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Milwaukee Public Schools AED Response Team

Demonstrating how quickly the Audubon School AED response team could employ the Mason-funded AED located next to the school's office, it took just 2 min. 10 sec. to deploy and apply the AED. Teachers Bill Szczepkowski and Jim Hron were timed by Donna Whalen. Another picture is on page 8.

Mason-funded AEDs "On Duty" in Milwaukee Public Schools

MILWAUKEE – The Milwaukee Public Schools held the district's third annual Defibrillator Drill Day on Thursday, February 12 at the Audubon Technology & Communication Center at 3300 South 39th Street, thanks in no small part to the Freemasons of Wisconsin.

The significance of the event was emphasized in a news conference before the student body and staff by featuring Joe Lemel, father of Adam Lemel, who introduced a new Project Adam video and in moving terms spoke about losing a child to sudden cardiac arrest.

Joe's son, Adam, was a Whitefish Bay High School basketball player who suffered sudden cardiac arrest

during a game, dying before EMTs arrived with a defibrillator.

"Believe me, it is a parent's worst nightmare to stand witness to the death of a child because there was no defibrillator available," Mr. Lemel told the students and staff listening with rapt attention in the school's auditorium. January 22 marked the tenth anniversary of Adam's death. Project ADAM was created in his memory in 1999.

It is important to remember that funding for the AED program in the Milwaukee Public Schools was initially provided by a grant of \$105,104 from the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Medical Fund

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Education Seminars Planned for March 21 in D-ville & April 11 in GB

DOUSMAN – The Grand Lodge Education Committee has announced that there will be two Masonic Education Seminars offered this spring, the first on March 21 in Dodgeville at Dodgeville Lodge No. 119 and the second is April 11 at the N.E.W. Masonic Center in Green Bay. Both dates are Saturdays.

Covered during the seminars will be our Masonic Code, Masonic Handbook (the Green Book) and the Lodge Excellence Award (LEA).

Start times for both seminars are as follows. Check-in will be from 8-9 a.m. and the seminars will begin promptly at 9 a.m. There will be a noontime break for lunch. The cost

of the meal is not included in the \$10 entry fee. Day-of registration for the seminars will be \$15 per person. The seminars will conclude by 3 p.m. at the latest.

Please use the registration form on page 3 to enroll for the two seminars this spring.

Presenters will be members of the Grand Lodge Education Committee and other Grand Lodge officers.

Members of the Grand Lodge Education Committee this year are Craig Campbell, Deputy Grand Master; Joe Harker, Sr. Grand Warden; Michael Dewolf, PGM, Grand Secretary; Dennis Siewert, Sr. Grand Deacon; Dan Slavik, Jr.

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On Our Cover

Grand Master John W. Wilke (left) spoke to Wisconsin Masons and their ladies at the Masonic Charities sponsored luncheon at the Deer Creek RV Golf Resort in Davenport, Florida on Tuesday, January 27. Approximately 40 attended each of the three luncheons, two in Florida and one in Arizona. The Grand Master spoke on the importance of learning our obligation and the meaning of Masonry. Brother Bill Barnes, Director of Development for our Masonic Charities, talked about the Grand Master's appeal and the various ways to make a charitable gift to the Fraternity. Sharon Wilke spoke about her Ladies' appeal for the Scottish Rite Children's Learning centers.

–Photo by Bro. Bill Barnes, Director of Development

AVIS "Corporate Awards" Car Rentals Now Available for All Wisconsin Masons' While 'On the Road'

DOUSMAN – The Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin has chosen AVIS as its official rental car agency, Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, announced in an e-mailed dated February 8.

This means that not only traveling Grand Lodge officers but all members of our constituent lodges as well will be able to receive special rates as part of the AVIS Corporate Awards Program when reserving car rentals at AVIS-served airport locations.

In order to learn more about the program and receive the Corporate Travel Plan Rates when reserving rental surface transportation, you will be required to use the Grand Lodge's Avis Worldwide Discount (AWD) number, which is X229162. You can create a reservation on-line by going to the AVIS Corporate Awards Web site by entering <http://www.avisawards.com/> in your Internet browser's search window.

A feature of the plan is that the more the Corporate Awards Program is used the better the rates will be for Grand Lodge users, said the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge itself receives no benefit other than the lower rates members of Wisconsin lodges receive at AVIS airport locations. The program also extends to some off-site AVIS locations.

A sampling of car rental rates at airport locations are as follows: Compacts rent from as low as \$42-47 per day, Intermediates from \$44-49, Full size 2-Door from \$46-51, Full-size 4-Door from \$48-53, Premium from \$53-58, Minivans from \$70-75, and Sport Utility vehicles from \$64-69 per day.

The AVIS Corporate Awards Program also applies to off-airport locations excluding some major market destinations. These rates are generally \$4 less for each category.

Unless otherwise provided, these rates do not include taxes, surcharges, LDW, ALL, PEP, PAI, refueling service charges, airport-related fees, concession recovery fees, drop-off charges, similar optional service fees or any other extra service fees

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The Grand Master's Message:

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

ABCs of a Mason

My brothers, I came across a poster several years ago on the ABCs of success which was displayed in the break room in my office. I would review it every time I was in the room and found it to be an inspiration, especially on those days which were filled with challenges. I revised the ABCs to the Craft and it is my hope it will inspire you as Freemasons and your Lodge as a whole.

A – Activity: active brothers are the key to a successful Lodge

B – Brotherly Love: the underlying attitude that is the cement that binds us into the greatest fraternity the world has known.

C – Commitment: to the Charges, the essential asset of any Lodge officer and every Mason.

D – Do unto others as you would have them do unto you is the golden rule of life laid down nearly 2000 years ago.

E – Enthusiasm: the contagious energy that creates interest and spreads like wildfire from one Brother to the next.

F – Faith: in your God, your country, your Lodge, your Lodge officers, your Brothers, and especially in yourself and the path you have chosen in life.

G – God: your creator and the source of all light in whom we all put our trust.

H – Helping those less fortunate is a Mason's way.

I – Interest: that essential quality in Masons that is necessary for Lodge and personal success.

J – Just do it! Act on every "good" idea. There is nothing more powerful as an idea whose time has come.

K – Kindness to all, especially with the ones you disagree.

L – Love: the greatest power on earth and is liberally spread by Masons and it knows no boundaries.

M – Motivate by your interest and enthusiasm of our gentle craft to Mentor others.

N – New ideas: the fountain of youth for any organization or Brother.

O – Obligations of a Mason are never to be forgotten and always observed.

P – Preparation: that quality that is necessary to do a good job and a thorough job.

Q – Quality in character, a most valuable asset.

R – Read everything you can as knowledge is a precious commodity and a Masons charge to learn.

S – Study: life is a learning experience; there is something to learn with every day.

T – Teach those that follow you as they are the future.

U – Utilize the working tools available to do the best job as a Mason.

V – Vitalize your Lodge with your encouragement, interest and enthusiasm.

W – Walk, always, as a just and upright Mason, your first Masonic charge.

X – Put your "X" on your Lodge through your actions.

Y – You do make a difference in your Lodge and Masonry, and your absence will be missed.

Z – Zero in on your goals and you will achieve more than you ever dreamed.

Yours in Brotherly Love,
Grand Master John W. Wilke



John W. Wilke
Grand Master

Registration Due March 16 at Grand Lodge:

Last Call for Sixth Annual GLOW-PH Table Lodge Event

DOUSMAN – There is still time to reserve your place at the Sixth Annual Combined Table Lodge between the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin and Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Wisconsin planned for Tuesday, March 31, 2009.

Reservations must be received no later than Monday, March 16 at the Grand Lodge office in Dousman. Please use the clip and mail coupon on page 3. This year's event will be at Milwaukee's Tripoli Shrine Temple at 3000 W. Wisconsin Avenue.

The evening will begin with a fellowship period at 6 p.m. This will be followed by the official opening ceremony at 6:45 p.m.

"The Ceremony of Seven Toasts" (wine and non-alcoholic wine will be offered) and dinner will follow.

Please bring your own toasting canons and aprons.

After the Table Lodge is officially closed a social period and cash bar at Tripoli will be available to those who wish to extend the evening in fellowship.

This event will be conducted on the Entered Apprentice Degree and is therefore open to all Masons.

Appropriate dress for the evening is a sport coat, shirt and tie or business suit. Grand Lodge officers will be in tuxedos.

The cost of this event is \$22 per person. Make checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

If a lodge wishes to submit a combined reservation and payment for multiple attendees, please list each individual's name attending. **umj**



Secretaries, Assistants Learn at MORI Seminar

Twenty seven of the 29 persons registered attended the February 7 MORI seminar in Milwaukee, coming from as far away as Green Bay, Sheboygan, Janesville, Fond du Lac, West Bend and the Milwaukee area. The old database system used by Grand Lodge has been discontinued.

Seminar Leader DeWolf

"As far as MORI is concerned, your lodge dues period is January 1 – December 31, 2009," said the Grand Secretary.

More Secretaries & Assistants Train to Use MORI Database

MILWAUKEE – Coming from as far as Green Bay, Janesville, Sheboygan and many other points south, west and east, 27 lodge secretaries and their assistants attended the final previously scheduled Masonic Online Registry Interface (MORI) seminar at the Wyndham Milwaukee-Airport on Saturday February 7.

Conducted by Grand Secretary Michael DeWolf, PGM, this particular seminar used Ben Franklin Lodge No. 83, Madison, as an example in how to log-on, create an account using their member number plus their date of birth, enter a personalized 8-digit password, and then apply for a "Security Key" which will be sent via the USPS.

In answer to a question about the security of the member information in the database, Grand Secretary DeWolf said that the data is very secure. "There are data backups in New York and Boston, and the data can't be lost. Nothing resides on your computer except your password, security key and bookmark," he added.

"Once you're logged-on, only you have access to your specific lodge information," the Grand Secretary emphasized.

Brother DeWolf went on, walking the attendees through setting up their basic member information.

He pointed out that lodge member names are already entered. What remains is setting up "member types" that designate their membership status. This includes dues due, whether or not they are Perpetual Membership Program participants, or plural, hardship, "or whatever categories your lodge decides. You can have several categories."

Interestingly, it was pointed out, so-called "foreign" plural members not only have to pay our lodge and per capita dues, but their home lodge dues and per capita as well. "You need to be careful when you set your basic member data," the Grand Secretary said.

As the seminar progressed, the answers to questions and explanations became more complex, but the one thing that remained constant was the emphasis on entering the data correctly the first time. **wmj**

The Gavel Locator

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

- District 1**
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- District 2**
Chetek Lodge No. 277
- District 3**
Phillips Lodge No. 225
- District 4**
Crandon Lodge No. 287
- District 5**
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- District 6**
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- District 7**
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- District 8**
Warren Lodge No. 4
- District 9**
St. John's Lodge No. 57
- District 10**
Sheboygan Lodge No. 11
- District 11**
Geneva Lodge No. 44
- District 12**
West Allis Lodge No. 291

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

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not specifically included in the rates. No discount shall apply to such charges.

