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Dousman Landmark Is No More – Water Tower Gone

The water tower bearing the Square & Compasses emblem that once supplied the Wisconsin Masonic Home and farm with water is no more. Unused since the Village of Dousman connected Van Brunt Hall and Infirmary to its water system more than 40 years ago, the tower gradually fell into disrepair. Concerns over the tower's safety prompted the Grand Lodge Trustees to decide that it was time the tower came down. The support girders were cut and the tower was toppled on Wednesday, May 2. This image, looking northwest, was taken as construction began on the Compass Point facility in 2005.



The Grand Master's Message:

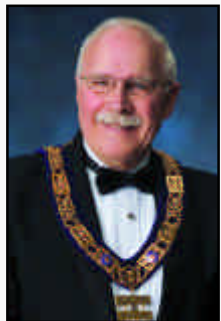
By Brother Rodney A. Paulsen
Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin

Brothers:

In my message to you last month, I made reference to a train approaching the station as my journey as Grand Master comes to an end. With the many references to my being a "short timer" and our efforts to bring things together for the June Annual Communication, it is time to gather the carry-on luggage and prepare to depart.

It has been a memorable journey since it began one year ago. One of the things for which I am grateful is that with the will of that Supreme Architect above, I am alive to complete the journey. As I have so often said: "It has been better to have been seen than viewed."

The destination for this journey was to "Aim high! Be all you can be!" This I attempted through my program and actions, attending lodge activities as my time and calendar permitted. The details of my journey have been reported during the year and will be seen in my end of the year report to the Craft. Observations on my programs, my itinerary, are reported as my travelogue below:



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Grand Master of Masons
in Wisconsin

- **LODGE EXCELLENCE AWARD (LEA)** – The LEA was instituted to recognize the activities of a lodge at three different levels and to identify the three top lodges. Seventy lodges sent in applications. There were some rough spots in completing the applications this year and they will be finetuned during the coming year.

- **150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS** – I attended a number of 150-year anniversary celebrations. Each one varied with the leadership of the lodges but the pride in attaining that milestone was evident among each gathering of the brethren. There will be more celebrations to come and let each one celebrate the wonders of Freemasonry and the men who make up the Craft.

- **LEADERSHIP SESSIONS** – Four Leadership sessions were conducted under the direction of Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden John Wilke. The sessions were well received and attended. The key to Lodge success resides in the actions and hearts of the members. Where desire exists and inspires action, success is sure to follow. As has been said, "What the mind of man can conceive, the mind of man can achieve."

- **MASONIC AMBASSADORS** – The Masonic Ambassador Program initiative was met with mixed support and the organizational backing was not forthcoming. For these reasons the program was tabled for future consideration.

- **HARVARD COLLEGE PROGRAM** – The emergence of a "Freemasons on Campus" club on the UW-Madison campus opened up this program. It did not have the push that the Harvard College effort did but the seeds have been planted. Interest has been expressed on several other campuses, and with proper support it is hoped they will grow and establish contact with local lodges. This is a new concept for Masonry and like any new plan, will need special care.

- **EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION PROGRAM** – Much interest was shown in this program when it was announced. It was slow in coming together but the information is on the Grand Lodge web site. Application blanks are available from the Grand Lodge Office as well. The program is alive and well in New York as well as in Michigan, and with some nurturing it will flourish in Wisconsin. The Eagle Scouts are there to be recognized. Won't you make the effort to do so!

- **THREE PILLARS OUTREACH** – Lodges and Districts took advantage of Mary Millard's offer to feed the body with food and the mind with information about Three Pillars. Those that took advantage of the program on the 17 occasions were better for it. Thank you, Mary, and the sponsoring Wisconsin Masonic Foundation.

- **THE WISCONSIN PROGRAM** – Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden Craig Campbell shared with the Craft the real "Wisconsin Program." At district and leadership meetings Bro. Campbell told of the Program from its beginnings to its official implementation. The program is

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Viroqua Masons mark 150th year with summer-long series of events

LaBelle Lodge plans June 9 dinner as first event on schedule

By Brother John H. Sime
Viroqua Lodge No. 84

The LaBelle Lodge No. 84 of the Free and Accepted Masons will celebrate the 150th anniversary of its founding in Viroqua this summer.

Numerous special events are planned at the lodge hall which is located over the Temple Theatre in downtown Viroqua, as well as at the Sherry Butt House and the Vernon County Fair.

On June 9, members and their ladies will have a catered dinner at the lodge dining room. The Wisconsin Grand Secretary, Michael DeWolf, PGM, will be the guest speaker.

A public celebration will be held on July 4 at the Sherry Butt House on N. Main in Viroqua. This historic home was originally built by Col. Cyrus M. Butt, a longtime Vernon County Judge who was also one of the founding members of the lodge in 1857.

The lodge will have a public open house on July 21, the day of Viroqua Side Walk Days. Finally, from September 13-16, the lodge along with the order of the Eastern Star will have a booth at the Vernon County Fair.

Another charter member of the lodge was Jeremiah Rusk, who went on to become a Civil War general, Governor of Wisconsin and the Secretary of Agriculture under President Benjamin Harrison. The Rusk family gave a beautiful silver ice water urn to the lodge, which will be on display at some of the events.

The rooms used by the lodge in 1857 were in the upstairs of a house owned by a Mrs. Larson. This building was destroyed in the 1865 tornado which devastated Viroqua, killing numerous people. After that the lodge met in numerous other places, including the upstairs of various businesses on Main Street.

In 1914 a lodge member named J. Henry Tate built a two-story
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Three 55-minute seminars planned: Breakout Sessions Promise Information and Inspiration

By Wm. Stonecipher, Editor
Wisconsin Masonic Journal

MADISON – The 163rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Wisconsin will convene at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 1 in the main auditorium of the Madison Masonic Center.

Attendees can anticipate a streamlined morning agenda that is somewhat lighter on ceremony and weighted towards getting down to business. Lodge representatives can look for an abbreviated introduction process for visiting dignitaries from other jurisdictions and from representatives from various Masonic organizations and youth groups.

As in past years, the Friday a.m. business session will see the first three resolutions considered and most likely conclude with the election of Grand Lodge officers and boards to fill vacancies.

Breakout Sessions Planned

Immediately following the lunch break, from 1 to 1:55 p.m., lodge representatives will be treated to their choice of three educational presentations. Seminar locations are all within the Madison Masonic Center. Lodge rooms one and two plus the auditorium will be utilized.

Session 1 – MORI

This presentation is sure to be of interest to Lodge Secretaries or others in lodge who will use the new MORI system. This 55-minute program will be presented by Mark Menard, President of Vita Rara, designer of the Masonic Online Registry Interface system (MORI for short) that our Grand Lodge will be using once the system becomes fully operational.

Features of this system were described earlier by Grand Secretary Michael DeWolf in his February 2007 column in this publication.

MORI is a complete online fraternal membership management computer application for use by Masonic organizations integrating Grand Lodge, constituent lodge and fund raising functions into a unified system. This will quite literally revolutionize the way lodges communicate information with Grand Lodge.

MORI will enable lodge secre-

taries to directly log on to the Grand Lodge computer system and enter and manage their own lodge's financial and member data, among its many other labor-saving features. Lodge Secretaries, you won't want to miss this presentation!

Session 2 – Masonic Renewal

Anyone who wants to better understand what men today are seeking in an organization and how this affects their potential involvement in Freemasonry will want to attend this presentation on Masonic Renewal by two eminently qualified Past Grand Masters from the Grand Lodge of Michigan, David K. Bedwell and Robert Conley. They will present information gleaned from their participation in the work of the Masonic Renewal Task Force.

Their insights regarding the social and demographic trends that influence the way the public relates to Masonry, and vice versa, provides an eye-opening, no-holds barred assessment of what we need to do to attract and hold the interest of prospective members today.

Session 3 – Lodge Planning

How to plan a successful lodge year will be the subject of this presentation—a topic which will certainly be of keen interest to all Junior and Senior Wardens.

