsin's Education Committee Chairman, during his report on the state of fraternal education in our jurisdiction, noted that the Blue Lodge Public Awareness Program, with the co-op ad program, was in use, and that the pocket petition he introduced during his term as Grand Master was, and still is, "a resounding success."

"We must never again take for granted that the light of Freemasonry

is enough to attract new men into Freemasonry. It is up to us to pass the torch to them," Chamberlain said in concluding his report.

"If you do not have a Web site, you do not exist to those under 30 (years of age)," said brother Jack Butler, Sr. Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, during his report on the state of Masonic education in the Tall Corn State. He made this statement in the context of what lodges and grand lodges must do in order to reach young men between the ages of 18-30 with our message about Freemasonry.

Brother Butler also spoke about Iowa's "Lodge In A Box" idea that fits all of the furnishings required to open a lodge in the back of a Chrysler PT Cruiser as an answer to lodges that no longer can afford to own a building. "Can't afford a building? Try a Lodge in a box!"

The Iowan also spoke to the need to have a three-pronged educational system for new and existing Masons, and "the rest of the world."

Brother Jim Billig, representing the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, addressed the topic of "Basic Masonry and where we find it."

He pinpointed several challenges Masonry faces in communicating our message to prospective members, especially young men. "There are no silver bullets," he said, suggesting that there are many ways to accomplish this and that they all involve work.

He also challenged the Masonic educators to personally consider the question, "If your lodge closed today, would anyone in the community know, or care?" To make sure that the answer to this question is a "yes," he suggested of grand lodge education committee members, "Let's get together and do something!"

"The problem with Masonry is us," he said concerning the decline in lodge membership and Masonic identity in our communities.

He went on to identify what he considers to be the one thing that has repeatedly brought Freemasonry

back from near extinction through-out its long history: "It is our personal integrity that brings people back to the Fraternity."

Returning to the question of how to appeal to men in the under-30 age group today, he offered, "they are wired, but not connected."

He pointed out that while they are wired to the Internet via laptop computers, cell phone text messaging, and iPods, they are not connected socially to society.

"Masonry offers a connectedness," he said.

"We offer a very basic personal connectedness in Lodge—a form of social capital that young people are looking for, and not finding, in their Internet-wired work, recreation and family lives."

This is why increasing the Fraternity's visibility is so critical to reaching this generation, he continued.

To make his point, he asked the audience to consider the popular "To be one, ask one" bumper sticker. "To be one what? Ask who?"

"We can't expect an invisible fraternity to be a male support group," he said. "Unless we're visible, we're dead!"

"The basics is you," Billig said as he transfixed several Masons, one after the other in the audience, with

a stern glance and pointed finger.

"A robust Mason is one who has expanded his mind, knows his Masonry and is willing to share it," Billig continued.

"Masonry is an interpersonal relationship between one person and another. We offer a principled lifestyle and responsibility. Masonry offers personal integrity, high morals and principled behavior."

He then challenged each Mason there to ask themselves the question, "What came you here to do?"

The answer Jim Billig and Freemasonry offers? "To learn, to improve myself in Masonry, to subdue my passions: these are the 'basics' of Freemasonry."

Brother Mark Tabbert, Director of Collections for the George Washington National Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, author of "American Freemasons: Three Centuries of Building Communities," presented an overview of his book as well as several observations as to what the Fraternity could do to re-establish its public presence.

He pointed out that over the last 40 years the Craft has lost members, visibility, and with these, community respect, causing brothers as well as the public to question what Freemasonry is, what we do—and to wonder why any man would want to join Freemasonry today.

It was his observation, based on his research into the Fraternity's past and present, that Freemasons are exhausted by trying to do everything...charity, self-improvement and community service projects, etc.

Brother Tabbert described two paths the Fraternity might take in its efforts to rejuvenate our public identi-

ty: focus on public charity, or on being a private self-improvement fraternity.

It was his observation that "...taking the charity route would mark the end of Ancient Craft Freemasonry, but we would have greater glory and direct benefit to society."

By choosing the self-improvement model, Tabbert described a private fraternity in which there would be less charitable programming; a reduction in the number of Masonic affiliated bodies and a redirection of these members' efforts to making good men better.

In support of this second concept, Tabbert quoted William Preston, who in 1796 wrote: "By the proper use of talents, wisdom of precepts and the force of example, the mind is improved and the brethren are united in social harmony."

In order to do this, he added, "We must internalize the tenets of the Fraternity: Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love."

"Freemasonry owes it to itself to develop the kind of leadership that possesses the vision and skills to carry us forward into the future," he continued. "The new brothers today will be our leaders in five to ten years."

In closing, brother Tabbert offered this as it relates to Freemasonry's future: "I believe we need to build a fraternity that would make George Washington want to join, one of which he can be proud."

Afterwards, Author Tabbert was signing copies of his book that were offered for sale at \$35 each. Unsigned copies are available from Grand Secretary DeWolf at \$30 each, postage paid. **wmj**



**Jim Billig, representing the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, held a copy of the newly published report of the MSA's Masonic Information Center Task Force Report "Its About Time!" The report examines the need for increased Masonic public awareness.**

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## Notes From The Grand Lecturer

By Brother Ronald H. Glaunert

### Lessons From 18th Century Lecture

Brethren:

Our thoughtful brethren of the 18th Century speculated not only on individual objects in their lodges, but on the whole structure of Masonry.

When they said, "the rule of three I understand, the key of the Lodge is at my command," they meant that they had a full understanding of all three degrees and could understand the construction of a right angle.

In an interesting lecture form which seems to have been practiced mainly in Lancashire (England) toward the end of that century, there is a closing section to the third part of the Third Degree which illustrates their thinking:



Ronald H. Glaunert  
Grand Lecturer

You say you have wrought as an head Architect, both as Master and Undertake; could you undertake to build a Lodge? Yes, I could and would undertake it if the materials were found and properly prepared.

What materials are requisite to build a Lodge? Truth, Justice and Charity, with which this Lodge and every other Lodge is or ought to be well stored with.

If you have the materials, how would you lay off of your foundations to square them? I would take the proportions of 3, 4 and 5, which answers to the great Eureka of Masonry commonly called the 47th proposition of Euclid's Elements of Geometry.

What does it demonstrate? It demonstrates that the square on the hypotenuse of a right angled triangle is equal to the sum of the squares on the other two sides.

How do you prove it? The square of 5 is equal to the sum of the squares of 3 and 4, the square of 3 is 9, and the square of 4 is 16, so that 16 plus 9 is equal to 25, the square of 5, by which proportions Masons take off right angles, squares and perpendiculars.

What is understood by the square of 3? By the square of 3 is understood the three points of my entry-Preparation, Admission and Obligation.

How do you apply the square of 4? To the four cardinal virtues, which two squares are equal to the square of 5, which are the five points of fellowship, so that the five points of fellowship are equal to the three points at my obligation or entry, and the four cardinal virtues.

Now Brother, as you have square off your Building, you lay the foundation; what are the tools necessary to carry on your work? First, compass and rule to lay off my designs upon the trestleboard, then Truth to level the foundation, next Justice plumbs the upright and Charity squares the covering. What cement is used? Love and Friendship cements and Unity gives the bond.

How do you ornament it? With Regularity, Virtue and Concord. What do you furnish it with? The four cardinal Virtues. What are they? Justice, Prudence, Temperance and Fortitude. How do you place them? Justice in the East, Prudence in the West, Temperance in the South and Fortitude in the North.

What do you dedicate it with? Corn, Wine and Oil. Why do you dedicate it with Corn, Wine and Oil? Because Corn, Wine and Oil were the merchandises which Solomon, King of Israel, sent Hiram, King of Tyre, in return for the cedar and cypress wood he received from him to build the Temple.

To whom will you dedicate your Lodge? To God and the holy Apostle, St. John. Why do you dedicate it to God? Because all places where God is worshiped are dedicated to him, and to him all upright and good men are dedicated. Why do you dedicate it to the Holy Apostle, St. John? Because St. John taught and preached Brotherly Love as the capstone of religion, for Love is the fulfilling of the law.

Now Brother, your Lodge thus built, cemented, ornamented, furnished and dedicated, how is the door secured? Silence locks the door, and deposits the Key. Where is the Key deposited? In every true, just and honest Mason's heart.

Now Brother, after it has been thus finished and locked up, how does it stand? As every honest Mason stands, upright on the Square, fronting the four cardinal points of Heaven with extended arms, ready to receive and comfort the worthy and deserving from the four points.

When Silence shut the door of your Lodge, what charge did she give you? She required me to do Justly, love Mercy, to walk humbly with my God and to remember my three duties that I might be a welcome guest whenever I returned.

When you return, how do you expect to be readmitted? By three principal Steps, or Graces. What are they?

First, Faith, which is an assent of the mind to all things delivered in the Holy Scriptures and the Testimony of Almighty God; secondly, Hope, which is the anchor of the soul, sure and steadfast, by which we look for salvation, through the promises and goodness of God; thirdly Charity, which is the Love of God and unlimited Benevolence to all mankind, by the true observance of which, we shall be enabled to ascent the heavenly Grand Lodge, where there is fullness of joy and pleasure, to flow for evermore, which God grand may be our happy lot.

Brethren, I hope that you find this as interesting as I have. There is so much more to our Ritual than we first see as initiates, and still so much more to learn as Master Masons. Exploring the history of Masonry is interesting because we really do not know exactly when it truly began.

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



### Southeast Wisconsin M2M2S Class at West Allis Masonic Center

Sixty-six new Master Masons are pictured following their Man-to-Mason-to-Shrine degrees at the West Allis Masonic Center on Saturday, April 29. Following their degrees they attended a reception at Tripoli Shrine in Milwaukee. Thirty-two Masons were initiated into Tripoli Shrine. At a similar event held March 25 at Zor Shrine in Madison, 32 candidates were brought to light in Masonry. Twenty of them, along with 20 others who were already Master Masons, went on to join Zor Shrine.

- Photo by Pat Storrs, District 10 Deputy

## Black River Lodge Observes 150th Year: Rededication Event Is Saturday, June 24

BLACK RIVER FALLS – Black River Lodge No. 74, of Black River Falls, Wisconsin, will celebrate its 150th Anniversary with a re-dedication of its building, followed by a dinner, on Saturday, June 24, 2006.

