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Districts Realigned Slightly to Reflect Desires of Lodges

Changes to take place at close of 2007 Annual Communication in June

WAUSAU – One important outcome of the Grand Lodge Full Staff meeting held Saturday, February 10 in Wausau is that five Wisconsin lodges will be transferred to different districts according to letters confirming these changes sent this week to the lodges and District Deputies affected.

- In the west-central part of the state, Buffalo River Lodge No. 252 in Mondovi will change from District 5 to District 2.

- In the southeast, in eastern Waukesha County, Ashlar Lodge No. 193 will switch from District 10 to District 11, as will Lincoln Lodge No. 183.

- In the northwest, Blue Hills Lodge No. 234 in Rice Lake will change from 1 to District 2.

- Mosinee Lodge No. 318, located in Mosinee south of Wausau, will move from District 3 to District 6.

These five actions were authorized by Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin Rodney A. Paulsen at the request of the lodges that desired the change and agreed to by the respective District Deputies. The letters were sent under the signature of Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, Grand Secretary.

These changes will become effective upon the conclusion of the 2007 Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Madison on June 2.



Change for DeMolay

“Since Masons don’t like change, give it to DeMolay!” reads the label on the Mason jar held aloft by Brother Craig Campbell, Junior Grand Warden, during the opening session of the Grand Lodge Full Staff meeting Saturday, February 10 in Wausau. In Grand Lodge, as in constituent lodges, it is the Junior Warden who is responsible for keeping the channels of communication open between the lodge and the our sponsored youth groups—Rainbow for Girls, Job’s Daughters and DeMolay. It is intended that a “Change for DeMolay” jar be placed on the secretary’s desk in every lodge and that spare coins be contributed to to help support Wisconsin DeMolay and the future of Wisconsin Masonry. District 6 Deputy Jeff Brewer, District 7 Deputy Richard Trailer, Junior Grand Steward Dan Slavik, Deputy Grand Master J. B. Van Hollen and Grand Master Rod Paulsen (left to right) are also shown. More on page 2.

Aid Sought for Sheboygan Lodge Member & Family in Malawi, Africa

Editor’s note: the following story was brought to our attention by Grand Master Paulsen. This communication was originally sent to members of Sheboygan Lodge and Masons on the lodge’s e-mail contact list. The e-mail conveys a plea for help from Brother Africa Walata, one of seven teachers from the African nation of Malawi who became Masons while studying at Lakeland College near Sheboygan. The challenges that greeted Bro. Walata and the others upon returning to their homes and the helpful response by their fraternal brothers here captures the essence of Masonic Relief in time of need. The e-mails have been modified slightly for clarity.

Bro. David Aardappel’s e-mail to Sheboygan Lodge Members:

“...that should you ever meet a friend, more importantly a Brother Mason, in like destitute circumstances...”

We hear these words in the Entered Apprentice Degree and similar ones in the obligations for the Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees.

Several years ago we (the members of Sheboygan Lodge No. 11) began raising Master Masons from the African country of Malawi who were students at Lakeland College.

The need they face when leaving here and going home can be mind-numbing. Our first Brother to graduate and go home was Africa Walata

(raised at Sheboygan Lodge in fall, 2001).

When Bro. Walata arrived home, his father and sister were in the hospital. Now, hospitals in Malawi are not what they are here. Often there are no medicines and people often have to supply their own bedding.

His sister died and Africa became responsible for her children. No questions asked. His father lingered in great pain for almost two years, in and out of the hospitals. While Africa he was here he sent most of the money he earned home to build a house for his family.

In addition, Bro. Walata was not assigned a place to teach for almost a year after he returned, and then was sent from the south end of Malawi where his family and home were, to the very far north by a rather vindictive education ministry official with whom I had dealings. This was as his father was in the last and very painful stages of cancer.

Since Africa has returned, his wife Joyce has had two miscarriages at about the fifth month of pregnancy because of recurring bouts of malaria. They have a beautiful young daughter named Shyness. Last year Mrs. Walata’s mother died of ovarian cancer.

Through all of this Africa has worked to educate teachers in Malawi, as have our other Masonic Brothers there—Michael Gondwe, Patric Tembwe, Joseph Mvula, See **MALAWI AID** on page 10

4th Annual Table Lodge With Prince Hall Masons Is 3/29

Reservations Due at Grand Lodge Office by Saturday, March 17

DOUSMAN – The reservation deadline of March 17 is drawing near for the fourth annual Grand Lodge of Wisconsin and Prince Hall Grand Lodge Combined Table Lodge on Thursday, March 29.

Members of the two grand jurisdictions will join together in Masonic fellowship and celebrate Wisconsin Freemasonry at Tripoli Shrine, 3000 W. Wisconsin Avenue in Milwaukee. Secure parking is available for attendees adjacent to Tripoli.

The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a fellowship period followed by the official opening ceremony at 6:45 p.m. The Ceremony of Seven Toasts and dinner will follow.

This event is open to all Masons that have received the Entered Apprentice Degree. Dress for the evening is a business suit, aprons included. The Table Lodge will be conducted upon the EA Degree.

The cost of this event is \$20 and must be submitted with individual name(s) and be postmarked no later than Saturday, March 17. Reservations are to be sent directly to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 53118. Make checks payable to the same. Please use the clip & mail registration coupon on page 3. **umj**

The Grand Master’s Message:

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

My Brothers:

Another page has been torn from the calendar and we have moved into March. As I sit here looking at the fresh snow fall of last night, I wonder whether March will come in like a lamb or like a lion.

What the weather will be for that first of March is out of our hands — we will take it as it comes. Most things that make up our day are in our hands, to decide what we will do or how we will use that time.

In the beginning of the year I asked you to set high goals, to aim high in the things that you did. Have you reached those goals or ignored them? This is the time that we often see those well meant New Year’s Resolutions going by the wayside.

Were the goals you set, if you did set some, unrealistic or were there more important things to do? Or were you able to experience that feeling of success and accomplish what you set out to do? Your life and the direction it takes is in your hands. Will you be a better man as a Mason because of how you live or will you be just another member who wears a Masonic ring? If you don’t know where you are going, you will end up someplace else.

A little thought, creativity and action yields results

Ryan Mayrand, Worshipful Master of McKinley No. 307 has set a schedule to have an ethnic dinner with entertainment the first meeting of every month, open to the public as well as Masons. At the February dinner that we were able to attend, they had 90 people registered for the evening. It was a great meal of Chinese cuisine, and great publicity! These dinners were the result of a little thought, a little creativity, and some action. Thought without action is just that, a thought. Great job, Ryan, and McKinley Lodge No. 307!

Does your Lodge have a calendar or schedule for the year — or even a budget? Need help? Contact your Area Administrator or District Deputy. Again, if you don’t know where you are going, you will end up someplace else. Is that where you want to be?

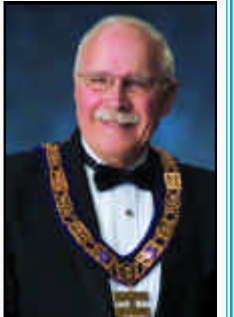
The Grand Master’s Appeal has drawn to a close. Thank you, Brothers, for the \$19,000 you contributed beyond the cost of placing the appeal. This money will all be used directly for the benefit of hospitalized veterans. I will be meeting this month with PGM Beecher Daniels, State MSA Representative, to discuss how these funds can be best spent for the direct benefit of the veterans.

My lady Virginia’s Ladies Appeal will be used to purchase phone cards for our service men and women. They will be stamped with the Square and Compasses and distributed through the USO. One card will provide 100 minutes of phone time and serve to bring our service personnel and their loved ones closer together while on active duty.

This brings to mind a time 50 years ago when I was on active duty in France. In the 14 months that I was there, I had one phone call home, for three minutes, and that call was earned and given as an award. My how times have changed!

As I have travelled, it has been pointed out that I am past the halfway

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Rodney A. Paulsen,
Grand Master of Masons
in Wisconsin

Third Reception is March 24 in Eau Claire:

Area receptions allow Grand Master to visit more Masons in more places

DOUSMAN – The first of the four Grand Master’s Receptions took place on Saturday Feb. 24 at the Country Springs Hotel and Water Park in Pewaukee. Coverage of the event will appear in the April issue.

The second reception will take place in northwestern Wisconsin on Saturday, March 24 at the Eau Claire Masonic Center. Handling reception details and reservations for this Grand Master’s reception is L. Arby Humphrey, District 1 Deputy.

For Masons in the northeast, District 4’s Marinette Lodge will host a Grand Master’s Recognition Breakfast on Saturday, May 19 at 8 a.m. The breakfast will be followed by a District 4 Spring Meeting at 9 a.m. and a District 4 Proficiency School at 10 a.m. District 4 Deputy Guy Gooding is handling registration details.

The fourth and final reception for Grand Master Paulsen will held on Sunday, May 20 in Shullsburg. District 8 Deputy Emmett Reilly is coordinating this event for Masons and their ladies in the central and south-

western part of the state. The evening reception and dinner will be held at Shullsburg’s Wheel Inn.

GM Reception Details

- **March 24** – The Grand Master’s Reception in northwest Wisconsin will be held on Saturday, March 24 at the Eau Claire Masonic Center, 616 Graham Avenue in Eau Claire. A combined “Districts” meeting with the Grand Master. Seminars/events for the ladies beginning at 2 p.m. are also planned. Dinner will be at 5 p.m. The cost will be \$25 per person. District 1 Deputy Arby Humphrey (715) 364-2492 with reservations.

- **May 19** – District 4’s Marinette Lodge No. 182 is hosting the Grand Master’s Recognition Breakfast on Saturday at 8 a.m. It is being held in conjunction with the District 4 Spring Meeting at 9 a.m. and a District 4 Proficiency School at 10 a.m. District 4 Deputy Guy Gooding is handling registration. Registration details will be announced in a future issue.

- **May 20** – The Wheel Inn in Shullsburg is located on Hwy 11 See **GM RECEPTIONS** on page 2

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE...from page 1

point of my year and I have been asked how I felt about my year and about my health. My health continues to be good, at least as good as I have been told to expect. My experiences during the past months have been fantastic as I have met with the Brothers and their ladies.

A special time was my visit to Davenport and Ft. Myers, Florida. Brother Bill Barnes, Director of Development for our Wisconsin Masonic Charities, my lady and I were able to lunch with a number of the Brothers and their ladies and Masonic widows. They were anxious to hear of things in Wisconsin and to maintain that contact with their home state and Grand Lodge. In support of my appeal they turned their lunch reservation reimbursement checks over to me, rather than have them returned as had been the practice in the past. Thank you, Brothers at the Florida luncheons!