Be aware that daily premiums of from \$5 to as much as \$27 will apply to rentals on the corporate rate in several locations at many major airports. A listing can be found on the AVIS Corporate Awards Web site. Airport surcharges also may apply.

For more information contact Grand Secretary DeWolf at 1-800-242-2307 Extension 801 or by e-mail at grandsecretary@wisc-freemasonry.org or www.wisc-freemasonry.org. **wmj**

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Grand Deacon; Bill Beetcher, Sr. Grand Steward; and Frank Struble, Jr. Grand Steward. Junior Grand Warden Davey L. White, Jr., is committee chair.

Brethren attending will receive a CD of the material presented. The CD also will contain a copy of our ritual cipher.

As an added bonus, attendees will also receive a wealth of other educational and inspirational information.

Brethren attending the Masonic Education Seminars are encouraged to take the two related Mason-

ic Education Correspondence Courses—the MCCC for the Masonic Code of Wisconsin and the MECC for the Wisconsin Masonic Handbook—either before or after the seminars.

Both of these correspondence courses are available at no charge and may be downloaded from the Grand Lodge Web Site at www.wisc-freemasonry.org.

Also available under the Publications heading on the web site's home page are the complete Wisconsin Masonic Handbook and Masonic Code of Wisconsin. These two publications may be referenced

on-line or printed out as needed.

Brethren are advised that in order to qualify for LEA points for taking these courses and receive course completion recognition, the completed correspondence courses accompanied by a check for the correct fee of \$4.50 per person per course are to be mailed to the Grand Lodge Office in Dousman. If both courses are completed the fee would be \$9.

Those completing the courses and remitting the proper fee will receive a pin and certificate which will be returned by mail—and earn those LEA points for your lodge. **wmj**

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**NOTES FROM THE GRAND LECTURER
By Brother Kenneth C. Gorgen**

My Brothers:

Last month we were able to initiate the dialog of "frequently asked questions." I am anxiously looking forward to having a great deal of fun with this and in the process we can all learn more about Masonic ritual. Because of that goal, I challenge each and every one of you to make your mark in Wisconsin Masonic history and become a true and faithful brother of this initiative. I am looking for all of you to become engaged in this exciting journey.

In the process of waiting for my e-mail to be flooded with questions or thoughts to share, I would like to share with you something that was sent to me by one of our District Lecturers.

Since last June we have been exploring the ritual. Have any of you thought about this term, "Ritual," outside of the Masonic Fraternity? I say "Ritual," and most Masons think about memory work, but ritual is an important part of our day-to-day dealings and will never become obsolete. The reality of ritual is listed in the following article. Please pay close attention to the statement about what happens when ritual breaks down. I think we can all relate this to our Masonic organization and what has happened to the strength of our teachings.

Sit back, relax, and I thank Worshipful Brother Stons for sharing this with me, and now I will share it with you. The article printed below is an excerpt of an article by Brother C. Fred Klienknecht, which was printed in the Scottish Rite Journal some time ago. The excerpt was reprinted in St. George's Banner by Brother Kevan van Herd, who was its editor.



**Kenneth C. Gorgen
Grand Lecturer**

"Reality and Ritual"

By Fred C. Klienknecht

"There just isn't time in the world today for Ritual.' A Brother said recently, 'I wish it were different, but we just don't use ritual in our lives any more. It just doesn't relate to reality.'

"He then shook my hand, picked up his coat and hat, and left my office. I glanced out the window as he left, and noticed him putting his hat on as soon as he left the building. Then he reached the sidewalk, pausing to let a woman pedestrian pass, waved his hand to hail a cab, and disappeared down the street.

"Of course, shaking hands, not wearing a hat inside, giving the right of way to a woman, hailing a cab by waving, all are rituals. Four acts in less than a minute - not bad for someone who has no time for ritual in his life!

"Ritual in some form is a central part of our lives. In our Order, as everywhere, ritual is the oldest and most powerful means of teaching. It is even more than teaching! It is a major source of identification with any group. Each family has ritual ways, or certain ways to celebrate certain days. All cultures have rituals. Ritual is a primary way of telling 'us' from 'them.' Anthropologists inform us that when rituals break down, our civilization is in trouble. All important moments in our lives are marked by ritual — birth, coming of age, joining a community of faith, marriage, death — they are all marked by rituals.

"As Masons, the ritualistic experience binds us into a special community, and unites us with men who might be very different in income, education, social status, race, creed, language, occupation, or experience. Yet, however we may differ, the Ritual experience of becoming a Mason is a bond stronger than all those differences.

"The performance of the Ritual, the conferring of Degrees, is the only real business of Masonry. All the rest, such as charities, educational programs, fun and fellowship, are outgrowths of the lessons taught in those Rituals.

"If you haven't been to a Degree ritual for some time, make it a point to visit a lodge and experience it again. If you approach it with an open heart and mind, you will find new lessons and fresh insights every time. Reality and Ritual are closely related as the oak and the acorn. They are what we, as Masons, are all about."

What a powerful statement when we read, "Anthropologists inform us that when rituals break down, our civilization is in trouble." Can you think of how this might relate to Wisconsin Masonry?

My brothers, our goal needs to be the rebuilding of our knowledge of the rituals. There is much to learn and much to share. Please work to increase your understanding of our ritual so that Masonry does not lose its focus and its distinguished position in society.

As always, I welcome feedback and your questions. The sharing of your knowledge is always welcome and if we continue to discuss these things we will all increase in Masonic understanding and then, my brothers, we will all see more Light.

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

**Lake Lodge No. 189
Plans 'Festive Board'
for Thurs., March 26**

MILWAUKEE – Are you a traveling man? If so, the brethren of Lake Lodge invite you to enjoy an evening of Masonry and Friendship at Lake Lodge No. 189 located at 1235 E. Howard Ave. in Milwaukee.

The event will be held on Thursday, March 26 beginning at 7 p.m.

A "Festive Board" is the traditional feasting and camaraderie that typically took place after lodge meetings in the 1700s and 1800s when brethren traveled many miles to lodge, often on horseback.

After traveling so many miles, it was only appropriate to put on the "feedbag" after the meeting. A sumptuous meal was served up with appropriate beverages to cap off an enlightening evening spent with brother Masons.

The evening will be held in the Entered Apprentice Degree—Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts are encouraged to attend. Lodge will be opened in full form, after which several topics of Masonic history and education will be served up for brotherly discourse.

After the meeting we will retire to Lake Masonic Center's Fellowship Hall for food and fellowship. No tickets will be sold, but a donation will be taken for the meal and refreshments. RSVPs would be appreciated!

To reserve your place at the table please contact Brother Don Henslak, Lake Lodge Past Master and District 12 Deputy, at 414-433-4741 or <Webburger@Prodigy.net>.

**What Designs Are
On Your Lodge's
Trestleboard
This Year?**

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Have a Friend's Night program planned?

How about a Prospective Member list?

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and substantial donations from four Milwaukee-area lodges — Kilbourn Lodge No. 3 (now South Shore Lodge), Nathan Hale Lodge No. 350, Freemasons Lodge No. 363 and George Washington 1776 Lodge No. 337. In addition there were significant grants from the Northwestern Mutual Life Foundation, ING Financial Services, the Helen Bader Foundation, and Central File, a Mason-owned company.

Funding for the MPS AED program was made public on October 27 2005, during a news conference at the Humphrey Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Milwaukee. There it was announced that funding for the purchase of the first 117 AEDs to be placed in Milwaukee's public schools had been secured.

A defibrillator drill demonstration and the debut of a new Project ADAM video which was filmed at the Audubon school followed Mr. Lemel's comments and those of staff. The video features students and staff at Audubon and portrays the symptoms a student who was in the process of having a sudden cardiac arrest might exhibit and how trained staff were able to immediately respond with an AED. The video is

expected to be available nationally through Project ADAM.

"February is American Heart Month, making this the right time for our trained response teams to test their readiness in case a staff member or student has a cardiac incident," stated Superintendent William Andrekopoulos in a news release announcing the district's third "Get the Beat Day" Feb. 12.

The purpose of "Get the Beat Day" was to test responses to life threatening situations when an AED is required and encourage more schools to obtain an AED to use on persons undergoing cardiac arrest or atrial fibrillation.

There have been four cardiac incidents in MPS schools since the beginning of October 2006. Three of these incidents resulted in lives being saved, including that of a 13 year-old child who suffered sudden cardiac arrest while in gym class. During a Homecoming Dance in October 2003, before the MPS AED program was in place, a 15-year-old student died of cardiac arrest at Bay View High School.

There are 199 AEDs in 155 MPS sites now, including schools, community centers and stadiums. Trained teams are in each location where AEDs have been installed. There are more than 1800 staff with CPR certification to use the AEDs. **umj**

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**Masonic Education
Seminars**

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Lodge _____

Seminar Attending: (Check One) – **Fee is only \$10 each by the registration deadline. Price is \$15 at the door.**

(Note: Group registrations from lodges are encouraged. Please list all who will be attending by name.)

**March 21 @ Dodgeville Lodge No. 119, Dodgeville
Registration Deadline is Wed., March 11**

**April, 11 @ N.E.W. Masonic Center in Green Bay
Registration Deadline is Wed., April 1**

Make check payable to:

Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin

Mail to: Masonic Ed Seminar c/o Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin, 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 53118

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**The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin &
Prince Hall Grand Lodge Presents:
Combined Table Lodge VI**

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: () _____

Number attending _____ @ \$22 each = Amount Enclosed \$ _____
(Make checks payable to: Grand Lodge of Wisconsin)

Note: If making a group reservation, please list all names.

Mail this reservation form and check to:

Combined Table Lodge

c/o Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin
36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 53118

Tickets will be held at the door.

Reservations due on or before

Monday, March 16, 2009

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Brother Amos Olson chose a charitable remainder trust to benefit family & fraternity

By Bro. William H. Barnes, Development Director, Wisconsin Masonic Charities

Brother Amos Olson, a Naval SeaBee, saw the expression on the face of the Kamakasi pilot as his airplane crashed into the sea, barely missing their ship. Amos went on to help construct many docks used during WWII in the Pacific.

Brother Olson, was raised a Master Mason on February 14, 1949 in Wauwatosa Lodge No. 267. He transferred his membership to Winneconne Lodge No. 186 in 1979.

He lived in Wauwatosa with his wife Lucille and two children, Linda and Lee, and spent a career as an air pollution inspector for Milwaukee County. He loved to fish and was an excellent golfer.

Amos spent his last three years of life living with other outstanding vet-

erans at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King. Although he died on January 12 of this year, his legacy lives on. Brother Olson was 92.

Back in 1985, Brother Olson created a Charitable Remainder Trust. This trust provided an income which was to be paid to his daughter Linda. He directed that upon his death, the remainder of the trust assets be donated to the Wisconsin Masonic Home Endowment.

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the relief of poor distressed brother Master Masons, their widows and orphans."



Brother Amos Olson and his wife Lucille pictured at Lake Poygan in the summer of 1984. Brother Olson was raised in Wauwatosa Lodge in 1949, transferring his membership to Winneconne Lodge in 1979.