Brother Don Hensiak, District 12 Deputy, will be the presenter. His dynamic ideas promise a program that will give future Worshipful Masters an overview of what it takes to plan a Masonically significant year that will enrich the lodge with fresh ideas, a sound program of meaningful activities and, hopefully, new petitioners.

Other Grand Lodge Hi-Lites

- **Secretary of the Year** – New this year at Annual Communication will be recognition of a "Lodge Secretary of the Year." This award will go to one deserving lodge secretary as selected by the Grand Lodge office staff. The criteria for this recognition is based on the positive interaction between the staff and the constituent lodge secretary so chosen. Members of the office staff will present the award.

- **LEA Awards** – As of May 16 seventy lodges have submitted applications and qualified for the Lodge Excellence Award, accord-

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there: Brothers—read it, understand it, and use it!

• **BLOOD DONOR STATIONS** – A program not announced, but one which is needed and is being developed. Donor stations or centers are needed throughout the state where blood collection can take place. A letter will be forthcoming on this program. To utilize the lodge building as a blood donation center helps the collection of needed blood, identifies the Lodge with a positive purpose and image, and requires minimal expense and effort on the part of the lodge and its members.

• **FRATERNAL RELATIONS WITH PRINCE HALL** – Fraternal relations with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Wisconsin, Inc., were continued through a picnic in Beaver Dam last summer sponsored by Dodge County Lodge No. 72, the Fourth Combined Table Lodge, and visits between lodges within a community.

• **GRAND MASTER'S & LADY'S APPEALS** – These two appeals were directed toward our returning veterans and active duty service personnel. More than \$21,000 was donated for the three VA Centers and the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King in response to the Grand Master's Appeal. More than \$12,000 was received as a result of the Grand Lady's Appeal to fund phone cards to be distributed to active duty personnel. Thank you for caring and sharing to make these appeals so successful.

• **GRAND MASTER'S RECEPTIONS** – Four Grand Master's Receptions were held this year in the four quadrants of the state as selected by the District Deputies. It was my intent to go to the Craft and celebrate Masonry with them. Each was a successful, heart warming experience to gather with the Brothers and their ladies. It was a chance to renew old friendships and make new ones. Thank you, Brothers, for the warm welcome you extended. Each was truly a time to remember.

• **OFFICER INSTALLATIONS** – December and January was a time for new officers to be installed. What a bank of memories was filled with each new ceremony. Each had its own special qualities. In common, each had a group of Masons setting out to do the best job possible. For some it was their first time; for others it was the time to do it again. Found within each officer was a love of the Fraternity and the desire to do the best job possible so the lodge would be a good one, one of which all could be proud.

• **JOURNEY'S END** – I would be showing my age if I talked of putting my year's journey on slides, but maybe I can get by with talking of putting it on disk. It has been a wonderful, memorable year, and I owe so much to so many. Many threads of my life wait to be picked up and assembled for the next leg of my journey. Thank you for the kindness and consideration shown me and my Lady, Virginia, as we have traveled. In the future, as in the past year, if I can be of assistance in any way, or you need a PGM for an event, call, and if the time is there, I will try to be there as well. As I extend my appreciation to each of you, look to your lady, and the Brother next to you, and say thank you for what they have done to make your life richer, as you have done to mine.

May God bless and keep you safe. May our paths cross in our travels so that we may meet again in Brotherhood.

Fraternally, Rodney A. Paulsen, Grand Master

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business and lodge hall on the present location of the Temple Theatre. That building was destroyed by fire in February of 1920.

The Masons acquired those lots and two more to the rear bordering Rock Street. They resolved to build a large theater and store combination with a lodge hall upstairs.

Bonds were sold to finance this project which cost approximately \$145,000. The theater was dedicated on August 24, 1922. For a time things went well, but with the Stock

Market Crash of 1929 and the advent of the Great Depression, and hard times came to the complex. The stores below stood empty for months on end. The end came with a Sheriff's sale at which the only bid was from W. J. Dyson, a lodge member and a part-owner of the State Bank of Viroqua. He sold the upstairs hall and the stairway to the street back to the lodge.

Now the lodge shares the complex with the two independent stores and the newly restored Temple Theatre which is located downstairs. **umj**

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ing to Grand Treasurer Richard Vande Sande, coordinator of the LEA award process. The Grand Treasurer said that at this time Gold-level recognition will go to 20 lodges, 28 will qualify at the Silver level and 22 for the Bronze. Eleven lodges scored over 1,000 points, and all 12 districts will be represented. There were 12 qualifiers from District 8. Brother Vande Sande said that these numbers were subject to change at the discretion of the Grand Master pending any late entries that may be accepted.

• **Masonic Exhibitors** – Several Masonic organizations will have an informational presence in the Madison Masonic Center all day Friday and Saturday morning.

Committed to having a presence at this time are our Three Pillars Senior Living Communities; The Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation; The Wisconsin Masonic Charities/Wisconsin Masonic Foundation; and representatives of the three Masonic youth groups — Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay; and the Masonic Service Association Veterans Administration Hospital Visitation Program. Wautoma Lodge will have a table promoting its June 17 Father's Day Antique & Custom Auto Show.

Two Masonic organizations new to our Annual Communication will be The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory and The Masonic Renewal Task Force.

As a service to the Fraternity, Aurora Health Care will again conduct health screening for eyes, ears, heart and lungs.

• **Commercial Exhibitors** – J. P. Luther, Masonic Market, and Howie Damron's "Hiram's Call" will have displays of Masonry-related merchandise and other items. Howie Damron, a recording artist and Mason, will entertain at the invitation only Grand Master's banquet Thursday night.

Finally, brethren, don't forget your officers' aprons and dues cards. They will be needed. As a reminder, registration both days is required to receive Lodge Excellence Award points for officers or proxies in attendance.

Attendees are reminded that parking in the ramp behind the Madison Masonic Center Friday is private. **umj**

Notes From The Grand Lecturer

By Brother Ronald H. Glaunert

Remember Those Who Cannot Attend

Brethren, at this time my thoughts are on our brethren who are unable to attend Lodge because of some disability.

There are those for whom driving at night is difficult; and for others, just plain driving is not an option.

I know for a fact that some of these brethren would attend Lodge at least once in a while if someone would just offer them a ride.

Recently I received a phone call from a brother (and also a Vietnam Veteran) who would very much like to attend Lodge but he seems to have been forgotten by his Lodge brothers. This brother talked to me for about thirty minutes concerning the fact that no one has even contacted him for a very long time.

Now I only know his side of the story, but it did raise a question in my mind. Are we taking care of our elderly or disabled brothers in the way we should, or do we just assume that they do not wish to attend Lodge?

Perhaps each Lodge should make a concerted effort to contact these brethren who have not been to Lodge and offer them a ride or some way to get them to attend Lodge. They just may appreciate the offer.

Let us re-evaluate ourselves with this version of the Old Lectures in how we respond to the needs of others:

What constitutes the character of a Mason?

To walk humbly in the site of God, to do justice and to love mercy.

What are the qualifications suitable for the dignity of the Craft?

To afford succor to the distressed, to give bread to the poor and

To put the misguided traveller into his way.

What does Masonry order up to guard against?

Blasphemy, drunkenness, loudness, swearing, evil, plotting, lying and controversy.

Then what does Masonry require?

Ability, attendance and a good appearance.

If a Brother should be lost, where would you seek him?

Between the square and the compasses.

Why so, Brother?

Because all honest and good Masons are there, or ought to Be there.

Because some Brother has not been to Lodge doesn't necessarily mean that he doesn't want to be. It is up to his Brothers to find out.

Fraternally,
Ron Glaunert, Grand Lecturer

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



Ronald H. Glaunert
Grand Lecturer

COMING THIS SUMMER • July 26-28

The 2007 Wisconsin Masonic All-Star Soccer Games

The Wisconsin High School All-Star Men's & Women's High School Soccer Games sponsored by the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation will take place at Carthage College in Kenosha. A recognition breakfast and program is at 8 a.m. on Sat. July 29. The women's game begins at 11:30 a.m. and the men's game begins at 2 p.m.