I look forward to "breaking bread" with many of you at my Grand Master's Receptions. As I have not been able to visit every Lodge to meet the Brothers, I hope to be able to extend that right hand of fellowship as we meet in Pewaukee, Eau Claire, Marinette and Shullsburg.

As we live each day, may God be with you, in whatever you do and wherever you travel.

Fraternally yours,
Brother Rodney A. Paulsen, Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin



Creative Problem Solving at Grand Lodge Officer Meeting

Grand Treasurer Richard Vande Sande made a point to members of one of the officer focus groups as part of Grand Master Rodney Paulsen's creative breakout sessions at the Grand Lodge officer's meeting on Saturday, Feb. 10 in Wausau. Also pictured are Gr. Secretary Mike DeWolf, Senior Gr. Deacon Joe Harker, Junior Gr. Warden Craig Campbell, Dist. 4 Deputy Guy Gooding and Dist. 3 Deputy Frank Dennee (taking notes). Among topics identified for future attention were ways to improve public perceptions of the Fraternity; how to best share community involvement ideas among lodges; ways to better educate lodge officers and members; the formation of a speakers bureau; and ways to increase pride in being a Mason. - Photos by Wm. Stonecipher, WMJ Editor

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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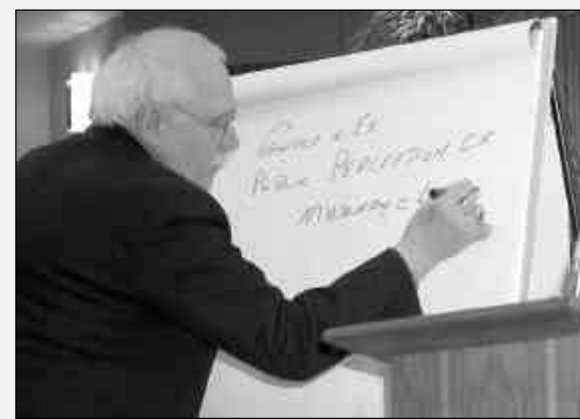
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Ongoing Procedural Improvements

Grand Secretary Mike DeWolf reported that an Annual Communication Handbook has been compiled to guide future event planning and that MORI will be field tested by four lodges soon after being introduced in the Grand Lodge office during March.



Helping GL Be All It Can Be

Grand Master Paulsen recorded discussion points articulated by the Grand Lodge officer focus groups. They identified topics the officers as well as lodge members indicated as desired areas in need of improvement, now and into the future. Other concerns are noted below.

GM RECEPTIONS...from page 1 there. A social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30. A program will follow. Dinner will cost \$15 per person, tax and gratuity included.

Reservations are to be sent directly to Emmett Reilly, 18648 Mineral Road, Shullsburg, WI 53586. He may be reached by phone at (608)965-4976 or (608)482/1238 or by e-mail at <ereilly@mhtc.net>. Please make reservations by May 10. The Wheel Inn is fully wheelchair accessible. **wmj**

- **Ensuring Continued Quality of Petitioners:** Across the Fraternity there has been and continues to be discussion of the importance of making sure that men seeking entry into the Fraternity are doing so for the right reasons and that proper procedures have been followed at every stage of the process. Discussed was the need for an updated petition that reflects more accurately present day needs. Among the changes suggested: no pre-signed petitions (by top or bottom line signers); the top line signer should know the man he is recommending well; the need for a felony conviction background check via the State of Wisconsin database to corroborate the petitioner's statements regarding the same; and finally, that the lodge interview committee meet with the candidate in his home, and in the presence of his spouse, if any.
- **Continuing Education:** Fostering the concept that we as individual Masons are responsible for our own education in Masonry through reading and the Internet.

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News of the Lodges

Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin



Quincy Lodge Officers for 2007

Quincy Lodge No. 71, Friendship, held its 151st installation of officers on December 16, 2006. In the front row, left to right, are: Treas./Sec. Gary Thompson; Senior Warden Marshall Coon; Master Jeffrey Marquardt; and Junior Warden James Hanneman. In the second row, left to right, are: Trustees James Stormoen; Counselor Tom Murdock; Senior Deacon Robert Theim; Tiler Hans Christensen; Trustees Helmer Lecy; and Junior Steward Jim Wolf. In the third row are Musician Craig Carpenter; Senior Grand Warden John Wilke as Installing Master; Junior Deacon Kenneth Koehn; Chaplin Matthew Decker; Installing Marshal Lyle Synder; and Senior Steward James Evvard. At right: Brother Kenneth Kohen received the Mason of the Year and Masonic Service Awards from Worshipful Master Marquardt and Sr. Gr. Warden Wilke.



Officers Installed at Middleton-Ionic Lodge

Middleton-Ionic No. 180 held its officer installation ceremony on January 2, 2007. Its officers for this year are: Harvey Johnson, Worshipful Master; Merlyn Kammer, Senior Warden; Robert Blackburn, Junior Warden; Andrew Pendl, Senior Deacon; Dennis Tompkins, Junior Deacon; Jordan McGuire, Senior Steward; Andrew Norderhaug, Junior Steward; Robert Luening, Tyler; Dale Gillings, Secretary/Treasurer; Harland Emerson, Chaplain; Clarence Olson, Counselor. Brother Clarence Olson served as Installing Marshal. He was assisted by Bro. David Bomkamp, Area 7-1 Administrator. Guests included Past Grand Master Richard E. Black. Pictured in the back row (l to r): Harland Emerson, Robert Luening, Andrew Pendl. Front row: Clarence Olson, David Bomkamp, Harvey Johnson, Robert Blackburn, Dale Gillings, Jordan McGuire, Andrew Norderhaug. Not pictured: Merlyn Kammer and Dennis Tompkins.

- Submitted by Bro. Robert Blackburn



Installation Cake

David Bomkamp, Area 7-1 Administrator; Harvey Johnson, Worshipful Master; Clarence Olson, Installing Marshal; and PGM Richard E. Black admired an installation cake.

Notes From The Grand Lecturer

By Brother Ronald H. Glaunert

Reader's Comments

Through these past years as Grand Lecturer I have received a substantial amount of e-mail and, curiously, not all of it pertaining directly to any particular article but to the writer's own experience as a Mason.

The part of this that is so gratifying is that for the past year many of the letters are from young Masons, by that I mean young in age and with a year or so in the Fraternity.

With that in mind I would like to share with you the comments from the last two Brothers I received e-mail from.

The first is in his mid-20s and has less than a year in Masonry. He is currently a line officer and enjoying every bit of Masonry from the new friends that he has made to the experience of Masonic education in the form of books on Masonry, the Cipher and he is learning parts of degree work and contemplating the taking of additional degrees in the appendant bodies of Freemasonry, yet is ever conscious of his obligation to his Blue Lodge.

The second was from a Brother also in his mid-20s. His story is on his reaction on being brought to light. He looked around the room and noticed all of the older men in the Lodge room, and immediately had the feeling that Freemasonry was not for him.

He writes, however, that after lodge closed and they were having lunch, the Brothers gathered around him talking about their experiences in Masonry and the number of years in the Fraternity, and trying to make him feel most welcome.

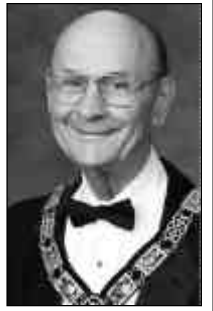
On his ride home that evening his mind was filled with thoughts about the Fraternity and the Brethren who belong to it, and the conclusion that he came to was if those Brethren were Masons for so many years and still enjoyed coming to Lodge, maybe there was more to it than what he could see.

At the writing of his letter he was sitting in the chair of the Junior Deacon in his lodge and claiming that he was beginning to realize the true meaning of Friendship and Brotherly Love.

His story and others (like it) could have turned out differently if it weren't for his Lodge Brothers making sure that there was a place for him in the Lodge and displaying the simple act of Brotherly Love.

When Brothers meet on the level, age is not a factor to be considered.

Fraternally,
Ron Glaunert, Grand Lecturer



Ronald H. 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.

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Grand Master's Visits to Florida Well Attended



Grand Master's Florida Visits Draw 80-Plus

In January of this year, Most Worshipful Grand Master Rodney A. Paulsen and his lady Ginny attended luncheons with brothers and ladies in Davenport and Fort Myers, Florida. The Grand Master talked about current Masonic happenings in Wisconsin as well as the meaning of Masonry. Director of Development for our Masonic Charities in Wisconsin, Brother William Barnes, spoke about the ways to give to the Masonic Charities, and visited with our generous donors before, during and after the two receptions. These wonderful events with over 80 people attending were coordinated by brothers Carl Wussow, PGM, and Billy Brown. Sincere thanks to them for their great work. Shown here are a number of the guests who attended the reception in Fort Myers, Florida.

— Submitted by Bro. William Barnes, Director of Development



Three Eau Claire Lodges Hold 8th Joint Installation

EAU CLAIRE – On Wednesday evening December 13, 2006, Eau Claire Lodge No. 112, Sanctuary Lodge No. 347, and George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351 held their installation ceremony at the Eau Claire Masonic Center.

This event marked the eighth consecutive such event held in the city and is symbolic of the increasing coordination and cooperation between members of these lodges.

The evening started at 6 p.m. with a delicious ham dinner provided by the Royal Arch Masons. A public opening of the lodge was held at 7:30 p.m. We were honored to have the Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, Rodney A. Paulsen, serve as Installing Master and William Beetcher, District 2 Deputy, serve as Installing Marshal.

Both did an excellent job and contributed greatly to a memorable evening. We also thank their ladies, Virginia Paulsen and Pat Beecher, for attending the ceremony.

Lastly, we would like to thank all of you who participated in or attended this event.

Eau Claire Lodges Hold 8th Combined Installation

On Wednesday evening December 13, 2006, Eau Claire Lodge No. 112, Sanctuary Lodge No. 347, and George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351 held their installation ceremony at the Eau Claire Masonic Center. Pictured left to right are: Todd Berg, Worshipful Master, George B. Wheeler Lodge; Timothy M. Buckley, Worshipful Master, Eau Claire Lodge; (Seated) Rodney A. Paulsen, Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin; Steven Lasure, Worshipful Master of Sanctuary Lodge; and William Beetcher, District 2 Deputy.

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Plan now to reserve your space—and note whether electricity is needed. The exhibit area will be open for set-up on Thursday, June 1.

Please respond no later than Tuesday, May 1 so that proper arrangements can be made.

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Milton Lodge 2007 Officers

On January 13, 2007, Milton Lodge No. 161 installed its officers for 2007 at a public installation at the lodge. Pictured left to right in the first row are: LeRoy Huber, Counselor; Christopher Wasson, Senior Warden; Matt Glissendorf, Junior Warden; Jayson Briggs, Junior Steward; and Bill Kayser, Treasurer. Back row: Jimmy James, proxy for Senior Deacon and others; Erik Ueland, Worshipful Master; Bill Broeg, Tiler; Robert Hanson, Junior Deacon. Not pictured: Duane Huber, Senior Deacon; Eli Glissendorf, Senior Steward; Ron Huber, Chaplain; Paul Huber, Secretary and Adam Scott, Trustee. Cake, coffee and fellowship were in abundance after the ceremony.



