

246 Attend GLOW-PHGL Table Lodge IV at Tripoli Shrine Temple



“Vivat, Vivat, Vivat!”— With that resounding cheer rising in unison from 246 voices, Grand Lodge officers from the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin and Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, Inc., concluded one of the “Ceremony of the Seven Toasts” during the fourth edition of the combined table lodge between the two Masonic jurisdictions. This year’s event was held on Thursday, March 29 at Milwaukee’s Tripoli Shrine. All told, 130 of our members and 116 Prince Hall Masons attended. Lake Lodge No. 189 opened a Lodge of Entered Apprentices.



Good Fellowship — Bros. Jerry Potter, Master of Warren Lodge No. 4 and Antoine Miller, Blazing Star No. 4, visited before dinner (above, left), and Bros. Charles Currie, Prince Hall Jr. Grand Warden, and Dale Hartung, Sr. Steward of Waukesha Lodge, posed for a photo moment.



Three Times Three

Robert Strader, Freemasons Lodge P.M. and Toastmaster, demonstrated the toasting process before the first toast. Toasts were spaced throughout the dinner. Our Grand Lodge hosted the combined table lodge this year: Prince Hall will host the next combined table lodge.

Salute to the Flag

Brother Michael Kugler, also a P.M. of Freemasons Lodge, presented the Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance following the entrance of the Grand Masters and Grand Lodge officers. Members of the Tripoli Highlanders provided a traditional Scot’s musical escort.



A Shared Double Bond

Beyond Masonry, Deputy Grand Master J. B. Van Hollen and Prince Hall Grand Trustee Emeritus James McKee share a bond in law enforcement. Van Hollen is State Atty. General and McKee is a retired Milw. County Sheriff’s Deputy.

Brother Grand Masters

MWGM of Masons in Wisconsin Rodney E. Paulsen, right, and MWGM of Prince Hall Masons in Wisconsin James E. Davis presided in the East at the head table.

\$21K Contributed to Grand Master’s Vets’ Fund Appeal

Virginia’s Ladies ‘Phone Home’ Card Appeal Nets \$12K

KING, WI — Grand Master Rodney Paulsen said on Sunday, April 1 that \$21,275 is the net amount raised by his appeal for funds tagged to benefit veterans in the three Veterans Administration care facilities in the state and the Wisconsin Veteran’s Home at King in Waupaca County.

The announcement was made at the MSA-sponsored Band Social that day at the Wisconsin Veteran’s Home. Grand Master Paulsen used the occasion to present a check to home representative Pat Kennedy, Home Exchange Manager at the facility. Kennedy was standing in for brother Rich Calcut, Home Administrator, who was attending an AMVETS function in Washington D.C. and was unable to attend. He is a member of Waupaca Lodge.

Similar presentations of approximately \$5,000 will also be made at the three VA facilities in Milwaukee, Madison and Tomah.

Grand Master Paulsen also used the occasion at King to announce that \$12,148 had been raised so far to benefit his wife Virginia’s Ladies Appeal. Her appeal will fund the purchase of “Operation Phone Home” phone cards as part of the armed forces phone card distribution effort sponsored by the Masonic Service Association of North America.

These phone cards, which are presented on behalf of America’s Freemasons through the Masonic Service Association of North America, are distributed by the USO for America’s service men and women serving abroad. The cards cost \$7 each and are good for 100 minutes.

The generous contributions to this appeal from Mason’s ladies, lodges and other Masons will purchase more than 1,735 phone cards. It was also announced that expenses for this appeal were less than \$400. This low figure was made possible through the efforts of the Wisconsin Masonic Charities Development Office staff and the fact that no premiums, other than the sense of personal satisfaction.

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Grand Master Paulsen presenting a check to Pat Kennedy (left), Home Exchange Manager, at the Wisconsin Veteran’s Home in King, Wisconsin, on Sunday, April 1.

The Grand Master’s Message:

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

Brethren:

As the train is nearing the station and my journey as Grand Master is about to end, here is my itinerary for the rest of the trip. Should there be some vacancies in there, God willing, I will fill them as I can.

May 2 Attend Celebration for 50-year Members, Dickeyville

3 Attend Dinner Honoring GM

5-9 Attend Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of New York

10 WMBAB Meeting, Dousman

11 Attend Meeting of Rosicrucian Society, Madison

12 Attend Youth Committee Meeting, Grand Masonic Center, Dousman

13-16 Attend Annual Communication Grand Lodge of Indiana

17 Check Presentation at VA Medical Center in Tomah

19 District 4 Breakfast and Meeting (GM Reception) Marinette

20 GM Reception, Shullsburg

21 Attend Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of Michigan

28 Lay Wreath, VA Cemetery at Wood, Wisconsin

30 Arrive Madison, 163rd Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of Wisconsin

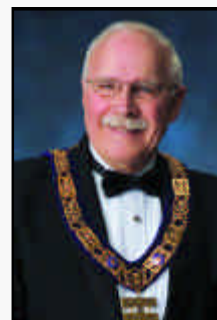
June 1-2 Grand Lodge of Wisconsin AC, Madison

7 Attend Brazilian Dinner, McKinley Lodge No. 307

1 Red Cross of Constantine--Ladies Night--Milwaukee

13 Attend Palmyra Lodge

20-7/11 SANIBEL ISLAND FLORIDA



Rodney A. Paulsen, Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin

163rd AC Begins Friday, June 1:

Thirteen resolutions on AC docket: 12 new, 1 from ‘06

By Wm. Stonecipher, Editor
Wisconsin Masonic Journal

When constituent lodge representatives, Grand Lodge officers and permanent members meet in Madison for the 163rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin, they will consider a total of 13 resolutions. Twelve will be new for 2007 and one is a holdover from 2006, as per Code.

• **Resolutions 01 through 03-2007:** These set forth the proposed budget for the Grand Lodge fiscal year; the per capita tax for that year; and determine the place of the next annual communication, respectively.