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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, March 7, 2007. A highlight of the evening was each Past Master talking about events that were the high point of their term. Pictured are the eight Brothers who were honored as past or current Masters (they were Masters at Richland Lodge unless indicated otherwise). Pictured left to right are: Steve Hansen (Franklin Lodge No. 16, Lone Rock), 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007; Fuzz Spangler, 1980, 1993 and 2002; Bill Jewell, 1958 and 1991; Keith Chamberlain, 1988 and 2003, Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin 2005; Brent Clausius, 2005 and 2007; Milt Schott, 2006; Jim Jewell, 1983 and 1994; and Howard Hansen, 1953. Bernard Repsumer, our eldest Past Master who is in his mid-90s, was unable to attend. Brother Repsumer served as Master in 1945.

– Submitted by Bro. Brent Clausius, Richland Master

Dodge County Lodge Honors Five for Length of Membership



Robert H. Keller

BEAVER DAM – Five brethren of Dodge County Lodge No. 72 will be up for anniversary recognition this year.

Three of those were recognized at the April 6 stated communication.

Brother Robert H. Keller, who resides in Madison. He was raised a Master Mason on February 25, 1952, and has qualified for recognition as a 55-year Master Mason. Brother Donald J. Dohmann was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on February 11, 1957, and qualifies for recognition as a 50-year Master Mason. Brother F. Gordon Burton was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on January 28, 1957, and qualifies for recognition as a 50-year Master Mason. Two other brethren who qualify as longterm Master Masons will be recognized at a later date this year.



F. Gordon Burton

– Submitted by Richard Larson, Lodge County Lodge Secretary



Donald J. Dohmann



New MM Welcomed at Collins-Spring Valley

The members of Collins-Spring Valley Lodge No. 192 welcomed their newest Master Mason, Paul R. Nelson, pictured above with Kyle Hemenway, WM, on May 02, 2007.

– Submitted by Collins-Spring Valley News Hawk Doug Henry

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Des Peres Lodge Bowling Fun

On February 28, 2007, several members and spouses of Des Peres Lodge No. 85 in Green Bay went bowling. A good time was had by all.

– Submitted by Carla Heintz

Wisconsin Masonic Charities On The Internet

Go to <www.wisc-freemasonry.org> and click on the Charities tab. You can contact the Masonic Charities via e-mail at <charities@wisc-freemasonry.org>. You may also phone the Wisconsin Masonic Charities Development Office toll-free in Wisconsin at (800)242-2307 or (262)965-2200 out-of-state.

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Plan for the future. Remember to include Masonic Charities in your will today.

Memorials and Contributions

Wisconsin Masonic Foundation

Masonic Foundation General Fund

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- Mr. & Mrs. Robert Albrecht in memory of Lee Delaney
- Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Rosenow in memory of Mary Jean Wallinger

Masonic Medical - Lodge Matching Fund

- Ms. Michelle Burkard for the purchase of five replacement Lifeline Units for the Waterloo Voluntary Fire Department
- Mr. Wyatt Graikowski for the purchase of an AED for the Bavarian Inn
- Greeninghame Condominium LLC for the purchase of five replacement Lifeline Units for the Waterloo Voluntary Fire Department
- Mr. John Haight for the purchase of five replacement Lifeline Units for the Waterloo Voluntary Fire Department
- Union Lodge 32 for the purchase of an AED for Evansville Middle School
- Waterloo Lodge No. 63 for the purchase of an AED for St. Joseph's School in Waterloo and for St. Mary's Church of Marshall and for the purchase of five replacement Lifeline Units for the Waterloo Voluntary Fire Department
- Waverly Lodge No. 51 for the purchase of a defibrillator for the Town of Grand Chute Fire Department
- Wil-Park Management, Inc., for the purchase of five replacement Lifeline Units for the Waterloo Fire Department

Masonic Youth Fund

- Mr. & Mrs. Harlan Hayne in memory of Robert J. Frech-Brother
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William Krause, Sr. with children

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Masonic Insurance In Wisconsin: 1870-1900

Editor's Note: this paper was prepared for presentation to the Silas H Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843 F. & A.M. of Wisconsin in February 2007 by Bro. Robert C. Blackburn, a member of both Middleton-Ionic No.180, Middleton, and Benjamin Franklin No. 83, Madison. This is the second of two parts. In the first installment published in the May issue, author Blackburn presented an overview of insurance offered by fraternal societies for the benefit of their members. This second portion details the history of Masonic organizations that offered insurance in Wisconsin.

(Continued from the May issue)

It must be inferred, therefore, that these businesses were active in Wisconsin by at least 1889, the year covered by the 1890 report, though at least one, the Masonic Benefit Association of Wisconsin, was clearly operating in the state much earlier. (The Masonic Benefit Association of Wisconsin, organized in Madison in 1875, can be seen from period obituaries to have distributed death benefits during the 1880s.) The Wisconsin Insurance Commission resumed annual reporting in 1894. The last identifiably Masonic insurance companies appear in the 1900 report.

Twelve Masonic Entities Issued Policies

What follows is a list of Masonic insurance companies operating in Wisconsin between 1890 and 1900. The entries include information on state of origin, organization date, principal officers, appearance date in Wisconsin's insurance reports, and number of Wisconsin policyholders and coverage amounts. It should be noted that, during the first year of reporting, state officials initially grouped Masonic insurance companies with other fraternal benefit societies. Thereafter, the two were treated distinctly. Fraternal benefit societies remained as a separate category. Masonic insurance companies were listed in either the "assessment life" or "assessment accident" categories.

- **American Masonic Accident Association** – Minneapolis, Minnesota. This company was organized January 25, 1890. Its president was James Smith and its secretary John A. Ladd. The AMAA is mentioned only once in the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Wisconsin, 1895. It was reported to have 696 Wisconsin policyholders with policies totaling \$2,904,000 in coverage.

- **Iowa Mason's Benevolent Society** – Oskaloosa, Iowa. This company was organized March 16, 1876. Its president was J.W. McMullin and its secretary F.H. Loring. The IMBS is first mentioned in the Fifth Biennial Report of the Commission of Insurance, 1892. It was reported to have 25 Wisconsin policyholders with policies totaling \$48,000 in coverage. The IMBS last appears in the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Wisconsin, 1895. It was reported to have 94 Wisconsin policyholders with \$157,000 in coverage.

- **Knights Templar and Masonic Mutual Aid Association** – Cincinnati, Ohio. This company was organized 1877. Its president was Enoch Carson and its secretary William Melish. The KTMMAA is first mentioned in the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Wisconsin, 1897. It was reported to have 123 Wisconsin policyholders with policies totaling \$274,000 in coverage. The KTMMAA last appears in the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Wisconsin, 1899. It was reported to have 231 Wisconsin policyholders with \$499,000 in coverage.

- **Knights Templars and Masons Life Indemnity Co.** – Chicago, Illinois. This company was organized May 5, 1884. Its president was George M. Moulton and its manager Witt. Gray. It also appears to have operated out of a Masonic temple. The KTMLI is first mentioned in the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Wisconsin, 1895. It was reported to have 615 Wisconsin policyholders with policies totaling \$2,505,152 in coverage. The KTMLI last appears in the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Wisconsin, 1899. It was reported to have 468 Wisconsin policyholders with \$1,871,652 in coverage.

- **Masonic Aid Association of Dakota** – Yankton, South Dakota. This company was organized March 11, 1886. Its president was Levi B. French and its secretary Gilbert F. Stevenson. It is mentioned only once in the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Wisconsin, 1897. It was reported to have 4,589 Wisconsin policyholders with policies totaling \$8,005,000 in coverage.