Dodge County Officers for 2007

Dodge County Lodge No. 72, Beaver Dam, held its installation of officers late Sunday afternoon and early evening at the Beaver Dam County Club. Dinner was served at 5:30 p.m. with about 50 Masons, spouses and guests in attendance. Brother Craig S. Campbell, Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin followed the dinner with a message appropriate for those attending. Girls of Chapter 54, International Order of Job's Daughters then presented the Bible. Lodge was then opened in public opening and the Flag was presented by the West Bend Chapter of the Order of DeMolay. The officers were then installed for the Masonic year with Brother James Olson, PGM, as Installing Officer, Brother David Bomkamp, member of this lodge and Past Master of Columbus Lodge No. 75 as Installing Marshal and Brother J. Patrick Stors, District 10 Deputy, acting as Installing Chaplain. The new officers are, front row seated from left: John Machkovech, Senior Warden; Brian Graff, Worshipful Master; and Daniel Olson, Junior Warden. Back row from the left: Donald Duerst, Tiler; Richard Larson, Secretary/Treasurer; AJ Stors, pro tem for Robert Weinman; Junior Deacon; Mark Arend, Junior Steward; Thomas Hanson, Chaplain; and Robert Dolan, Past Master, Senior Deacon. Not pictured were Robert Weinman, Junior Deacon; Dr. William Funcke, Counselor and William Dogs, Senior Steward. - Submitted by Bro. Richard Larson, Dodge Cty. Sec.

The Gavel Locator

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

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- District 3**
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- District 5**
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- District 6**
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- District 7**
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- District 9**
Columbus Lodge No. 75
- District 10**
Fond du Lac Lodge No. 26
- District 11**
Burlington Lodge No. 28
- District 12**
Lafayette Lodge No. 265

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?*

The fourth Leader Training Seminar is May 5 at Waverly Lodge in Appleton.

Registration Fee is only \$5 by April 27!

Help your lodge be all it can be!

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In Service to the Craft

By Grand Chaplain Ray D. Heilborn

What's The Use?

A number of years ago at a bookstore in the East, I was awed by a display in the front window that featured the bare skull of a human being accompanied by a sign that read in latin "cui bono."

The skull was facing a large collection of the writings of a famous person. The words "cui bono" in English are translated "What's the use?" The implication seemed to be, after all our hard work in life, this is how we are going to end up.

Fortunately, most of us do not have this fatalistic attitude toward life. As a writer, however, it does cause one to pause and meditate for a bit. I have written hundreds of articles, thousands of sermons and have done reams of research on various topics in the area of philosophy, mythology, psychology, communication and religion. I continue to be confronted by the wide variety of ideas and beliefs so many persons have on the same subjects.

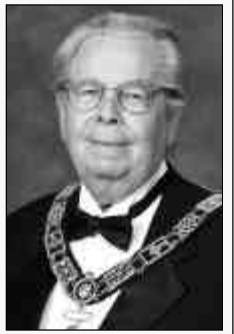
Many times during the course of the passing decades my mind and ideas, and even beliefs, have changed. Looking back, I find myself wondering in disbelief how I could have allowed myself to be so swayed by other's ideas without first putting them to a scholarly test. But, at my age (83 by the time this goes to print), I can blame naivety. But I know that isn't the answer.

I just finished a voluminous book by Doris Kearns Goodwin entitled "Team of Rivals." It is about Abraham Lincoln's struggle to obtain the Republican nomination for President in 1860. When he was nominated and subsequently elected, the first three cabinet members he chose were the men who opposed him for the nomination. He chose them, not because they all believed the same as he did but rather because he was convinced that they were the strongest possible persons for the jobs. His selections proved prescient because they proved indispensable in the work of holding the country together during the Civil War.

Every one of us who has ever held any political office or any office of responsibility knows that getting anything of value accomplished requires the very best persons with whom we can surround ourselves, whether we are in total agreement or not.

"What's the Use?" Often the passage of time is the only sure indictment. We dare not get discouraged just because the world looks bleak at the present time. We may take our losses, but over time, quality of effort and determination of purpose will generally prove effective..

Grand Chaplain Ray Heilborn welcomes reader comments. He may be reached by e-mail at <dray@spacestar.net>.



Rev. Ray D. Heilborn
Grand Chaplain



Lafin-St. James Defibrillators

Assistant Principal Twila Voss (left) and school district nurse Diane Hamilton, as well as Booth Lake Memorial Park Manager Mary Harding, accepted the donation of four Automated External Defibrillator units recently from Brother Bill Stubbs, representing Lafin-St. James Lodge No. 247, Mukwonago, and Lakeshore Branch 247 National Mutual Benefit. Three of the AEDs have been installed in the district's three elementary schools in East Troy and the fourth will be installed at the park. Donations of \$1,765 came from each of the two organizations matched by \$3,530 from the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation.

- Submitted by Bro. Dick Stevens



Three Master Masons Raised in Mineral Point

Three new Master Masons were raised at Mineral Point Lodge No. 1 in November and December, 2006. Pictured in the photo top left are Steve Wink, new Master Mason and Master Ray Paynter. In the photo top right, left to right are: new Master Mason Royce Jones, Master Ray Paynter, and new Master Mason Amold Chambers.



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Eagle River Lodge Announces New Officers:



Officers for 2007 Eagle River Masonic Lodge No. 248

Eagle River Lodge officers for 2007 pictured in the first row, left to right, are: Senior Warden, Scott Bishop; Worshipful Master and Trustee Bill Jacobs; Junior Warden, Gordon Kollauf; Junior Deacon, Colin Crawford; Secretary, Vernon Rasmussen, P.M. Second Row: Senior Deacon and Trustee, Jim Carey III, P.M.; (Past Master) Walter Camp, P.M.; Scott Kellogg; Installing Marshal, George Welnetz, P.M. Top Row: Installing Master, Treasurer Richard Mitchell, P.M. Missing from photo: Tiler, Burton Wedow, P.M.; Chaplain, Henry Hosterman, P.M. Trustee, Roger Tesch, P.M.; Senior Steward, Brad Wedow; and Junior Steward, David Chamberlin.

A Lesson in Masonic Lore by Robert C. Blackburn:

The Holy Saints John and Freemasonry

Editor's note: In view of the fact that our ritual states that our lodges are dedicated to the Holy Saints John, and that the Masonic Code of Wisconsin directs that the five principal officers of a lodge are to be elected at a stated communication within 60 days previous to the festival of St. John the Evangelist, December 27, or as close thereto as practicable, and that a similar directive applies to the date of their installation, we offer the following information.

By Bro. Robert C. Blackburn

The "Feasts of Saint John," celebrated in the Christian religious tradition, are, in fact, of more ancient origin. The calendar dates June 24, the Feast of St. John the Baptist, and December 27, the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, loosely coincide with the summer and winter solstices.

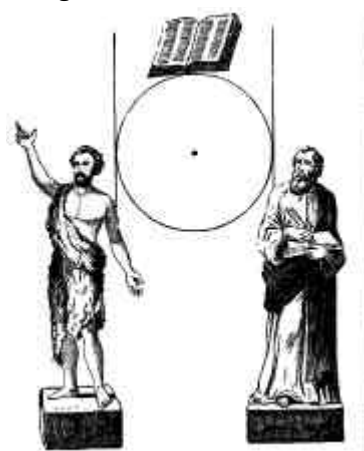
The word "solstice" derives from the Latin word "Sol" meaning Sun and "sinstere" meaning "to stand still." At the summer solstice, the Sun appears at its greatest height on the horizon and affords that day the longest period of light. At the winter solstice, the Sun appears at its lowest point on the horizon, resulting in a correspondingly short period of daylight.

The solstices are caused by the Earth's axis rotating on a 23.5 degree angle with relation to the Sun. This angle of rotation is also responsible for Earth's seasonal temperature changes, when the northern and southern hemispheres are alternately closer to the Sun.

Human beings have acknowledged the solstices from time immemorial. For instance, the 5000 year-old New Grange tomb mound located in Ireland is so constructed that on the winter solstice a shaft of light illuminates its subterranean inner chamber. By 300 B.C.E., the Romans re-arranged their calendar to specially honor the winter solstice. A week long festival called "Dies Natalis Solis Invicti" (Birthday of the Unconquered Sun), began on

December 21, had its main feast day on December 25 and ended on December 27. This festival featured feasting, dancing, bonfires, decorating homes with greens, and gift giving.

When Christianity became the state religion of the Empire, the summer solstice was rededicated to St. John the Baptist (who by tradition was born six months before Jesus), December 25 to the birth of Jesus, and December 27 to St. John the Evangelist.



During Europe's "Middle Ages," St. John the Evangelist's Day, also known as the third day of Christmas, was a particularly popular holiday. Wine or hard cider was brought to the local church for a blessing. The wine was later consumed - no doubt heartily - with the toast, "Drink the love of Saint John."

It is no longer remembered when or why Freemasons adopted the "Holy Saints John" as their patron saints. Certainly many medieval craft guilds adopted saints as their spiritual patrons. The traditional saint of architects and building, however, is St. Thomas, not the Saints John. Nevertheless, German stone masons meeting in Cologne as early as 1440 were referring to themselves as "Brethren dedicated to St. John, first among the stars of morning." Scottish stone masons had at least one lodge dedicated to St. John the Evangelist by 1599.

Freemasonry's first public grand

lodge, the Grand Lodge of England, was founded on the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, December 27, 1717, in London. It is following this date, it seems, that the "Holy Saints John" were formally recognized by every Masonic lodge.

Today many lodges use December 27, the Feast of St. John the Evangelist to install their officers and Masonic grand lodges, marking the start of a new Masonic year, convene in June around the summer solstice and the Feast of St. John the Baptist (editor: ours is June 1-2).

In Masonic symbolism the Holy Saints John are often depicted as two vertical, parallel lines flanking a circle surrounding a central point. In England, since 1812, the lines were renamed "Moses" and "King Solomon" to be less sectarian. An open book is usually placed above the circle. The point represents the individual Mason. The book and circle denote the boundaries, set by sacred scripture, by which a Mason is to circumscribe his actions.

Depicting the Saints John in this way seems particularly apt. They border the individual Mason like an embodiment of Time — perhaps the beginning and end of a year, perhaps the elapse of a lifetime. Both men also embody certain important, universal characteristics. Saint John the Baptist is considered a zealous man of action and Saint John the Evangelist a man of learning, meditation and vision. Together, the two represent a balance between fraternal zeal and learned equilibrium, qualities which all Freemasons should strive to emulate.