Masons and their ladies (above) enjoyed the luncheon at Fort Myers, Florida. Grand Master Wilke spoke on the importance of learning our obligation and the meaning of Masonry. Brother Bill Barnes, Director of Development for our Wisconsin Charities, talked about the Grand Master's appeal and ways to make a charitable gift. About 40 attended each of the three luncheons.



At Sun City West Past Grand Master Beecher Daniels talked about the Masonic Service Association VA Center Visitation efforts here in Wisconsin.



Sharon Wilke is shown speaking about her ladies' appeal to benefit the Scottish Rite's Children Learning Centers at the luncheon in Sun City West, Arizona January 23. An auction to benefit her appeal will be held at the Annual Communication in June.

- Photos by Bro. Bill Barnes

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Frank and Helen Burany enjoyed their visit with the Grand Master at the luncheon they attended in Fort Meyers, Florida on January 26.



Bro. Wallace Griggen (above, right) received his 50-year certificate and pin from Grand Master Wilke at the Sun City West, Arizona luncheon on January 23. Special guests for the Sun City West luncheon were the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Arizona, Brother Don E. Bernhardt, and the Very Worshipful Grand Secretary, W. E. "Bill" Robertson. The Arizona Grand Master spoke about Masonry in the Grand Canyon State.



Carl Wussow reading a touching letter received from George and Nancy Cerwin at the Davenport, Florida luncheon Jan. 27.

- Sharon Wilke's Ladies Appeal - Here's How to Order Your Copy of "My Favorite Recipes from the Wild"

As Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, Most Worshipful Brother John W. Wilke takes great pleasure in introducing to the Craft his mother Helen Wilke's cookbook, "My Favorite Recipes from the Wild." For many years John's mother Helen Wilke taught identification, harvest, preparation and storage of wild edibles, sharing and receiving wildfoods' knowledge with George Bachay, former outdoor writer for the Janesville Gazette, and Euell Gibbons, noted author, both experts in this field. All proceeds from the sale of this book will go to Sharon Wilke's appeal for the 32nd Masonic Learning Centers for Children in Madison and Milwaukee.

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Friendship's Quincy Lodge Installs New Officers

Quincy Lodge No. 71 of Friendship recently installed its officers for 2009. Pictured are (front row) Installing Chaplain Jim Hanneman; Installing Marshal Ken Romell; Senior Warden Hans Christensen; Worshipful Master Ken Koehn; Junior Warden Robert Thyme; Installing Master Edward Thomsen. Second row: Junior Steward Donald Hollmaa; Secretary Jim Wolf; Senior Steward Helmer Lecy; District 6 Deputy Jeffrey Marquardt; Senior Deacon Marshall Coon; Chaplain Jim Stormoen; Treasurer and Counselor Gary Thompson; and Tiler Frank Sindelar. Not pictured: Junior Deacon Andy (A. J.) Varga.



Franklin and Richland Lodge 2009 Officers

Lone Rock Franklin Lodge No. 16 and Richland Lodge No. 66 of Free and Accepted Masons recently held a combined installation of elected and appointed officers for 2009. The installation ceremony, which was open to the public, was held at the Lone Rock Masonic Center. Pictured left to right are the newly installed 2009 officers. Row 1: Harold McDonough; Installing Marshal Keith Chamberlain; Fuzz Spangler; Steve Davis; Rollie Spencer; and Scott Rossing. Row 2: Charles McMullen; Jim Jewell; Tony Broadbent; and Installing Chaplain Dave Ritchie. Row 3: Lary Hallett; Howard Hansen; Brent Clausius; Grand Master John Wilke, Installing Master; Dave Maughn; and Dick Rasmussen.

- Submitted by News Hawk Brent Clausius, W.M.



Grand Visit To Quincy Lodge

Staying in line with his symbol of a "Beehive Of Activity" our Most Worshipful Grand Master John W. Wilke and Grand Marshall Tom Tourville were welcome guests of Quincy Lodge No. 71 in Friendship recently. Brother John drew his designs on our Trestleboard and challenged each of us to learn a new part of our Masonic rituals this year. Pictured are Jr. Warden Robert Thyme, Most Worshipful Grand Master John Wilke, Sr. Warden Hans Christensen, and Worshipful Master Ken Koehn.

Thoughts for The Journey

By Grand Chaplain David Ritchie

The Lesson of The Stonecutter

There was once a stonecutter who lived in a village at the base of a great mountain. Every day he would climb the steep slopes and toil in the hot sun.

Each day the blazing sun beat down upon the stonecutter adding to the man's toil. One day the stone cutter lifted his eyes and cried out, "Why must I be a lowly stone cutter? Why can't I be as powerful as the sun? If I could have that power then I would be truly happy."

Suddenly the stonecutter felt himself lifted up and warmed all over. He looked down upon the mountain and the villages clustered at the base. He had become the sun itself.

At first he shone down upon the mountain gently, warming the people and making things grow. Over come by the feeling of power, he soon began to scorch the mountain, setting fires and withering all that grew.

This was power! But the hotter it became the more steam that was formed and soon a cloud covered the mountain. Try as he might, the sun could not penetrate the cloud. The stone cutter again cried, "Why can't I be all powerful? Why can't I be like this cloud?"

The stonecutter had become the cloud. His gentle rain fell upon the mountain. Soon the fires were put out and the parched land became lush and green.

Wishing to feel the full extent of his power he poured rain down upon the mountain. The rivers rose and floods destroyed fields and villages. The harder it rained the more storm winds formed. The winds soon became strong enough that they blow the cloud away from the mountain. Again the stonecutter called out, "Why can't I be all powerful? Why can't I be like the wind?"

The stonecutter had become the wind. The gentle breeze dried out the mountain and refreshed the villagers. Yet again the urge for more power overtook the stonecutter and the gentle breeze became a terrible wind. Nothing stood in its way. Trees were up rooted and villages leveled. This was real power thought the stone cutter. No matter how hard the wind blew the mountain protected the trees and villages on the far side. This made the wind gust all the harder but the mountain would not move. Again the stone cutter cried out, "Why can't I be all powerful? Why can't I be like the mountain?"

The stonecutter felt the vastness of the mountain. The coolness and timeless age of the rock. He was mighty. The sun had beaten down, the rains had soaked, the wind whipped, and the mountain had stood fast. This was true power. He was the mountain unmovable—what could affect him now?

Then as the day began to break, he could feel a single man climbing the steep sides: a stonecutter with his tools.

This is a very old folk tale from Asia but is so very relevant today. A tale of "the grass is always greener" but also a reminder of the fickleness of power.

As this applies to the Lodge, who is the most important man for your pancake breakfast? Is it the man who buys the ingredient, or the one who sets up the dining room, or the one who makes the batter, or the one who mans the griddle, or the one who does the advertising, or the one who does the dishes afterward?

As Masons we are called to meet upon the level. When we do this it can be amazing how well things go. There is a world of difference in a lodge where the brothers strive together toward a goal and a lodge where the brothers strive against each other. It is no mistake that each of the major religions has some variant of the golden rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Therefore, my brothers, let us endeavor to meet as Masons, upon the level, and not as stonecutters.

Grand Chaplain Ritchie welcomes comments on his columns or suggestions for future topics from readers. He may be reached by phone at (608) 776-2698 or by e-mail at <hickorysp@yahoo.com>.



Rev. David Ritchie
Grand Chaplain



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Damascus Lodge Raise New Master Mason

On January 27, 2009, Damascus Lodge No. 290, Milwaukee, had the pleasure of raising Brother Jeff Giese as a Master Mason. Brother Jeff is a Motorcycle Officer for the Milwaukee Police Department. To honor him during his degree, several of the lodge officers wore leather sport coats and Harley-Davidson Police Motorcycle ties. At the conclusion of the degree, as Master I donned my Motor Officer helmet for a few pictures as a special memento of the occasion. Pictured in the front row, left to right are: Mike Fairbanks Senior Deacon; Lary Chadderdon, Senior Warden; Candidate Jeff Giese; Mick Olson Worshipful Master; Lloyd Wilson Junior Warden; Sean Schult Junior Deacon. In the second row are: Cliff Schneider; Lou Montgomery PM Treasurer; Don O'Kray Chaplain; Dennis McNulty Junior Steward; Tom Lang PM; Dave Hartl; Dale R. Graeven PM Tiler. In the back row are: Jim Burton; Ed Heffner; John Chadderdon PM; Mike Meyer PM Secretary; Jon Syverson Senior Steward; and Dale A. Graeven PM.

– Submitted by Damascus Lodge Masonic News Hawk and Master, Mick Olson



Installation of Frederic's Landmark Lodge Officers

On December 13, 2008, 65 friends and relatives attended the installation of Landmark Lodge officers and awards ceremony. The officers were installed by Most Worshipful Bro. John Wilke, Grand Master, as Installing Master; Worshipful Bro. Scott Paulson, District 2 Deputy, Installing Marshal; Worshipful Bro. Harold Christianson, District 2 Lecturer, Installing Chaplain; Frank Struble, Jr. Grand Steward, Junior Warden; Arby Humphrey, District 1 Deputy, Senior Warden. The 2009 officers for Landmark Lodge are William Beetcher, PM, Senior Grand Steward, Worshipful Master; Scott Mellon, Senior Warden; Peter Johnson, Junior Warden; David Randall, PM, Treasurer; Neal Chapman, Secretary; Gregory Heine, Chaplain; Dean Daniels, PM, Senior Deacon and Trustee; Thomas Auer, PM, Junior Deacon; Theodore Sandstrom, Senior Steward; Craig Swanson, Junior Steward; Lowell McFetridge, Tyler. Also shown is Bill Foote, Past Master, recipient of a longevity certificate and pin for 55 years of service. After installation a lunch was provided by the Frederic Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

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Is there any member of your lodge in need?
How about the wife of a departed brother?
Why not ask among the brethren in your lodge and see if there is anyone who could use a little help.
Someone will surely be happy you did.

Youth In Masonry



Bethel 27 Serves La Crosse Masonic Lodge

Members of Job's Daughters Bethel 27, La Crosse, were pleased to serve refreshments and clean up after the installation of officers for La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190 recently. Shown with Worshipful Master Todd Wolherst are Emily Zamot, Shana DeBoer, Brianna Stetter, Rachel Stetter and Brooke Ruben. – Submitted by Mary Callaway

Youth Interested in DeMolay, Rainbow Invited Information Meeting at Platteville Masonic Center

PLATTEVILLE – On Saturday, March 15, an informational meeting for the purpose of forming a DeMolay Chapter and Rainbow Assembly in the Platteville area will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Platteville Masonic Center.

Please bring interested youth (boys from 13 years of age and girls from 11) and their parent(s).

Refreshments will be served.

For more information contact please contact Brother Lary Cattellier at <lac@mmfwp.com> or 608-348-7175.