The proposed budget offered by the Expenditures Committee for the 2007-2008 Grand Lodge fiscal year calls for expenditures of \$678,161 which is down \$106,792 from last year, and the proposed per capita levy assessed each member to fund Grand Lodge operations remains at \$31. Madison remains the designated place for the 2009 Grand Lodge Annual Communication, as offered by the Executive Committee.

• **Resolution 04-2007,** also offered by the Executive Committee, seeks to modify the code to increase the fine assessed a lodge for failure to attend Grand Lodge from the present level of \$30 to \$300 (that’s three hundred dollars) “...unless such failure is excused by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master. This fine shall be charged to the lodge by the Grand Secretary.” Last year 21 of our 190 constituent lodges were unrepresented, a situation this resolution seeks to remedy.

• **Resolution 05-2007,** offered by Henry S. Baird Lodge in Sturgeon Bay, seeks to require that candidates learn the entire obligation of each degree (EA, FC and MM) to the satisfaction of the Master.

• **Resolution 06-2007,** put forward by Kenosha Lodge No. 47 and Sunrise Lodge No. 359, both in Kenosha, seeks to remove the ban on liquor in Masonic lodges as stated in Chapter 64.06 of the Code. This resolution calls for striking existing verbiage and adding the following wording as paragraph (b): ‘Serving of beer, wine and other alcoholic beverages shall be allowed when the Temple and grounds have been leased to a tenant for the purpose of holding a non-Masonic activity, provided no alcoholic beverages may be served in the lodge room.’

• **Resolution 07-2007,** if passed, would fix the time before suspension of a Brother for non-payment of dues at eleven months. It also seeks to shorten the notification period from 1 year to 8 months. This resolution is offered by Neoshomayville-Horicon Lodge No.108.

• **Resolution 08-2007,** if adopted, would remove the per-diem allocation of \$30 per day from the Wisconsin Masonic Code, while retaining the mileage allocation of \$.30 per mile. This resolution is offered by the Expenditures Committee. Affected would be Grand Lodge Officers, Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge, Grand Trustees, one representative or proxy from each constituent lodge, and from each lodge under dispensation, and members of committees not otherwise paid. If passed, this resolution would become effective at the 2008 Annual Communication.

• **Resolution 09-2007,** if adopted, would formalize the composition of the Committee on Youth Funding, identify its chairman, and describe the source (and limits) of funding for and the manner in which funds would be dispersed to recognized lodges.
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faction that donors receive by providing this valuable service, had to be expensed.

Letters explaining how the funds from Grand Master Paulsen's appeal will be used have been so far been received by the Masonic Charities Office in Dousman from the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison and the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King.

At the Middleton VA Hospital, Cable Television for Patients

Scott Krueger, Program Manager of Voluntary Services and Public Affairs at the Middleton VA Hospital said in a letter to Erika Miller, Coordinator of the Wisconsin Masonic Charities Development Office, expressed his appreciation for the donation and that the funds from the appeal will be used to purchase the "extras" that mean so much to veterans there.

Mr. Krueger explained that because Middleton is an acute care facility, inpatients are usually only hospitalized for a few days, and that the television in their room is their primary source of news and entertainment while they are incapacitated. In light of this need, he said that it would be his intention that the donation be ear-marked to help pay the monthly fees for 75-channel cable television programming for patients that is provided as a free service through donations.

At the Wisconsin Vets Home, "Canteen" Books

In the letter from the Wisconsin Vets Home in King, Rich Calcut, Public Information Officer, explained what they intended to do with the donation.

"Our members (as residents are called) have enjoyed the use of Canteen Books for many years," Brother Calcut said (he is a member of Waupaca Lodge).

Each 'book' is worth one dollar in value for use only at the home's various Home Exchange services. These services include coffee carts in each building, the coffee shop at the Marden Memorial, Center, Alley 5, or the gift shop, as he explained it.

Mr. Calcut explained how these canteen books would be used: "Upon admission to the home, we often find that our new members have little or no resources available to them for the nice little extras we offer through the Home Exchange Services."

"Our proposal for use of the funding from the Grand Master's project is to provide every new member with canteen books so they may enjoy those extras from the very first day they arrive at their new home."

His comments indicated that the need for the Grand Master's Appeal-funded books would likely end within a few weeks after admission, when all the paperwork surrounding a new admission has been processed and members become more stable financially.

Mr. Calcut also gave his assurance that he would personally monitor the use of the canteen books to insure they are provided to those who needs them, and when they need them. I will also provide periodic reports to Brother Tom Dowman who serves as our Masonic Service Association Representative to our home."

Similar services for will be funded at the Zablocki VA Center in Milwaukee and at the VA facility in Tomah. **wmj**



Wisconsin Masons Journey to Berwyn, Illinois

On Tuesday, March 20, the Most Worshipful Grand Master's of both Wisconsin and Illinois attended lodge in Berwyn, Illinois. Pictured from left to right are: Mike Goyner W.M. of Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12, Delevan; Patrick J. Colleta, W.M. Berwyn Lodge No. 839 A. F. & A. M, of Illinois; Most Worshipful Grand Master Noel Dicks of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Illinois; Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, Rodney A. Paulsen; Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer of Wisconsin, Richard Vande Sande; Grand Tiler of Wisconsin, Worshipful Brother James Wetzel; and Worshipful Brother John P. Marra, Area Administrator District 11-3. - Submitted by Bro. John Marra, AA 11-3

Final GL-sponsored "Toolbox" Leader Seminar is May 5 at Waverly Lodge

APPLETON - The last Masonic Toolbox Leadership Seminar for this term will be held May 5 at Waverly Lodge No. 51 in Appleton.

Coffee and registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the seminar begins at 9 a.m. The seminar will end by 4 p.m. The fee is \$15 per person at the door. Lunch is included.

Waverly Lodge is located at 315 Bluemound Drive in Appleton.

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Masonic youth organizations. It is offered by the Executive Committee.