About the author: Robert C. Blackburn is a plural member of Middleton-Ionic No. 180, Benjamin Franklin No. 83, and Dalkey Lodge No. 261, Ireland. Among other sources, Bro. Blackburn drew upon information presented in "The Craft and Its Symbols: Opening the Door to Masonic Symbolism" by Allen E. Roberts. The illustration is from this book.

On The Secretary's Desk

By Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, P.G.M.

Dispensation Requests

The Wisconsin Masonic Code is the book of government to which we as Wisconsin Freemasons adhere. Whether we are forming a new lodge, consolidating or disbanding an existing Charter, this is where we find the rules of operation as a lodge and our conduct as a Mason. We are all bound to adhere to this code.

There are times, however, when a lodge may need to venture outside this set of rules. This is when we need a dispensation or permission to vary from the prescribed Code sections.

Section 22.03 provides a list of the powers of the Grand Master and it is here that we find his ability to grant dispensations. His dispensations are later reviewed by the Jurisprudence Committee and their findings reported at the Annual Communication in June.

Let's take a moment and review the process to request a dispensation. The dispensation request form can be found in the Masonic Handbook or the Secretary may download it directly from our Grand Lodge Web Site. Please fill out the form referencing the specific sections of the Code for which you are requesting dispensation, your reason, have it signed by the Worshipful Master, Lodge Secretary, and affix your Seal. The completed form should then be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to Cheryl at the Grand Lodge office. When it arrives in Dousman the request is numbered and logged into the Grand Lodge dispensation record. The Grand Master is provided a copy for his approval, disapproval, or modification. The dispensation is then prepared by Cheryl and returned to the lodge.

To allow us to serve you better, please;

1. Make sure your request is on the approved dispensation form.
2. Completely fill out the request.
3. Make sure it is signed by the Master and Secretary.
4. Send it to Cheryl at the Grand Lodge office, not to the Grand Master or Grand Secretary.
5. Due to the Grand Master's schedule please allow at least two to three weeks' processing time.

As always, if you have any questions please call me at 800-686-0070 or e-mail me at <grandsecretarywi@charter.net>.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Michael A. DeWolf, PGM
Grand Secretary



Michael A. DeWolf
Grand Secretary



2007 Officers of Badger Lodge

Installation of Officers of Badger Lodge No. 345, La Crosse, was held on Thursday, January 11 at the La Crosse Masonic Center. Pictured in the front row, left to right, are: Hal Kombier, Senior Steward; Charles Rogers, Junior Warden; Jason Risberg, Worshipful Master; Harry Foust, Senior Warden; and Jim Jim Warsinski, Junior Steward. In the Second row are: John Hayek, Junior Deacon; Ray Kline, Senior Deacon; Art Streitz, Chaplain; Don Illif, Counselor; and Ron Glauert, Secretary/Treasurer.

— Submitted by News Hawk Arthur Streitz



Gabrielson at 60 Years

Morning Star Lodge No. 10 member Keith Gabrielson, right, was presented with a 60-year pin by Morning Star Master Richard Gleed, left. The presentation took place at the Masonic Temple in Beloit on January 18.

— Submitted by Brother Don Koeshall, Morning Star News Hawk



Halvorson Marks 50

Garner H. Halvorson of Hudson was congratulated by Hank Paulson, left, a Past Master of St. Croix Lodge and past Potentate of Osman Shrine of St. Paul, on 50 years as a Mason. Halvorson was raised in Anchor Lodge, Kalamazoo, Michigan in 1956. He joined Hudson Lodge in 1973. Halvorson's wife Sally is at right.

Youth In Masonry



2K7 Washburn Lodge Officers Installed

The Daughters stand with the officers of Washburn Lodge No. 145, Bristol, the installing officers and Worshipful Master Dad John Clifton. The Installing Officer was Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin Rodney Paulsen (second from left in the second row). Dad Brian Hurst, Associate Grand Guardian of Wisconsin Job's Daughters (on left in top row) served as an officer for the opening. The Daughters of Bethel 79 and Miss Wisconsin Job's Daughters Crystal Clifton performed the cross at the installation of officers of Washburn Lodge No. 145 on December 28 in Bristol. Dad John Clifton, Grand Inner Guard of Wisconsin Job's Daughters and Associate Bethel Guardian of Bethel 30, was installed for his third term as Worshipful Master of Washburn Lodge. Grand Lodge Treasurer Richard Vande Sande served as Installing Marshal. Pictured in the first row from left to right: Becky Lewis, Tawni Darracott, Bridget Geibel, Crystal Clifton, WM John Clifton, Allana Geibel, Allyssa Ingram and Sarah Ludeman. Second row: Richard VandeSande, WGM Rodney Paulson, Ward Bednar, Harold Little, Clayton Krahn, Rich Gosling. Third row (starts in the middle): Joseph Brown (with dark beard), Robert Lefebve, Ernie Gillmore, Phil Itzenhuiser and Rick Itzenhuiser. Back row: Brian Hurst, Sam Gascoigne, Jim Toal, Jack Lynn and Craig Wepprecht. The Masonic youth groups were well represented in the evening. Associate Grand Guardian Dad Brian Hurst served as an officer in the public opening of the lodge and Dad Craig Wepprecht, Kenosha DeMolay adviser, served as Installing Chaplain. Attending the installation was Grand Guardian Mom SuAnn Gascoigne. Past Associate Bethel Guardian of Bethel 79, Dad Jack Lynn, was installed as Lodge Secretary. A reception with refreshments ended the evening. - Submitted by Crystal Clifton and Heather Gascoigne

West Bend DeMolay Holds Open House: Turnout Packs the Lodge, Gains Many New Members

By Brother A. J. Storrs,
Sr. DeMolay, West Bend Chapter

WEST BEND – When the members of West Bend Chapter, Order of DeMolay, send out invitations to their open house on Monday, January 29, they were hoping to entice a few good people to attend. Instead, they had to set up folding chairs in the lodge room to accommodate the 80 prospective members and their parents. It was a greater turnout that they could have ever hoped for.

The evening included a slide-show presentation by Chapter Chairman Rick Mattson, a presentation of "The Seven Precepts" by the Chapter members, and time for the prospective boys to chat and have fun with the members while the parents viewed "The Flower Talk" and participated in a question and answer session. Many families stayed after the presentations were

over and mingled with each other and the Chapter members.

At the end of the night West Bend Chapter had three signed petitions to read at their next meeting, with the promise of several more to be submitted by the next meeting.

West Bend DeMolay also received two more petitions at their Game Night the following weekend. DeMolay is alive and growing by leaps and bounds in West Bend.

Key to achieving such a good turnout was attributed to mailing to roughly 180 honor students 10 days prior to the open house, according to Nancy Storrs, mother of West Bend Chapter's Master Councilor Samuel Storrs and Jr. Councilor James Ericksen. A reminder was sent to the parents about 3 days prior to the event.

The names of middle school honor students were published in the local newspaper but their phone numbers and addresses had to be

obtained from area phone directories because schools could not, understandably, release this information.

This presented a particular challenge in identifying which families should receive invitations when multiple last names were listed. Some names, such as Schmidt, had 20 or more listings. As a result, only students whose family identity could be correctly determined were contacted.

In addition, the West Bend newspaper also ran a picture of Master Councilor Storrs and published an interview with him following the DeMolay installation of officers held in early January.

DeMolay degrees for the new members are scheduled for 2/19 in West Bend.

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Jobies Donate Books to Clifford Book Drive




During the month of October, Channels 10/36, PBS Television in Milwaukee held a Clifford Book Drive to collect new and recently used books. These books were, distributed to children in the Milwaukee area to help in the fight against illiteracy. Bethel No. 6 led by Honored Queen Meghan Cigale collected books as one of the, service projects during her term. 425 books were delivered to Channels 10/36. Meghan and her sisters Lauren and Caitlyn, members of Bethel 6 were honored by having their picture taken with Clifford the Big Red Dog.



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Job's Daughters From Rhinelander's Bethel 29 at Island City Lodge Installation
Job's Daughters Renee Simon, Bethel 29 Sr. Princess; Jonelle Philbrick, Past Honored Queen; and Marcee Liebscher, Grand Bethel Junior Princess added their smiles and congratulations to Worshipful Master Al Jurgens following Island City No. 330's recent installation of officers.

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Fond du Lac Lodge Installs Officers

On December 28, 2006, the members of Fond du Lac Lodge No. 26 installed its 2007 officers at the Fond du Lac Masonic Center. Pictured left to right, front row: Scott W. Kreis, Worshipful Master. Second row: LeRoy Kifer, Secretary; Gordon Anderson, Junior Steward; James Faris, Senior Warden; Jay Worth, Junior Warden; Gilbert Lepien, Senior Steward; and George Weigle, Chaplain. Back row: Richard L. Petak, Junior Deacon; Burt Maybome, Treasurer; Jeffrey Keller, Tiler; and Scott R. Bond, Senior Deacon. Roger L. Magoon, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, served as Installing Master and James M. Hays, Past Grand Treasurer, served as Installing Marshall.



New Officers Installed at Hancock Lodge

The 2007 officers of Hancock Lodge in Ellsworth were installed at a special open installation on Tuesday, January 9. Pictured left to right, front row, are: Dan Fischer, Senior Warden; Rick Swan, Worshipful Master; and Bill Reed, Junior Warden. Second row left to right: Burt Hamm, Senior Deacon; Harold Fosmo, Jr., Treasurer; Norris Berg, Secretary; Les Heise, Chaplain; E. R. Jonas, Tiler; Richard Decosta, Junior Deacon and Charlie Webster, Trustee and (pro tem for Gary Waltz,) Counselor. Back row is Terry Gaard (pro tem for John O'Keefe) Sr. Steward; and Fred Finstad, Junior Steward.



Unity Lodge Awards Night

Unity Lodge No. 367, Kenosha, recently held its annual Awards Night. Recipients of the awards are, first row seated: Gerald Hanson, P.M.; and Harold Kreuser, H.P.M. Center row: Joe Wayne; Pat Kuhner, P.M.; Charles Houston; and Gordon Charlton, P.M. Back row: Bruce Christianson, P.G.M.; and Olger Bergerson.



50 Years for Bro. Maahs

Merrill Maahs received his 50 Year Award for membership in the Masonic Fraternity at Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174 on October 26 last year. Master Jay Herbst, left, is shown making the presentation. Merrill is a member and Past Master of Henry S. Baird Lodge. Merrill and his wife Elinor presently reside in Temple, Texas.