The rededication ceremony for the Lodge, which was built in 1914, will begin at 4:00 p.m. Lodge building located at 314 Main Street in Black River Falls. Many interesting items reflecting the Lodge's history will be on display.

Following the re-dedication of the Lodge there will be a delicious dinner at Skyline Golf Course, 612 N. 11th Street, Black River Falls. This milestone event will include remarks by past Worshipful Grand Master, Keith D. Chamberlain. Entertainment will be provided by vocalists Ms. Merle Thompson, and magician Kris Wrobel, will



Black River Lodge Features a new metal roof and refurbished lodge room. The lodge will be rededicated in a program June 24.

- Story and Photo by Bro. Ken Artis

appear (and, also, disappear). Dinner tickets cost \$20.00, and may be purchased in advance. Each person attending the dinner will receive a complementary, limited edition, wine glass, commemorating the event.

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Also, you may send your check, payable to Black River Lodge No. 74, to Ken Artis, P.O. Box 93, Black River Falls, WI 54615.

The deadline for purchasing tickets to this unique event is June 12. Your Brothers at Black River Lodge No. 74, look forward to sharing this event with you.

### Richland Lodge No. 66 Honors Three for Half-century of Life As Master Masons

RICHLAND CENTER – It has been announced that three members of Richland Lodge No. 66 reached the half-century mark in their journey in Masonry.

They are Brothers Billie Dean Braithwaite, Lyman Rubish and Arthur T. Spangler.

Bro. Billie Dean Braithwaite was raised on February 8, 1956. Bro. Lyman Rubish was raised a Master Mason on March 21 the same year. Art Spanger completed his Master Mason Degree one year earlier than the others, on May 18, 1955.

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### Keystone Lodge Funds Defibrillator for Hayward Fire Department

On behalf of Keystone Lodge, Master Travis Hand, right, presents a \$1,900 check to City of Hayward Fire Chief Robert Whyte to purchase an automatic external defibrillator for the fire department. Also participating in the presentation were Lodge Secretary John Sigafus and Project Chairman Allen Heinkel, left. - Photo by Terrell Boettcher

## Keystone Lodge Presents Defibrillator to City of Hayward Fire Department

HAYWARD – Keystone Masonic Lodge officers last week presented the City of Hayward Fire Department with \$1,900 to purchase an automatic external defibrillator (AED), which the department will carry along on its fire calls.

The AED was presented to Fire Chief Robert Whyte, who said it is “a critical piece of equipment that we

will use to protect our firefighters and the community. We are very appreciative of the donation and thank Keystone Lodge on behalf of the fire department and our community.”

The donation was made possible by a matching grant from the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation. Keystone Lodge has an ongoing project to raise money for matching funds

for this project by collecting used aluminum for recycling.

To date, the lodge has purchased four defibrillators for use in the Hayward community: The other three are at Hayward High School, Hayward Primary School and the Hayward Sports Center.

Note: This story first appeared in the April 12 Sawyer County Record.

### Wisconsin Masonic Charities Summary of Financial Gifts

For the period May 1, 2005 to April 30, 2006 [Grand Lodge Fiscal Year]

Fund Name	Gifts	Amount
<b>Grand Lodge F. &amp; A. M. of Wisconsin</b>		
Grand Lodge General Contribution	1	\$40.00
Totals for Charity	1	\$40.00
<b>Service &amp; Assistance</b>		
365 Club	234	\$8,669.10
Grand Master's Fall Appeal	2821	\$52,008.26
Ladies Appeal 2004	1	\$1,000.00
Service & Assistance General Fund	33	\$2,683.00
Totals for Charity	3089	\$64,360.36
<b>Wisconsin Masonic Foundation</b>		
WMF Perpetual Scholarship Fund	8	\$90,000.00
Home Endowment	11	\$143,220.00
Masonic Diagnostic Center Fund	2	\$46,877.97
Masonic Foundation General Fund	40	\$1,062,106.39
(Includes contribution from the Wilson C. Woods Trust)		
Masonic Medical Lodge Matching Fund	47	\$94,766.28
Masonic Medical Fund	12	\$9,662.00
Masonic Youth Fund	16	\$895.00
Matching Scholarship Fund	1	\$50.00
Service & Assistance Fund	1	\$18.00
Three Pillars Employee Scholarship	1	\$2,500.00
Totals for Charity: WMF	139	\$1,450,095.64
<b>Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc.</b>		
General Fund	28	\$188,795.64
Living Memorial Park	1	\$100.00
Masonic Health Care Center Fund	4	\$635.00
Building on a Vision Campaign	216	\$969,009.06
Riverside Lodge Program Fund	5	\$240.00
Three Pillars Park Future Fund	1	\$10.00
Totals for Charity: WMH, Inc.	255	\$1,158,789.70
<b>Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation, Inc.</b>		
Soccer Foundation Program Fund	13	\$3,880.00
Spring Appeal	91	\$2,251.00
Totals for Charity: WMSF	104	\$6,131.00
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##### Masonic Medical - Lodge Matching Grant

- Brown Deer Middle School for the purchase of a defibrillator for Brown Deer Middle School in partnership with Milwaukee Harmony Lodge No. 261

##### Masonic Youth Fund

- Mr. & Mrs. Carl Wussow in memory of Florence Gerlach

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# News of the Lodges

*Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin*



## 2006 Officers of Oshkosh Lodge No. 27

Officers pictured in the front row, left to right are: Tom Schilz, Senior Steward; Duane Pillar, Senior Deacon; PM Robert Staufer Jr., Treasurer; PM Rick Yell, Secretary.; Ron Montgomery, Junior Deacon; PM Clarence Schrader, Tiler. In the back row are: PM Lavern Zwirchitz, filling in for Larry Soderbeck, Chaplain; PM David Miles, Junior Warden; Donald Wood, Worshipful Master; and Kris Pillar, Senior Warden.



## Angel Fund Donation

George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351 donated a check for \$1,000 to the Masonic Angel Fund. Pictured from left to right are: Steve Lasure, Bill Amsdorf of Sanctuary Lodge No. 347, Treasurer Roger Bischoff and W.M. Gary Stang of No. 351, W.M. Don Olds, Andrew McKenzie, Dave Linderholm, and Greg O'Reilly of Sanctuary. All the members of Lodge No. 347 are part of the Eau Claire Masonic Angel Fund committee.

– Submitted by Masonic News Hawk Michael Meinke



## Three Generations of Liljanders are Masons

Joshua Liljander was raised to the Master Mason Degree on April 12, 2006 in George B. Wheeler Lodge No 351. From left to right are: Grandfather Neil Liljander, Grandson Joshua Liljander; and father Perry Liljander. All are members of George B. Wheeler Lodge 351.

– Submitted by Masonic News Hawk Roger A. Bischoff

## In Service to the Craft

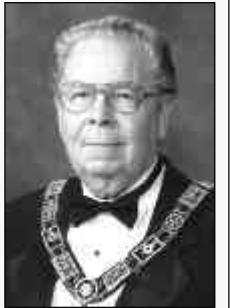
By Grand Chaplain Ray D. Heilborn

### Is Time a Friend – Or An Enemy?

One of the absolutes in life is time! We do not always know how we measure it, and often we puzzle about what to do with it. Individuals, corporations, governments and philosophers all confront time and each seems to have a different approach as to how one should deal with time.

This we do know for a fact: time keeps moving, at a steady, unrelenting pace, pausing for nothing and no one. As we contemplate this inevitable movement in and of life we must each consider our utilization of this particular and peculiar commodity

Are we being stewards of our time? Are we attempting to make the best possible use of it? Each individual, each corporation, each organization is allotted a very limited amount of time. We can either gain from what we have learned in the past or we can make the mistake of trying to relive the past and find ourselves moving either backward, or not at all. The past is our prologue. It is that upon which we build. It is that which has made us what we are.



Rev. Ray D. Heilborn  
Grand Chaplain

The present is our gift upon which we construct our hopes, dreams, and realities of the future. For those of us who have lived many decades, time is both a friend and an enemy.

It is a friend because it has given us what we have; it has made us what we are. It is an enemy because it can come to an end so soon. But it does us no good to dwell on what has been, or what might have been, because the NOW is where we are. What is most important about our use of time is not what we once did with it, but rather what we are going to do with each moment given to us in the future.

What we should realize is that summer is upon us, fall is coming, and a winter follows as it has done for eons, and will continue to do even when we have no part of it. But what of those coming behind us? What are we giving, or what are we leaving that will be lasting?

What is to be our contribution to the inevitable future? Are we going to continue to hang stubbornly onto the old because it is that with which we have become comfortable? Or are we going to attempt to leave a new, better, more lasting and perhaps more sensible legacy than that which was left for us?

We are given only one chance to make a life count, only one true opportunity to accomplish something for which we will be remembered.

My brothers and my friends, what will be our legacy to those to whom we pass the reins of leadership?



## Quincy Lodge No. 71 Honors 40-year Member

The brothers of Quincy Lodge No. 71, Friendship, were hosts at a recent table lodge with 35 guests in attendance. The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin's Jr. Grand Warden, Dr. John W. Wilke of Evansville, was the guest speaker. Part of the ceremonies for the evening included honoring Past Master Duane Polivka as he celebrates 40 years as a Brother of Quincy Lodge. Pictured are Bro. Duane Polivka, Bro. John Wilke, and the Master of Quincy Lodge, Bro. Jeffrey Marquardt.



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# YORK RITE NEWS

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## Seven New Royal Arch Companions in Oshkosh

Pictured are seven new Royal Arch Masons that were exalted on May 2, 2006 at the Oshkosh Masonic Center. The Most Excellent Master and the Royal Arch Degree were conferred on this night with the other degrees being done on a previous date. The new members in the front row from, left to right, are Tom Schiltz, Joseph Jakubicz, and Mark LaChance. In the top row from left to right are Robert Larsen, Jerry Smerling, Travis Lehrer, and Mark Johnson.



## Southwest Wisconsin Degree Festival

York Rite Masonry is alive with growth and growing strong in the southwest area of our state. These Companions received their Chapter of Royal Arch Mason Degrees on Saturday, April 22, at the Evansville Masonic Center. The Southwest York Rite Association hosted the degree festival for our fellow brother Masons that attended and completed their degree work and requirements for their membership as Royal Arch Masons in Ancient Craft Masonry, York Rite Masonry. We congratulate them and wish to thank them for seeking further Masonic light and fulfillment in their Masonic journey.