• **Resolution 10-2007:** Like Resolution 07-2007, this resolution also proposes to shorten the time before suspension for non-payment of dues to 11 months. This resolution, however, would shorten the procedural time period required before any member failing to pay his dues could be declared delinquent to 6 months from the date his dues were last paid, rather than 8 months as proposed in 07-2007. All else is essentially the same.

(Note: The object of both resolutions, 07-2007 and 10-2007, is to speed up the suspension process for non-payment of dues so that a sus-

pending member's name can be removed the membership roll before the end of the year so that he will not be counted on the following year's membership report to Grand Lodge.)

• **Resolution 11-2007,** like Resolution 06-2007 introduced previously, deals with Chapter 64.06 of the Code regulating the use of alcoholic beverages in Lodge buildings or on Lodge property.

Introduced by McKinley Lodge No. 307, Brookfield, this resolution, if adopted, would remove the opening statement of Chapter 64.06 as well as rephrase paragraph (a) to read: "No alcoholic beverages may be served in the Lodge room while Lodge is in session with the excep-

tion of Table Lodges."

If adopted, this resolution would also reword paragraph (b) to read: "No Lodge, group of Lodges, or Affiliated Foundations as referred to in section 52.031 of the Code may hold a license to sell alcoholic beverages to the general public."

• **Resolution 12-2007,** if adopted, would synchronize the Grand Lodge and Constituent Lodge years to run from May 1st through April 30th so they coincide with the Grand Lodge fiscal year.

• **Resolution 07-2006** (Laid over from 2006 as per Code) proposes adding the word "symbolically" to the reception in the EA. This resolution is presented by La Belle Lodge No. 84, Viroqua. **wmj**

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Tentative Program for the Annual Communication in Madison on June 1 & 2, 2007

Tentative Program

For Lodge Representatives & Guests

(Note: all 163rd Grand Lodge Annual Communication events will take place at the Madison Masonic Center, 301 Wisconsin Avenue in downtown Madison unless otherwise specified. Annual Communication headquarters is the Concourse Hotel, One W. Dayton Street in downtown Madison)

BRETHREN

Friday, June 1, 2007

- 6:30-9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast – Madison Masonic Center Ballroom
- 8:30 a.m. Grand Lodge Session Opening – Madison Masonic Center Auditorium
- 12-1 p.m. Representatives Luncheon – Madison Masonic Center Ballroom
- 1:00 p.m. Grand Lodge Session Resumes – Breakout Sessions. Location to be announced.
- 5:00 p.m. Installation of Grand Lodge Officers – Madison Masonic Center Auditorium
- 6:30 p.m. Representatives Reception (Cash Bar) – Madison Masonic Center Ballroom
- 7:45 p.m. Representatives Banquet – Madison Masonic Center Ballroom. Dress - Business Suit
- 9 - 12 p.m. Distinguished Guest Hospitality – Concourse Hotel, Chancellors Suite No. 638

Saturday, June 2, 2007

- 6:30-9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast – Madison Masonic Center Ballroom
- 8:30 a.m. Grand Lodge Resumes – Madison Masonic Center Auditorium

General Hospitality – Concourse Hotel Caucus Room(1st Floor)

Thursday – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday – 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday- 9:00 a.m. to Noon

LADIES

Friday, June 1, 2007

- 6:30-9:30 a.m. Breakfast – Madison Masonic Center, Ballroom
- 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Ladies Program – Overture Center fine arts complex and lunch by reservation only. Meet in lobby of hotel. (Approx. 2-block walk from Concourse Hotel, or transportation provided if necessary)
- 5:00 p.m. Installation of Grand Lodge Officers – Madison Masonic Center Auditorium
- 6:30 p.m. Representatives Reception (Cash Bar) – Madison Masonic Center Ballroom
- 7:45 p.m. Representatives Banquet – Madison Masonic Center Ballroom. Dress – Street Length Dress
- 9 - 12 p.m. Distinguished Guest Hospitality – Concourse Hotel, Chancellors Suite #638

Saturday, June 2, 2007

- 6:30-9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast– Madison Masonic Center Ballroom
- Lunch on your own.

Child-Care will be available in the Senate A & B Room of the Concourse Hotel (1st Floor) Thursday, 6:00-10:00 p.m., Friday 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Friday 4:30-9:30 p.m. To help subsidize the cost, a donation to our Child-Care providers and to defray food expense for the children, a fee has been established at \$5 per child, per session. These fees must be prepaid.

Note: All Lodge Representatives must register at the tables in the Madison Masonic Center where they pick up their information packets on both days of the Annual Communication, Friday as well as Saturday in order to receive Lodge Excellence Award credit and mileage reimbursement for being in attendance. Plan to arrive early to take care of this necessary responsibility.

Lodge Representatives, proxies and attending brethren must also Bring their own apron and be prepared to display their current dues card. Officers should wear the apron of their office.

Parking Tips for Annual Communication

Grand Lodge will convene on Friday, June 1 at 8:30 a.m. in the Madison Masonic Center auditorium. Plan to arrive early Friday in order to secure parking in the nearby public parking ramps, and for registration. Plentiful parking for representatives can be found in the Dayton Street Parking Ramp which is located on Dayton behind the Madison Area Technical College. The school is located directly across the street from the Concourse Hotel, one block southeast of the Madison Masonic Center. Dayton is one block east of Wisconsin Avenue. The Madison Masonic Center is located at the intersection of Wisconsin Ave. and E. Johnson St. Parking is not available Friday in the parking lot or ramp behind the Masonic Center. Vehicles parked in that ramp will be ticketed during business hours Friday. On-street parking is short term only and is enforced by regular meter-minder patrols.

Registration on both days at Grand Lodge is important – bring aprons & dues cards

DOUSMAN – All lodge representatives must register on both days of the Annual Communication, Friday as well as Saturday. at the registration tables in the Madison Masonic Center. This will be the same place representatives will pick up their information packets on Friday.

Registration on both days is necessary in order to receive Lodge Excellence Award credit and mileage reimbursement for being in attendance. Plan to arrive early to take care of this necessary responsibility.