2007 Officers of Excelsior Lodge

Excelsior Lodge installed its 2007 corps of officers on December 11, 2006. There were about 40 people in attendance including Brethren of Excelsior Lodge, visiting Brethren, and guests including families of officers and the general public. Past Grand Master Michael DeWolf was the Installing Master and a barbershop quartet "Shear Delight" performed following the installation ceremony. Pictured in the front row, left to right are: Past Master Art McGlothlin, Counselor; Past Master Gary Beier, Senior Warden; Worshipful Brother Joshua Armstrong, Worshipful Master; Brother Dan Gerszewski, Junior Warden; and Brother Ray DeShong, Chaplain. Back row: Past Master Joe Scites, Senior Deacon; Brother Neil Feest, Treasurer; and Brother Norbert Bloes, Tiler.



Richland and Franklin Lodge Installation of Officers

On January 6 Richland Lodge No. 66, Richland Center, and Franklin Lodge No. 16, Lone Rock, held a combined installation of elected and appointed officers for 2007. The installation ceremony, which was open to the public, was held in the Lone Rock Masonic Center. The ceremony was followed by a lunch and fellowship. Pictured left to right are the newly installed 2007 officers for Richland Lodge No. 66. Row 1: Keith Chamberlain, Past Grand Master and Installing Officer; Fuzz Spangler, Chaplain; Milt Schott, Trustee; Brent Clausius, Master; John Wilke, Senior Grand Warden and Installing Officer. Row 2: Bill Jewell, Junior Deacon; Fred Robinson, Junior Warden Pro Tempe; Larry Hallett, Senior Steward; Jim Jewell, Senior Warden; Steve Hansen, Secretary/Treasurer; Larry Ferguson, Senior Deacon; Charlie McMullen, Tiler.

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All three books are printed on 9X12 inch paper and are comb-bound with card stock covers. All scores are in printer format. A table of contents is printed on the outside of the back cover.

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A copy of the table of contents of Book No. 3 can be obtained by mail or e-mail from Pat Jameson (414) 536-8413, <pjameson@toast.net>. Pat has copies of all three books for examination or purchase.

**HELE, CONCEAL
AND NEVER REVEAL**

A law passed in 1562 (Act 5 Eliz. C.4, s.30) refers to the occupation or art of the "Tyler, Slater, Healyer, Tile-maker..." We are well aware of the use of the title Tyler for the one who keeps off cowans and intruders, but Healyer is an interesting synonym as it turns up in a related and Masonic context. The word also occurs in Dublin in 1502 when a charter was issued to the Gild of Carpenters, Millers, Masons and Heliers.

The healer or healyer, then, is one who covers a house with a roof of slates or tiles and the word comes from the verb to hele (or 'heal', and in Scotland, 'heill') meaning to cover, hide, conceal or keep secret. Although only nowadays used in our obligations, it was apparently still in use 100 years ago: an 1894 property advertisement offered for sale some 'slate-heled modern cottages'.

(All of the above comes from the 20-volume Oxford English Dictionary, except for the Gild Charter which is mentioned in the *History of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland* by J. H. Lepper and P. Crossle (1925).

(Source: *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum* - Vol. 118-2005)

A VOICE FOR THE KIOWA

On November 15, 1897, San-Tau-Koy was born in a tipi at a Kiowa camp, near Rainy Mountain just south of what is now Mountain View, Oklahoma. Nearly 102 years later, on March 5, 1999, Dr. Parker Paul McKenzie, as San-Tau-Koy was known to most of the world, died in Lawton, Oklahoma.

As a child he spoke only Kiowa, learning English when his parents enrolled him in 1904 in Rainy Mountain Kiowa Boarding School. His education included Phoenix Indian Boarding School, Lamson Business College, and Oklahoma A&M (now Oklahoma State University), but nothing in his academic background prepared him for what would become his life's work as a linguist—in that he was entirely self-taught.

In 1920, he began writing for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Agency in Anadarko, Oklahoma, where he

would work for 39 years until his retirement. Shortly after starting at the Agency he met the world-famous linguist John Peabody Harrington who had been sent to the area by The Smithsonian to do a survey of Indian languages. The two men became good friends and McKenzie began his life work: studying and transcribing the Kiowa language.

As is true of many Native American languages, there was no written form of Kiowa. Dr. McKenzie performed for the Kiowa the same service that Sequoyah did for the Cherokee, creating an alphabet and recording the vocabulary, grammar, and syntax of the language. He also transcribed part of the oral literature of the Kiowa people, translating some into English as well, and translated English works, especially hymns, into Kiowa.

Our brother was a quiet and modest man. Few people in Anadarko knew that he had a worldwide reputation, or that he served as a consultant to The Smithsonian, and to numerous state historical societies. His linguistic studies were so carefully done and of such a high degree of accuracy that they have become standard reference works around the world. His best-known books were *Vocabulary of the Kiowa Language* (1928), *Popular Account of the Kiowa Indian Language* (1948), and, in cooperation with Laurel Watkins, *A Grammar of Kiowa* (1984). In 1991 the University of Colorado recognized the importance of his life and work by granting him a Doctorate of Humane Letters, citing him as "citizen-scholar, tribal elder, historian, and respected authority on the language of the Kiowa."

Brother McKenzie was initiated, passed and raised in Anadarko Lodge No. 21, Anadarko, Oklahoma, between January 20 and March 26, 1925. Brother San-Tau-Koy (Dr. Parker Paul McKenzie) lived a life of service of which any Mason could be proud.

(Source: Bro. James Tresner, GL of Oklahoma)

WHERE IS JOPPA?

Mediterranean seaport 35 miles northwest of Jerusalem. (Source: MSA Digest - Masonic Dictionary)



Decora Lodge Installs Officers

Pictured here are the newly installed officers of Decora Lodge No. 177 located in Galesville. Installation was held January 15. In the front row, left to right are Emie Baker, Tiler; Jim Kline, Treasurer; Keith Woyicki, Senior Deacon; Charles Miller, Secretary; and Lee Drangstveit, Chaplain. In the back row: Steven Wright, Senior Warden; John Brophy, Worshipful Master; Jim Heim (Proxy for Howard Turk) Junior Warden; and Ron Myskewitz, Junior Deacon.

— Submitted by Decora News Hawk Dave Woyicki



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Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843

A Paper From The Archives of Wisconsin's Official Lodge of Masonic Research
"Why By The Square?" By Brother Silas H. Shepherd

Editor's Note: this is the final installment of a three-part series dealt primarily with the history of the square as a tool and its uses by operative masons, and its symbolic use by speculative masons authored by Brother Silas H. Shepherd. This paper appeared on pages 48-55 of Volume 4 of the 1987 Annual Transactions of the Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843.

- Part 3 of 3 -

Why By The Square?

By Bro. Silas H. Shepherd

"The Square is given to the whole Masonic Body, because we are all obligated within it, and are consequently bound to act thereon."

- (Geo. Oliver)

Clement of Alexandria, in his "Stromata" tells of one of the institutions of his time using the SQUARE as an emblem of justice.

"The Square appears to have been one of the earliest geometrical figures which was applied to any practicable purpose. And hence it became of great importance with the first Masons, which it still retains in our lodges, and is an emblem of morality and justice.

"There is an old tradition, that owing to the overflowing of the Nile, the ancient Egyptians were unable to find the boundaries of their lands until the time of Euclid, who instructed them in geometry, measuring out their land, and divided it into partitions, so that each man might ascertain his own property.

"The SQUARE, as a Masonic symbol, originated in Egypt. It was an emblem of justice, because it was the

means by which were ascertained the boundaries of lands that had been obscured or carried away by the inundations of the Nile.

"Some of the mysteries had an officer denominated 'Stolistes,' who bore a square rule as an emblem of justice.

"The square was the first geometrical figure which was brought into practical use by operative

Masons. In the construction of cities and private dwellings, camps and fastnesses, right angles were generally used; as in the ark of Noah, the camp of the Israelites, the cities of Babylon and Nineveh, with the temples of Egypt and India, or the established form of a Mason's Lodge. The Square is a symbol of perfection and happiness arising out of morality and justice, and with this meaning in view it has been assigned to the Worshipful Master as the badge of office." (Traditions of Freemasonry. A.T.C. Pierson), 1865.

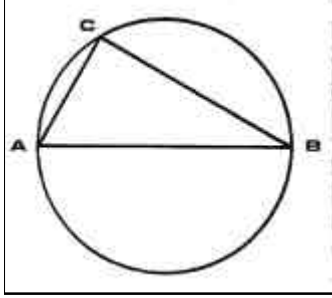
Historical Notes

When Cleopatra's Needle was brought to America in 1880, the foundation stones were found to contain several symbolic designs, the most significant of which was a square. That it was used symbolically in 24 B.C. when this obelisk was placed on that foundation, is very evident. Much significance has been attached to it as a Masonic symbol; but although there may be doubt as to its custodians in 24 B.C., there can be no doubt of its being used as a symbol.

"From time immemorial we find the

square and compasses used by the Chinese writers, either together or separately to symbolize precisely the same phrases of moral conduct as in

our own system of Freemasonry. It has ever been accepted as a physical axiom in China that 'Heaven is round, Earth is square'; and among the relics of the nature worship of old, we find the alter [sic] of Heaven at



Pekin ROUND, while the alter [sic] of the earth is SQUARE. By the marriage of Heaven and Earth, the conjunction of the circle and the square, the Chinese believe that all things were produced and subsequently distributed, each according to its own proper function. And such, in my opinion, is the undoubted origin of the terms square and compasses as figuratively applied to human conduct by the earliest ancestors of the Chinese people." (Freemasonry in China. Herbert Giles).

"A Master Mason, in teaching his apprentices makes use of the compasses and the square. Ye who are engaged in the pursuit of wisdom must also make use of the compasses and the square." (Mencius 371-287 B.C.)

"In a famous canonical work called the 'Great Learning,' written about the fifth century before our era we read: 'A man should abstain from doing onto others what he would not they should do unto him'; and this is called the principle of acting on the square." (Gould's History of Free Masonry Vol. 1, Page 22).

MALAWI AID...from page 1

Paschal Kayange, Alstarico Mbizi, and Brother Emmanuel Kamanga who will graduate (from Lakeland College) this spring.

Over these years my wife Audrey and I have done what we can do financially for Africa and others as the need arises. Others of you have chipped in as well. (Editor: several Sheboygan Lodge members individually have pledged to contribute financially on a regular basis to help meet their needs.)

I received the following e-mail from Africa the other day, and frankly this is more than Audrey and I can afford at this time. We will do what we can, but I'm wondering if there may be some Brothers who are in a position to step up and take on some of the education costs for Africa's sister's children (by) sponsoring a child's education, or a portion thereof.

Read what he has to say and give it prayerful thought and let me know if you can help. I appreciate it. Brother Jim Gischia (of Sheboygan Lodge) is working this out so we don't have to pay the wire transfer cost which allows all of the money to end up in Malawi.