Rainbow for Girls will honor Grand Worthy Advisor Britny Blackwood at April 4 event at Beloit Masonic Center

BELOIT – Beloit Assembly No. 9, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, cordially invites you to a dinner and program in honor of Miss Britny A. Blackwood, 2008-2009 Grand Worthy Advisor of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls of Wisconsin.

The event will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2009, at the Beloit Masonic Center which is located at 229 West Grand Ave. in Beloit.

A social hour will begin at 4:30 p.m. with dinner to follow at 5:30. A program and entertainment will follow. The dress theme will be black and white cocktail attire.

There will be a silent auction for the Grand Worthy Advisor's charity project, with all proceeds going to the American Cancer Society's "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer."

Please place your reservations with name, title and remittance of \$20 per person no later than March 27, 2009, to Ms. Jane Blackwood, State Mother Advisor, 937 Euclid Ave., Beloit, WI 53511. Contact numbers are (608) 362-8435 (H) or (608) 364-2886 (W) and <stormkat@sbcglobal.net>. No refunds.

Katti Jo Laack is Third Generation of Emery Family to be Honored Queen

SUN PRAIRIE – Sunday, January 4, 2009, was a memorable day for Vicki Emery of rural Mauston and many family members as they attended the Installation of Bethel 44 Job's Daughters in Sun Prairie to see Vicki's great granddaughter, Katti Jo Laack, installed as Bethel Honored Queen. Katti is the third generation to hold the office of Honored Queen in the Emery family.

Katti was presented with a special family gavel by her cousin and Past Honored Queen Susan Schubert. The gavel was custom made 46 years ago by the late Del Bires, Past Master of Northern Light Lodge No. 81 of Mauston. Susan received the gavel when she was Honored Queen of Bethel 46 in New Lisbon in 1980 from her Aunt Helen Emery. Helen was presented the gavel by her father, the late Alvin (Pete) Emery, Past Master of Mauston's Lodge when she was installed Honored Queen of Bethel 46 in 1962.

Katti's mother, Jodi, grandmother Mary and great grandmother Vicki Emery along with several aunts have been involved in Job's Daughters over the past 50 years.

Other officers installed at Bethel 44 with Katti are: Senior Princess Kelly Engbring, Junior Princess Leah Laack, Guide Amy Slavik, Marshal Madeline Westberg, Chaplain Brianna Turner, Senior Custodian Susie Rice, 2nd Messenger Jenna Mitchell and 5th Messenger Sabella Roberts.

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Jim Shortreed Raised to Master Mason in Prescott

Brother Jim Shortreed of Prescott, was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason at Northwestern Lodge No. 105 in Prescott on Wednesday, February 4, 2009. Shown are the officers of the lodge who conferred the degree. Left to right, in the front row, are: Mike Elliott, who served as Master during the degree, and Brother James Shortreed. In the back row is Worshipful Brother Matt Knott, Worshipful Master of Northwestern Lodge, and Worshipful Brother Larry Fischer, who officiated during the degree's second section.

- Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer



Reedsburg Lodge Names 'Masons of the Year'

The Master of the Reedsburg Masonic Lodge, Greg Georgeson, named Joe Williamson and Kenneth Walter II, as co-Masons of the Year for 2008. Georgeson explained that it is unusual to present the award to more than one person but that this had been an unusual year. The lodge has seen a surge in membership and has undertaken new projects. He had spent a great deal of time and thought about who should receive the award and came to the conclusion that both men were instrumental in the lodge's projects and successes throughout 2008. "Both men were indispensable," stated Georgeson. Pictured above, left to right are: Brothers Joe Williamson, Greg Georgeson, and Kenneth Walter II. Congratulations!

- Submitted by Bro. Doug Bentley



Entire George Washington 1776 Lodge Membership Honored in Whitefish Bay

WHITEFISH BAY - Accolades were showered down upon the heads of the brethren of George Washington 1776 Lodge No. 337 at the annual George Washington "Man of the Year Dinner" held February 3, 2009. In past years this table lodge has honored men of the community who were involved in charities, public service, and other notable achievements. This year, in conjunction with WM Franklin Nuemberger's theme of Masonic Families, the award was given to each member of GW 1776 Lodge present at the event. Said Nuemberger, "Every year we recognize a man who does something great for the community. It's about time we recognized the men who work all year, every year, to do great things for the community." Pictured left to right are: Bill Huegel, PM; Franklin Nuemberger, WM; and David Haase, PM, Secretary.

- Photo by Bro. Dick Paradowski

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2009 Officers for Milwaukee Harmony Lodge Installed

Installation of officers for Milwaukee Harmony Lodge was held on January 3, 2009 in Brown Deer. Pictured left to right in the first row are: Bud Mason, Junior Steward; Marty Freeman, Senior Warden; Lowell Scott, Worshipful Master; Allan Vesokie, Tiler; and PGM Rod Paulsen, Installing Master. In the center row are: DD,12 Don Hensiak, Installing Marshal; Chuck Wallens, Treasurer; Allan Leeb, Trustee; Jason Freeman, Senior Deacon; and Gene Marcus, Counselor.

- Submitted by Worshipful Master and Masonic News Hawk Lowell Scott



Janesville-Western Star 2009 Officers

Janesville-Western Star Lodge installed its officers for 2009 after a Past Masters Dinner on December 22. The officers had the privilege of being installed by Grand Master John Wilke as Installing Master and Leroy Huber as Installing Marshal. Pictured in the front row, left to right are: Lloyd Laskowski, Chaplain; Grand Master John Wilke, Installing Master; Donald Jones, Senior Warden; Arthur Campbell, Worshipful Master; Thomas Walton, Junior Warden; and David Hess, Tiler. In the second row: Larry Preston, Secretary-Treasurer; Wayne Tiedeman, Installing Chaplain; Leroy Huber, Installing Marshall; Dwight Redders, Grand Tiler; Michael Perry, Senior Deacon; and Brian Kachlic, Junior Deacon. Janesville-Western Star Lodge will host the Grand Master's Testimonial dinner on Saturday, May 9.

- Submitted by Bro. Larry Preston, Janesville-Western Star Secretary



2009 Officers of Burlington Lodge No. 28

Burlington Lodge No. 28 held its installation of officers on Saturday, December 20, 2008. Pictured from left to right in the first row are Brothers Stan Perry, Richard Vande Sande, Tom Rocque, Jim Jante, Shawn Noble, Glenn Jante, Jeff Schoo. In the second row left to right are are Brothers Art Mattox, Todd Edwards and Bill Hahnfeldt.

- Submitted by Bro. Shawn Noble, Burlington Lodge Junior Warden

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Soldier Matt Ward Raised at Washington Lodge

Brother Matt Ward was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on February 5 at Washington Lodge No. 21 in Green Bay. The candidate will be deployed to Iraq soon. Senior Warden Mike Scalf was the Installing Master for the degree. Pictured in the front row, left to right are Jeff Harrison, Junior Deacon; Marc VanDerLeest, Worshipful Master; New Master Mason Matt Ward; Dave Kimme, Tiler; and Nick Brosig, Chaplain. Second row: Charles Clarage, Secretary; Joe Chilcote, Junior Warden; and Larry Zochert, Treasurer. In the third row: Jake Lancelle, Junior Steward; Dan Lyons PM; and Steve Dixon.

— Submitted by Masonic News Hawk Charles Clarage, Secretary



Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843

Wisconsin's very own and official Masonic Lodge of Research elected and installed officers for 2009 at the lodge's annual winter meeting at Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge No. 42 on Saturday, Dec. 13. Pictured left to right are Todd Krohn, Jr. Steward; Chuck Gastrow, Jr. Steward; William Sheny, PM, Tiler; William Krohn, Sr. Deacon; Dave Renly, Chaplain; William Stonecipher, Master; Pat Stoms, Sr. Warden; Gary Pilgrim, Sec/Treas; Art Maddox, Jr. Warden; John Riese, 2008 Master, Trustee. Not pictured was Bro. Dan Bast, Jr. Deacon. Please see story at right.

— Photo courtesy of Bro. Jack Holtz, Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge



Officers Installed at Kegonsa Lodge No. 73

Kegonsa Lodge No. 73 held its installation of officers at a regular meeting on December 16, 2008. A dinner was held prior to the installation. Pictured from left to right are: Tom Chose, Junior Warden; Mike Heitke, Senior Warden; Robert Barnett, Worshipful Master; Joe Mitchell, Senior Deacon; John Hagemann, Junior Deacon; Frank Gardner, Treasurer; Don Diers, Chaplain; and Howard Nelson, Senior Steward.



Mason-funded AED at Milwaukee Public School

Brother Bill Barnes, Development Director for our Wisconsin Masonic Charities, shares a moment of mirth with Audubon Technology & Communication School art teacher Donna Whalen about posing for a picture at the school's defibrillator station following the Milwaukee Public Schools' third annual "Get the Beat Day" program on Thursday, Feb. 12 at Audubon. The school's Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is one of the 117 purchased to launch the Milwaukee Public Schools' AED program with a \$105,104 grant from the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation and four Milwaukee-area lodges—South Shore (Kilbourn), GW 1776, Nathan Hale and Freemasons. Donna is a member of the Audubon cardiac emergency response team. She is also a member of Vega Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, which meets at the Lake Masonic Center. The AED station at Audubon is located adjacent to the school office. A flashing light on the AED cabinet is activated in a cardiac arrest emergency. A name plate on the cabinet identifies the Masons as donors of the unit.

Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of Research is Keen on Badger State Masonic History

OCONOMOWOC – The legacy of Brother Silas H. Shepherd, a member of the now-merged-with-Oconomowoc Hartland Lodge lives on in Wisconsin's official lodge of Masonic Research, Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843.

Silas Shepherd was one of the first Badger State Masons to write with authority about the development of Masonry in Wisconsin. His learned writings about the development of our ritual and spread of the Fraternity in Wisconsin form much of the core material upon which the lodge of research is based. The complete archive of Silas H. Shepherd writings reside at the Monteith Memorial Library in the Madison Masonic Center in Madison.

Members of the Fraternity in Wisconsin who were present for the 150th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons in Wisconsin in 1993 will remember that members of the Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843 worked diligently to collect and publish the two-volume definitive history of the Grand Lodge and Masonry in Wisconsin, "Forward Freemasonry." Various lodge members were responsible for contacting lodges and quite literally shepherding the collection of material which was edited by Silas Shepherd charter member Allan E. Iding, PGM.

As a plural membership lodge, members must be Master Masons in good standing in a Wisconsin lodge. Visitors are welcome to attend any of the meetings. Dues are a modest \$30 per year. Members receive copies of papers presented during the meetings, distributed yearly.

The lodge meets quarterly in lodges around the state, usually in those that are in locations conveniently to a majority of members.

First Meeting is March 21

The first quarterly meeting of Silas Shepherd this year will be Saturday, March 21 at Sheboygan Lodge No. 11 which meets in the Historic Sheboygan Masonic Lodge, located at 411 St. Clair Ave., in Sheboygan.

Brethren are invited to assemble for coffee and rolls at 9 a.m. before lodge is convened on the Master Mason Degree at 10. The meeting will adjourn at noon. A light lunch will follow.