— Public Relations Chairman, Lawrence A. Catellier Grand Generalissimo Grand Commandery



## McKinley, Kilbourn & Port R.A.M. Chapters Honor Past High Priests, 25- and 50-year Members

The Annual Spring Banquet sponsored by McKinley Chapter No. 102, Kilbourn Chapter No. 1 and Port Washington Chapter No. 98, Royal Arch Masons, was held at the Quilted Bear this year. Honored were Past and Present High Priests and those who have been members for 25 and 50 years. Most Excellent Grand High Priest Brian J. Hudy was present and made the presentations. There were a total of 55 Companions and ladies present for the dinner. In the picture above, right, are: Companions: Jack Schmitt, Frank Burany and Most Excellent Grand High Priest Brian Hudy. In the picture top left are: Companions: Donald Christiansen, Lawrence Smith 25 year members and Grand High Priest Hudy.

## 2006 Wisconsin Grand York Rite Sessions

Right Eminent North Central Department Commander, James N. Kamegiss of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., will be the Official Representative of Grand Master Kenneth S. Fischer at the 148th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of the State of Wisconsin being held at the Regency Suites Convention Center in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Grand Commander Charles D. Kolbe will preside over the sessions which will include Grand Commandery business, plans and projects for the coming year, and the election of officers.

Many of our fellow Companions, Sir Knights and their Ladies from other states will be in attendance and visiting for our Grand Sessions. We extend to them our hospitality and wish them a pleasant experience on their visit to the State of Wisconsin.

Public Relations Chairman,  
Lawrence A. Catellier Grand Generalissimo Grand Commandery



## We Appreciate Our Ladies

Yvette Presnell (pictured above, left) and Kathy Adams (picture above, right) receive the Grand Commander's award and recognition for their assistance and dedication to their local Commanderies of Knights Templars. We the Sir Knights of the State of Wisconsin, would not be able to perform our duties without you. Our Sincere Thank's!

## Southwest Wisconsin York Rite Association

### — Important Dates to Remember —

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|--------------|--|
| June 2-3     | GRAND LODGE at Madison Masonic Center.   |
| June 1-3     | IOWA Grand York Rite Sessions, Sioux City, IA.   |
| June 10      | Southwest Festival of the Commandery, Order's Red Cross & Malta and Order of the Temple at 9 a.m. start time at Janesville Masonic Center. |
| June 14-17   | Grand York Rite Sessions, Regency Hotel, Green Bay, WI   |
| June 24      | MINNESOTA Grand Commandery Conclave, Willmar, MN   |
| June 29      | Southwest Wisconsin York Rite Association Membership Meeting At Baraboo Masonic Center.  |
| July 29      | ILLINOIS Grand Conclave, Springfield, IL   |
| August 25-26 | MICHIGAN Grand York Rite Sessions, Grand Rapids, MI  |
| August 31    | Southwest Wisconsin York Rite Association Membership Meeting at Milton Masonic Center.   |

## Wisconsin Annual Grand York Rite Sessions

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## Send In Your Activities!

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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!

# News of the Lodges

*Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin*



## Richland Lodge No. 66 Honors Past Masters

Richland Lodge No. 66 held a Past Masters' night on Wednesday, April 5, 2006. Twenty-one Brothers were in attendance for the occasion. Pictured are the fourteen Brothers who were honored as past or current Masters; they were Masters at Richland Lodge No. 66 unless indicated otherwise. Front row, left to right: Steve Hansen (Franklin Lodge Franklin Lodge No. 16, Lone Rock), 2004, 2005, 2006; Steve Davis, 2000, 2001; Howard Hansen, 1953; Milt Schott, 2006; Fuzz Spangler, 1980, 1993, 2002; Bernal Coy, 1959. Row two, left to right: John Gamer, 1989; Harold McDonough (Union Lodge No. 32, Evansville), 1980, 1981; Bill Jewell, 1958, 1991; Jim Jewell, 1983, 1994; Brent Clausius, 2005; Phil McNamer (Former Viola Lodge No. 257), 1956; Keith Chamberlain, 1988, 2003, and Past Grand Master 2005; Fred Robinson (Victory Lodge No. 320, Cedarburg), 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005. Bernard Repsumer, our eldest Past Master at age 95, was unable to attend. Brother Repsumer was Master in 1945.



## Brothers Rezin & Rabe Honored at Tomah

Worshipful Master Harry Smith of Tomah Lodge No. 132, presented Brothers Dave Rezin, left, and Bill Rabe, right, with 50-year certificates on May 4, when the members of Tomah Lodge held a Friends and Recognition night. Grand Orator Franklin Struble spoke to the group.

– Submitted by Tomah Masonic News Hawk Steve Hanson



## 2006 Officers for Forest Lodge No.130 of Wausau

Officers pictured in the front row from left to right are: Anthony Fondell, Sr. Warden; Kurt Lis, Worshipful Master; and Thomas Driscoll, Jr. Warden. Second Row from left to right: Harlyn Woodward, Jr. Deacon; Dan Leider, Chaplain; Theodore Goeden, Secretary/Treasurer. Back row: Peter Rotter, Sr. Deacon; Patrick Hancock, Tiler; Quince Graveen, Sr. Steward; and Roger Hancock, Jr. Steward. Installing Officer was PGM Michael DeWolf, and Installing Marshall was Richard Reilly.

– Submitted by Masonic News Hawk Bruce R. Beyreis



## H. S. Baird Lodge Member & Family Visit Mason's Village in Dorset, England

Peter Wyatt, a member of Henry S. Baird lodge No. 174 in Sturgeon Bay, and his wife Victoria have just returned from a visit to Corfe Castle Village in Dorset, England, a village that owes its very existence to the art of masonry. The masons of this village cut local granite for their own homes and many other homes and castles throughout England. This includes the famous "Corfe Castle" which is located nearby. Corfe Castle was destroyed by Oliver Cromwell and left derelict to this day. Wyatt took many photos of the Castle, cottages and dry stone walls in the area that still stand in testament of the craft of the operative masons there.

– Submitted by Masonic News Hawk Peter L. Wyatt

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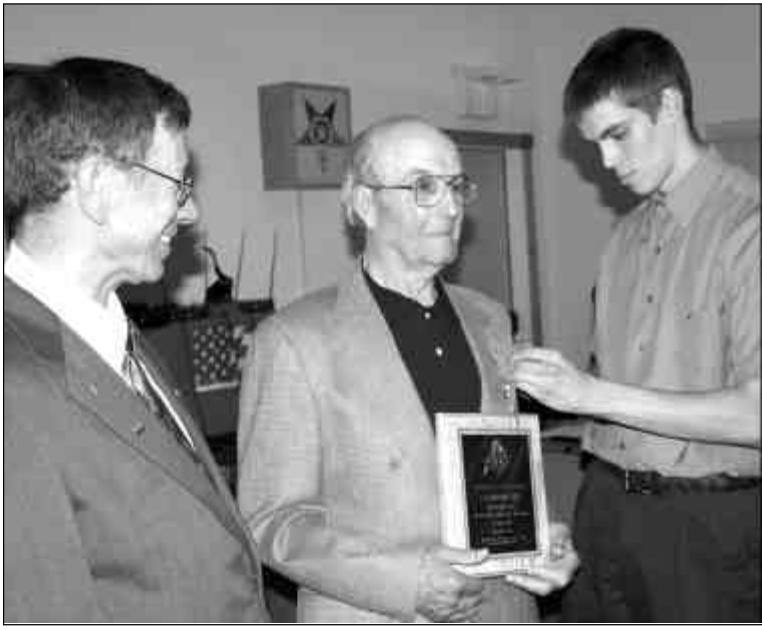
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# News of the Lodges

Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin



## Clarence Hofmeister is Hancock Mason of the Year

Brother Clarence Hofmeister, Hancock Lodge, receives his Mason of the Year pin from Grandson Brett during a member appreciation evening May 12 as Brother Dan Fischer, left, looks on. - Milt Helmer Photo

## Hancock Lodge Names Mason of the Year – Star Names ‘Shining Star’

By Bro. Milt Helmer  
Hancock Lodge News Hawk

ELLSWORTH – You could tell it was going to be a special evening the moment the capacity crowd arrived at the Ellsworth Masonic Center on the evening of Friday, May 12.

It was the one evening out of the year that the Masons and members of the Eastern Star Chapter celebrated members who have given to not only to their craft, but also to the community they serve.

The evening began with a social hour and silent auction, with bidding on everything from unusual gift items to prints, trees, & back dirt to Florida condos. The auction raised money for the lodge to seal and stripe their parking lot.

After an excellent banquet expertly prepared by Sandee Finstad and her staff from Hinck's Economart, everyone reconvened in the lodge room to recognize their own.

Jan Quinn Worthy Matron and Gary Waltz, Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star Chapter held a moment of silence for the members who were lost during the year. Worthy Matron Quinn commented on their valued relationships with their Masonic brothers and thanked all the members whom she considered shining stars. Dan Fischer announced the Masonic brothers who are no longer with us.

Jean Krauss was honored as the Chapter's "Shining Star" and was presented a special gift from Jan Quinn for her outstanding work with publicity and the bylaws.

The evening was hosted by Hancock Lodge Junior Warden Dan Fischer. He introduced Past Master Milt Helmer, who with the help of Jan Quinn, introduced the brothers who have been members for 50, 40 and 25 years. Dale Schumaker received his 50-year pin, card and certificate, while John Dodge, Phil Hovde, Loren Johnson and Jim Kenall all received certificates, pins and card noting their 40 years of membership. Twenty five-year members so honored were: Robert Fenske, Rolland Krauss, Larry Larrabee, John Marko, Robert W. Nelson, Bruce Scott, Dave Sorenson, Jim Swanson and Les Webster. Krauss, Larrabee, Nelson and Scott were present to receive their awards.

Fischer introduced River Falls Lodge Past Master Mike Elliott and a

delegation from River Falls Lodge No. 109 to present a special appreciation award to Milt Helmer in honor of his work on the River Falls Trestle-board.