It is also important that lodge representatives, proxies and attending brethren also bring their own aprons and be prepared to display their current dues card. Lodge officers should wear the apron of their office.

Lodges have received registration information. Pre-registration is required for all Grand Lodge events.

West Allis Lodge Marks 150th Year With Three Days of Events On June 6-9

WEST ALLIS – The celebration of West Allis Lodge No. 291's 100th Anniversary will be held June 6 through 9.

Festivities will begin June 6 with an open house held in conjunction with the West Allis Historical Society. A Table Lodge and review of Past Masters' years will take place on June 8. On June 9 a rededication ceremony will be held beginning at 3 p.m. with a reception at 5 p.m. Dinner is at 6 with dancing to follow.

The contact person for these events is Bro. Paul Twardy, Sr., P.M., Chairman of the 100th Anniversary Celebration Committee. He may be reached at (414) 257-3614.

The Gavel Locator

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

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District 4

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District 5

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District 7

Madison Lodge No. 5

District 8

Barneveld Lodge No. 319

District 9

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District 10

Fond du Lac Lodge No. 26

District 11

Burlington Lodge No. 28

District 12

Lafayette Lodge No. 265

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

Notes From The Grand Lecturer

By Brother Ronald H. Glaunert

Closing a Stated Communication

The comment made to me was as follows: That at a stated communication the closing always had to be the traditional type of closing. That is where the substitute word is sent back to the West.

The truth is that the Lodge must be closed in the Master Mason Degree. However, we now have the option of closing Lodge in several different ways.

ONE: You may open in the Master Mason Degree, conduct business, and then close in the Traditional manner.

TWO: If you wish to conduct business in another degree (I.E. Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft Degree), the Master Mason Degree may be dispensed with and a Lodge of EAs or FCs opened for the dispatch of business, and at the conclusion close the Lodge of EAs or FCs and resume labor in the Master Mason Degree, and then close in the Master Mason Degree.

THREE: If you wish to go from the Master Mason Degree to another Degree, either the EA or FC, you may close the Lodge of Master Masons and open a Lodge of EAs or FCs, and at the conclusion of that business close in due form pursuant to the last degree held or worked.

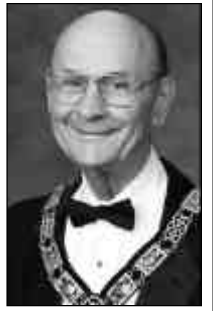
All three of these options for closing or resuming labor are covered in The Wisconsin Masonic Cipher, pages 166 to 185. The Masonic Code of Wisconsin the reference citation is 65.04.

I know there is some concern about the substitute word being left in the East. However, I can rationalize this with the fact that in the second section of the Master Mason Degree, the three R's go directly to the Grand Master for the word. Your comments are welcomed.

Fraternally,

Ron Glaunert, Grand Lecturer

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



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Lafin-St. James & KCs Extend 30-year Tradition

In keeping with a more than 37-year tradition, Knights of Columbus of St. Peter's Catholic Church in East Troy and Lafin St. James Lodge No. 247 of Mukwonago, and other guests, held their annual combined meeting on Tuesday evening, March 27 at the Mukwonago Masonic Center. After enjoying a particularly tasty spaghetti dinner prepared by the family of Brother Richard B. Stevens, Worshipful Master, the nearly 50 men present participated in a wide-ranging and informative discussion of age-old fraternities led by Most Worshipful Brother Rodney A. Paulsen, Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin. Pictured are Brothers Roy A. Hubler, left, Joseph H. Key, right, and Owen W. Williams, left, John Mc Adams, guest, right. – Submitted by Lafin-St. James Secretary Jim Truesdell

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Wauwatosa Lodge Funds Defibrillator

On Thursday March 29, Wauwatosa Lodge No. 267 presented a check for \$1,900 to Madison Elementary School for the purchase of an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator). This donation was made possible by a gift from Wauwatosa Lodge and a matching donation from the Masonic Medical Foundation of Wisconsin. The check was presented at a meeting of the Madison Elementary Parent Teacher Association meeting. Presenting the check on behalf of Wauwatosa Lodge was the Lodge Secretary and Past Master, John Kneiszel. Pictured left to right are: Sally Roepe (Madison School Nurse) Nicole Scharf (PTA) Jenny Keats (Principal) Don Fischer (PTA) and John Kneiszel, Wauwatosa Lodge Secretary.

— Submitted by Wauwatosa Lodge Sec. John Kneiszel

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The Gift of a Masonic Handshake

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

It was 1941 on the South side of Milwaukee, and Brother Charles Reiff lived with his wife and three children when the shock arrived in the form of a letter demanding they vacate their modest flat.

Charles, who was employed by Schneider Realty, earned \$200 per month and only had \$200 in savings.

What he lacked in financial assets, however, he made up for with a priceless family and the rich fraternal relations of his brother masons at Excelsior Lodge.

That evening at lodge, Charles was discussing his situation with Pete Peterson. Peterson explained there were few flats available and suggested Charles look for a house and then contact him.

Lacking the \$7,000 purchase price, Charles was not optimistic when he discussed it with his family.

The next Sunday his 14 year-old son Donald Reiff scoured the Milwaukee Journal and located a nice bungalow just blocks away.

Donald hopped on his bicycle and went to see the property. He returned to his father very excited and they agreed to call Pete Peterson.

After inspecting the house, Peterson turned to Charles and offered to buy the house for them.

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This act of charity was made possible because of the trust and honor among Masons.

The family tradition of charity continues today as Brother Donald Reiff and wife Arleen create a Charitable Gift Annuity with the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation. *wmj*

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Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Home Endowment

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William Krause, Sr. with children

Grand Master's Receptions In Marinette, Shullsburg In May

DOUSMAN – The remaining Grand Master's Receptions will take place on May 19 in Marinette and May 20 in Shullsburg.