- **Masonic Benefit Association of Wisconsin** – Madison, Wisconsin. This company was organized June 1, 1875. Its president was George Raymer and its secretary Robert Wooten. Both appear to have been members of Madison Lodge No. 5. The MBA first appears in the Fourth Biennial Report of the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Wisconsin, 1890. It was reported to have 2,479 Wisconsin policyholders with an unknown amount of insurance in force. The MBA last appears in the

Annual Report of the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Wisconsin, 1895. It was reported to have 325 Wisconsin policyholders and unknown amount of insurance in force.

- **Masonic Equitable Accident Association of the World** – Boston, Massachusetts. This company was organized December 1891. Its president was Albert C. Smith and its secretary D.T. Montague. The MEAAW first appears in the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Wisconsin, 1896. It was reported to have 782 Wisconsin policyholders with policies totaling \$60,578.13 in coverage. The MEAAW last appears in the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Wisconsin, 1900. It was reported to have 139 Wisconsin policyholders with \$374,850 in coverage.

- **Masonic Mutual Aid Association** – Minneapolis, Minnesota. This company was organized June 16, 1877. Its president was John A. Schleuer and its secretary O.A. Stoneman. The MMAA first appears in the Fourth Biennial Report of the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Wisconsin, 1890. It was reported to have 114 Wisconsin policyholders with policies totaling \$233,000 in coverage. The MMAA last appears in the Sixth Biennial Report of the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Wisconsin, 1894. It was reported to have 261 Wisconsin policyholders with \$451,000 in coverage.

- **Masons Fraternal Accident Association of America** – Westfield, Massachusetts. This company was organized August 15, 1887. Its president was William Provin and its secretary James Lukin. It also appears to have operated out of a Masonic temple. The MFAAA first appears in the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Wisconsin, 1896. It was reported to have 480 Wisconsin policyholders with policies totaling \$1,380,300. The MFAAA last appears in the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Wisconsin, 1900. It was reported to have 244 Wisconsin policyholders with \$639,280 in coverage.

- **National Masonic Accident Association** – Des Moines, Iowa. This company was organized July 30, 1886. Its president was Clark Varnum and its secretary Alf Wingate. It also appears to have operated out of a Masonic temple. The NMAA first appears in the Fifth Biennial Report of the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Wisconsin, 1892. It was reported to have 277 Wisconsin policyholders with policies totaling \$1,166,500 in coverage. The NMAA last appears in the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Wisconsin, 1900. It was reported to have 608 Wisconsin policyholders with \$2,306,250 in coverage.

- **Northwestern Masonic Aid Association** – Chicago, Illinois. This company was organized June 27, 1874. Its president was Daniel J. Avery and its secretary James A. Stoddard. The NWMAA first appears in the Fifth Biennial Report of the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Wisconsin, 1892. It was reported to have 2,485 Wisconsin policyholders with policies totaling \$7,214,500 in coverage. It last appears in the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Wisconsin, 1896. It was reported to have 2,113 Wisconsin policyholders with \$6,021,500 in coverage.

- **U.S. Masonic Benefit Association** – Council Bluffs, Iowa. This company was organized February 5, 1884. Its president was Joseph R. Reed and its secretary William J. Jameson. The USMBA first appears in the Fourth Biennial Report of the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Wisconsin, 1890. It was reported to have 151 Wisconsin policyholders with policies totaling \$377,500 in coverage. The USMBA last appears in the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Wisconsin, 1895. It was reported to have 115 Wisconsin policyholders with \$281,000 in coverage.

Vanished Within 40 Years

Fraternal benefit societies, along with their colorful rituals, afforded many Americans during the late 19th and early 20th centuries the opportunity to enjoy basic insurance programs at reasonable rates. Their example did not go unnoticed by Freemasons. Officially or not, Masonic insurance companies were created to compete with the fraternal benefit market. In Wisconsin, as many as 5,396 Masonic policies were issued in a single year (1897) totaling as much as \$12,520,652 in coverage (1895). Masonic insurance, however, proved short-lived. In less than forty years, these companies vanished, presumably going out of business or merging with standard insurance companies.

Masonic Benefit Association of Wisconsin membership card. The card belonged to Dr. A.A. Rowley, Worshipful Master of Middleton Lodge No. 180 in 1882. Courtesy of the Middleton Area Historical Society, Middleton, Wisconsin.

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Fort Winnebago Members Help Portage Scouts

PORTAGE – On June 16, 2007, members Boy Scout Troop 70 will head to Virginia for a 10-day educational trip. The Scouts will make stops in Chicago and Washington DC visiting historical sights there. Once Troop 70 reaches Virginia they will stay with fellow Scouts of the Hopewell Troop. While in Virginia they plan to hike and clean up some of the historical trails to earn their Heritage Trails Merit Badge Patch.



Portage Scout Support

Pictured is Bradford Macfarlane, Worshipful Master of Fort Winnebago Lodge No. 33, Portage, presenting a check for \$250 to help sponsor the Virginia trip to Senior Patrol Leader Luke Malkowski of Troop 70, also of Portage.

– Submitted by James Swan, Sr., Ft. Winnebago Secretary

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

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History Making In Masonic Family

BROOKFIELD – Myron Reed Lodge No. 297, Brookfield, and the Grand Bethel of Wisconsin Job's Daughters made history in the Masonic Family on Sunday, April 29 as the two Orders held a joint meeting, a first, at the Mc Kinley Masonic Center in Brookfield.

Grand Bethel Honored Queen Erica Norem and her Grand Bethel officers and Worshipful Master Richard Messick Sr. and his officers each opened their meetings in proper form as over 130 sideliners from all over the state viewed for the first time the beautiful and interesting work of each Masonic Order.

The presiding officers were seated in the East. The Senior Princess was seated by the Senior Warden, the Jr. Princess by the Jr. Warden, the Guide with the Sr. Deacon, the Marshal with the Jr. Deacon, the Chaplains were together, the Custodians were with the Stewards, the five Messengers were seated with the Lodge Counselor, The Inner Guard with the Jr. Deacon and the Outer Guard with the Tiler. The Librarian sat with the Sr. Deacon; the Treasurers were together as were the Bethel Recorder and Lodge Secretary. It was most interesting to learn how similar the offices are in their duties.

The presiding officers conducted the business of both the Lodge and Bethel in proper form.

The adults and Job's Daughters present learned more about the wonderful Order that gave them their Masonic heritage as each Lodge officer explained their duties and some

of the Lodge symbols. It was a most informative and interesting presentation.

Masonic dignitaries present were Joe Harker, Sr. Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin; Tom Walton, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Wisconsin; Crystal Clifton, Miss Wisconsin Job's Daughter; Ali Brokl, Miss Congeniality; Ruth Duenk, Past Supreme Guardian, Job's Daughters International; Janine Coley, Vice Supreme Guardian, Job's Daughters International; SuAnn Gascoigne, Grand Guardian, and Brian Hurst, Associate Grand Guardian of Wisconsin Job's Daughters.

Ten Honored Queens and 18 Past Honored Queens representing Bethels from all over Wisconsin were also introduced and welcomed.

Grand Bethel and the Lodge were each closed in proper form. Others were then invited into the Lodge room to share in the presentation of three HIKE checks to three small children for hearing aides. The presentations were well done by Abigail Smith, Youth HIKE coordinator for Wisconsin Job's Daughters. Mom Dorothy Livemash assisted in the presentations.

It was a day to be remembered by the Grand Bethel of Wisconsin, Myron Reed Lodge and the many adults and Job's Daughters who traveled from all around the state who shared in this special event.

– Submitted by Mary Callaway,
Job's Daughters WMJ Coord

News of the Lodges

Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin



Grand Master's Appeal Funds Presented at Middleton VA Hospital

Pictured at the check presentation at the Henry S. Middleton Veterans Administration Hospital in Madison on Friday, April 27 were Laverne Storkson, MSA Field Agent for the Middleton VA Hospital; Beecher Daniels, PGM, MSA Hospital Visitation Program Coordinator for Wisconsin; John Rohrer, Acting Associate Director; Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin Rodney Paulsen; and William Barnes, Director of Development for our Wisconsin Masonic Charities. In accepting the funds, acting Associate Director Rohrer expressed his appreciation "...for the tremendous support of the Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin in response to your appeal to benefit the state veterans hospitals and home." The check for \$5,319 will be used to fund monthly cable television programming fees for patients' rooms.