Brother Africa Walata's e-mail to Brother David Aardappel:

Dave Aardappel: I have written this e-mail in order to bring to your attention the problem I am currently facing here.

This year two of my late sister's children and one of my late cousin's sons have been selected to go to various secondary schools to start from

1 (grade 9). Currently I have one niece who is in grade 11 and the other one has just also completed grade 12. Therefore, in total, I have four children at secondary school level.

As I once told you, we only have free primary school (grades 1-8) but in secondary school we pay, and they charge a lot of money.

Each child needs almost \$150 every term because they are boarding schools and we have three terms per school year.

I have been struggling to pay fees for the two children I had in secondary school but now that the number has risen to 4, I have failed to pay fees for two of them. The schools opened on January 8 but still the children are at home.

I therefore write in order to ask you to help me with any amount you might afford so that I may try to pay fees for these children.

With the little I get (his teacher's pay is between \$35 and \$40 per month), I cannot manage to survive. January is a very difficult month here in Malawi as crops are at knee-high

and at the same time I need to buy fertilizers for my corn field so that I may improve the yields to feed my big extended family.

All these bills are far beyond my monthly earnings. That is why I have

come to ask you to help me if possible. Anything is greatly appreciated. If these (children) fail to go to school, then they will be at my back for the rest of my life to support them, for I am the only one who may possibly help them since I am the only working relative in my clan.

Thanks for your continuous help which has made me go as far as where I am today. I am always grateful for everything you do for me. It is my prayer that God continues to shower winds of prosperity in your family.

Additional Background: By William Stonecipher, Editor

In a telephone interview between the editor and Brother David Aardappel on February 15, some background information came to light that you might find interesting.

During that interview it was



Brother Africa Walata, his wife Joyce and daughter Shyness fetch water at a communal well in their native country of Malawi. Brother Walata became a member of Sheboygan Lodge No. 11 while a student at Lakeland College.

Silas Shepherd to Meet at Ozaukee Lodge on March 10 Instead of March 3

SHEBOYGAN - The Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843 Worshipful Master Harold (Pete) Peterson has ordered that the March 3 meeting be postponed until March 10 at Ozaukee Lodge.

Silas Shepherd, Wisconsin's chartered lodge dedicated to Masonic research, will meet at Ozaukee Lodge No. 17 located at 504 W. Grand Ave. in Port Washington.

Directions: I-43 to Hwy 33 East. The lodge is located on the left about one-half mile from Lake Michigan. Check your map for shortest route. Coffee and rolls are at 9 a.m. The meeting begins at 10 a.m.

Master Harold (Pete) Peterson, may be reached at (920) 459-8521. Secretary Gary Pilgrim may be reached at (262) 367-2309.

Silas Shepherd membership is open to all Master Masons in good standing. Guests are welcome.

Midwest Masonic Ed. Conference to Host Masonic Reformation Forum

EVANSVILLE, IN - The Midwest Conference on Masonic Education presents "A Reformation in Masonic Education - Taking a look at our Traditions in light of a new Millennium," April 27-29 in Evansville, Indiana

On April 28 the conference will host a forum regarding what has been hailed in the Masonic press and on the Internet as a "reformation" in Masonic education. Presentors will discuss this topic from both a Grand Lodge and local lodge perspective.

Presenting the Grand Lodge perspective is Dennis V. Chronenky, President of the Masonic Restoration Foundation. Under the Grand Lodge of California, this foundation has begun a new education and mentoring program it hopes will revitalize the

learned that Brother Aardappel has been a social worker for 38 years and presently works as Executive Director of ISC Credit Counseling, a division of Goodwill Industries for North Central Wisconsin.

During our interview he related that he began teaching Humanities at Lakeland College on a part-time basis in summer 2001, and in his first class were five men from the African nation of Malawi who were extraordinary students, and so he came to learn of their situation.

He explained that these students were here because Lakeland College and the Government of Malawi, with the help of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), were sending five students each year to Lakeland for three solid years to get a four-year degree so they could return to their home country and train teachers.

These men were already teachers in Malawi and had left their homes and their spouses and children to study in this country. These five were the second group to come to Lakeland, and the following spring the first class graduated.

Brother Aardappel said that, "By the time they graduated we were able to raise one of them, Brother Africa Walata, along with two of the next group that arrived the next year: Brothers Walata, Patrick Tembwe and Michael Gondwe were raised in fall of 2002."

Starting with this second class Bro. Aardappel was able to send all of them back to Malawi with a laptop computer - not new ones but help-

Fraternity in its jurisdiction.

You may learn more about the Masonic Restoration Foundation at <www.masonicrestoration.com>. In addition to their work with the Grand Lodge of California, the MRF has worked with individual lodges around the country to reform their approach to Freemasonry. Lodges that have participated fully in this reformation are called Traditional Observance (T.O.) Lodges.

T.O. Lodges already exist within the jurisdiction of the Midwest Conference member Grand Lodges and in neighboring states. The are: Vitruvian Lodge, Indianapolis, Indiana; Guildhall Lodge, Guthrie, Oklahoma; Innerquest Lodge, Kansas City, Kansas; Lodge of the Nine Muses UD, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Saint Paul Lodge, Saint Paul, Minnesota. Representatives from some of these lodges will be invited to explain how this approach works on the lodge level.

For further information on the conference contact Chad Simpson at 800-292-6092, or by e-mail at <cesimp@yahoo.com>, or Stan Browning at 913-851-8127, e-mail <stanb102@sbcglobal.net>.

ful to them just the same, he said.

As Brother Aardappel continued, he explained that, "It's been my mission ever since to send each group back with laptops. At this point I've gotten them for every class and I'm ahead two years at this time."

He also indicated that the final class in the USAID program is here and will graduate in spring of 2009. Bro. Aardappel said that he is working to get laptops over to members of the very first class that was missed earlier and to those whose machines no longer work.

"Since that first group of Brothers, we have raised Joseph Mvula, Paschal Kayange and Alstarico Mbizi all of whom have returned home," Brother Aardappel added. "I will be talking to the men of the remaining two classes soon to see if any more wish to join our fraternity."

"If I were to dream big I would want to establish a foundation that would assist them and the orphans of Malawi who cannot afford an education," he said of his hopes for where this might go in the future.

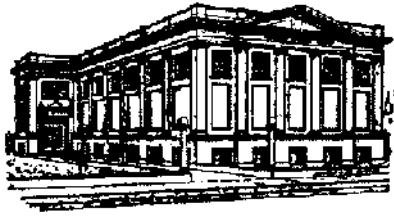
"I would also like to go to Malawi, perhaps with others from our lodge or others from Wisconsin who would have a wish to do so, and raise a group of Masons there and establish a lodge or lodges to carry out our tenets of friendship, morality and brotherly love - perhaps at that point we may have some lodge equipment and jewels, etc., that could get them started."

A major motivation for his desire to help Brother Walata and the other Malawians is to be found in Masonry itself. "One of the reasons I became a Mason was to become a better man and to help make the world a better place as a result. I think many of us can fall into a rut and not see issues beyond our own lodges, and I believe that if we all get behind an initiative like this it could re-energize some lodges and attract men who resonate to this mission."

"Wouldn't it be great if we could establish Masonic Lodges there under the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin and help them get to the point of becoming a Grand Lodge of Malawi?"

Brother Aardappel concluded his comments by saying, "It is my hope that I have given you a picture of what has been, is now and what could be."

He also expressed his appreciation and thanks for what good comes from sharing this story. Persons interested in helping may reach Bro. Aardappel at <sldavid@charter.net>.



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8501 - 199th Ave. • 262-857-7501
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Dark July & August

Dodgeville

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Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
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214 Main St. • 262-593-2647 (Sec)
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Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m.
Dark July & August, 1st Mon. Sept.

Grafton

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

Green Bay

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

Green Bay

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

Green Bay

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

Green Bay

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

Hartford

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

Hayward

Keystone Lodge No. 263
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, 5:30 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 Wednesdays, 8 p.m.
Meets All Year

Madison

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

Madison

Doric Lodge No. 356
5202 Cottage Grove Rd.
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 Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Milton

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Meets 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

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

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Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

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783 Enterprise Drive • 608-349-6021
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

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441 Smith St. • 920-892-6336
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

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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)
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 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 Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Racine

Racine-Belle City Lodge No. 18
1012 Main St. • 262-633-6658
Meet 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
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Meets All Year

Shullsburg

Amicitia 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
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Dark January & February

South Milwaukee

South Shore Lodge No. 3
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Dark July & August

Sparta

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Dark July & August

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Dark July August

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Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

Sturgeon Bay

Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174
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Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Sun Prairie

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Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Superior

Acacia-Itasca Lodge No. 329
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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
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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 Tuesdays, 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. • 920-293-4305 (Sec.)
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark Jan. & Feb. - 4th Mon. Nov. & Dec.

Wauwatosa

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

Wauwatosa

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Dark July, August

Wauwatosa

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Dark July & August

West Allis

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West Bend

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West Salem

Salem Lodge No. 125
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Meets 4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Whitefish Bay

Aurora Lodge No. 30
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Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Whitefish Bay

Geo. Washington 1776 Lodge No. 337
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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
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Dark July & August

Armistead-Bingham

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Quarry Notes

William L. Stonecipher, Editor

• **H.RES.33 Recognizes Contributions of Freemasons** – The following information is presented as just that—information. A report was forwarded to the Masonic Journal explaining that a bill has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives recognizing the thousands of Freemasons in the nation and honoring them for their many contributions to our country throughout its history. The bill's number is H.RES.33. The bill can be viewed at <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c110:H.RES.33>. The resolution was introduced by Ohio Representative Paul E. Gillmor on January 5, 2007, and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Our Most Worshipful Grand Master Rodney Paulsen and Right Worshipful Grand Secretary Mike DeWolf were advised of this bill and their support sought (they forwarded it to the Journal). The announcing e-mail noted that similar or identical bills have apparently been introduced at the national level for several years but have not passed due to lack of interest. The existence of this bill was brought to our attention by a Mason who was evidently a former employee of the House and Senate. He observed that Representatives typically only back bills that their constituents bring to their attention. To that end he invited Masons to contact their respective Representative and request that they sign on as co-sponsors of this bill so that it might pass. Should it pass, it will likely give Representatives an opportunity to make appearances and present certificates at various Grand Lodge Annual Communications. Officially we take no position pro or con. Upon review, and if you think this is a worthy cause, go for it. Either way it's up to you.