Featured speaker at this meeting will be noted Masonic historian and charter member of Silas Shepherd Rick Gustafson. He will discuss a few of his most pertinent "Tips on the Ritual."

Other quarterly meetings are scheduled as follows:

• **June 13 – Owen Lodge No. 317.** Owen Lodge is located at 713 E. Third St. in Owen. Owen is half-way between Wausau and Chipewa Falls on Hwy. 29. As before, members and visitors will assemble at 9 and open lodge at 10 a.m. The topic will be announced later. A light lunch will follow.

• **September 12 – Richland Lodge No. 66.** The September meeting will be held at Richland Lodge, 209 W. Union St. in Richland Center on Saturday, Sept. 12. Times will be as before and a light lunch will follow. Topic to be announced.

• **Dec. 12 – Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge No. 42.** This is the annual meeting of Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of Research at which officers for 2010 will be elected and installed.

For additional information on meetings or how to obtain a petition, please contact Worshipful Master William Stonecipher at by phone at 262-334-1876 or e-mail at <wmjed-it@sbcglobal.net>.

News of the Lodges

Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin



Dousman Lodge Helps Fund Drug-sniffer Cooper

Brad Graff of the Dousman Police Department is shown receiving a check from Dousman Lodge Worshipful Master Terry Brown on behalf of Cooper, the Drug-sniffing canine. The check was in conjunction with matching funds from the Wisconsin Masonic Medical Fund.

– Submitted by Henry Pynakker, Dousman Lodge News Hawk



Greg Heine is Mason of the Year at Landmark

During the December installation of officers, Dean Daniels, Master of Landmark Masonic Lodge, presented Bro. Greg Heine with the 2008 Mason of the Year Award. This prestigious award is given to one Mason who has demonstrated outstanding service for his local Masonic Lodge and community. In addition to Bro. Heine's service as Chaplain to Landmark Masonic Lodge, he teaches vocal music for grades 7-12, middle and high school choir and teaches K-12 art at Frederic Schools.

– Submitted by Bro. Bill Beetcher



Southern Lakes Installs 2009 Officers

(Picture at upper right) Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12 in Delavan held its installation of officers on January 4, 2009. Pictured in the back row, left to right, are: News Hawk Dustin Jenks; Trustee Mike Gonyer; Tiler Jim Bilskey; Chaplain Jim Stimmel; Installing Marshal, District 11 Deputy John P. Marra; Area Administrator Jim Wetzel; and Secretary Russ Krause. In the center row are: Senior Steward Paul Beduze; Junior Deacon Mike Olsen; Senior Deacon Bob Burton; Counselor Dave Brach; and Junior Steward Bill Sexton. In the front row are: Senior Grand Warden Joseph B. Harker; Installing Master, P.G.M. Rodney A. Paulsen; Junior Warden Manny Ajuria; Worshipful Master Bill Petkoff; and Senior Warden Andy Willett. – Submitted by Southern Lakes Masonic News Hawk Dustin Jenks



Two Raised in Chetek Lodge

Worshipful Master Chuck Harrison (center) of Chetek Lodge No. 277 raised two candidates to the sublime degree of Master Mason on Wed. Feb. 4. Pictured left and right are new Master Masons Jeremy Berg and Tomas Wittlesbach.

– Submitted by Chuck Harrison, Chetek Master



Hancock Lodge Installs New Officers

The members of Hancock Lodge No. 229 installed their officers for the 2009 Masonic year at public installation ceremonies at the Ellsworth Masonic Center on Tuesday, January 13, 2009. Pictured, left to right in the front row: Jack Hofmeister, Senior Warden; Dan Fischer, Worshipful Master; and Bill Reed, Junior Warden. Second row, left to right: Mike Waltz, Junior Steward; John O'Keeffe, standing in for Senior Deacon Mike McCarthy; Norris Berg, Secretary; Jim Hines, Chaplain; Bill Odell, Junior Deacon; Bruce Wigent, Senior Steward; and Dr. E. R. Jonas, Tiler. Third row, left to right: Rick Swan, Trustee; Duane Odalen, standing in for Treasurer Lonnie Feuerhelm; Gary Waltz Counselor; Dennis Donath, Installing Officer; and Charlie Webster Trustee. Not pictured was Trustee and Installing Marshal Milt Helmer. Before the installation, the invited guests feasted on homemade chili, compliments of the Order of the Eastern Star.

– Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer, Northwest Wisconsin Masonic News Hawk



GM Visits Neosho-Mayville-Horicon

On Tuesday, February 3, 2009, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, John Wilke attended our scheduled meeting at 7:30 pm. He was accompanied by our District Deputy, David Tainter, our Grand Marshal, Tomas Tourville, and District 10 Lecturer J. Patrick Stoms, West Bend Lodge No. 138. The Grand Master spoke to us about "What it is to be a Mason" and why Masonry makes "good men better." The brethren of Neosho-Mayville-Horicon Lodge No. 108 thoroughly enjoyed the Grand Master's appearance as he, also, regaled us with his hunting exploits. After Lodge we enjoyed a good meal of "Pepper Soup" provided by Bro. Emil Lazich. Shown is Grand Master John Wilke, outgoing Worshipful Master Jim Capper, District 10 Deputy David Tainter and Grand Marshal Tomas Tourville.

– Submitted by News Hawk John Christenson



West Bend 2009 Officers Installed

West Bend Lodge No. 138 officers for the 2009 Masonic year were installed in a public ceremony on Sunday, Jan. 11. Pictured front row left to right are Scott Barron, Sr. Deacon; Joe Harker, Right Worshipful Sr. Grand Warden, Installing Marshal; Tom Wagner, Worshipful Master; John W. Wilke, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, Installing Master; Nick Mueller, Sr. Warden, and William Stonecipher, PM, Chaplain. Pictured in the second row are Ken Kowalke, Sr. Steward; Todd Rickey, Jr. Steward; Pat Stoms, PM, Worshipful District 10 Lecturer, Organist; Ralph (Chuck) Seeger, Treasurer; Terry Groth, PM, Tiler; David Tainter, Worshipful District 10 Deputy, Installing Chaplain; and Jim Becker, outgoing Worshipful Master, Counselor. Seeger, Chaplain Bill Stonecipher, Trustee, Bill Koch Not pictured were Brothers Omar Youssef, Jr. Warden, and Bill Koch, Trustee, Dan Katz, Secretary, and Mark Wucherpfennig, Jr. Deacon. A delicious Italian beef dinner served in the High Twelve room followed.

Hiram Abif, Master Architect, studies in Egypt, builds harbor of Tyre, then takes on Jerusalem

The following paper was e-mailed to me by Wisconsin's Grand Orator Bob Strader and it presents a most interesting and educational approach to what is known about our Master Builder, the revered Hiram Abif. This paper was published in the January 1894 issue of the "Voice of Masonry and Family Magazine" and, evidently, in a few places. Due to its length the paper will be serialized over several issues.

HIRAM ABIF

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

(This is the third installment which is continued from last month. The first installment appeared in the January 2009 issue)

There was a merchant of Tyre who traveled largely both by sea and hand. His caravans were seen in the far East, in Asia Minor, Mesopotamia, Judea, and all the countries with which Phoenician had intercourse by land. One of these traveling warehouses, crossing the mountains that divide Phoenicia from Palestine, was set upon by a band of robbers, who rifled the rich treasures of the caravan and carried off the traders into the mountain fastnesses.

The merchant owner resisted the attack of the marauders and was badly wounded. He was taken to the tent of the chief, where he was cared for by the chief's daughter, who became his wife and accompanied him upon his return to Tyre, where Hiram was born.

Shortly after his birth his father died, leaving great wealth to the widow. Thus it came about that, "he was the son of a widow of the daughters of Dan, of the tribe of Naphtali; his father was a man of Tyre." As the boy Hiram grew in years, he developed tastes and ideas differing from the money-getting traders of his native city.

The education of the youths of Tyre was mostly confined to the several branches of barter trade and commerce, Mathematics, architecture and engineering were not popular studies with the Phoenicians, and it was not strange, when we recollect the strictly commercial nature of the people. Temples, palaces and monuments were waiting the advent of a genius for their development, and in the youthful Hiram it was come. He began to draw plans, to make models, and proposed things that surprised and almost frightened the widow.

From the earliest times there was a Phoenician station or settlement on the Nile, at Memphis. How it was that the Egyptians, so averse to foreigners, allowed the Phoenicians to settle on the banks of their sacred river cannot be explained, but it was so, and they "had a temple dedicated to Astarte, which Herodotus believed to have been built about the time of the Trojan War, or circa BC 1250."

Hiram Goes to Egypt

Finding that the sordid pursuits of the Phoenician merchants had no charms for the young man, the mother sent him to Egypt that he might study the architecture, arts and science of that wonderful country, which even then was far in advance of all the nations. Here the inventive genius of the Tyrian found a field worthy of his abilities. The great temples of the Egyptian gods, the palaces of an hundred dynasties, the stupendous monuments standing in the silent desert, all were calculated to impress upon the mind of the Tyrian architect a still higher admiration for the noble art of building.

True, Egyptian architecture was grand, but not beautiful. The "fair proportions" of the Grecian art were wanting. It was wonderful how such great masses of marble and granite could have been brought from quarries many miles distant and placed in position, but in the mind of our hero it was not architecture or at least such architecture as he was revolving in his prolific brain and was to bring to perfection in Tyre and Jerusalem.

But it was not alone the architecture of the country that attracted the attention of the young Tyrian. There was other knowledge quite as important as the building of temples or palaces. Egypt was the original home of the mystic orders. Her history was bound up with them. Her religion, her priests, her monuments and her language were all "mysteries." Even her rulers were mysteries to the "common people." The numerous secret orders permeated and were adapted to all classes of society. Procreation, birth, life, existence, death, the flight of the soul, its return to the body, and the second existence, were all typified and illustrated in the mystic rites of the Egyptian orders, and it was here that Hiram first acquired the knowledge which he afterward communicated to his colleagues at Jerusalem.

Memphis was what might be called the head center of Egyptian esoteric rites. The Fraternity of Dionysian Architects was a society to which "was exclusively confined the privilege of erecting temples and other public buildings." Hiram Abif became a member of this society and was initiated into its mysteries, and as his association with this mystic body influenced his future life, and contributed in a very great degree toward the establishment of the society of Freemasons. I will speak briefly of the objects, aims and ceremonies of this probably the most ancient secret society of which there exists reliable information.

Hiram's Knowledge a Dionysian Mystery?

Much has been written of the Dionysian mysteries. Ancient

and modern historians have described the society, its origin, its initiation ceremonies, all with more or less freedom, accompanied generally with large draughts of the imagination. Masonic writers, as was natural, have devoted a considerable interest to the elucidation of its doctrines, but out of all this mass of history, tradition, and fable, enough truth can be sifted to convey some idea as to what constituted the Dionysian mysteries.