Other members present for the presentation were Darl Hoffman, Jim Wolfe, and Oscar Kilij. The group presented Helmer with a special engraved desk clock.

Before the presentation of the Mason of the Year, Brother Fischer introduced Worshipful Master Charlie Webster. He treated the crowd to some stories, followed by a couple choice stories from Past Master Dennis Donate. Both were greeted with hearty applause and laughter.

After Brother Fischer finished, the successful bidders in the silent auction were announced by Past Master Dennis Donate. The stage was set for the real reason for the evening.

Dan Fischer, in his introduction of the Mason of the Year, cited a story from his youth. Back when he was just a lad of 6 his father suffered a serious head injury while farming. As Dan says, "my dad was hospitalized for a long period of time; friends and neighbors stepped up to help us out, but one incident is frozen in my memory. One day a big red truck lumbered up the drive and a man went from tractor to tractor filling the tanks. That man returned once again a week later and did the same thing. Our family never saw a bill for that fuel."

According to Fischer, this is just one example of the humanitarianism displayed by Clarence "CM" Hofmeister. Fischer went on to say that Hofmeister has been instrumental in bringing 25 new members into his lodge over the past five years. He also served as Master and holds a ritual proficiency card.

With that, Clarence Hofmeister became the 2006 recipient of the Mason of the Year award. After the presentation, his grandson Brett Hofmeister came forward to pin the Mason of the Year pin on his grandfather, an extremely proud moment for the entire Hofmeister family, who were all present for the occasion.

In accepting the award, Hofmeister, who is always thinking of others, called Senior Warden Rick Swan to come forward. Hofmeister shook Swan's hand and said, "this is the comeback Mason of the Year." Swan, who suffered from Hodgkin's Lymphoma this past year, is recovering from therapy and is back at his station after taking a year off.

In closing, emcee Fischer thanked all involved in the special evening. A special thanks goes to JoJo's Jewelry for donating the engraved plaque.



## West Allis Sign Dedication Ceremony

MGM Roger Magoon conducted a dedication ceremony for Daylite Lodge No. 358 recently. The outdoor sign is in memory of Brother Carl Losse. Pictured left to right are Dennis Miles, WM of West Allis Lodge No. 291, Grand Master Magoon, and C. D. Peterson, WM of Daylite Lodge No. 358. - Submitted by Earl Davison, West Allis Lodge No. 291



## Orville Swain Honored For Salvation Army Work

On March 13, 2006, Waukesha Lodge No. 37 member Orville Swain was presented with a plaque by Captain Daniel founders of the Waukesha Corps of the Salvation Army. Captain founders honored Brother Swain for his 38 years of dedicated volunteer service. Captain founders informed those assembled that during Christmas of 2005 Orville collected the most money from any one kettle in the Waukesha area for a total of \$6,294.78. The Salvation Army had estimated that in his 38 years of bell ringing, Orville has raised approximately \$190,000.

- Submitted by Earl Davison  
West Allis Lodge No. 291



## A Grand Dance

Megan Engbring, Past Honored Queen of Job's Daughters Bethel No. 44, Sun Prairie, danced with Most Worshipful Grand Master Roger Magoon April 8 at the Job's Daughters annual Waukesha County Ball. Since Megan Engbring's father wasn't at the dance Grand Master Roger Magoon stepped in for her father.

- Submitted by Ted Erickson,  
Associate Grand Guardian.



## Burt Hamm Is Newest Hancock Lodge Member

The members of Hancock Lodge No. 229, Ellsworth, recently raised a new member to the Degree of Master Mason. Shown are some of the lodge members who participated in the degree work. Pictured left to right is Brother Al Krause, who served as Worshipful Master for the first section of the degree. Next is Burt Hamm who received his Third Degree, and then Gary Waltz, who officiated in the second section and Hancock Lodge Worshipful Master Charlie Webster.

- Photo by Masonic News Hawk Milt Helmer

## Youth In Masonry



## Doric DeMolay Holds Spring Cleaning

On April 22, Doric Chapter joined forces to help clean up the Kinnickinnic River Parkway in Milwaukee as a community service project. Chapter volunteers worked collecting shopping carts, guardrails and other debris totaling approximately 1100 lbs! Afterwards, they were treated to hot dogs and hamburgers for their efforts. Pictured from left to right: Alex Bronek, Dad Aaron Gretencord, Haden Nerone, Dad Scott Kaczor and Greg Thompson, MC.

E-mail your submissions to <wmjedit@sbcglobal.net>  
The Wisconsin Masonic Journal, William L. Stonecipher, Editor

## Compass Point facility offers catered living with style...



### In the Holz Pavilion

Brother Don Jackson (above, seated at left) enjoyed the ambience at the reception in the Holz Pavilion following the new Compass Point Catered Living residential apartment complex ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, May 13. Brother Jackson recently moved to the Three Pillars Dousman campus from Mason-Woods in Cecil.

### Grand Officers Cut

Grand Lodge of Wisconsin officers present at the Compass Point grand opening ceremonies got their chance to have their pictures taken with Grand Master Magoon taking a cut at the ribbon with the giant sheers provided for the event (at right). Pictured are Craig Campbell, Sr. Grand Deacon; Jim Hays, Grand Treasurer; the Grand Master; Pat Storrs, District 10 Deputy; and Emmett Reilly, District 8 Deputy.

### Compass Point Common Room & Chapel Area

Compass Point Catered Senior Living residents Henry Hanson, Isabel Wray, John C. Maas, Jr., and Arlene Heina (left to right, below) were among those who attended the ribbon cutting, open house and reception. This room serves as a multi-purpose gathering place for meetings, presentations and group recreational activities. Religious services are also held there. The colorful stained glass Masonic motif windows were removed from the second floor chapel in the Wisconsin Masonic Home and reinstalled there. A chapel area remains permanently available for resident and family meditation.



### Compass Point Aviary

Marlene Magoon admires one of the yellow canaries in the aviary at Compass Point. Her just-completed Ladies Appeal raised funds to help pay for the attractive bird habitat. It is located in the corner of a hallway on the first level. Grand Master Magoon and his lady Marlene counted at least four pairs of love birds in addition to the canaries. Nests are visible at right, top.



### Testimonial Gift from GL Officers

After a hectic year as Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, brother Roger Magoon plans on making good use of the fish locator he received as a gift from his corps of grand officers this year. He also received an electric trolling motor, which the Grand Master said he would be trying out on Lake Winnebago right after Annual Communication. Marlene Magoon is at right. Junior Grand Warden John Wilke (left) made the presentation on behalf of all the officers.



### Signed by All

(Below) Job's Daughters Grand Bethel Honored Queen Abbey Schwartz, Bethel 7, Brookfield, added her signature to those of other guests to the Grand Master's bible, the same one used for his installation.



### 'To The Line'

Brother Dick Endres, serving as table two steward, filled the toasting glass of Valerie Bales 'to the line' in preparation for the next toast at the Grand Master's Testimonial Dinner and Table Lodge.

### In honor of those who serve:

"At the request of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, This evening we pay tribute to the women and men of our armed forces, our ladies and our Most Worshipful Grand Master Roger Magoon."

"As you entered the banquet room this evening, you may have noticed this small table set for one. Allow me to explain. The military is steeped in tradition and symbolism. One of these traditions requires this simple ceremony whenever members of the military formally dine together. This is our way of symbolizing the fact that the members of our profession of arms are missing from our midst. They are commonly referred to as POWs/MIAs; as well as those who are, at this very moment, in harms way. We call them comrades; they are unable to be with us and we remember them.

"The table is small, symbolizing the frailty of one alone against oppressors. The tablecloth is white, symbolizing the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms. The single rose reminds us of the families and loved ones of our comrades who keep faith awaiting their return. This red ribbon around the vase is reminiscent of the red ribbon worn upon the lapels and breast of thousands who bear witness to the unyielding determination to demand a proper accounting of the missing.

"The slice of lemon on the plate reminds us of the bitter fate. The salt on the plate is symbolic of the tears shed by those who wait. The glass inverted; for they cannot toast with us this day. The chair empty; for they are not here.

"The rose signifies the level of relationship between two people. A white rose stands for purity, a yellow rose for jealousy, and the red rose is for love. The white candle burns for those Mason's Ladies of the past, who have been called to follow the path to a far off country, from which no one ever returns. The flame burns brightly for them to be remembered, especially on this night."



### Masters of the Ceremonies

Appleton Lodge No. 349 officers Gene Reece, Jr., Worshipful Master (right) and Dave Wade, Sr. Warden, ably conducted the Table Lodge in honor of their brother, Grand Master Roger Magoon. About 150 attended the event which was held at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton.

Where Your Opinion Counts:

## The Reader's Forum

The following letter was submitted by Glenn S. Dawson, member of Crandon Lodge No. 287.

May 2, 2006

Re: A rebuttal to Grand Chaplain Ray D. Heilborn's column in the May issue, 'More About Doubt.'

To: Grand Chaplain, Reverend Ray D. Heilborn:

I read your article, 'More About Doubt,' in the May issue of Wisconsin Masonic Journal.

You say that you are amazed that people read what you write! When you write in The Wisconsin Masonic Journal, representing the office of Grand Chaplain, members are interested in what you have to say. Too bad you use secular writers and ideas rather than quoting the Holy Word which would be consistent with your office as Grand Chaplain; as well as those who hold the position as 'Reverend.' Masons would benefit from your column if you did not further enlarge upon your theme of doubt. The 'world' expounds on doubt and the absent of absolutes all the time.

It is interesting that you quote secular writers that agree with your line of thinking. For example; Bertrand Russell who wrote "Essays in Skepticism," writes, "I believe doubt is the key to learning."

Then Wilson Mizner, who says, "Doubt is what gets you an educa-

tion." Most of us know that you can find someone that will back up your doubts and thoughts.

Many Masons and brothers of faith believe that the Holy Word teaches man that there are ways to expel doubt and have absolutes in our lives to motivate and encourage us toward being a complete person and better educated. Having faith in one's ability to succeed has always been better than having doubts. These are some of the foundational principals of Free Masons.

You state, "it is doubt that drives us to our knees in search of a personal god because in our deepest doubt we are always seeking for a certainty." Doubt does not drive us to our knees to seek God. The Holy Bible teaches that 'nothing can satisfy the need, but that which created it.' This need for a God drives us to our knees.