Masons in the northeast will be able to meet with the Grand Master at District 4's Marinette Lodge where there will be a recognition breakfast on Saturday, May 19 at 8 a.m. The breakfast will be followed by a District 4 Spring Meeting at 9 a.m. and a Proficiency School and Ritual Testing at 10 a.m. Please contact District 4 Lecturer Moses Adams at <hulama@webcntrl.com> or 715-732-1384 for reservations.

The fourth and final Grand Master's reception will be held on Sun-

day, May 20, in Shullsburg.

District 8 Deputy Emmett Reilly is coordinating the reception in Shullsburg for Masons and their ladies in the central and southwestern part of the state. The event will be held at Shullsburg's Wheel Inn.

A social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30. A program will follow. Dinner is \$15 per person.

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

Contact the Wisconsin Masonic Journal at 262-334-1876 or <wmjedit@sbcglobal.net>

Twelve Resolutions to be considered at 163rd Grand Lodge Communication in Madison

The following resolutions will be considered for adoption by lodge representatives (three principal constituent lodge officers or their proxies) Grand Lodge Officers and Permanent Members of Grand Lodge at the 163rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin in Madison, June 1 and 2.

(Note: Deletions are indicated by ~~strike through~~; additions are indicated by underline; omitted text is indicated by ***)

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1-2007

Submitted By: Committee on Expenditures

Section(s) Affected: 29.05

Vote Required for Adoption: Majority

Purpose: To adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2007-2008

RESOLVED, that the attached budget, which has been mailed to all constituent Lodges in accordance with Section 29.05 (c) calling for expenditures of \$678,161.00 be adopted.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2-2007

Submitted By: Committee on Expenditures

Section(s) Affected:

Vote Required for Adoption: Majority

Purpose: To provide for Per Capita Tax.

RESOLVED, that the annual per capita tax upon each member of record of a chartered lodge on December 31, 2007, be and hereby is established at the sum of Thirty-one dollars and no cents (\$31.00) for the fiscal year 2007-2008.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 3-2007

Submitted By: Executive Committee

Section(s) Affected:

Vote Required for Adoption: Majority

Purpose: Designate the place of holding the Annual Communication in June, 2009

RESOLVED, that the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin for the year 2009 shall be held in the City of Madison, Wisconsin.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 4-2007

Submitted By: Executive Committee

Section(s) Affected: 52.04 of the Masonic Code of Wisconsin

Vote Required for Adoption: three-fourth (3/4)

Purpose: To modify the fine assessed a lodge for failure to attend Grand lodge.

RESOLVED, that Section 52.04 be modified as follows:

52.04 Non-Representation at Grand Lodge. A lodge failing to be represented at the Annual communication of the Grand Lodge shall be fined thirty three hundred dollars unless such failure is excused by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master. Such fine shall be charged to the lodge by the Grand Secretary.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 5-2007

Submitted By: Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174, Sturgeon Bay

Section(s) Affected: 74.02, and 88.04

Vote Required for Adoption: three-fourths (3/4)

Purpose: To require candidates to learn the entire obligation of each degree.

RESOLVED, that Sections 74.01 and 74.02 be adopted as follows:

74.01 Examination in the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Degrees. As a prerequisite to advancement, each candidate for the Fellowcraft and Master Mason degrees shall demonstrate proficiency by passing an examination in open lodge on the posting lessons, including the obligations as set forth in the Grand Lodge 1997 Examination Posting Keys for the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees to the satisfaction of the Master.

74.02 Examination in the Master Mason Degree Mandatory. All Master, Masons within 60 days after receiving the Master Mason Degree, unless for good and sufficient reasons further time is granted by the Master, shall demonstrate proficiency by passing an examination in open lodge on the posting on the posting lessons, including the obligation as set forth in the Grand Lodge 1997 Examination Posting Key for the Master Mason degree to the satisfaction of the Master. It shall be the duty of the Master * * * to inform the Brother * * * and advise him how instruction * * * may be obtained. * * *

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 6- 2007

Submitted By: Kenosha Lodge No. 47 and Sunrise Lodge No. 359

Section(s) Affected: 64.06

Vote Required for Adoption: three-fourths (3/4)

Purpose: To remove the ban on liquor in Masonic lodges.

RESOLVED, that section 64.06 of the Masonic Code be repealed in full:

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

(a) Wine and beer may be allowed at Table Lodges, Festival Communications, Holidays and other special occasions and only upon dispensa

~~tion from the Grand Master and, provided further, that no degree work is conferred and that a non-alcoholic beverage be provided for those who wish it. No alcoholic beverages may be served in the Lodge room while Lodge is in session with the exception of Table Lodges and festival Communications.~~

(b) Serving of beer, wine and other alcoholic beverages shall be allowed when the Temple and grounds have been leased to a tenant for the purpose of holding a non Masonic activity, provided no alcoholic beverages may be served in the lodge room.

[Note to readers: Section 64.06 was adopted in its present form by Resolution No. 9-2004 at the Grand Lodge session of June, 2004.]

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 7-2007

Submitted By: Neosho-Mayville-Horicon Lodge No. 108

Vote Required for Adoption: three-fourths (3/4)

Purpose. To fix the time before suspension of a Brother for non-payment of dues at eleven months.

RESOLVED, that sections 81.02, 81.06, and 81.08 of the Masonic Code be modified and amended as follows:

81.02 Suspensions When Eight Months One-Year in Arrears. A member of a lodge cannot be suspended for non-payment of dues until one year eight months after the date which his dues are paid.

81.06 When Delinquency Occurs. Any member failing to pay his dues for a period of one year eight months from the date to which his dues are last paid shall be deemed delinquent and shall be subject to discipline as hereinafter provided.