– Submitted by the Middleton VA Hospital



Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

The kitchen crew of Island City Lodge No. 330 not only prepared the food but also served up 178 meals in three hours at Island City Lodge Annual corned beef and cabbage dinner fund raiser. Pictured left to right are: Brother John Kivi, Brother Steve Burcaw, Brother Wally Semonok, and Brother Arden Mikich. The fund raiser was the most successful ever for our Lodge!

– Submitted by Darrell Tamow



Ft. Winnebago Courtesy Presentation

On April 20 at the request of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois and The Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Wisconsin, Worshipful Master Bradford Macfarlane, Secretary James Swan, Sr., and Brother Sydney Jones of Fort Winnebago Lodge No. 33 of Portage had the honor to present Brother Wayne Le Roy Smith of Jerusalem Temple Lodge No. 90 in Illinois with a letter of congratulations, 50-year certificate and 50-year pin. Due to Brother Smith's health the presentation was made at the home of Brother Smith. Friendship and brotherly love were evident between brother Masons. Pictured are WM Macfarlane and Bro. Smith (seated).



Three New Members at Laflin-St. James Lodge in Mukwanago

On April 23, the Freemasons of Laflin St. James Lodge No. 247, Mukwanago, made Brother Masons of Juner L. Schulz, East Troy; James J. Albright II, Elkhorn; and Robert A. Borek, Mukwanago.



Island City's Newest MM

Brooks Elitzer was Raised a Master Mason in Island City Lodge No. 330, Minocqua recently. Pictured left to right are: Worshipful Master Albert Jurgens III, Master Mason Brooks Elitzer, and Past Master Darrell Tamow.

– Submitted by Darrell Tamow



Traveling Gavel Claimed at Dells Lodge

On April 7, 2007, several members of Adams Lodge No. 332 traveled to Wisconsin Dells Lodge No. 124 to capture the Traveling Gavel. Members of Adams Lodge have been traveling to Dells lodge for almost a year to show support and help the lodge due to its decreasing membership participation. In March, 2007, Quincy Lodge Master Jeff Marquart delivered the Traveling Gavel to Dells Lodge Worshipful Master Mike Karas in hopes of having even more lodges interested in visiting Dells Lodge. The members of Adams Lodge told the Dells Lodge that they would wait several meetings before attempting to capture the Gavel so that other Lodges had the chance to visit the Dells Lodge and capture the gavel themselves.

After several meetings, Adams Lodge felt it was time. "We have not had the "Traveling Gavel" in a long time, I think it is time we capture it," stated Worshipful Master Eugene Kuhnwald of Adams Lodge. We invite and encourage all lodges to come and capture the gavel. Come and visit our remodeled lodge and our eager members.

Stevens Point Rainbow Assembly Now 501(c)3 – Receives Grant

STEVENS POINT – In December 2006, the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls was granted 501(c)3 tax-exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service. Monetary gifts to any local assembly or Grand Assembly (state) are now tax deductible. This 501(c)3 status also makes the organization eligible to apply for grants.

Stevens Point Assembly No. 1 is the first assembly in Wisconsin to take advantage of this new opportunity, and have been awarded a grant of \$125 from the Community Foundation of Portage County.

"It may not be a large amount," says Rae Canfield, Mother Advisor, who wrote the grant, "but we were one of eight projects selected to receive funding from a field of 42 applicants."

"I think we have taken an important first step in bringing more awareness about Rainbow Girls to our community."

Assembly supporters hope this

awareness will assist in finding new members as the assembly is about to lose its charter due to lack of membership.

The grant application requested funds to purchase advertisements in three area newspapers inviting the community to an open house celebrating the new location of the Stevens Point Masonic Center and emphasizing the service projects, friendships, and leadership skills to be gained through involvement in Rainbow Girls.

Wisconsin assemblies include: Stevens Point No. 1, Milwaukee No. 2 (Brookfield), Madison No. 5 (Middleton), Beloit No. 9 and Friendship No. 18, formerly located in Monroe. Opportunities to assist in state projects could include Wisconsin Rainbow Scholarships, Grand Assembly Operations and the Supreme Assembly travel fund to assist girls to attend the international sessions.

Richard Meyer April 29, 2007

On Sunday, April 29, 2007, Dad Richard Meyer, Honorary Member of the International Supreme Council, laid down his working tools in the Quarry of Life.

There was no greater proponent for DeMolay in Wisconsin than Dad Meyer. He provided innumerable event scholarships. No Conclave or Sweetheart Weekend was complete without stopping into Dad Meyers D-Mart to grab some snacks and soft drinks. Dad Meyer was beloved by all in Wisconsin DeMolay. He will surely be missed.

- The Advisors and Brothers of Wisconsin DeMolay

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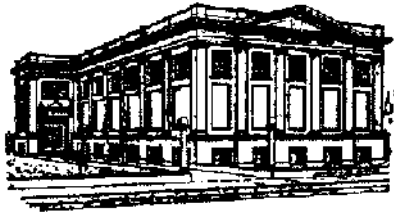
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Baldwin

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

Baraboo

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

Barnes

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

Barneveld

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

Bayfield

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29 N. 2nd Street • 715-779-3174 (Sec)
Meets Monthly, 1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

Beaver Dam

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

Beloit

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

Berlin

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

Black Earth

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

Black River Falls

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

Bloomer

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

Bristol

Washburn Lodge No. 145
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Dark July & August

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Cecil

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Dark January & February

Cedarburg

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

Chetek

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

Chippewa Falls

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

Clear Lake

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

Columbus

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

Crandon

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

Crivitz

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

Darlington

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

Delavan

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

Dodgeville

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

Dousman

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

Dousman

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

Durand

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

Eagle River

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

Eau Claire

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

Eau Claire

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

Eau Claire

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

Edgerton

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

Ellsworth

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

Evansville

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

Fond du Lac

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

Frederic

Landmark Lodge No. 244
109 United Way • 715-327-8963
Meets 2nd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
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Quincy Lodge No. 71
210 Main St. • 608-564-7144 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
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Galesville

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16794 S. Main St. • 608-592-4130 (Sec)
Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m.
Dark July & August, 1st Mon. Sept.

Grafton

Victory Lodge No. 320
1645 Highland Dr., #2 • 262-376-9619
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Dark June - August

Green Bay

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

Green Bay

N.E.W. Daylite Lodge No. 360
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Dark July & August

Green Bay

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Dark July & August

Green Bay

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

Hartford

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

Hayward

Keystone Lodge No. 263
511 N. Iowa Ave. • 715-634-4715
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Hudson

St. Croix Lodge No. 56
209 Locust Street • 715-377-0817
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Janesville

Janesville-Western Star No. 55
2322 E. Milwaukee St. • 608-752-3098
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Jefferson

Jefferson County Lodge No. 9
617 Masonic Blvd. • 920-674-6715
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Kenosha

Kenosha Lodge No. 47
807 - 61st St. • 262-657-7631
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Kenosha

Sunrise Lodge No. 359
807 61st St. • 262-694-7817
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 9:30 a.m.
Dark July & August

Kenosha

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

La Crosse

Frontier Lodge No. 45
118 S. 8th St. • 608-782-1616
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

La Crosse

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

Ladysmith

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

Lake Geneva

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

Linden

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

Lodi

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

Lone Rock

Franklin Lodge No. 16
237 S. Oak St. • 608-583-4303 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

Madison

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

Madison

Doric Lodge No. 356
3735 Monona Drive • 608-224-0895
(Sec) • Meet 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Madison

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

Madison

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

Madison

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

Manitowoc

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

Marinette

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

Marshfield

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

Medford

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

Menomonie

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

Mercer

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

Merrill

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

Merrillan

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

Middleton

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

Milton

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

Milwaukee

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

Milwaukee

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

Milwaukee

Freemasons Lodge No. 363
790 N. Van Buren St. • 414-425-5166
Meets 1st Wednesday, 5:

George B. Wheeler Busy Raising New MMs



Awe Raising a Family Event at George B. Wheeler

Douglas Awe, newly raised Master Mason on March 28; James Foss, father-in-law; Robert Schmidt, grandfather; Gary Hageness, friend, joined Todd Berg, George B. Wheeler Lodge No 351 Master, for a commemorative photo in Eau Claire following Brother Doug Awe's raising.