• **Wisconsin Native Elected Potentate in Seattle** – Brother Richard Sardeson, formerly of Blanchardville, Wisconsin was installed January 10 as the 99th Potentate of Nile Shriners in Seattle Washington. Bro. Sardeson is a graduate of Blanchardville High School, attended Platteville State College, graduated from the US Coast Guard Academy and the Naval Postgraduate School. He served on active duty for over 30 years ashore and afloat, and retired after four years as Chief of Staff of the Seventeenth Coast Guard District in Juneau, Alaska. Dick is a 50 year and life member of Argyle Masonic Lodge, No. 178 in Argyle (Wisconsin). He became a Master Mason while still a cadet at the academy. Both his grandfathers were Masons as was his dad, a Past Master. His parents, Grace and Allie Sardeson, were both active in Eastern Star. Nile Shriners is somewhat different than some of the sister Temples in that they operate a number of businesses. Interestingly, they have an 18-hole golf course open to the public, a restaurant, full bar service, a full time catering service, room rentals and a large picnic area that may also be rented. Brother Sardeson has lived on the West Coast since retiring. He and his lady, Diane, now live in downtown Seattle.

• **AASR Racing Update** – A January 29 posting in the on-line magazine "Slate" which is owned by the Washington Post-Newsweek organization carried this picture and a story by Seth Stevenson about the Scottish Rite's venture into auto racing sponsorship.

Among other things the story mentioned that the commercial value of hood placement was in the neighborhood of \$2 million. It was not revealed how much the Scottish Rite was paying for this prime placement. The car will be racing in the Busch Series which will be carried on ESPN. Scottish Rite Executive Director William G. Sizemore (right), NASCAR driver Brian Conz, and team owner Frank Cicci (left) are shown with the car in front of the Scottish Rite building in Washington DC.



• **Contact Info for J. B. Van Hollen** – As you all by now know, our Deputy Grand Master, J. B. Van Hollen, is now serving the people of Wisconsin as our state's Attorney General. Due to the great volume of telephone and e-mail traffic he is now receiving, he has requested that all phone calls be routed through the Grand Lodge Office in Dousman via the toll free number **1-800-242-2307** and by e-mail at **<glo@wisc-freemasonry.org>**. These contact numbers are effective immediately and will continue through his term as Grand Master pending his election and installation at the forthcoming annual communication. He regrets having to make this decision but the volume of contacts from the news media as well as from persons and organizations who represent special interests—some friendly and some hostile—makes it necessary to keep his home and family contacts private. He requests that persons wishing to contact him on Masonic or Grand Lodge business use one of the two methods given. Calls may also be directed to Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, who will continue to be available to answer questions at **1-800-686-0070** or **<mdewolf@charter.net>**.

• **Backlog of Submissions** – Just as some manufacturers have lead times between the placement of an order and delivery of a product due to the time required to build the equipment as specified, your Wisconsin Masonic Journal, too, has a lead time for similar reasons. Due to the unusually high number of submissions of installation of officer pictures, 50-year awards, and activities, it will take several issues to get caught up. We ask for your patience. We'll try to publish your submission as soon as possible. Thanks for your understanding and patience. **wmj**

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There is still time to schedule a presentation regarding "What's New at Three Pillars". Comments from those who have attended thus far have found them to be very informative. Just give me a call at 262.965.7391 or e-mail at: mmillard@threepillars.org and we can set a date. You can also visit the Fraternal Relations link on our website: www.threepillars.org for more information.

One more thing circle Sunday August 5th on your calendar. Three Pillars will be sponsoring a picnic on that day. Watch for more information in the upcoming months.

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Residents at the Masonic Center for Health & Rehab celebrated Valentine's Day with an afternoon of music and refreshments. Steven James sang classic old time favorites while playing his bass fiddle. This year's king and queen pictured above with Taryn Fickan, Lifestyles Coordinator, are Richard Wilson and Karin Ekdahl. All the residents that attended received a rose in honor of Valentine's Day.

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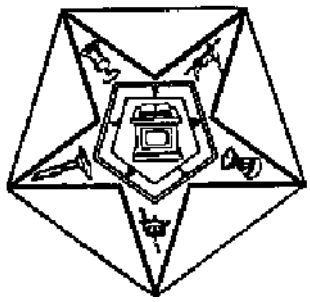
Donation made to Mason Woods in Loving Memory of George D. Sarris

Kay Sarris said her husband George really enjoyed woodworking. After seeing an article in a previous issue of the Masonic Journal she was happy to donate to something that meant a lot to her husband. George was a member of Linden Lodge No. 206, Linden, Wisconsin and was also a member of the Scottish Rite and Shrine.

Above from the left Howard Poland, Hugo Petters, and John Wicklund all residents from Mason Woods posing for a photo with their new band saw purchased with the help of the money donated by Kay Sarris.

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Carrie Peterson Grand Martha

My name is Carrie Peterson and I came from a longtime Masonic family that stems back to my Great Grandfather. I am now Worthy Matron, organist and Grand Representative of Maryland in Wisconsin for 2005 – 2007.

I married David Peterson on March 7, 1964. Together we have owned and operated our own business for 42 years. Over the years the business has included an automotive repair shop, convenience store and gas station. We are now focusing our business on the automotive repair shop which our son, Tom, manages.

My husband is a Mason, a member of Eastern Star and a Shriner. In 2000 we sponsored a child to the Twin City Shriners Hospital. David is very active in community affairs and enjoys many outdoor activities.

I have four children: Tom, Heidi, Wendy and Mike. All are married and both my sons are Masons. Tom and his wife, Candy, are also members of Eastern Star. I have also been blessed with nine grandchildren.

I remember as a child, ladies practicing their Eastern Star work in our living room just so they did not have to start the fires in the lodge hall.

My mother, Pearl Anderson, was a Grand Representative to Connecticut. She lived to become a 50-year member. She held an office in every year of her membership. I have four brothers, three of whom are Masons, one is an Eastern Star member and one is also a Shriner.

Growing up, I was involved in Brownies and the Girl Scouts. In high school, I sang in the choir, played the clarinet and was a majorette for the marching band.

I belonged to Job's Daughters and went up the chairs to Honored Queen. At age 18, I became a member of the Eastern Star and have always held an office. I've been Electa, Martha, Esther, Organist, Associate Conductress, Conductress, Associate Matron and Worthy Matron. I have been Page several times and have been to many Grand Chapters. I sang in the General Grand Choir in Portland and just last year I went on a tour with the Grand Family and visited the Eastern Star International Temple.

I attended the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and while I was practice teaching, I decided to become a cosmetologist and am licensed in Wisconsin and Minnesota. I have always been active in our church, teaching Sunday School for many years and have been the church organist for nearly 50 years. I belong to a ceramic group, like to travel, knit, read, cook, fish, hunt, trap shoot, sing, and love the water. I guess you could say that I'll try just about anything.

Sisters & Brothers

If you would like to have information about your chapter meetings, special events, 50-year members, new members or chatter about your chapter printed on this page, please send it 45 days prior to publication date to: Brother Richard Prunuske, W182 S6490 Muskego Dr., Muskego, WI 53150. Submissions by E-mail are welcome. Send them to:

[<prunuske@wcf.net>](mailto:prunuske@wcf.net)



Sharing Musical Talents

Peter Calhoun left and Ben Larson, right shared their musical talents at Ruth Chapter. Benjamin is a recipient of the ESTARL Scholarship.

ESTARL Recipient Visits Chapter

Ruth Chapter, La Crosse was honored to have Benjamin Larson, recipient of an ESTARL scholarship whom they sponsored to share his

calling in life with the members at their December meeting. Benjamin received his Bachelor's Degree at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. During January he was in Guyana, New Amsterdam where he was serving as a minister to the people of the area. He returned to seminary at Wartburg College in January.

Benjamin's mother, April, serves as the Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the La Crosse area and his father, Judd Larson is the pastor at Bethel Lutheran Church in La Crosse. Both of his parents were recipients of ESTARL scholarships in Iowa during their years of college and seminary.

Benjamin and his brother in law, Peter Calhoun shared their musical talents with Ruth Chapter as they played and sang many beautiful Christmas carols and hymns. It was a very delightful evening and added much to the Christmas season.

– Submitted by Mary Callaway

ESTARL

In 2006, the Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership (ESTARL) committee was able to award six full scholarships to first year applicants. Also granted were two full awards for third-year applicants, one award for a second year applicant and a partial award for a part-time student. This is a great accomplishment for Wisconsin Eastern Star because these awards are fully funded by our chapters and members.

There are two ways you can continue to support ESTARL giving in your chapters:

1. Remember the students needs with fundraising, memorials, cash donations in lieu of gifts, or dedicate your sunshine march at a meeting or two.

2. Provide candidate names to the ESTARL committee for both long and short-term awards. Long-term applications must be voted on in the chapter before the end of May and

sent to the Chairman of ESTARL committee by the first of June. If an application is approved, the chapter must re-submit it for each additional year up to three times awarded. The short-term award is a new function of ESTARL. It was the project of Past Grand Matron Martha Swanson and Past Grand Patron Roy Skogen and approved by Grand Chapter members at her session to be continued in 2006-2007. Short-term awards may be granted for one or multi-day events/courses for local church leadership. Any chapter member may fill out an application for ministers or church lay people to attend seminars or conferences. No chapter action is necessary.

Please consider recipients in your community for 2007 and submit their applications to ESTARL committee as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please contact Ruthann Christensen, Chairman of ESTARL committee.

Alice Hedberg Grand Esther

Alice Hedberg was initiated into St. Anthony Park Chapter in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1977. At St. Anthony Park Chapter she held the stations of Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, Chaplain, Associate Conductress, Conductress, Associate Matron and was Worthy Matron in 1984.

In 1996 Alice and Hartley moved to their lake home near Grantsburg, Wisconsin and became dual members of Frederic Chapter. There she has held the stations of Adah, Associate Conductress, Conductress and Worthy Matron.

Alice is also very active in Daughters of the Nile. She was Queen of Mat – Sha Temple in St. Paul Minnesota in 2001.

Alice and Hartley are active in the Wild River Shrine Club of Wisconsin. Hartley is a Past President and Alice enjoys being a clown in parades and at the Shrine Christmas Parties for children.

Alice retired after 18 years as a senior Library Clerk in the Media Centers of Roseville Area Schools, Roseville, Minnesota.

Alice and her husband, Hartley, celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary in April. They have three children, Scott, Jeff and Kim and nine grandchildren. They belong to Faith Lutheran Church in Grantsburg. Alice enjoys walking, swimming, golf, flower gardening, reading and traveling. She loves music and collects music boxes.

Music Books for Fraternal Musicians

The Grand Chapter of Wisconsin O.E.S. published three volumes of Marches for Fraternal Orders Composed by Wisconsin Members of O.E.S. in October 2006.

Book #1 has 18 marches on 37 pages (1945 – 1961) composed by Fred Clitheroe, former Grand Organist, at the price of \$10.00.

Book #2, composed by C.F. "Fred" LaPointe, PGP of Wisconsin and Worthy Grand Organist 1979 – 1982 has 31 marches on 54 pages at the price of \$15.00.