81.08 Procedure. When a member is one year eight months in arrears in payment of his dues, the secretary shall compile a list of each such members by February 28 the first stated meeting of September the next year and shall submit it to the three principal officers of the lodge. That year one of them shall make contact, preferably in person, otherwise by letter with each of such members. If payment of such dues has not been made by October first, the secretary shall send to each such member an official notice of delinquency by first class mail in a sealed envelope with a return address thereon. This notice shall be over the signature of the Master, attested by the signature of the Secretary and under the seal of the lodge. It shall be mailed to the last known address of the member, informing him of his indebtedness to the lodge and notifying him that unless the same is paid within sixty days from the date of the notice, or unless he shows cause within the said sixty days, either in person or in writing to the Master of his lodge why he should not be suspended for nonpayment of dues, the lodge will take action on his delinquency.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 8-2007

Submitted By: Expenditures Committee

Section(s) Affected: 30.05, 30.06, and 32.03

Vote Required for Adoption: Three-fourths vote

Purpose: To remove the per-diem allocation from the Wisconsin Masonic Code.

(Resolution to become effective at the 2008 Annual Communication)

RESOLVED, that Section 30.05, 30.06, and 32.03 be amended as follows:

30.05 Members of Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge Officers and Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge, Grand Trustees, one representative or proxy from each constituent lodge, and from each lodge under dispensation, and members of committees not otherwise paid, shall be entitled to ~~thirty dollars for each day they actually attend an Annual Communication, and~~ thirty cents for each mile traveled to and from the place of meeting by direct route. Likewise, travel in vacation as authorized in 30.04 of the Laws of the Grand Lodge shall be paid at the rate of thirty cents per mile unless a lesser amount is the maximum permitted by the Internal Revenue Service in which event the rate shall be the maximum allowed by the Internal Revenue Service. Mileage ~~and/or per diem~~ shall be forfeited if not called for in six months. ***

30.06 Representatives. Only one representative of a lodge shall be entitled to receive mileage ~~and per diem~~ and he shall be the officer of the lodge who is highest in rank among those attending, an actual officer outranking a proxy.

32.03 Per Diem and Mileage When Paid. Per diem and Mileage for attendance at Grand Lodge shall not be paid until the close of each Annual Communication, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Master.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 9-2007

Submitted By: Executive Committee

Section(s) Affected: 29.191

Vote Required for Adoption: Majority

Purpose: To formalize the composition of the Committee on Youth Funding, its Chairman, and its purpose.

RESOLVED, that Section 29.191 of the Masonic Code be amended by deleting the text thereof and replacing with the following:

Committee on Youth Funding. It shall be the duty of the Youth Group Funding Committee to direct and allocate

funds to meaningful projects beneficial to the total membership of the Masonic Youth Groups of DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls, and Job's Daughters.

Committee on Youth Funding. The committee on Youth Funding shall be comprised of the following:

Junior Grand Warden – Chairman
Senior Grand Deacon
Junior Grand Deacon (non-voting)
Executive Officer of Wisconsin DeMolay
Grand Guardian of Wisconsin Job's Daughters
Supreme Inspector/Deputy of Wisconsin
Rainbow for Girls

It shall be the duty of this committee to allocate monetary distributions from the annual proceeds (not principal) of the Youth Fund as the committee deems necessary to benefit recognized Masonic Youth Organizations.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 10-2007

Submitted By: Palmyra Lodge No. 68

Section(s) Affected: 81.02, 81.06, 81.08

Vote Required for Adoption: 75%

Purpose: To fix the time before suspension of a Brother for non-payment of dues at eleven months.

RESOLVED, that sections 81.02, 81.06, and 81.08 of the Masonic Code be modified and amended as follows:

81.02 Suspensions When One Year Six Months in Arrears. A member of a lodge cannot be suspended for non-payment of dues until one year six months after the date to which his dues are paid.

81.06 When Delinquency Occurs. Any member failing to pay his dues for a period of one year six months from the date to which his dues are last paid shall be deemed delinquent and shall be subject to discipline as hereinafter provided.

81.08 Procedure. When a member is one year six months in arrears in payment of his dues, the secretary shall compile a list of each such members by February 28 of the next year July 1st of that year and shall submit it to the three principal officers of the lodge between July 1st and August 30th. ~~That year~~ one of them shall make contact, preferably in person, otherwise by letter with each of such members. If payment of such dues has not been made by ~~October first~~ September 15th, the secretary shall send to each such member an official notice of delinquency by first class mail in a sealed envelope with a return address thereon. This notice shall be over the signature of the Master, attested by the signature of the Secretary and under the seal of the lodge. It shall be mailed to the last known address of the member, informing him of his indebtedness to the lodge and notifying him that unless the same is paid within sixty days from the date of the notice, or unless he shows cause within the said sixty days, either in person or in writing to the Master of his lodge why he should not be suspended for nonpayment of dues, the lodge will take action on his delinquency.

(NOTE: SEE ALSO RESOLUTION 7-2007)

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 11-2007

Submitted By: McKinley Lodge No. 307

Section(s) Affected: 64.06

Vote Required for Adoption: 75%

Purpose: To allow for alcohol to be consumed in Masonic Lodge buildings.

RESOLVED, that section 64.06 of the Masonic Code be amended and restated and as follows:

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

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

(b) ~~Serving of beer, wine and other alcoholic beverages shall be allowed when the Temple and grounds have been leased to a tenant for the purpose of holding a non-Masonic activity, provided no alcoholic beverages may be served in the lodge room.~~

(b) No Lodge, group of Lodges, or Affiliated Foundations as referred to in section 52.031 of the Code may hold a license to sell alcoholic beverages to the general public.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 12-2007

Submitted by: Grand Lodge Planning Committee

Section(s) Affected: 7.01B, 59.03 and corresponding sections of the code which will be affected by said resolution (29.03, 31.01E, 31.01J, 31.02, 31.03, 34.02, 34.03, 35.01, 35.02, 45.09, 46.04, 52.03, 58.01, 60.08, 80.01, 80.03, 81.08, 82.01A,B,C, 94.16, 94.21, Appendix Part 10 – Time Table.) and 29.18(4).

Vote Required for Adoption: 75%

Purpose: To unify calendars so that the Constituent Lodge year, Grand Lodge year and the Grand Lodge financial fiscal year will coincide, thereby changing both the Grand Lodge and Constituent Lodge years to run from May 1st through April 30th.