"Those mysteries were celebrated throughout Greece and Asia Minor." They were instituted in honor of Bacchus and were introduced into Greece from Egypt. In these mysteries the murder of Bacchus by the Titans was commemorated, in which legend he is evidently identified with the Egyptian Osiris, who was slain by his brother Typhon.

The aspirant, in the ceremonies through which he passed, represented the murder of the god, and his restoration to life. The initiation was of the most terrifying character and lasted for several days and nights, and concluded with the bestowal of certain Greek words, or rather a "Grecian corruption of Sanskrit words," which were the passwords of the order. The Eleusinian mysteries, famous in Greece, were an extension of the Dionysian to other classes besides architects.

Practically, the aim and object of the society was to confine the art of building to a favored few, or an aristocracy of architects, and only those who had passed safely through the ordeal were competent to draw the plans and direct the operations necessary to the erection of temples to Egyptian deities. But the secret ceremonies had a much deeper and far-reaching meaning.

When Hiram Abif came to Jerusalem he was the first Dionysian architect that had ever appeared among the Jews, and though he was a pagan member of a pagan society, the necessity of having an accomplished architect to direct the work overcame the religious scruples of Solomon, but not those of the great masses of the people.

His return from Egypt to Tyre signaled a revolution in the style of building and resulted in the placing of his native Tyre in the front rank of the Phoenician cities. In the early days of Phoenicia, even down to the advent of Hiram, Sidon was the principal city. "The nautical skill and enterprise of the Sidonians, their textile fabrics, and their metallurgy, had become famous long before Homer's time, and their productions were widely spread over the countries bordering the Mediterranean."

But Sidon had reached the pinnacle of her greatness; her place among the ancient cities henceforward was assigned to Tyre, and it was the more remarkable that the change in the relative positions of the two cities was brought about through the energy and engineering qualities of Hiram Abif.

Hiram: the Master Architect of Tyre

The city of Tyre was built partly upon the mainland and partly upon an island; it was called a "double city — a city made up of two wholly distinct parts; one, a literal island about three-quarters of a mile in length, separated from the mainland by a strait half a mile wide, and the other a town upon the opposite shore." The old city was built upon the mainland; the new city upon the island.

As commerce increased, the want of a safe harbor became a necessity. Ships lying along the shore were exposed to the storms that blew across the Mediterranean, and were often dashed to pieces on the rocky shores, both of the land town and the island. While the commerce of Tyre had largely increased, Sidon had the advantage of a better harbor, and to this cause was due her ascendancy over the other cities.

Immediately upon his return from Egypt, Hiram presented to the king a plan for the building of an artificial harbor, and from this original conception grew that wonderful system of breakwaters which made the city of Tyre not only the foremost maritime city of antiquity, but also the most defensible of fortresses. The prophet Ezekiel speaks of this ancient city in the flowing language of oriental imagery, and we quote from the inspired writer some of his fervid utterances:

"Thus, saith the LORD GOD, Thou, O Tyre, hast said, I am perfect in beauty."

"Thy borders are in the heart of the sea."

"All the ships of the sea, with their mariners, were in thee."

"Judah, and the land of Israel, they were thy traffickers."

"The ships of Tarshish were thy caravans for thy merchants."

"And thou wast replenished and made very glorious in the heart of the sea."

Thus, through the mouth of GOD's messenger, the glories of Hiram's native city, and to which he had contributed so much of its grandeur, was proclaimed to all the nations. Our widow's son had now become famous not only in his native Phoenicia, but in all the countries with which Tyre had intercourse.

The captains and sailors of the ships that found safe anchorage in the harbors he had created extolled his genius, and, throughout all the colonies along the shores of the Mediterranean, from Egypt to the Pillars of Hercules, resounded the praises of the Man of Tyre.

Hiram Abif at Jerusalem

Hiram Abif came to Jerusalem about the year of the world two thousand nine hundred and ninety. He was then in the strength of mature manhood and in the possession of all his great faculties. His fame as an architect and builder of great works had preceded him, and his advent was hailed as the man who was to make certain the fulfillment of David's great enterprise and Solomon's glory — the building of the House

for His Name.

Jerusalem up to that time was of scant claims to the dignity of a city; it was really an aggregation of huts and tents. While the flowing language of the Jewish writer tells us of the palaces that David built on the site of the threshing floor of Omar the Jebusite, we find that the palaces were only wooden structures, "houses of cedar." Dwellings of stone were comparatively unknown to the Jews until after the Tyrian came to Jerusalem.

Chaos Yields to Order — Gebalemites Arrive

It was to be expected that Solomon received him with great honors, and the direction of the work was gladly assigned him. Material and treasure were in abundance, but, so far as the commencement was concerned, it was chaos. Hiram's coming was like the arrival of an able general to a disorganized but brave army. Order was at once established; each had his post assigned to him; the despondent were reassured, the timid had their fears dispelled, the brave were encouraged, and success was made certain.

It may be said that practically nothing had been accomplished before Hiram took charge of the work. But soon the presence of a Master became apparent. Down in the quarries, out on the mountain slopes, multitudes of workmen were busy getting out the great stones, and felling the tall cedars. From Gebal he brought the stone squarers; with their working tools of hardened bronze, far superior to the steel tools of the present day.

Those Gebalemites were famous for the exquisite finish of their work. In the building of walls and towers they dressed the surface of the stones so truly that no cement was necessary to make a perfect joint, while the size and weight of the stones they handled would appall our modern workmen. Huge blocks of eighty or one hundred tons were cut and squared and finished with such accuracy that when laid together they assumed the appearance of a solid mass.

This mode of building was learned of the Egyptians, as it is found today in the pyramids and, other great structures of masonry still intact in that country. But it is not my purpose to enter into the details of the construction of the temple. Wherever Freemasonry erects her altars, wherever the Great Light sheds its sacred beams, the history of that sublime structure is daily and nightly made known to the brethren, and its symbolism explained in the work of the lodge room. Only those parts coming under the personal supervision or the handiworks of the chief architect himself will be referred to.

Jerusalem Remade

While, as has been said, the advent of Hiram at once put life and direction into the work he had been called from Tyre to perform, the city of Jerusalem also underwent a transformation. The hills were leveled, and wide streets and avenues took the place of primitive lanes and roads. The rich men — and there were many of them among the Jews — came to the Tyrian for plans of stone houses to replace the wooden huts and tents of skins in which they and their forefathers had dwelt for centuries. Grand and beautiful structures arose "as with the enchanter's wand," and soon on the heights and in the valleys, from whence David had driven the "savage Jebusite," there was built a city worthy to be the place of which JEHOVAH had said, "My name shall be there."

The services of the Tyrian were not confined to architectural works; he became the intimate friend and chief counselor of the king. Solomon had begun to lapse into the vices of an oriental voluptuary, and he was glad to be relieved of the onerous duties of supervising a great work like that inherited from his father.

While he was in the possession of fabulous wealth, the greater part of which had been accumulated by David, he also had acquired a reputation for wisdom, but much of this was apocryphal and of light foundation, and though, as it has been from the beginning and probably will be to the end, that the emperor or the king or some other titled potentate receives the credit of the undertaking, yet there is always behind the throne one of humbler station to whom is really due the device and execution of the work, and so it was with Solomon. But the rapid advance into prominence of the Tyrian also had its disadvantages.

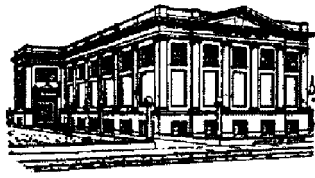
An idolator building the house of God?

The Levites and other ancient Jewish families who, from the time of the Exodus, held certain privileges by divine right, began to look with apprehension upon this foreign idolator who had risen to the front place in the counsels of the king. The sight of a worshiper of idols was an abomination, and for their king to take him to his bosom and to make him chief architect of the house to be dedicated to the GOD of Israel, was a sin forbidden alike by the commandments and the laws of Moses. "Thou canst not set over thee a foreign man who is not of thy brethren." (Deuteronomy xvii: 14-20.)

This injunction against the foreigners was held in strict obedience by the Jews, and it was only the fear of the kingly power that prevented them from driving forth from the sacred city the foreign workmen which Hiram had brought to Judea.

To protect himself from these Jewish malcontents and to insure the prosecution of the work, Hiram instituted Lodges of Dionysian architects, with Solomon, Adoniram and other prominent Hebrews as Masters. These being initiated into the mysteries and bound by the solemn vows of the Order, were the means of holding in subjection those who were opposed to Hiram and the stranger workmen. But the prejudice against the foreigner, the feeling that it was a profanation, a deadly sin, to place the construction of the Temple in the hands of a worshiper of Baal, could not be eradicated, and finally culminated in the conspiracy which brought his career to a close.

(The Jewish Puritans: the next installment)



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Shullsburg
Amicitia Lodge No. 25
 127-1/2 Water St. • 608-965-3414 (Sec)
 Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m.
 Dark July & August

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Superior
Superior Lodge No. 236
 1503 Belknap St. • 715-392-1398 (Sec)
 Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
 Dark July & August

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

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

Union Grove
Union Grove Lodge No. 288
 1021 - 11th Ave. • 262-878-9938
 Meet 2nd Saturday, 8:30 a.m.
 Meets All Year

Viroqua
La Belle Lodge No. 84
 118-1/2 S. Main • 608-637-7581 • Meet 1st &
 3rd Wed., 7:30 p.m.; Meet 1st Wed. July, August
 & Dec. • Dark January & February

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wilmot
Wilmot Lodge No. 241
 30702 113th St. • 262-889-8181 (Sec)
 Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
 Dark July & August

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

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

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

Armistead-Bingham
Lodge No. 1862
 Call Secretary at 815-623-8460 for next meeting
 date & location <g2minime@aol.com>
 Meets 5th Saturdays, 1 p.m.

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Quarry Notes

William L. Stonecipher, Editor

• **Clandestine Masonry Organization Surfaces in Wisconsin** – In a letter dated February 10 and addressed to all constituent lodges in Wisconsin, with instructions that it was to be read at the next stated lodge communication, Grand Master John W. Wilke advised that a clandestine so-called “Masonic” organization is in the process of creating lodge(s) in the Madison area.

The Grand Master stated that a Mr. Stephen Quest of The Grand Orient of the United States (GOUSA), under the auspices of The Grand Orient of France, has been identified as the front person.

The Grand Master cautioned that this is a clandestine organization and as such their members are not permitted communication with (our) lodges in Wisconsin, and that this individual has been advised of such. The Grand Master concluded the letter by urging all to, “Take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.”

Wondering if by any chance this organization had an Internet presence, a Google search quickly led me to its website. Besides an explanation of the organization’s aims, the site also carried a letter of announcement and invitation dated Feb. 15 of this year. This letter had apparently been sent to 17 of our lodges (and the Prince Hall Temple in Madison) mainly in the Madison metro area but also to lodges as far north as Portage and west as Lodi. Stephen Quest (likely a pseudonym) is listed as secretary of the lodge, which is named after Pythagoras. Apparently my visit was the 46th to their website since January 25.