Book #3 contains 44 marches on 101 pages composed by 22 artists between 1922 and 1994. Nineteen of these composers served as Grand Organist for one to seven terms. There is no duplication of the works included in the first two books. The price of Book # 3 is \$25.00.

All three books are printed on 9" x 12" paper, and comb-bound with card stock covers. All scores are in printer format. The table of contents is printed on the outside of the back cover, and the marches are arranged alphabetically by title, within clusters based on the number of pages (2 or 4 pages, 3 pages, one page). All of the music is scored for piano – but is easily adapted to organ.

Contact the Grand Secretary, Wisconsin Grand Chapter OES, 262- 965-2200 or email at wioes@core.com for advice about mail delivery (packing and shipping fees will be added to cost).

From the Worthy Grand Matron

Over two months of 2007 is already behind us and in a couple of months the Wisconsin Grand Chapter Annual Session will be the talk of all the members. Time stands still for no one.

The receptions for the appointed "Garden of Faith" Grand Officers is almost to an end and the announcement of a new Grand Family will soon begin, perhaps by the time this issue reaches the homes of the Masonic Families a few officers will have been announced.

I have enjoyed the wonderful receptions which each Chapter worked hard to show their love and honored their special Sister or Brother who served in the "Garden of Faith" Family. To each Chapter who had the honor of a Grand Officer this year, we want to thank you for sharing them and allowing them to be a special part of the state of Wisconsin Grand Chapter Family.

A great accomplishment this year is the new members, that many Subordinate Chapters have initiated. Congratulations! Membership is a very important part of your work. Without new members we find it difficult to keep the Chapter doors open.

What is the vision of your Chapter in a year? In five years? Do you have goals which you are working on to keep your Chapter alive and active?

Look forward to Visionquest meetings at your Area Club meetings. Form a team to help make your chapters grow in members.

Enjoy and have safe travels to the many invitations to your neighboring Chapters.

In Faith and Prayer,
Helen Wheeler, WGM

From the Worthy Grand Patron

February was a very busy month for your Grand Family. We traveled over to Michigan for the Wisconsin/Michigan exchange day. All of those who were able to join us had a wonderful and enjoyable time. It is always great to spend time exchanging thoughts and watching the difference between the work of each of the two jurisdictions. One thing that never changes is the love we share for our Order and the hand of friendship is always extended in fraternal love.

I have enjoyed spending time with each of you at the Grand Officers receptions. It is great renewing and making new friends. We have three more coming up. I hope you will be able to join us in these celebrations.

Spring is just around the corner and my hope is that many of you will start to travel again. Please come and join Sister Helen and me at the many Compass and Friends Nights that is ahead the next few months. I would love to share the evening with you. And I know that the other Grand Line Officers would enjoy your company. Please remember: "To have a friend is to have everything."

In faith and love,
John Knee, WGP

Announcements

• Grand Representative Appointments: Tina Kurt – Idaho, Queen Esther Chapter, Lodi; Jeanne Roebler – Minnesota, Superior Chapter, Superior; Dona-Rae Baumgart – Mississippi, Pike Chapter, Kenosha; Gerald Johnson – New Brunswick, Everett Chapter, Marshfield; Betty Miller – Utah, Acadia Chapter, Brookfield; Sally Lutzke – Michigan, Vega Chapter, Milwaukee; Karl McDonald – South Carolina, Eagle Chapter, Eagle River.

• The World of Youth Committee will again be giving our scholarships to the deserving youth of Rainbow, DeMolay and Job's Daughters. We are asking for your help to be able to give out as many scholarships as possible. Any Chapter or individual giving a donation of \$250 or more will be asked to help present scholarships at Grand Chapter in Middleton. Please have your donations to the Grand Chapter office by March 31, 2007. We are thanking you in advance for the support of our youth and their education goals. Sincerely, the World of Youth committee.

Mark your calendar for the brunch at West Allis Chapter on Sunday, March 25, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• Golden Rule Chapter 194, Wauwatosa has an interesting and informative event in March. On March 8, Alice and Jim Byrnes will be visiting with their "Have Artifacts Will Travel". We will be hearing about information on the Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Library and Museum. The presentation will be after our stated meeting.

Submitted by Cheri Brus, W.M. of Golden Rule

It's Party Time

We're having a party! Yes, it's true, Bristol Chapter is turning the big 100th year. Help us celebrate. We will show you the most memorable images of our past Sisters and Brothers, plus fun facts about our chapter too! Light refreshments after our program will be served. All taking place on Saturday, March 31, 2007, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Washburn Masonic Lodge, 8102 – 199th Ave., Bristol.

Frederic Chapter and Loyal Chapter cordially invites you to join us as we honor ALICE HEDBERG, Grand Esther and CARRIE PETERSON, Grand Martha on Sunday, April 15, 2007, at River's Edge Supper Club, Somerset, WI.

Social hour at 12 p.m. with Dinner at 1 p.m. Adults \$20, children 5-10 years \$10, 4 years and under – no charge. RSVP by March 31, 2007, to: Laramie Reissner, 28 W. Evans Street, Rice Lake WI 54868-4117, 715-234-6445

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Bro. James Lackore, Four Lakes Daylight Lodge No. 362 Master, followed along with the Masonic Code presentation on his laptop computer, Saturday, Feb. 17, at the third Grand Lodge-sponsored Leader Seminar at Dodgeville Lodge No. 119. More than 62 area Masons were in attendance for the day-long program. Among those also shown are Jerry Potter, Master of Warren Lodge; Mike Mudrey, Sr. Deacon at New Glarus; Steve Leitzinger, Amicitia Sr. Warden; and John Roelli, Amicitia Master. The fourth and final seminar will be held at Waverly Lodge in Appleton on May 5. Please use clip & mail registration coupon on page 3. Register by April 27 and pay just \$5. After that date or at the door the fee is \$15.

Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

February 2007

- 27 School of Instruction - District 2 Area 2, New Richmond Lodge No. 195, 7 p.m.
- 28 School of Instruction - District 12 Area 2, Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301 - Wauwatosa, 7:30 p.m.

March 2007

- 3 Platteville & Monroe Commanderies Joint Annual Inspection, Platteville, 11:30 a.m. - lunch, Open Commanderies at 1 p.m. Banquet at 6 p.m.
- 6 GRAND MASTER'S 2007 TOUR TO VISIT MASONS IN ARIZONA - Luncheon in Sun City West, Arizona
- 7 School of Instruction - District 12 Area 3, Freemasons Lodge No. 363, Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m.
- 10-11 IOJD Multi-State Exemplification, Battle Creek, Michigan. Bethel Guardians have details.
- 10 School of Instruction - District 4, Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 322, Green Bay, 9 a.m.
- 10f Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843 Quarterly Meeting at Ozaukee Lodge No. 17, Port Washington. Refreshments served at 9 a.m., meeting begins at 10. Guest Welcome.
- 12 School of Instruction - District 12 Area 1, Damascus Lodge No. 290, 7 p.m.
- 17 H.L. Palmer/Wauwatosa Commandery Inspection, 1 p.m.
- 20 School of Instruction - District 12 Area 4, George Washington 1776 No. 337, Whitefish Bay, 7:30 pm
- 24 Grand Master's Reception for Masons in Northwest Wisconsin. Saturday, March 24 at the Eau Claire Masonic Center, 616 Graham Avenue in Eau Claire. A combined "Districts" meeting with the Grand Master. Seminars/events for the ladies beginning at 2 p.m. are also planned. Dinner will be at 5 p.m. The cost will be \$20-25 per person. District 1 Deputy Arby Humphrey (715) 364-2492 is the contact.
- 24 Wisconsin York Rite Association, Marinette Masonic Temple 9 a.m. preceding Marinette Commandery Inspection at 1 p.m.
- 26 Ozaukee Lodge No. 17's Annual Table Lodge and Fish Boil, featuring a traditional "Smith Brothers" style Fish Boil and Todd Brown Raffle. 6 p.m. Monday.
- 29 Grand Lodge of Wisconsin & Prince Hall Grand Lodge Combined Table Lodge, Tripoli Shrine, Milwaukee 6 p.m.
- 29 Southwest York Rite Association, Janesville Masonic Center. 6 p.m. Dinner and 7 p.m. Meeting.
- 31 District 7, 8, & 9 Proficiency Examinations, Madison Masonic Center, 9-12. RSVP to District 7 Deputy Richard Trailer by March 1 <trailer@smallbytes.net> or (608) 423-7081.

April 2007

- 2 School of Instruction - District 12 Area 5, Day Lite Lodge No. 358 - West Allis, 9 a.m.
- 14 Chapter Degree Festival @ West Allis Masonic Temple.
- 14 School of Instruction - District 4, Pine Lodge No. 188, Oconto, 9 a.m.
- 19 Council Degree Festival, Waukesha Masonic Temple.
- 20-22 Grand Lodge Full Staff Meeting
- 24 District 5 Spring Mtg., Tomah Lodge No. 132, 7 p.m.
- 25 District 10 Spring Mtg., Sheboygan Lodge, 6:15 p.m.
- 27-29 58th Midwest Conference on Masonic Education, Evansville, Indiana. Forum on Masonic Reformation to be held April 28.
- 30 District 7 School of Instruction, Madison Masonic Center.

May 2007

- 5 Leadership Seminar, Waverly Lodge, Appleton. \$5 Early registration Deadline is Friday, April 27. Refreshments 8:30 a.m. Seminar Start 9 a.m., ends by 4 p.m.
- 18-20 Job's Daughters Grand Guardian Council Session in Stevens Point
- 19 Grand Master's Northeast Wisconsin Reception & Breakfast at Marinette Lodge No. 182, 8 a.m.
- 19 District 4 Spring Meeting - 9 a.m. - Marinette Lodge
- 19 District 4 Proficiency School - 10 a.m. - Marinette Lodge
- 20 Grand Master's Central & Southwest Wisconsin Reception & Dinner for Masons and their ladies primarily in Districts 7, 8 & 9. Coordinating the event is District 8 Deputy Emmett Reilly. The event will be held at the Wheel Inn, in Shullsburg. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner set for 6:30. A program will follow. Dinner is \$15 per person, tax and gratuity included. Reservations are to sent directly to Emmett Reilly, 18648 Mineral Road, Shullsburg, WI 53586.

June 2007

- 1-2 Annual Communication, Madison Masonic Center, Madison, Convenes at 8:30 a.m. both days.
- 9 Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research Quarterly Meeting, Baraboo Lodge No. 34, Baraboo
- 13-16 York Rite Grand Sessions, Green Bay Regency Suites Convention Center
- 17 Wautoma Masonic Union presents its Sixth 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, please contact Ed Anderson (920) 293-4305 • e-mail



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