Please see **RESOLUTIONS** on page 6

RESOLVED, that section 7.01B and 59.03 of the Masonic Code be amended and restated as follows:

(Under Regulations of Grand Lodge)

7.01 Time and Place.

(B) The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge shall commence on the ~~first~~ last Friday of ~~June~~ April, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

This change shall be effective commencing with the Annual Communication in April 2010, and would shorten the Grand Master's term by about one month.)

(Under Regulations for Lodges)

59.03 When to Take Place.

The installation of officers should be during the month of May, ~~on or before the Festival of St. John the Evangelist December the 27th~~. If for any reason they are not so installed they shall be installed as soon thereafter as practicable.

(It is our recommendation that the Worshipful Master whose term would otherwise end December 31, 2009 serve through April 30, 2010.)

(Under Laws of the Grand Lodge)

29.18 Masonic Code Committee. It shall be the duty of the Masonic Code Committee to:

1. ***
4. Authority to correct Code. The Masonic Code Committee, with approval from the Grand Master, shall have the power in preparing the copy of the Code
 - (a) ***
 - (d) To correct any section of the Code enumerated in this Resolution No 12-2007 to conform to and be consistent with the dates and events modified by the adoption of this resolution.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 7-2006 (Laid over)

Submitted By: Labelle Lodge No. 84

Section(s) Affected: Pure Work: p. 36, line 16 of Multiple letter cipher

Vote Required for Adoption: 80 %

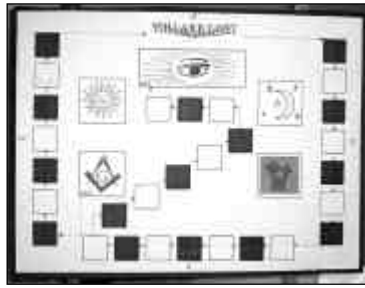
(This resolution affects the pure work, and was be laid over from the 2006 Grand Lodge.)

Purpose: To clarify action of the SD when applying a shp ist.

RESOLVED: That the following modification be made to the language of the SD by adding the word "symbolically". EA degree, first section page 36, line 16 of multiple letter cipher be amended as follows:

"...rvd o the pnt o a shp ist symbolically pcg yr nkd lft brt..."

Note: Masons wishing to purchase meal tickets for Friday or Saturday at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication must do so before the event through their lodge Secretary.



Adams Lodge Puts Board Game to Use Building Knowledge & Meeting Interest

By Eugene Kuhnwald, WM Adams Lodge No. 332

ADAMS – Adams Lodge has a unique activity each time they meet.

As the members stroll in, they are offered a container filled with pieces of paper folded into quarters. On each is a number with a question.

By the end of the meeting, each member gives their name, number and answer to the Secretary and he records it for the following meeting.

At the next meeting, they find out if they were correct or not and what the actual answers are.

About a year ago, Eugene Kuhnwald, now the Master of Adams Lodge, came across a board game on E-bay. It caught his curiosity so he bought it. It was called the Masonic Board Game.

When the game finally arrived at his home, he looked it over and came up with a unique idea to implement this board game into the Lodge meetings as a teaching/learning tool.

This game was made with the questions ranging from three main categories: 1 – Ritual: 2 – General Knowledge: 3 – Catechism

And the questions and answers are from Masonry Worldwide (we think) so some of the questions have to be omitted from the game due to the fact that they pertain to ritual in another area. But there are enough questions to go around.

So, without further ado, I started copying the surface of the playing board to a larger scale.

He transposed all the squares and spaces to a piece of cardboard about 30 by 50 inches from the original size of 14 by 20 inches. Then he made a piece of paper (about 2 inches by 3 1/2 inches) to look like an apron with each members name on it as a game piece.

As each member gets his question, he is allowed to get his answer in whatever manner he chooses. The WM told the members, "this is not to see how much you know or don't know, but to teach you where to find your answers and retain them."

This sparked some curiosity amongst the members (both older and newer) and they have a great time every time they enter the lodge and get their questions.

They grab their blue books, talk to the most well-informed persons in the lodge, look at the historical lectures, etc., to find their answers.

Now we've got everyone talking in the lodge and also out of the lodge!

As each member gets their answer correct, he advances one square on the board. At the end of the year, whoever gets to the end of the game will receive an award.

We are all striving for the answers to all the questions. The first step is to keep researching into the knowledge we have already learned so we can give the answers with courage. *wmj*

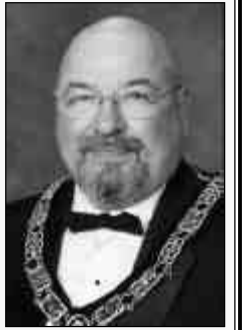
Is the lamp of knowledge illuminating your Lodge in 2007? Are you helping make your lodge all it can be?

On The Secretary's Desk

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

Register EAs immediately after degree!

Several weeks ago my wife and I were having dinner at a local supper club when a couple approached us and introduced themselves, her husband having noticed my Masonic ring told me he had just received his FC degree the past week.



Michael A. DeWolf
Grand Secretary

I congratulated them and asked them to join us; in the course of the conversation I inquired as to how he liked his "Forward Freemasonry" books. Unfortunately, he did not know what I was talking about.

As it turned out, he never received his welcome letter from the Grand Master or copies of "Forward Freemasonry." In fact he had not received any communication from your Grand Lodge office.

When I got home later that evening I looked him up in our membership database and was disappointed to find he was not listed.

Register Your New Masons Immediately – Don't Delay!

It is very important to complete a 'Pink Slip' for every new member and submit it the day after he receives his Entered Apprentice Degree. The submission of this report sets off a chain of events that helps to solidify and reinforce to the new brother and his family that his decision to join our fraternity was the correct one.

Unfortunately, without the new member information, nothing can happen. I am not going to dwell on the internal mechanics of how to do the report—that can be found in your Secretaries Handbook on pages 3-5. This handbook available on-line at http://www.wisc-freemasonry.org/Files/secretary_handbook.pdf, or, if you prefer, from Cheryl at the Grand Lodge office.