This organization is in amity with several irregular Masonic groups that we do not recognize, including some that have female members. As the website states, “Pythagoras Lodge will be in open amity with feminine and mixed-gender Masonic organizations as well as most other Masonic organizations in amity with either the United Grand Lodge of England or The Grand Orient of France.”

It should be noted that we in Wisconsin recognize the “Grande Loge Nationale Francaise,” with its 1,237 lodges (2003), as regular. Stay away from the Grand Orient of the United States, no matter how reasonable and engaging their stated purposes sound. They are not for us. Period.

• **New DeMolay Executive for Wisconsin Named** – DeMolay International Grand Master C. Michael Watson was most pleased to make the following appointment effective Monday, February 16, 2009: Brother Robert E. Simon has been named DeMolay Executive Officer for Wisconsin. In making the announcement which was forwarded by e-mail to the WMJ, Jeffrey C. Kitsmiller, Sr., DeMolay International Service and Leadership Center said, “We want to offer our congratulations to “Dad” Bob Lijewski on advancing Wisconsin DeMolay during his tenure as DeMolay Executive Officer for Wisconsin. We look forward to a smooth transition of leadership and offer our congratulations, well wishes, and continued success to “Dad” Simon as he assumes the mantle of leadership.” Congratulations Bro. Simon! Job well done Bro. Lijewski!

• **Old Masonic Walkway** – Brother John Christenson, Neosho-Mayville-Horicon Lodge No. 108 Past Master and Masonic News Hawk, took a trip out west this past summer and visited Ashland, Oregon, a quaint little town in the southeastern part of the state. He began exploring the town one morning and came across this sign leading into a hallway between buildings along a downtown storefront. It then exited the back and crossed a bridge to a walkway along Ashland Creek, a picturesque area of the country. In this storefront the Ashland Lodge would meet but now has moved, and the original meeting hall is a British-style pub. In this pub he met a member of their lodge, Ashland Lodge No. 22, and he informed Bro. Christenson that on the fourth Thursday they meet for coffee at 10 a.m.



• **Random Thoughts for Lodge Leaders** – It is interesting to note how members of a lodge grow as they cycle through the various positions of responsibility on their way to assuming the mantle of lodge leadership as Master. Each step in the process, each office, provides fresh opportunities to learn about themselves, the Fraternity and, hopefully, how to motivate the membership and manage the affairs of the lodge.

New Master Masons, filled with enthusiasm for the organization in which they have just earned the privilege to fully participate, begin their journey as Stewards, then Deacons. In these first positions of responsibility new officers have the opportunity to observe the workings of the other officers, learn the importance of cooperative effort, and learn the words and forms that make our organization so unique.

It may be that in society today, what might be accurately termed the “Me Generation” about which several author’s have written volumes describing the idiosyncrasies of the recent generations of self-absorbed, entertainment addicted, extraordinarily exceptional and unique progeny of the Boomers (and beyond), holding an office in lodge may be such an individual’s first real exposure to cooperative effort in a group setting. Organizations that tend to offer similar opportunities to gain this kind of experience, especially during our formative teenage years, would be DeMolay, Boy Scouts, YMCA or church youth groups.

One key concept central to all of these organizations, including ours, is the principle that cooperative effort makes the work of the group easier and more rewarding to all concerned. Shared responsibility and shared work are vital to a Masonic Lodge and it is this spirit of cooperation that will largely determine whether lodge leadership is effective.

Remember, dear lodge officer, whatever your responsibility — you do not have to do everything yourself! Ask for help. It is not a sign of personal insufficiency to do so. To members who are not officers, freely offer to help, share in the work. Do so and your lodge will prosper. **wmj**

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A Message from Mary Millard -
Director of Fraternal Relations

MARCH

Spring is just around the corner. I think. At least we are enjoying the longer days and hopefully warmer weather.

With that in mind, we also think of the great Irish holiday, St. Patrick's Day!! I hear the saying over and over the "luck of the Irish". But what if we aren't Irish, can I count on luck? The older we get we realize that we cannot just go with luck; we need to do some planning. But what if our luck is running out? Do you have a plan to get you through?

I feel like a preacher, but again I will say, "Now is the time to look and plan for the unexpected not when it happens!" This Spring is an excellent time to come and tour our Three Pillars campuses. Even if you say, I am not sure I am ready; tour now when you are not in a rush to make the move. Then you can do things at your own pace. Just call for an appointment and Mary at Village on the Square or Judi at Mason Woods will be happy to show you around.

Do not count on the "luck" for everything in your life.

Three Pillars Offers Lunch and Learn Series
presented by The Wisconsin Historical Society

Come for lunch and take a tour of Milwaukee without leaving your chair. On Thursday, February 26 at 11:30 a.m. we begin our tours of different areas of Milwaukee. Our first presentation will guide you around the Rufus King, Sherman and Grant Boulevards. This area started as a rural truck farm in the 1830's and has now involved in to a solid urban district.

On Tuesday, March 31, we will tour Yankee Hill. The residential area of Juneau town is one of Milwaukee's three original settlements and later became known as Yankee Hill. It was settled by Easterners from New England and New York. Remnants of Yankee Hill's 19th century grandeur remain, though today most of the mansions are used as commercial buildings or offices.

The last Lunch and Learn session will be on Wednesday, May 13 with lunch served at 11:30 a.m. We will be taking a tour of Milwaukee's Fashionable East side. Many Milwaukee families moved north from the downtown business area to the upscale neighborhood along the shores of Lake Michigan.

All presentations will be held in the Continued Learning Center at Three Pillars Village on the Square located off of State Road 67, starting with lunch at 11:30. If you are interested in attending one or all of the Lunch and Learn presentations, please RSVP one week ahead of the scheduled date to Dawn Jones at 262.965.7333.

Bethel's Make Decorations

Three Pillars residents are pleased when Jobe Daughters come from across the state come to volunteer on our campus. Some of the Bethels cannot make the trip to Dousman so they often make things for the resident's shelves or their dining room tables. Pictured are members of Bethel 32 from Green Bay making decorations for our residents.



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For more information, or to schedule a tour call 800.848.5306 / www.threepillars.org



WGM/WGP and Chapter Calendar

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

March

- 1 - Union Grove, Union Grove – Grand Officer Party
- 2 - Pike, Kenosha – Grand Representative Reception
- 3 - Trillium, Crivitz – WGM/WGP Visit - Grand Representative Reception
 - Eagle, Eagle River – Honor Past & Present Star Points
 - Electa, Milwaukee – Honoring Illinois Grand Officers
- 4 - Bristol, Bristol – Star Point Night
- 5 - Sheboygan, Sheboygan – WGM/WGP Visit – Dessert Auction/Wear green shirts – First Presbyterian Church
- 7 - Willow River, New Richmond – Northwest Area Club
 - Michigan-Wisconsin Grand Officer Exchange – Battle Creek, Michigan
- 9 - Lemonweir, Mauston – WGM & WGP Visit
 - Martha, Jefferson – Chapter Birthday with Dousman, Palmyra, - Edgerton-Milton special guests.
- 10 - Phoenix, Beloit – Appointed Officer Night
 - Ozaukee, Port Washington – Honor Secretaries & Treasurers. Claudia Procula portrayed by June Bjorklund
 - West Allis, West Allis – Honor Star Points
- 11 - New Holstein-Calumet, New Holstein – Honor Warders and Sentinels.
 - Wauwatosa, Brookfield – Honor Secretary & Sentinel. Program - African travels, David & Mary Olson.
 - Janesville, Janesville – Honor Chaplain & Warder
- 12 - Kenosha, Kenosha – Honor Chaplain, Marshal, & Organist
- 13 - Oconomowoc-Hartland, Oconomowoc – Triwaukee Area Club
- 14 - Golden Rule, Wauwatosa – Grand Representative Reception
 - Pike, Kenosha – Southeast Area Club
- 15 - Kinnickinnic Chapter, River Falls – Grand Representative Reception
 - West Allis, West Allis – Brunch 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- 15-21 Let's Make a Difference Week Celebration.
- 16 - Oregon, Oregon – WGM & WGP Visit. Compass Night
 - Star of Bethlehem, Portage – Honor Elected Officers
- 17 - Ruth, LaCrosse – WGM & WGP Visit. Grand Representative Reception
 - Dodgeville, Dodgeville - Sou'Westers Area Club
- 19 - Melody, Middleton – Friends Night.
 - Baraboo, Baraboo – WGM & WGP Visit
- 20 - Vega, Milwaukee – Honor Chaplain, Marshal, Organist
- 21 - Melody, Middleton – Madison Area Club
- 23 - Columbia, Evansville – Compass Night.
- 24 - Phoenix, Beloit – Friends Night.
 - Northwest, Clear Lake – WGM & WGP Visit
 - Everett, Marshfield – Friend's Night
- 25 - Janesville, Janesville – Star Point Night
 - Halcyon, Crandon – WGM & WGP Visit
- 26 - Kenosha, Kenosha – Consolidation of Pike, Kenosha with Kenosha, Kenosha. 7:00 p.m.
 - Ruth, LaCrosse – Westens Stars Area Club
- 28 - Bayside Supper Club, Beaver Dam – 2009-2010 "Ripples of Joy" Appointed Grand Officer Hunting Trip

April

- 1 - Starlite, Madison – Honor Elected Officers
- 2 - Dousman, Dousman – WGM & WGP Visit, Grand Representative Reception.
- 6 - Oregon, Oregon - Honor Secretary & Treasurer
 - Medford, Medford – WGM & WGP Visit
- 7 - Queen of Sheba, Reedsburg – WGM & WGP Visit

George Winget, Grand Sentinel



I was born and raised in a small town of about 100 people; our family accounted for 10 of those. I have three brothers and 4 sisters. I am the seventh child of Robert (deceased) and Marie Winget. My oldest brother, Robert, passed away in June 2008.

I graduated from Whitewater State University with a major in Accounting. It was at Whitewater that I met Jan Nelson. We married on Sept. 23, 1972 and have two married children: Kerri (Todd and our granddaughter Katelyn), and David (Megan and our granddaughter Riley).

I was employed as a Senior Financial Analyst for Snap-on, Inc, retiring in June 2008 after 35-plus years of service. While traveling for Snap-on I experienced the Mexico City 8.5 Richter Scale earthquake on Sept. 19, 1985. It still is as vivid in my memory as the day it happened.

My Masonic heritage begins with my joining the Nelson family. I

became a Mason as a result of the kitchen (dishwashing) talks with Jan's Dad, Warren. I was raised on December 3, 1973 and initiated into O.E.S. on February 7, 1974. I have served in the East or West for at least 28 years; and have been Master of the Lodge three times. I also served as the Associate Grand Guardian for Wisconsin Job's Daughters in 1985-1986.

I served in the Wisconsin Army National Guard in an aviation company serving as a Flight Operations Specialist for 6 years. In my Church, I have served as a Deacon and as a Church Moderator, sing in our infrequent choir, read scriptures, and often take parts in Sunday School Christmas pageants. Gardening, both vegetable and flower gardens, and lawn care take up pretty much of the rest of the time.