Richard Hemmingson Raised at Wheeler Lodge

Joseph Vanderburg, Lodge Counselor; Richard Hemmingson, newly raised Master Mason on February 28; and Todd Berg, Worshipful Master of George B. Wheeler Lodge are pictured following Bro. Hemmingson's degree.

Joshua Watermean Raised in Eau Claire

Counselor Vanderburg, new Master Mason Joshua Waterman who was raised on March 14, are shown with George B. Wheeler Lodge WM Todd Berg following the degree. - Submitted by Bro. Roger Bischoff, Geo. B. Wheeler News Hawk



Ben Schulte Raised, Is Perpetual Member

New Master Mason Benjamin Schulte, center, was raised on April 11 in George B. Wheeler Lodge. Pictured also are his father Kevin Schulte, left, and his grandfather Galen Fox, right. Bro. Fox gave his grandson the gift of a Perpetual Membership to the Lodge.



Valley Lodge Holds 'Blessing of the Bikes'

Dozens of motorcycles of all makes, models and colors, ridden in by men and women safety-clad in leather and helmets, flocked to the first annual "Blessing of the Bikes" at Valley Lodge No. 60 in Sparta. The brain child of Junior Deacon Eric Matson, the event included a very well attended pancake breakfast complete with bacon or sausage, and juice or coffee. A series of prize drawings with a motorcycle theme preceded the blessing by Reverend Todd Fanta. Shortly thereafter, the entire group cycled to Tomah to attend a motorcycle swap meet there. "The Blessing of the Bikes was so successful," Stated Valley Lodge Master Dave Scafe, "that we are planning to make it an annual event!" - Submitted by Valley Lodge News Hawk Jim Brown

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Jefferson County Lodge Officers

The officers of Jefferson County Lodge No. 9 were installed on January 29. Pictured in the first row, left to right, are Ben Salamone, Jr. Steward; Zach Roberson, Jr. Warden; Ralph Behlke, Worshipful Master; Scott Verville, Sr. Warden; Gary Palmer, Secretary; Roger Humphrey, Treasurer & Tiler; and Henry Pynakker, Area 9-1 Area Administrator, Installing Master. Second row: Daryl Haumschild, Sr. Deacon; Alan Brawders, Jr. Deacon; David Dom, Sr. Steward; and Tony Bell, Installing Marshal. Not pictured: Rev. Fred Himmerich, Chaplain.

- Submitted by Bro. Gary Palmer, Jefferson County Lodge Secretary

Jewel of The Ancient Grand Master - A Masonic tradition informs us that the jewel of an ancient Grand Master at the Temple was the square and compass(es) with the letter G between. This was the jewel worn by Hiram Abif on the day which deprived the Craft of his invaluable services, and which was subsequently found upon him. - Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry

A child needs a role model

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Pewaukee

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

Phillips

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

Platteville

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

Plymouth

Cassia Lodge No. 167
441 Smith St. • 920-892-6336
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Portage

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

Port Washington

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

Potosi

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

Poynette

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

Prairie du Chien

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

Prairie du Sac

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

Prescott

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

Racine

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

Reedsburg

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

Rhineland

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

Rice Lake

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

Richland Center

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

River Falls

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

Shawano

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

Sheboygan

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

Shell Lake

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

Shullsburg

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

Shullsburg

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

South Milwaukee

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

Sparta

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

Star Prairie

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

Stevens Point

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

Stoughton

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

Sturgeon Bay

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

Sun Prairie

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

Superior

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

Superior

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

Sussex

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

Tomah

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

Union Grove

Union Grove Lodge No. 288
1021 - 11th Ave. • 262-878-9938
Meet 2nd 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 Wed., 7:30 p.m.; Meet 1st Wed. July, August
& Dec. • Dark January & February

Waterloo

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

Waukesha

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

Waupaca

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

Waupun

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

Wausau

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

Wautoma

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

West Allis

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

West Allis

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

West Allis

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

West Bend

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

West Salem

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

Whitefish Bay

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

Whitefish Bay

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

Whitewater

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

Wilmot

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

Winneconne

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

Wisconsin Dells

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

Wisconsin Rapids

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

Armistead-Bingham

Lodge No. 1862
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Quarry Notes

William L. Stonecipher, Editor

• **Good Samaritan Retrieves Cash From Highway** – The other day I received a news tip from Brother Terry Decot, Area 7-2 Administrator, about an interesting story involving a member of Lodi Valley Lodge. It seems that Brother Kerry Kurt, a member of Lodi Valley Lodge No. 99, and his wife Tina had been in Madison on business on Monday, April 23 and were driving west out of Middleton on Hwy. 12 towards their rural Lodi home. Ahead of them the noticed a pickup pulling a smallish closed trailer with one of the rear doors swinging open and out tumbled a lunchbox. About a mile and a half down the road they came upon a suitcase in the middle of the left lane of traffic.

Brother Kurt put two and two together and figured that the suitcase fell out of the same trailer that had lost the lunchbox. By then, though, the driver was long gone. Kerry and Tina thought about what to do about it, and they decided to turn around and go back and retrieve the case if it was still there. It was, right where it had fallen. "It was a miracle that it hadn't been run over," Brother Kurt commented when he spoke with the Editor about the experience.

He retrieved it from the highway, and upon opening it they discovered clothes, a shaving kit, several bottles of prescription medications, and several rolls of cash, including some checks. As it turned out, none of the contact phone numbers in the suitcase were active but they found a check with a Racine woman's number on it. They called her and learned that she'd purchased sunglasses from this man at a booth at a horse show that weekend at the Dane County Coliseum. She called the coliseum and got the phone number of the concessionaire and gave it to the Kurts.

As things turned out, when Kerry reached the owner at his home in the Twin Cities, he asked if Kerry knew a disc jockey in Madison named John Flint. Kerry didn't but the man said that he was his son, and that he would call him and have him pick up the suitcase from them, which he did. In the end it all turned out happily. Tina Kurt, by the way, is the Worthy Matron of Queen Esther Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, located at Lodi Valley Lodge.

• **Dodge County History On Publisher's Web Site** – "A History of Dodge County Lodge No. 72: Free & Accepted Masons" by Dodge County Secretary Richard L. Larson has been published in condensed form by Trafford Publishing. Originally 800-plus pages, the smaller version is 568 pages. It is available as a quality trade paperback (softcover); catalogue #06-2683; ISBN 1-4251-0925-X; US\$34.50, C\$39.67, EUR28.34, £19.84. The Trafford web site is <http://www.trafford.com/06-2683>. Trafford Publishing offers an on-demand publishing service which was created by self-publishing authors for self-publishing authors. Trafford books, manuals and reports are manufactured one-at-a-time to fill individual orders as they are received.

• **Lodge Scholarship Pictures** – Congratulations are in order to the lodges that provide scholarships to deserving students graduating high school and are going on to higher education. In order to provide significant recognition in the most space-efficient manner, your Wisconsin Masonic Journal has partnered with the Wisconsin Masonic Charities and the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Scholarship Program to publish a special issue devoted primarily to these scholarships. That issue is the November issue.