You further state, "We should come to the knowledge that it is in doubt that our faith is grounded." As a man of 'the clothe,' I believe you know better than that! I suggest you spend time reading and quoting the Holy Bible for your column. Faith is taught and encouraged in the Holy Bible and is focused on Him who created us and is able to sustain and 'ground us' in all matters.

I am suggesting the following scriptures for your review. If you doubt regarding your faith, searching for knowledge, then look at these, He

who is the author and finisher of faith:

Faith is the substance of things hoped for. Heb 11:1. Is the evidence of things not seen. Heb 11:1. Commanded. Mt 11:22; 1Jo 3:23. The objects of faith, are; [1]God. John 14:1.— [2] Christ. John 6:29; Ac 20:21. [3] Writings of Moses. John 5:46; Ac 24:14. [4] Writings of the prophets. 2Ch 20:20; Ac 26:27.— [5] The gospel. Mr 1:15. [6] Promises of God. Ro 4:21; Heb 11:13. These are a few of the 'faith' scriptures in the Holy Word. I pray that they might help your doubts and influence your writing in The Wisconsin Masonic Journal.

In your article you address the difference between and 'educated faith' and 'an emotional faith'. I trust that when you refer to an emotional faith that the 'single incident' as a result of a 'single experience' at a 'specific time' under a certain set of circumstances, you are not referring to the 'bom again experience' that all Christians hold too! If you are referring to this experience, then your statement becomes very offensive to all Christians.

In closing, I would say to all who have doubts, do not be afraid of doubt. Search the Holy Bible to resolve doubts and absolute issues that have been presented in the writings of Rev. Ray D. Heilborn, Grand Chaplain of Wisconsin.

**About the Reader's Forum** – We welcome submissions from our readers. They should be the opinion of the author and pertain to current matters of interest to members of the Fraternity in Wisconsin. To be considered for publication, submissions should be limited to one subject, be signed by the author and carry their name, address, phone number and e-mail. Submissions will appear as space permits. The editor reserves the right to edit submissions for length, grammar and syntax. Submissions may be sent by e-mail to the Editor at <wmjedit@sbcglobal.net>

### Statement on Freemasonry and Religion

Prepared by the Masonic Information Center of  
The Masonic Service Association of North America

**Basic Principles.** Freemasonry is not a religion, nor is it a substitute for religion. It requires of its members a belief in God as part of the obligation of every responsible adult, but advocates no sectarian faith or practice. Masonic ceremonies include prayers, both traditional and extempore, to reaffirm each individual's dependence on God and to seek divine guidance. Freemasonry is open to men of any faith, but religion may not be discussed at Masonic meetings.

**The Supreme Being.** Masons believe that there is one God and that people employ many different ways to seek, and to express what they know of God. Masonry primarily uses the appellation, "Grand Architect of the Universe," and other non-sectarian titles, to address the Deity. In this way, persons of different faiths may join together in prayer, concentrating on God, rather than differences among themselves. Masonry believes in religious freedom and that the relationship between the individual and God is personal, private, and sacred.

**Volume of the Sacred Law.** An open volume of the Sacred Law, "the rule and guide of life," is an essential part of every Masonic meeting. The Volume of the Sacred Law in the Judeo/Christian tradition is the Bible; to Freemasons of other faiths, it is the book held holy by them.

**The Oath of Freemasonry.** The obligations taken by Freemasons are sworn on the Volume of the Sacred Law. They are undertakings to follow the principles of Freemasonry and to keep confidential a Freemason's means of recognition. The much discussed "penalties," judicial remnants from an earlier era, are symbolic, not literal. They refer only to the pain any honest man should feel at the thought of violating his word.

**Freemasonry Compared With Religion.** Freemasonry lacks the basic elements of religion: (a) It has no dogma or theology, no wish or means to enforce religious orthodoxy. (b) It offers no sacraments. (c) It does not claim to lead to salvation by works, by secret knowledge, or by any other means. The secrets of Freemasonry are concerned with modes of recognition, not with the means of salvation.

**Freemasonry Supports Religion.** Freemasonry is far from indifferent toward religion. Without interfering in religious practice, it expects each member to follow his own faith and to place his Duty to God above all other duties. Its moral teachings are acceptable to all religions.

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## Quarry Notes

William L. Stonecipher, Editor

• **The Lesson of Six Missed Notes** – Brother Robert Koepsel, Master of Chippewa Falls Lodge, retold the following story, "Six Missed Notes," in the May edition of the Chippewa Falls Masonic Center Trestle Board:

"I apologize for missing occasional meetings during the spring. It is the season for me to judge music festivals, a task I greatly love.

"More than fifty years ago, I was a high school senior about to play my last and biggest solo in competition prior to graduating. I already had planned on a music education major in college, and therefore, dearly wanted a 1\* rating on my final work.

"Near the end of this long and demanding piece, I either tired or panicked and missed six notes in a row. My disgust must have shown because the judge said: 'Do you think I'm going to forget pages of excellent work just because you panicked? I judge students by what they do, not on what they don't do.' An hour later my 1\* (rating) was posted!

"I have tried to live my teaching life, and judging life, by that tenet. I don't know if the judge was a Mason, but with values like that, he may well have been.

"Let's remember what people do, not their omissions."

• **Relations With The Roman Catholic Church** – The March issue of "Focus," the Masonic Information Center publication a communication of the Masonic Service Association of North America, noted that the MIC receives many inquiries as to the relationship between Freemasonry and the Roman Catholic Church. The MIC published the following statement which appeared in a recent "Vatican Bulletin," and it remains in effect at this time:

### Sacred Congregation For The Doctrine of The Faith Declaration On Masonic Associations

It has been asked whether there has been any change in the Church's decision in regard to Masonic associations since the new Code of Canon Law does not mention them expressly, unlike the previous Code.

This Sacred Congregation is in a position to reply that this circumstance is due to an editorial criterion which was followed also in the case of other associations likewise unmentioned inasmuch as they are contained in wider categories.

Therefore the Church's negative judgment in regard to Masonic associations remains unchanged since their principles have always been considered irreconcilable with the doctrine of the Church and therefore membership in them remains forbidden. The faithful who enroll in Masonic associations are in a state of grave sin and may not receive Holy Communion.

It is not within the competence of local ecclesiastical authorities to give a judgment on the nature of Masonic associations which would imply a derogation from what has been decided above, and this in line with the Declaration of this Sacred Congregation issued on 17 February 1981 (cf. AAS 73 (1981) pp. 240-241) (Published in English language edition of *L'Osservatore Romano*, 9 March 1981. Editor's note).

In an audience granted to the undersigned Cardinal Prefect, the Supreme Pontiff, John Paul II, approved and ordered the publication of this Declaration which had been decided in an ordinary meeting of the Sacred Congregation.

Rome, from the Office of the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 26 November 1983.

Joseph (Card.) Ratzinger, Prefect

Fr. Jerome Hamer, O.P Titular Archbishop of Lorium, Secretary

• **Getting the Facts Straight** – In order to provide an accurate and concise explanation of the Fraternity's position as it relates to the religious practices and beliefs of itself as an organization, and the beliefs of individual members, The Masonic Information Center of The Masonic Service Association of North America prepared a "Statement on Freemasonry and Religion." For your convenience, this statement is reproduced at left.

This statement can be found on the MSANA website at <<http://www.msana.com>>. Go to the Masonic Information Center heading and search for the Statement on Freemasonry and Religion.

This statement, or one very similar to it, has been widely used by Masonic jurisdictions nationwide to make clear the Fraternity's position vis a vis the question of whether or not Freemasonry is a religion, as some anti-Masons assert it is. **umj**



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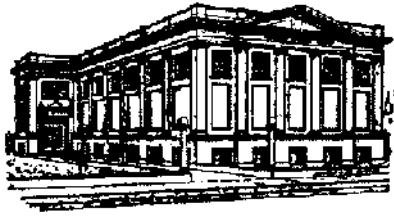


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### If you don't know, ask!

Brethren, if you have questions about some aspect of the ritual in degree work, and do not have a proficiency man or ritualist in your lodge, please do not hesitate to contact your District Lecturer. If you do not know who that might be or how to get in touch with him, your Area Administrator or District Deputy will know.