I can also be seen relaxing on the water and enjoying the fresh air, under the guise of "fishing" and taking walks on the golf course pretending to knowing what I'm doing out there, or watching movies on TV and DVD and various programs on the History Channel.

Make a Difference Week

March 15-21, 2009 is Eastern Star Make a Difference Week. Each Chapter is asked to do at least one community service event using themselves as a resource. Unlike a charity event, give of your time and talents to make a difference in your community. Please write an article about what your Chapter did to make a difference. Information about where to send your article was in the January Grand Chapter mailing and is also on the website.

We look forward to hearing what you did to MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Grand Rep Receptions

March 2

Pike Chapter, Kenosha – Honoring Cheryl Budwick, Grand Representative of Texas, 7 p.m., Unity Masonic Center, 4320 Washington Rd., Kenosha, WI.

RSVP to Josephine Irvine, 3312 75th St., Kenosha, WI 53142-4448 or E-Mail: haubrichb@aol.com by February 21.

March 3

Trillium Chapter, Crivitz – Honoring Marion Waldron, Grand Representative of Puerto Rico and Charles Fick, Grand Representative of Quebec, Dinner 5:00 P.M. Sou'Westers Area Club, Meeting 6 p.m., Reception 7:30 p.m., Trillium Chapter, 915 Louisa St, Crivitz, WI.

RSVP to Marge Raab (715) 854-2236 or E-Mail Judy Paust, jkpaust@gmail.com by February 24.

March 14

Golden Rule Chapter, Wauwatosa and Acadia Chapter, Brookfield – Honoring Charlie Crouse, Grand Representative of Iowa, 1 p.m., Northwest Masonic Center, 4315 N. 92nd St., Wauwatosa, WI.

RSVP to Joan Opachen, 9534 W. Marcelle Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53224 (414) 353-9609 by March 7.

March 15

Kinnickinnic Chapter, River Falls – Honoring Brenda Gaulke, Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and Dee Tronrud, Grand Representative of Ontario, 1 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 122 E. Walnut St, River Falls, WI.

RSVP to Carol Peterson, 633 W. Roosevelt St, River Falls, WI 54022 or E-Mail: cannp@hotmail.com.

March 17

Ruth Chapter, LaCrosse – Honoring Vallie Emery, Grand Representative of Alberta Canada,

Salad Dinner 5 p.m., Meeting 7 p.m. Program and Reception to follow. Masonic Center, 118 S. 8th St., La Crosse, WI.

RSVP to Joan Johnson, 1616 Loomis St., La Crosse, WI 54603 (608) 781-6838 by March 10.

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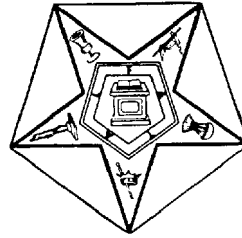
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Message From The WGM & WGP



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Dear Sisters and Brothers:

March brings us the first day of spring! We look forward to this season as the snow will soon melt and the earth will awake from its slumber. Spring also means Grand Chapter and all that will await us as we gather in Green Bay. Information for Grand Chapter has been sent to each Chapter secretary, and it is available on the website: www.wisconsinsoes.org. We hope to see many of you at our "Season of Blessings" Session, so we can repay to you the hospitality that has been extended to us as we've visited your Chapter this year.

In March we are asking you to learn more about the charity we've selected for this month, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Look for information on the Grand Chapter

website and support this worthwhile cause. We continue to raise funds for our WGM/WGP Project, HOPE of Wisconsin. Our "Day in the Life" fundraiser has been a success and we've enjoyed sharing our days with you. There is still time to purchase a day in our life. Forms are available on the website or from any Grand Officer. Thank you for your generosity – together we are making a difference!

Membership remains key to the future of our Order. We hope you are meeting your goals and keeping your Chapters the place to be. Please make sure you have provided Karen Schwarz the names and addresses of all new members this year. We look forward to greeting our new members as they attend their first Grand Chapter in May. We have planned a membership/Vision-quest workshop for Monday May 18, prior to the kickoff of Grand Chapter. We have lined up a couple of speakers and look forward to hearing their message. Plan to attend.

We are enjoying our visits to your Chapter, and we give thanks for the many courtesies extended to us. Serving you this year has been a blessing; thanks for your dedication to Eastern Star. Keep spreading the good news of our Order and remember to appreciate everyday blessings. Hugs, Kris and Ron

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Grand Representative Appointments

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- Marilyn Grose, Honor Chapter, South Carolina

New Sisters and Brothers

Congratulations to the following Chapters who have shared Eastern Star with family and friends. Many of the Chapters listed have welcomed more than one person into their Chapter since September. Welcome to our new Sisters and Brothers.

- West Allis, West Allis
- Ozaukee, Port Washington
- Dousman, Dousman

Grand Officer Parties

Dodgeville Chapter No. 39, Order of Eastern Star cordially invites you to attend a Luncheon and Program Honoring Sister Angela Pishon, Grand Adah of Wisconsin on Sunday, February 15, 2009 at Dodger Bowl, 318 King St., Dodgeville, WI 53533.

Social Hour 12:30 p.m., Buffet Luncheon 1:00 p.m. RSVP with Name, Title, and Remittance of \$22 per person by February 8, 2009 to: Kristen Schoville, 306 S. Fifth St., Evansville, WI 53536 - (608) 574-3695. Make checks payable to Kristen Schoville – No Refunds.

Union Grove Chapter No. 71, Order of Eastern Star cordially invites you to join us in honoring Brother George Winget, Grand Sentinel of Wisconsin, on Sunday, March 1, 2009, Union Grove Masonic Lodge, 1021-11th Avenue, Union Grove, WI 53182. 262-878-9938.

Social Time 12:00 p.m., Dinner 12:30 p.m. Entertainment and Introductions to follow. RSVP with name and title and remittance of \$5 per person by February 15, 2009 to:

Roberta Little, WM, 6414 21st. Ave. Kenosha, WI 53143, 262-652-0687. Make checks payable to Roberta Little - No Refunds.



Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

March 2009

- 1 The Grand Court Order of Amaranth annual "Renaissance Banquet for Diabetes" and Ways and Means 2 p.m. at the Delafield Brewhaus. All are welcome to attend. Call Mary at 262-526-2715 for more information & reservations.
- 7 Job's Daughters 79th Annual Drill Team Exhibition & Ball, Tripoli Temple, Milwaukee. Drill Teams at 6 p.m., Ball to follow. Formal or semi-formal attire required. Admission \$5.
- 7 District 12 Spring Meeting, Lake Masonic Center, 1235 E. Howard Ave., Milwaukee. Refreshments at 8:30 a.m., meeting and workshop from 9:30 a.m. till noon. All lodge officers and interested brethren are encouraged to attend, especially Lodge Counselors and Candidate Posters. A special activity is planned for them.
- 13 McKinley Lodge's "All-You-Can-Eat" Fish Fry, McKinley Masonic Center, 4550 N. Pilgrim Road, Brookfield, 5 to 7 p.m.
- 13 Robert Ross Memorial Table Lodge at Wisconsin Lodge No. 13, 4315 N. 92nd St., Wauwatosa
- 14-15 Job's Daughters Multi-State Grand Bethel Exemplification, Madison Masonic Center, Madison
- 15 Informational meeting for forming a DeMolay Chapter and Rainbow Assembly in the Platteville area, 2 to 4 p.m. at Platteville Masonic Center. Please bring interested kids (boys from 13 years of age and girls from 11) and their parent(s). Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Larry Cattelier at <lac@nmfwp.com> or 608-348-7175.
- 18 The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Green Bay Presents "Voices of the Crucifixion – An Easter Dialogue" at 7 p.m. at the N.E.W. Masonic Center, 525 North Taylor Street in Green Bay. All are welcome.
- 21 Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843 Regular Quarterly Meeting at Historic Sheboygan Masonic Mansion hosted by Sheboygan Lodge No. 11. Gather at 9 a.m. for coffee and donuts. Lodge opens at 10 sharp. Lunch at noon. All Master Masons Welcome. Special Educational Program.
- 21 Masonic Education Seminar at Dodgeville Masonic Center, Dodgeville, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fee is \$10 by April 1, \$15 at door. Please use clip & Mail registration coupon on page 3. Sponsored by Grand Lodge Education Committee.
- 26 'Festive Board' at Lake Lodge No. 189, 1235 E. Howard Ave. in Milwaukee. Begins at 7 p.m. Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts welcome. To reserve your place at the table contact Brother Don Hensiak, District 12 Deputy, at (414) 433-4741 or <Webbbuger@Prodigy.net>. Story on page 3.
- 28 District 7 Spring Meeting, Four Lakes Daylite, Madison 9 a.m.
- 30 Ozaukee Lodge No. 17's Annual Table Lodge & Fish Boil is Monday March 30, gather at 6 p.m. Special Guest Speaker

is Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Craig S. Campbell. Cost is \$15. Bring your Cannons. Reservations to Dave Tainter, PM, 262-689-2848 or dtainter@wi.rr.com. All Masons welcome, EA, FC, MM. Port Washington Masonic Center.

- 31 Grand Lodge of Wisconsin/Prince Hall Grand Lodge Combined Table Lodge, Tripoli Shrine Center, Milwaukee, 6 p.m. Please use Registration Coupon on page 3.

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- 17 Scottish Rite Valley of Madison Spring Reunion - Madison
- 18 District 6 Spring Meeting, 9 a.m. Oshkosh Masonic Center
- 19 Madison Court No. 7, Order of the Amaranth, "Pancakes Plus!" brunch, Madison Masonic Center, Madison, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All interested Masonic lodges/groups are invited to reserve a display/sales table or provide an activity at no charge. For more information, please contact Gail Piper at (608) 242-9282 or email Gail at <gallamaranth@aol.com>.

25-26 Grand Bethel Exemplification & Grand Bethel Honored Queen's Reception, Port Washington Masonic Center

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- 2 Ladies Tea, Fashion Show & Raffle at the Humphrey Masonic Center to benefit of the Children's Learning Center in Milwaukee. Raffle begins at 10:30 a.m., Luncheon at noon, with style show. Tickets are \$30 and must be prepaid by April 15 to Marcia Christensen, PO Box 196, Grafton, WI 53024.
- 9-10 Grand Lodge Staff Meeting (GM), Janesville
- 9 Testimonial Dinner to honor Grand Master John W. Wilke sponsored by Union Lodge and hosted by Janesville-Western Star Lodge, Janesville. Details to be announced.
- 15-17 Job's Daughters Grand guardian Council Session, Stony Creek Inn, Onalaska
- 16 District 4 Spring Meeting, Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Center in Green Bay. Start time will be 9 a.m. Anticipated guest speakers are Grand Orator Bob Strader and Grand Lodge insurance presentation by Wausau Signature Insurance Rep. Jesse Furrer.

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- 5-6 Grand Lodge Annual Communication, Madison Masonic Center, 301 Wisconsin Ave. in Madison. Sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. Installation of Grand Lodge officers Friday afternoon. Representatives Banquet follows and Live Auction concludes banquet.