In this issue we will print a head-shot of each Foundation-funded scholarship recipient accompanied by the pertinent information as requested in the scholarship submission material each lodge secretary will receive from the Masonic Charities Development Office.

Except in unusual circumstances, we will not publish pictures of lodge scholarship presentations or recognition events until the November 2007 issue. With at least 150 lodges presenting scholarships, there simply is not space available to permit us to do otherwise. We will hold any such presentation or recognition event images for possible publication in this issue, as space permits. The November issue will devote three entire pages to publishing head and shoulders pictures of lodge/foundation scholarship recipients.

Lodge secretaries should look for scholarship submission information they will be receiving from the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation-Charities Development Office early this summer. Please submit the requested picture and accompanying information to the Development Office in Dousman by July 15. **umj**

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Dells Lodge No. 124 and W. D. Niles/Elza M. Chase Chapter No. 104, R.A.M., Team up By Brother Eugene Kuhnwald

On May 9 W. D. Niles/Elza M. Chase Chapter No. 104 RAM of Adams and Dells Lodge No. 124 of Wisconsin Dells, teamed up to host a cookout for the Dells Health and Rehabilitation Center.

The event started about four years ago when W. D. Niles Chapter decided to provide a cookout: it has become an annual event for them. This year Dells Lodge teamed up with W. D. Niles and the partnership will continue as long as the residents love cookouts.

The initial planning for this event began in January this year to find out the perfect date for the event. Then, thru our combined fund raisers for the Chapter and the Lodge, we were able to finance this event.

The Chapter in Adams and the Lodge in the Dells donate all the food for the residents and staff at the Dells Health and Rehab facility, and the Chapter/Lodge members do all the cooking for them outside the facility, where the aroma rolls into the facility and the residents just smile.

Some of the residents stated, "This is the most enjoyable day we have had yet. This is just like being at the park grilling out. You guys are the greatest."

In all of the comments and of all the conversations Chapter/Lodge members had with some of the residents and the staff, the one thing they all had in common was the huge smile on their faces and the enjoyment in their eyes.

Brother Mike Karas (WM of Dells Lodge No. 124) and Eugene Kuhnwald (EHP of Adams Chapter) and all their members say they are honored to have been able to provide this event for these wonderful people.

Wrote Brother Kuhnwald: "This is what the Masonic fraternity is about, to be able to give to the community and help with what we are able to help with. The smiles on all the faces of the people we help is our reward."

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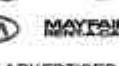
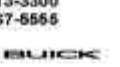
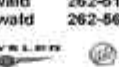
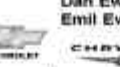
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VOLUNTEER DINNER

Volunteers of the Three Pillars campus enjoyed a
dinner served by the Three Pillars staff on Sunday,
May 6th. This annual event is in recognition of
all the generous time given by the volunteers at
Three Pillars. After dinner, everyone was entertained
by Nelson Devereaux, Jason Fabus and Nick Van
Derwen of the "The Polka Dotz".

Posing for a photo above from the left are Iola
Brown, Polly Warner, Arlyle Warner, and Grace
Bart, all residents at the Village on the Square.

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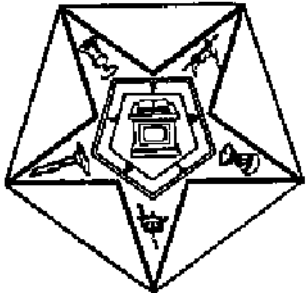


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Order of the Eastern Star

From The WGM

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
It is a privilege and an honor to serve you as WGM. Thank you for this opportunity.

We are looking forward to meeting and working with all of you. Our main goal this year is to increase our membership and to encourage inactive members back to our Chapters. We need to work together to make our Chapters "The Place to Be".

Each Chapter must have a membership committee. The Grand Chapter membership committee is ready, willing and able to help your Chapter create a plan and then implement that plan. Please don't hesitate to call the membership person in your area.

The summer offers many opportunities for sharing time and having fun together. We are looking forward to see you at one or more of the five exemplifications. Mark your calendars for July 20 at Oregon Chapter, Oregon, July 28 at Wauwatosa Chapter, Brookfield, August 4 at Charles A. Lawton Chapter, Green Bay, August 10 at Tomah Chapter, Tomah and August 11 at Ellsworth Chapter, Ellsworth. Your new Grand Family is anxious to do the work for you.

August 18 there is a bus trip scheduled to Lansing Michigan for the Multijurisdictional event. This is a fun weekend and gives us a chance to meet Sisters and Brothers from many states and provinces. The flyer with details was included in the Secretary's packet at Grand Chapter.

Ruth Chapter, LaCrosse, will be the host Chapter for the Iowa/Minnesota/South Dakota/Wisconsin Exchange. Join us for a fun day on Saturday, August 25.

If you haven't seen a new issue of the Starburst, you are missing a great newspaper. The Starburst is new and improved. Check it out.

Our website, Wisconsinoes.org is the place to look for a complete calendar, newflashes, and a lot of other important information.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you. I look forward to seeing you this summer at the many events we have planned for you.

Bug hugs,
Laurie

Grand Representative Appointments

Indiana - Alice Slatter
Wauwatosa Chapter

Georgia - Jon DeCaluwe
Oconomowoc Hartland Chapter & Dousman Chapter

Tennessee - Shirley Storkeson
Starlite Chapter & Melody Chapter

On The Road Again... Save the Dates

Wisconsin Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star will be "on the road again" during the last weekend of September 2007. With our WGM Sister Laurie Twardy on board, Brother Don Jensen will once again cruise the scenic highways and byways of our beautiful state by motorcycle. Along with their entourage, WGM Laurie and Brother Don will travel across the state, visiting various chapters on their way, to collect funds for arthritis research.

This year our WGM and WGP have planned a joint project to support the Arthritis Research Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin and the Arthritis Foundation of Wisconsin. It is their goal to encourage Eastern Star members to Learn More and Do More about this inflammatory condition that touches the lives of so many. "An estimated 43 million people in the United States have arthritis or other rheumatic conditions ... the leading cause of disability among adults age 65 and older."

The summer months are perfect for Eastern Star Chapters to sponsor various activities and raise funds to support this special project, which will be used to explore strategies for early diagnosis, treatments, and the management of arthritic symptoms. For more information on this "On the Road Again" event and the ways your Chapter can be involved, contact Sister Tammie Otterstein at otters2@charter.net or 608-592-5629. We will "see you in September."

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SISTERS AND BROTHERS

If you would like to have your information about your chapter's meetings, special events, 50-year members, new members or chatter about your chapter printed on this page please send your information to:

Sister Jane Blackwood, 937 Euclid Ave, Beloit, WI 53511-6006 or [stomkat@sbcglobal.net](mailto:<stomkat@sbcglobal.net>).

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



Rainbow Chapter News

Rainbow Chapter 87, Wisconsin Rapids, is pleased to announce we have initiated four new members into our Order; Jim and Brenda Masonik and Chuck and Sharon Miller. Pictured above are Jim and Brenda Masonik, Ruth Bennett, Worthy Matron, and Jim Sedall, Worthy Patron.



Rainbow Chapter New Members

Rainbow Chapter 87, Wisconsin Rapids initiated new members. Pictured above left to right are: Jim Sedall, Worthy Patron, new members Chuck and Sharon Miller, and Ruth Bennett, Worthy Matron.