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<p><b>Baraboo</b> Baraboo Lodge No. 34 108 Second Ave. • 608-356-6739 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Chetek</b> Chetek Lodge No. 277 216 Morrison St. • 715-296-5537 (Sec) Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark June, July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Fond du Lac</b> Fond du Lac Lodge No. 26 500 W. Arndt St. • 920-922-5800 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July and August</p>	<p><b>Ladysmith</b> Mystic Tie Lodge No. 280 705 E. 3rd St. N. • 715-532-7696 (Sec) Meets 1st &amp; 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Meets All Year</p>	<p><b>Milwaukee</b> Damascus Lodge No. 290 1235 E. Howard Ave. • 414-421-9624 (Sec) • Dinner 6 p.m., Lodge 7 p.m. • 2nd &amp; 4th Tues. • Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Oconomowoc</b> Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge 42 307 N. Lake Road • 608-527-9898 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>
<p><b>Barnes</b> Barnes Lodge No. 365 City, Hwy. N • 715-372-4957 (Sec) Meet 2nd Tues. - 4th Tues. in June only 7 p.m. Dark Jan., Feb. &amp; March</p>	<p><b>Chippewa Falls</b> Chippewa Falls Lodge No. 176 650 Bridgewater Ave. • 715-723-6341 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Frederic</b> Landmark Lodge No. 244 109 United Way • 715-327-8963 Meets 2nd Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Meets All Year</p>	<p><b>Lake Geneva</b> Geneva Lodge No. 44 335 S. Lakeshore Dr. • 262-248-9900 Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Milwaukee</b> Freemasons Lodge No. 363 790 N. Van Buren St. • 414-425-5166 Meets 1st Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Oconto</b> Pine Lodge No. 188 513 Superior Ave. • 920-378-5427 Meet 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Dark June, July &amp; August</p>
<p><b>Barneveld</b> Barneveld Lodge No. 319 108 S. Jones St. • 414-758-0512 (Sec) Meet 2nd Tuesdays only, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Clear Lake</b> Clear Lake Lodge No. 230 411 Third Ave. • 715-263-3033 Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Monday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Friendship</b> Quincy Lodge No. 71 210 Main St. • 608-564-7144 (Sec) Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Linden</b> Linden Lodge No. 206 618 Main St. • 608-623-2498 (Sec) Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Milwaukee</b> James M. Hays Lodge No. 331 790 N. Van Buren • 414-774-0366 (Sec) Meet 1st Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Onalaska</b> Onalaska Lodge No. 214 330 Main Street • 608-783-5606 (Sec) Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark January &amp; February</p>
<p><b>Bayfield</b> Bayfield-Washburn Lodge No. 215 29 N. 2nd Street • 715-779-3174 (Sec) Meets Monthly, 1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Meets All Year</p>	<p><b>Columbus</b> Columbus Lodge No. 75 318 N. Ludington St. • 920-623-9464 (WM) • Meet 2n Monday, 7 p.m. Dark June, July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Galesville</b> Decora Lodge No. 177 16794 S. Main St. • 608-582-4130 (Sec) Meets 1st &amp; 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Lodi</b> Lodi Valley Lodge No. 99 114 First St. • 608-592-4392 (Sec) Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Milwaukee</b> Lafayette Lodge No. 265 4315 N. 92nd St. • 414-4357-5449 Meets 1st &amp; 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Oregon</b> Oregon Lodge No. 151 210 Park St. • 608-835-9236 Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>
<p><b>Beaver Dam</b> Dodge County Lodge No. 72 Best Western Campus Inn Motor Lodge 815 Park Ave. • 920-887-2530 Meet 3rd Monday, 7 p.m. - Meet All Year</p>	<p><b>Crandon</b> Crandon Lodge No. 287 211 S. Lake Ave. • 715-478-2797 (Sec) Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark June, July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Grafton</b> Victory Lodge No. 320 1645 Highland Dr. #2 • 262-376-9619 Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark June -August</p>	<p><b>Madison</b> Commonwealth Lodge No. 325 301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-0793 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark June, July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Milwaukee</b> Excelsior Lodge No. 175 1235 E. Howard Ave. • 414-744-4609 Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Mondays, 7 p.m. Dark July and August</p>	<p><b>Oshkosh</b> Oshkosh Lodge No. 27 204 Washington Ave. • 920-231-3410 Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>
<p><b>Beloit</b> Morning Star Lodge No. 10 229 W. Grand Ave. • 608-362-6073 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. 1st Wed. only in July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Crivitz</b> Tri-County Daylite Lodge No. 218 918 Louisa St. • 715-854-3088 Meet 2nd Wednesdays 10 a.m. Dark January &amp; February</p>	<p><b>Green Bay</b> Des Peres Lodge No. 85 525 N. Taylor • 920-499-7265 Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Madison</b> Doric Lodge No. 356 6002 Cottage Grove Rd. 608-222-6166 • Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m. • Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Milwaukee</b> Lake Lodge No. 189 1235 E. Howard Ave. • 414-744-4609 Meet Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Owen</b> Owen Lodge No. 317 707 W. Third St. • 715-229-2832 (Sec.) Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>
<p><b>Berlin</b> Berlin Lodge No. 38 124 E. Huron St. • 920-361-0810 (Sec) Meets 7 p.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Thurs. Jan. - Oct., and at 7 p.m. 2nd Thursday only, Nov. &amp; Dec. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Darlington</b> Evening Star Lodge No. 64 433 Wells St. • 608-776-4213 (Sec) Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Green Bay</b> N.E.W. Daylite Lodge No. 360 535 N. Taylor St. • 920-499-7265 Meet 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Madison</b> Four Lakes Daylite Lodge No. 362 301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-2351 Meet 1st Mondays, 10 a.m. (except Sept. 2nd Monday) Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Milwaukee</b> Nathan Hale Lodge No. 350 790 N. Van Buren • 262-522-9872 (Sec) Meet 1st Thursday, 7 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Palmyra</b> Palmyra Lodge No. 68 125 N. 3 St. • 262-495-4887 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark January &amp; February</p>
<p><b>Black Earth</b> Crescent Valley Lodge No. 97 1020 Mills St. • 608-795-4484 (Sec) Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Delavan</b> Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12 1007 S. Second St. • 262-728-4237 (Sec) Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Monday, 7 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Green Bay</b> Theodore Roosevelt Lodge 322 525 N. Taylor St. • 920-490-9777 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Madison</b> Hiram Lodge No. 50 310 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-0793 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark 1st Mondays, July - Labor Day</p>	<p><b>Milwaukee</b> Mineral Point Lodge No. 1 310 High St. • 608-987-3396 (Sec) Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Park Falls</b> Park Falls Lodge No. 300 521 N. 2nd Ave. • 715-762-4043 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark June, July &amp; August</p>
<p><b>Black River Falls</b> Black River Lodge No. 74 314 Main St. • 715-284-2234 Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Dodgeville</b> Dodgeville Lodge No. 119 200-206 W. Chapel St. • 608-935-3548 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Green Bay</b> Washington Lodge No. 21 525 N. Taylor St. • 920-494-5205 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Madison</b> Madison Lodge No. 5 301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-0793 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Meet 1st Thursday July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Minocqua</b> Island City Lodge No. 330 7529 Hwy 51 South • 715-356-5678 (Sec.) • Meet 1st Wednesday, 10 a.m. Meets all year</p>	<p><b>Pewaukee</b> Pewaukee Lodge No. 246 126 Main St. • 262-691-9917 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark June, July &amp; August</p>
<p><b>Bloomer</b> Bloomer Lodge No. 281 2122 16th Ave. • 715-568-5152 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Dark January &amp; February</p>	<p><b>Dousman</b> Dousman Lodge No. 315 214 Main St. • 262-593-2647 (Sec) Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Hartford</b> Hartford Lodge No. 120 147 N. Rural St. • 262-673-2074 (Sec) Meet 2nd Monday, 7 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Manitowoc</b> Manitowoc Lodge No. 65 810 Chicago St. • 920-684-4334 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Mondovi</b> Mondovi Lodge No. 252 245 S. Franklin. • 715-926-3448 (Sec) Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Phillips</b> Phillips Lodge No. 225 137 N. Lake Ave. • 715-339-3785 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark June, July &amp; August</p>
<p><b>Bristol</b> Washburn Lodge No. 145 8157 - 199th Ave. • 262-857-7501 Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Dousman</b> Glen L. Humphrey Lodge No. 364 375 Hwy. 67 • 262-965-9390 Meet 2nd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. Dark June</p>	<p><b>Hayward</b> Keystone Lodge No. 263 511 N. Iowa Ave. • 715-634-4715 Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Marinette</b> Marinette Lodge No. 182 1610 Main St. • 715-735-3515 Meet 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Monroe</b> Smith Lodge No. 31 1613-1/2 Tenth St. • 608-934-5258 (Sec) Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark June, July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Platteville</b> Melody Lodge No. 2 783 Enterprise Drive • 608-349-6021 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>
<p><b>Brodhead</b> Bicknell Lodge No. 94 302 1st Center Ave. • 608-897-8069 Meets 2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Eagle River</b> Eagle River Lodge No. 248 610 E. Division • 715-479-8646 Meet 2nd Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Meets All Year</p>	<p><b>Hudson</b> St. Croix Lodge No. 56 209 Locust Street • 715-377-0817 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Marshfield</b> Marshfield Lodge No. 224 402 W. 4th St. • 715-384-8646 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Dark June, July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Mosinee</b> Mosinee Lodge No. 318 607 13th St. • 715-693-3150 (Sec.) Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Plymouth</b> Cassia Lodge No. 167 441 Smith St. • 920-892-6336 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>
<p><b>Brookfield</b> Elmbrook Lodge No. 354 4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-549-0923 Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m. Dark June, July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Eau Claire</b> Eau Claire Lodge No. 112 616 Graham Ave. • 715-832-7759 Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Janesville</b> Janesville-Western Star No. 55 2322 E. Milwaukee St. • 608-752-3098 Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Medford</b> Medford Lodge No. 217 150 S. Seventh St. • 715-748-6851 (Sec) Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark January &amp; February</p>	<p><b>Mukwonago</b> Laffin-St. James Lodge No. 247 206 S. Main St. • 262-363-8926 Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Portage</b> Fort Winnebago Lodge No. 33 111 W. Conant Street • 608-742-6468 Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Meet 2nd Tues. July/Aug. Dark Jan/Feb</p>
<p><b>Brookfield</b> McKinley Lodge No. 307 4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-781-9907 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Eau Claire</b> George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351 616 Graham Ave. • 715-832-7759 Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Jefferson</b> Jefferson County Lodge No. 9 617 Masonic Blvd. • 920-674-6715 Meet 1st &amp; 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Menomonie</b> Menomonie Lodge No. 164 N5729 - 410th St. • 715-235-2667 Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July &amp; August</p>	<p><b>Neenah</b> Appleton Lodge No. 349 241 E. Wisconsin Ave. • 920-995-2749 Meet 2nd &amp; 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Dark June, July &amp; August</p>	

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### Port Washington

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

### Potosi

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

### Poynette

**Poynette Lodge No. 173**  
Poynette City Hall, 106 Main, 608-635-4503  
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark January & February

### Prairie du Chien

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

### Prairie du Sac

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

### Prescott

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

### Racine

**Racine-Belle City Lodge No. 18**  
1012 Main St. • 262-633-6658  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Reedsburg

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

### Rhineland

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

### Rice Lake

**Blue Hills Lodge No. 234**  
222 W. South Street • 715-234-8318  
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.  
Meets All Year

### Richland Center

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

### River Falls

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

### Shawano

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

### Sheboygan

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

### Shell Lake

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

### Shullsburg

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

### South Milwaukee

**South Shore Lodge No. 3**  
2001 South 7th Ave. • 414-762-2421  
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Sparta

**Valley Lodge No. 60**  
603 N. Court St. • 608-269-2616  
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Star Prairie

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

### Stevens Point

**Evergreen Lodge No. 93**  
1578 Strongs Avenue • 715-344-2447  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Stoughton

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

### Sturgeon Bay

**Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174**  
31 S. 3rd Ave. • 920-743-2596  
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Sun Prairie

**Sun Prairie Lodge No. 143**  
152 N. Bird St. • 608-825-3925  
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Superior

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

### Superior

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

### Sussex

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

### Tomah

**Tomah Lodge No. 132**  
520 E. Saratoga Street • 608-372-5507  
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Dark July & August

### Union Grove

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

### Viroqua

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

### Waterloo

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

### Waukesha

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

### Waupaca

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

### Waupun

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

### Wausau

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

### Wautoma

**Wautoma Lodge No. 148**  
203 S. Scott St. • 920-293-4305 (Sec.)  
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.  
Dark Jan. & Feb. - 4th Mon. Nov. & Dec.

### Wauwatosa

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

### Wauwatosa

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

### Wauwatosa

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

### West Allis

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

### West Allis

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

### West Allis

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

### West Bend

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

### Whitefish Bay

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

### Whitefish Bay

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

### Whitewater

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

### Wilmot

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

### Winneconne

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

### Wisconsin Dells

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

### Wisconsin Rapids

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

### Armistead-Bingham

**Lodge No. 1862**  
Contact Parker Dow, PM  
<prdlfam@hurleycomputers.com>  
Call 920-478-2800 for next meeting location

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### Sheboygan Table Lodge & Kabbalah

Good fellowship and Masonic education were the key ingredients of the April 18 table lodge held at Sheboygan Lodge No. 11. Preceding dinner, brothers Alan Iding, PGM, Rick Gustafson, District 10 Lecturer, and Sheboygan Past Master John Mitchell (pictured above) presented a three-way discussion concerning how Jewish mysticism portrayed in Kabbalah relates to Freemasonry, and particularly to the 28th Degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Kabbalah is a system of mystical interpretation of Jewish Scriptures that has its roots in 12th Century France. About 30 guests and officers were present.

## Kabbalah. What is it? Does it relate to Freemasonry? If so, how?

**Editor's note:** this is the first installment of a three-part series on the Kabbalah and Freemasonry. It is presented in the form of dramatic script as it was used in a presentation at a Sheboygan Table Lodge on the evening of April 18, 2006.

**By Bro. Alan Iding, PGM  
Founding Member,  
Silas Shepherd Lodge of  
Research No. 1843**

Participants: Rick Gustafson, John Mitchell and Al Iding.

The Setting: Brother Gustafson sits at a table looking at a book. There are several books on the Kabbalah there. There is another chair at the table, and brother John Mitchell comes into the room and sits at the table.

Mitchell: Hi Rick, What are you doing?

Gustafson: I was looking at a facsimile edition of the first volume of the transactions of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, John. In 1887, William Wynn Westcott presented a paper called, "The Religion of Freemasonry Illuminated by the Kabbalah."

Mitchell: What does Westcott say about the Kabbalah and Freemasonry?

Gustafson: He says: [reading] "The Kabbalah as a system of Theosophy has pre-eminent claims to be considered *primus inter pares*, among all the theistic speculations of mankind which have a bearing on, and have taken part in the formation of, the Masonic Aphanism."

Mitchell: What's Masonic Aphanism?

Gustafson: Aphanism comes from Greek. It means "to conceal." Westcott is saying that the Kabbalah is very important in the creation of the Masonic ritual. I'll continue with his paper from the transactions of Quatuor Coronati Lodge.

[Gustafson continues reading from Westcott]

Westcott says that, "The three great, though emblematic, lights compose a bright triangle; the three lesser lights an inferior or darker one. The two combined may be considered in a group as a six-pointed star, the 'Hexapla' or seal of Solomon, which was also a notable emblem in all the old initiations. This Hexapla was a type of the number six, esteemed a male number assigned by the Kabbalists..."

Westcott continues: "The legend of the Three Grand Masters, of whom one is lost becomes removed to the invisible world is a curious image of the Kabbalistic first triad of

the emanations of the unseen and unknowable 'Ain Soph Aur,' the boundless one, boundless light; first is Kether the Crown; thence proceed Chochmah and Binah, wisdom and understanding, and then is the Crown concealed and lost to perception in its exaltedness, the word is lost, and replaced by other titles."

Mitchell: Rick, that sounds pretty complicated.

Gustafson: I agree, John. I'll continue with Westcott: "Four cardinal virtues, says the first degree Tracing Board Lecture, these are temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice; these again were originally branches of the Sephirotic Tree, Chesed first, Netzah fortitude, Binah prudence, and Geburah justice. Virtue, honour, and mercy, another triad, are Chochmah, Hod, and Chesed."

"The Winding Staircase consisted of 3, 5, 7 steps, if not of more: of these three, referred to the three Rulers of a Lodge, these are the three mother letters of the Hebrew alphabet, A, M, S, typical...of fire, air, and water."

"The letter G in the centre of a Fellow Crafts Lodge, has received several explanations; I would add that it has a relation to Ghimel, the Hebrew G, the third letter of the alphabet, the three meaning Trinity of Deity; the third Sephira is Binah, the mother of Microprosopus, the son, a feminine potency, Mother of God, with uncial Greek capital G. The present masonic interpretation is folly, the idea of a modern ornamental lecturer."

"Again the two parallel lines, the one Moses, the other King Solomon, enclosing a circle, bearing a central point is purely Kabbalistic. The point is Tiphereth, beauty of conduct within a circle of virtues and bounded by the pillars Mercy and Justice."

Mitchell: Rick, do you believe this Kabbalah stuff?

Gustafson: I don't know a lot about it.

[At this point, Al Iding enters: Gustafson and Mitchell stand and they shake hands with him. Then, Gustafson and Mitchell sit down again.]

Gustafson: Al, what's the Kabbalah?

Iding: Kabbalah is a Hebrew word that means tradition. It is an oral tradition handed down from generation to generation. This teaching was done "mouth to ear," just like we learned our Masonic posting.

(to be continued next month)

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Over one hundred volunteers at Three Pillars Senior Living Communities enjoyed a meal prepared and served by the Three Pillars staff on Sunday, April 30th. The theme of this year's dinner was "You Are One of Our Stars". Volunteers enjoyed a Caesar salad, charbroiled breast of chicken with papaya and mango chutney, basmati rice pilaf, sautéed baby zucchini and summer squash. The mouth watering mini dessert plate included a chambord truffle, mini fruit tart, Irish cream truffle, and mini éclair. "The dinner is an opportunity for us to show our volunteers how much we appreciate them," said Mary Millard, Volunteer Services Coordinator at Three Pillars. Dinner was followed with a performance by the barbershop quartet - Sound Consensus.

Pictured above is Karen Straw, Lifestyles Manager at Three Pillars serving Helen Wheeler and John Knee, Associate Grand Matron and Patron of Eastern Star who are seated with Lorraine Smith, and Marge Metzfeld on the right, residents at Three Pillars. Also, seated on the left is Wayne Leverenz from the Wisconsin Masonic Home Service Club.

Pictured to the right is Harriet Freiwald a resident at the Village on the Square speaking to Mary Millard, Volunteer Services Coordinator at Three Pillars.



For more information about volunteering on the Three Pillars campus, please contact Mary Millard at: 262.965.7391 or e-mail: [mmillard@threepillars.org](mailto:mmillard@threepillars.org)



## Compass Point GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION

A ribbon cutting ceremony kicked off the Grand Opening Celebration and Open House at Compass Point on Saturday, May 13th. While residents, staff, and community members looked on - Martha Swanson, Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of Eastern Star, and Roger Magoon, Most Worshipful Grand Master cut the ribbon. Following the ribbon cutting ceremonies guests were invited to tour the new facility while staff were located throughout the building to answer any questions. The self-guided tour ended in the Holz Pavilion with a reception of wine, hors d'oeuvres, and socializing.

Pictured above is: Martha Swanson, Worthy Grand Matron; Roger Magoon, Most Worshipful Grand Master; Theda Andres, Wisconsin Masonic Home Board Chair; and Mark Strautman, President/CEO of Three Pillars. For more photos from the event please visit our website: [www.threepillars.org](http://www.threepillars.org).

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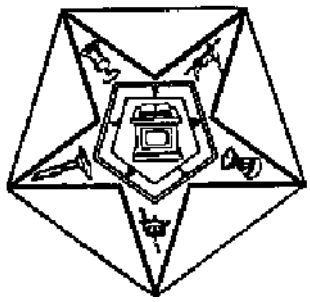


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# Order of Eastern Star

## Sisters and Brothers of Wisconsin Order of the Eastern Star

The 115th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin came to an end on May 18 and the gavel was handed over to the next one in line, and another Grand Family year begins. Long before the gavel was handed over, plans were being made to make the new year a year of greater growth and accomplishments.

We have been given the responsibility to guide the Grand Chapter and subordinate chapters in a way that I find most appropriate for the best interest of Eastern Star. There is only one way that we can accomplish the mission and that is if you let us know what issues and concerns you and your chapter have.

What are we as Sisters and Brothers of the Order of Eastern Star in Wisconsin looking forward to accomplish in the Grand Chapter year of 2006-2007? What are your goals in your chapter?

The past has had its time—though by reading about it helps us understand what makes an organization grow and what stalemates our order. A stalemate is a warning to the members, and when we put our heads in the sand and ignore the fact that we are not moving ahead, the stalemate turns into closing or consolidation of a chapter.

We look at our Masonic youth and wonder what we can do to support them and make the Masonic Family a way of life for them, so as they move out of the youth organization they move into the Masonic adult organizations. We should then ask ourselves, "Why are so few of our youth making time to join the Masonic Youth organizations?"

Do we have a vision of what we want to accomplish in this year? Do you have a vision of what your chapter will accomplish this grand year?

Do you know that Dr. Rob Morris was the founder of the Order of Eastern Star? He became interested in the idea that the female relatives of Master Masons should share, in a measure, the benefit of knowledge in a great fraternal order. Dr. Morris was President of the Desoto Academy. He married Charlotte Mendell in May 1841 and they had nine children.

Dr. Morris was President of Mt Sylvan Academy near Oxford, Mississippi, a preacher, Professor of Ancient and Modern History at the Masonic College in Kentucky and wrote many books, to name a few of his accomplishments.