Chapter Calendar Dates

June 2007

- 1 - Vega, Milwaukee - Installation
- 4 - Star of Bethlehem, Portage - Honor Fathers
- Oregon, Oregon - Garden of Trust Father's Day/Past Patrons/Masons
- Pike, Kenosha - Honor Fathers, Masons and Officers' Farewell
- 5 - Electa, Milwaukee - Stated meeting, Outstallation and Grand Chapter Report
- Frederic, Frederic - Memorial Service and Grand Chapter Reports
- Queen of Sheba, Reedburg - Honor Masons and other Heroes program, Special Music
- 7 - Honor, Sturgeon Bay - Stated Meeting and Honor Officers
- Dodgeville, Dodgeville - Memorial Service
- Dousman, Dousman - Installation
- 9 - Frederic, Frederic - Installation
- 12 - Ozaukee, Port Washington - Installation
- 12 - Kathy Rottler's Grand Representative Reception, Rainbow, Wisconsin Rapids
- Phoenix, Beloit - Honor Fathers and Master Masons, April-May Birthdays, Memorial Service and Farewell
- Venus, Stoughton - Memorial Nite
- Everett, Marshfield - Honor Fathers and Flag Day
- 13 - Wauwatosa, Brookfield - Honor All Committee Members, Picnic Potluck, bring your favorite picnic food
- 14 - Kenosha, Kenosha - Farewell and JUS Night
- Golden Rule, Wauwatosa - Grand Chapter Report and Farewell
- 16 - Lila B Graser, Sussex - Installation
- 18 - Sparta, Sparta - Installation
- Pike, Kenosha - Installation
- 19 - Electa, Milwaukee - Installation
- 21 - Melody, Middleton - Installation
- Honor, Sturgeon Bay - Farewell
- 23 - Mabel, Rhineland - Installation
- 25 - Acadia, Brookfield - Installation
- 26 - West Allis, West Allis - Installation
- Venus, Stoughton - Farewell
- Everett, Marshfield - Honor Outgoing Officers
- 27 - Western Stars Area Club Picnic, Davidson Park, Westby - 6 p.m.
- 30 - Phoenix, Beloit - Installation
- Golden Rule Chapter, Wauwatosa - Installation

July 2007

- 7 - WGM's Party Brookfield
- 8-11 - Grand Officer's School Brookfield
- 14 - WGP's Party Sparta
- 15 - Practice
- 20 - Exemplification, Oregon, Oregon
- 21 - Twilight, Sun Prairie - 100th Anniversary Celebration
- 28 - Exemplification, Wauwatosa, Brookfield
- 29 - Grand Family Day at Dousman

Multi-State Friendship Night

The Michigander Club
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**21st Anniversary
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Saturday, August 18, 2007 in
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We will return home to Wisconsin on Sunday.

You can be a part of this exciting event for \$169/per person based on double room occupancy. This rate includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, hotel, your choice of pork, chicken or vegetarian dinner at the event, breakfast, as well as refreshments aboard the motorcoach.

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Sister Marianne Totsch at
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Club Dates 2007-2008

Triwaukee

Sept. 14	Acadia
October 12	Sussex
November 9	Vega
(This one may be changed)	
February 8	Golden Rule @ McKinley
March 14	Oconomowoc- Hartland
April 11	Electa

Southeast

Sept 8	Restaurant
October 13	Union Grove
November 10	Pike
February 9	Racine
March 8	Burlington
April 12	Kenosha

Madison

September 15	Beloit
October 20	Jefferson
November 17	Middleton
February 16	Starlite
March 15	Janesville
April 19	Twilight

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Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

June 2007

- 1-2 Annual Communication, Madison Masonic Center, Madison, Convenes at 8:30 a.m. both days.
- 6 West Allis Lodge No. 291 150th Anniversary Celebration Open House with West Allis Historical Society.
- 8 West Allis 150th Anniversary Table Lodge, Past Masters Review of their years.
- 9 West Allis Lodge Rededication, 3 p.m. with reception to follow. Social hour is at 5 p.m. Dinner at 6. Dancing after.
- 9 Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research Quarterly Meeting, Baraboo Lodge No. 34, Baraboo
- 13-16 Wisconsin York Rite Bodies Grand Sessions, Regency Suits Convention Center, Green Bay. Grand Chapter meets Wednesday, June 13; Grand Council on Thursday, the 14th; with the Grand Banquet at 7 p.m. and Grand Commandery is Friday the 15th.
- 17 Wautoma Masonic Union's 6th Annual Fathers Day Antique and Classic Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Bird Creek Park, Wautoma. Raffle at 2 p.m. For more information contact Ed Anderson by phone at (920) 293-4305 or e-mail at <carshow@vbe.com>.
- 22 Annual McKinley Lodge-sponsored Table Lodge. Open for all Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, and Master Masons statewide. Hors d'oeuvres and conversation begins at 5:30 p.m., gourmet dinner at 6 p.m. Contact WM Ryan Mayrand at 414-456-9108 for reservations.
- 22-24 AASR Council of Deliberation, Appleton, Radisson-Paper Valley Hotel & Conference Center.
- 30 Southwestern York Rite Association Festival, Council Royal Master & Select Master Degrees & Knights Templar Order of the Red Cross & Order of Malta will be conferred. Location to be announced.

July 2007

- 21 Reedsburg Lodge 150th Dinner & Rededication 2 p.m., Reedsburg Lodge. Dinner is \$10 per person. RSVP by July 12 to WM Robert Ott by phone at 608-524-1390 or by e-mail at <drnkt@rucls.net>.
- 21 York Rite Bodies-sponsored Leadership Development Seminar, Open to the public & all Masonic organizations & youth groups, Wausau Masonic Center, 9 a.m. registration, Lunch included. \$15 pre-registration and \$20 at the door. Keynote speaker is Rev. Jan L. Beaderstadt, KYGCH. For information and early registration contact: Larry Catellier at 608-348-7175 or e-mail at <lac@mmfwp.com >.
- 26-28 Wisconsin High School All-Star Men's & Women's High School Soccer Games sponsored by the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation at Carthage College,

Kenosha. Recognition breakfast and program is at 8 a.m. on Saturday, July 28. The women's game begins at 11:30 a.m. and the men's game begins at 2 p.m.

August 2007

- 1 Appleton Shrine Club Spanfarkel, Riverside Park, Kaukauna, 6 p.m. \$10 per person. Res. to William H Francis, N1432 Star Dust Drive, Greenville, WI 54942.
- 5 Three Pillars' First Annual FRIENDS & FAMILY FESTIVAL 12 noon to 4 p.m. on the Three Pillars Senior Living Communities Campus in Dousman. An afternoon of food, fun & live entertainment for the whole family. Enjoy a chicken dinner, hamburgers, hotdogs and much more. See page 14 for details.
- 11 York Rite Bodies-sponsored Leadership Development Seminar, Open to the public & all Masonic organizations & youth groups, Janesville Masonic Center, 9 a.m. Fees & registration same as for July 21st seminar.
- 13 Teddy Bear Classic III Golf Scramble to Benefit 32nd Degree Children's Learning Center in Milwaukee. Muskego Lakes Country Club. Entry is \$99.99 per golfer, banquet is \$29.99 per person. Credit cards accepted. Reservations to Kapke & Kapke Attorneys at Law, 2505 N. 124th St., Suite 106K, Brookfield, WI 53005. Reservations by July 31. For details call 414-276-4744.
- 16-18 Zor Shrine, Midwest Shrine Association Summer Session, Madison. Zor Shrine Parade, Capitol Square, Madison, 6:15 p.m.
- 17-19 Grand Lodge Summer Staff Mtg. Pewaukee
- 24-25 The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Wisconsin Summer Full Staff Meetings, Governor Dodge Hotel & Convention Center, Platteville.
- 30 Southwestern York Rite Association Meeting

September 2007

- 8 Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843, Marinette Lodge No. 182, Marinette (Tentative)
- 30 Wisconsin York Rite Testimonial Dinner, Shooters Restaurant in Plover, WI. Wisconsin York Rite Association Meeting 9 a.m. Social Hour 11:30 a.m. Dinner at 12:30 p.m. is \$20 each. Send reservations to: Raymond Mielke, W529 Cty Road D Fall River, 53932. Reservation deadline is September 10. Information & pre-register at <www.mmfw.com>.

October 2007

- 6 Platteville Commandery No.35 Knights Templar Annual Inspection & Special Observance, 9 a.m. of the 700th anniversary of the arrest of the Knights Templars in Paris, France. Regular inspection at 1 p.m. Platteville Masonic Center.

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