A quote from one of his letters, a letter written to Mrs. Morris from Trenton, Tennessee by Dr. Rob Morris dated May 4, 1851, states:

"When I get home I will confer on you the Eastern Star Degrees, I have given them to more than fifty ladies since I left home and everybody is pleased with them. They are in fact very beautiful and interesting. If you want to take them you must sit down and read the Eleventh Chapter of Judges, the Second Chapter of Ruth, the Fifth Chapter of Esther, the Eleventh Chapter of the Gospel of John and the whole of the Second Epistle of John. By reading these you will be prepared to understand the degrees."

He then states, "If the Order is worth anything, it will live." The first ritual containing any Eastern Star Degrees under the authority of Rob Morris was published in 1855. It was called "The Mosaic Book of the Americas."

Have you ever stopped and wondered why a man with so much education in the 1800s took time to read the word of God and create an organization for women? When did man think a woman should vote or work out of the home?

Although the earthly labors of Dr Rob Morris were ended in 1888, the fruits of his labors are not all garnered in, for his writings will continue to bring forth an abundant harvest of good deeds, fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love; a living monument to his memory.

The above information on Dr. Rob Morris was taken from a pamphlet compiled by Davis Morgan, P.O. Rob Morris Chapter No. 114, Trustee and Member of the Board of Directors of Rob Morris Memorial, La Grange, Kentucky - January 15, 1975.

As each month goes on we will continue to give you information and ideas to strengthen our Order of Eastern Star.

## Announcements

### GRAND REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

Geneva Beals - Arizona, Miriam Chapter, Platteville  
Gordon Kollauf - Ohio, Eagle Chapter, Eagle River  
Sonia Nelson - Oregon, Columbia Chapter, Evansville

### CHAPTER CHITCHAT

Leah Fuller celebrated her 100th birthday last November. She was a member of Star of Hope, Pardeeville for 62 years. In April of this year she passed away.

Fidelity Chapter, Appleton, initiated Lori Andres, Ashley Andres and Kevin Lorenz on April 24.

## WGM & WGP Parties

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## WGP Project

Dear Sister and Brothers:

My project for this coming year will benefit Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Wisconsin.

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The Order of the Eastern Star is known for its charitable acts. With this project in mind, we can let many people in our state know who we are and what we really stand for. With the money raised, my prayer is that we will be able to grant wishes to several children in our state. Also, if you know a child in need of a wish, please tell his or her parent/guardians about the Foundation so they can refer their child.

Faith and Prayer,  
John J. Knee, W.G.P.

## WGM Project The HIKE Fund Inc.

Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment (HIKE) fund is a very special endowment fund, created in 1986 and is the philanthropic project for the International Order of Job's Daughters. It provides hearing and/or assistive listening devices to children (age birth to twenty years old).

The International Order of Job's Daughters is one of three Masonic youth organizations which the Worthy Grand Matron of Wisconsin will be supporting through her special projects. (Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay will be discussed in future Masonic Journals).

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## Eastern Star Cancer Fund 2006-2007

This year the proceeds of the Cancer fund will be going to the MACC Fund. This is the Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer. It was started in 1976 by Jon McGlocklin and Eddie Doucette.

The MACC Fund began to support research in the fight against childhood cancer, inspired by Doucette's son Brett who was diagnosed with leukemia. They asked their friends from the athletic and business community for support. It has become accepted and embraced throughout the state. Brett became MACC Fund's first success story.

The MACC Fund has contributed over \$25 million to pediatric cancer research, thanks to the generosity of people like you who have taken the time to care for a child with cancer.

This research impacts children throughout the country since the success has become the standard for patient care everywhere.

To help the project this year the Cancer Committee will be selling OES ornaments. This will be started at Helen's and John's parties. They will also be available from any of the Grand Officers.

Doris Schultz  
Cancer Chairperson

## June Installations

- Thurs., June 1 - Argyle (Alpha 114), 7:30 Installation of Officers
- Sheboygan 139, 7:00 Installation of Officers
- Fri., June 2 - Milwaukee (Vega 76), 7:30 Open Installation of Officers
- Thurs., June 8 - Star Prairie (Loyal 67), 7:30 Installation of Officers
- Sun., June 11 - Wauwatosa (Golden Rule 194), 1:00 pm Installation of Officers
- Thurs., June 15 - Viroqua 35, 7:30 Installation of Officers
- Sat., June 17 - Janesville 69, 7:30 Installation of Officers
- Mauston (Lemonweir 158), 1:00 pm Installation of Officers
- Mon., June 19 - Ladysmith 287, 7:30 Installation of Officers
- Portage (Star of Bethlehem 100), 7:30 Installation of Officers
- Kenosha (Pike 285), 8:00 Installation of Officers
- Tues., June 20 - Milwaukee (Electa 75), 7:30 Open Installation of Officers
- La Crosse (Ruth 23), 7:00 Installation of Officers
- Reedsburg (Queen of Sheba 26), 7:00 Installation of Officers
- Wed., June 21 - Madison (now meeting at Sun Prairie)(Starlite 283),  
Farewell Potluck, Closed Installation
- Chippewa Falls (Chippewa 112), 7:30 Installation of Officers
- Thurs., June 22 - Middleton (Melody 150), 7:30 Installation of Officers
- Sat., June 24 - Port Washington (Ozaukee 147), 4:00 pm Installation of Officers
- Mon., June 26 - Evansville (Columbia 29), 7:30 Installation of Officers
- Brookfield (Acadia 269), 7:30 Open Installation of Officers
- Tues., June 27 - Clear Lake (Northwest 98), 7:30 Installation of Officers
- Stoughton (Venus 61), 7:30 Farewell (Installation of Officers)
- West Allis 172, 7:30 Open Installation of Officers
- Burlington 153, 7:30 Installation of Officers
- Wed., June 28 - Brookfield (Wauwatosa 219), 7:30 Open Installation of Officers

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Before an appreciative gathering of Three Pillars' residents, staff, board members and friends of the Wisconsin Masonic Home on Saturday, May 13, 2006, Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin Roger Magoon joined Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of The Eastern Star Martha Swanson in officially cutting the ribbon marking the official opening of the Compass Point Catered Living complex on the Three Pillars Campus in Dousman. Turn to page 9 for more pictures from the new 75-resident capacity assisted living facility's open house. Thirty-nine residents moved from their former rooms in the Van Brunt building on March 6. Compass Point occupancy is presently at 49. Three Pillars' CEO Mark Strautman is at extreme left. - Photography by Wm. Stonecipher

# Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

(\* indicates that the Grand Master will be in attendance)

## June 2006

2-3 162nd Annual Communication, Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin - Concourse Hotel and Madison Masonic Center, Madison. \*

10 150th Anniversary of Quincy Lodge No. 71 in Friendship. A Rededication Ceremony will be held at the Quincy Masonic Center, 210 Main St. in Friendship. The Center will be open at 2 p.m. for a social period and time to view a historical display in the lower level. The Service of Rededication will begin at 4 p.m. and will be conducted by the newly installed Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin. This service is open to the public and will last about one hour. After the ceremony a social hour and dinner be held beginning at 6 p.m. at the VFW Post No. 6279 located at 172 N. Linden St. in Adams. Guest speakers will follow dinner. Cost of the dinner is \$20.00 per person and reservations are required by May 27. For more information please call Worshipful Master Jeffrey Marquardt at (608) 339-7832 or Secretary Ken Koehn at (608) 564-7144. Limited-edition commemorative plaques, etched champagne glasses, cubes and tokens will be available for purchase. Make checks payable to: Quincy Lodge No. 71 and mail to Quincy Masonic Lodge, P. O. Box 74, Friendship, WI 53934.

10 Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843 Quarterly Mtg., West Allis Lodge No. 291, 7515 National Ave, West Allis.

14-17 Grand York Rite Session, Regency Suites, Green Bay. \*

17-20 MHEANA Conference Hosted By Three Pillars, Lake Geneva. \*

19-20 Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Annual Communication. \*

18 Fifth Annual Father's Day Antique Classic Car & Truck Show sponsored by the Wautoma Masonic Union, Bird Creek Park in Wautoma.

20 Job's Daughters Statewide Outing to Noah's Ark in Wisconsin Dells.

23-25 Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Wisconsin Council of Deliberation. \*

24 150th Anniversary Celebration for Black River Lodge No. 74 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the lodge in Black River Falls.

25 Wild Rose Public Library/Community Center Addition, Masonic Cornerstone Ceremony by Grand Lodge Officers, 1:30 p.m. \*

## July 2006

3-5 Imperial Shrine Session, Tampa, Florida. \*

12 Grand Master's Tea Reception at Three Pillars. \*

27-30 DeMolay Conclave, Stevens Point

27-29 Wisconsin Masonic Senior High School All-Star Soccer Games Event, Carthage College Campus, Kenosha. \*

28 Masonic All-Star Soccer Players-Special Olympics' Scrimmage and Pizza Event with the Grand Master at Carthage College, Kenosha. \*

29 Masonic All-Star Mens & Womens Soccer Games and Player & Family Recognition Breakfast, Carthage College Campus and Soccer Stadium, Kenosha. \*

## August 2006

18-20 Wisconsin Job's Daughters Jamboree, Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake. Miss Wisconsin Job's Daughters Pageant is Saturday, Grand Bethel Installation is Sunday.

18-20 Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges \*

## September 2006

9 Job's Daughters Statewide "Daughters at the Milwaukee Brewers" Day.

9 Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research Quarterly Mtg., Mineral Point Lodge No. 1, 310 High Street, Mineral Point

10 Job's Daughters H.I.K.E. (Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment) Statewide Event, Frame Park, Waukesha

30 Job's Daughters Grand Bethel Exemplification, West Allis Masonic Center, West Allis.

## October 2006

12 Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board Mtg., Thursday, 3 p.m., Grand Masonic Center, Dousman. \*

30 District 10 Fall Meeting

## December 2006

9 Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research Annual Mtg. and election of officers, Oconomowoc/Hartland Lodge No. 42, 307 N. Lake Rd., Oconomowoc. This is also the annual meeting and election of officers.

14 WMBAB Mtg., 3 p.m., GMC, Dousman. \*

**Please Note:** events listed here are drawn from the Future Dates Calendar kept at the Grand Lodge Office in Dousman. To have your event listed in this future dates calendar, please e-mail the date and a brief description of the event to the Grand Masonic Center in Dousman, attention: Cheryl at <cheryl@wisc@centurytel.net>. Please enter 'Future Dates' in the subject line.



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