I will, however, stress to all Secretaries how critical and important it is to make sure you have transmitted correct and timely information to your Grand Lodge office.

Please note that when MORI comes on-line you will no longer need to submit these reports (in paper, by mail). You will be able to do it immediately from the convenience of your lodge, home, office or library, but until then a timely 'Pink' will result in our new brother receiving the information he needs as he continues to travel down the road of Freemasonry.

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

As always, should you have any questions please feel free to call me at 800-686-0070 or by e-mail at grandsecretarywi@charter.net.



Hancock Lodge Supports Scottish Rite

Hancock Lodge No. 229 in Ellsworth played host to visitors from the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Eau Claire on Tuesday, April 10 at the Ellsworth Masonic Center. Pictured left to right are Ozcan Kilic, Junior Warden from River Falls; Paul Lentz, Scottish Rite Commander in Chief; Rick Swan, Worshipful Master of Hancock Lodge; Sterling Standiford, Past Commander and Rod Anderson, Past Commander. Hancock Worshipful Master received a special commendation from Commander in Chief Paul Lentz for his work for the Scottish Rite. This also took place at the lodge's regular communication on Tuesday, April 10 in Ellsworth. – Photo by Helmer



District 6 Gavel Goes to Dells Lodge

Brother Jeff Marquardt, left, Master of Quincy Lodge No. 71 and an Area Administrator in District 6, presented Bro. Mike Karas, Master of Dells Lodge No. 124 in Wisconsin Dells with the District 6 Traveling Gavel on March 17. Dells Lodge has not had the Traveling Gavel in many years.

– Submitted by Bro. Jeff Marquardt, Area Administrator

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Youth In Masonry



Doric DeMolay Serves to Benefit C.H.

Doric Chapter DeMolay help serve local West Allis OES with their brunch on March 25. Master Counselor Jake Harycki and his chapter decided to donate the funds raised from this event to benefit Children's Hospital. Earlier in the term, a letter was read asking for consideration to support Children's Hospital as a special request from Tripoli Shrine. Michelle Jendrzajek, Doric Chapter Sweetheart-elect, right, was there to help the boys serve with a smile! - Submitted by Shelly Trucksa



Junior Grand Warden Samples Cream Pie

Purchased by his West Bend DeMolay Sweetheart Daughter, Emily, Brother Craig Campbell had the opportunity to sample a cream pie at West Bend DeMolay Chapter's Pie Auction February 22. Eighteen homemade pies and cakes were auctioned to the highest bidder, including this cream pie. The fund raiser netted \$975, with prices ranging from a low of \$25 through a high of \$55. Brother Campbell's son Steve made a cake in the form of a Campbell soup can. Jr. Grand Warden Campbell is the official Grand Lodge liaison to Masonic youth groups. Craig also served as auctioneer.



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Mason Woods Workshop Upgraded Again

Four workman from the Temple, brother Howard Poland, Hugo Petters, Fred Goering and David Hallas are shown at the new woodworking lathe in the MasonWoods workshop on March 7. The generous donation of a lathe came from brother Walter Schlenvogt of Crivitz. This new tool will be available for all MasonWoods residents to use in their well equipped and much used wood working shop. - Submitted by MasonWoods Master David Hallas

News of the Lodges

Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin

McKinley sets June 22 as date for its annual Table Lodge

By Ryan Mayrand, Master McKinley Lodge No. 307

BROOKFIELD - On Friday, June 22, McKinley Lodge will hold our annual Men's Table lodge. This event is open to ALL Masons. Brother Ken Gorgen, our presently serving Grand Marshall here in Wisconsin, will be preparing a traditional German meal accompanied by samples of his micro-brewed specialty beer...for which this event has become well-known around the area.

This event is open for all Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, and Master Masons statewide. If you would like to attend this year, please make your reservations early. Hors d'oeuvres and conversation will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a gourmet dinner at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Brother Ryan Mayrand, Worshipful Master, at 414-456-9108 for reservations.



Visitor From India at MasonWoods Lodge

Pictured left to right: Jr. Warden Hugo Petters, Dr. C.N. Rao of India, Sr. Warden Fred Goering, and Master David Hallas.

From East to West and West to East Again, Via India

CECIL - Brother Fred Goering, a Past Master of MasonWoods Lodge No. 368, was responsible for binging a Grand Lodge officer from India who made the long journey west to visit MasonWoods and attend a lodge meeting.

Brother Dr. C.N. Rao of Gandhi, Kakinada said the Grand Lodge of India is considering a facility similar to MasonWoods for their members of retirement age. He was conducted to the East where WM David Hallas, PM., presented him with an honorary membership.

Afterwards Dr. Rao explained the forms and ceremonies used by the Masons in India to the Members of MasonWoods Lodge. It was a reminder of how universal our brotherhood is.

Brother Rao explained that because of the many different religions that recognize a Supreme Being in India that they put five separate Books of the Law on the altar representing the different faiths, respecting the beliefs that the brothers hold.

It was enlightening to be reminded that the tolerance our fraternity teaches could be a cornerstone for building a better world. Brother Rao on departing issued an invitation to visit him in his corner of the world.

- Submitted by Bro. David Hallas, MasonWoods Worshipful Master



10 Gallon Cub Milk Can

Valley Lodge members Al Wright and Tom Tourville, left, pose with 25-gallon blood donor Betty Mashak and Nikki Leis of the American Red Cross, right, in a picture published March 12 in the Sparta Herald.

- Photo by Renae Aney

Sparta Masons form "10 Gallon Club" for Red Cross blood donors

By Renae Aney, Staff Writer The Sparta Herald

Members of the Masonic Lodge (Valley Lodge No. 60) in Sparta took over as coordinators for the Red Cross' area blood drives last fall, replacing Marlene Sund and Marilyn Olson, who decided to retire from the venture.

One of the new things the Masons have done is develop a "10 Gallon Club."

Donors who have donated 10 gallons of blood or more are encouraged to sign a large milk can that will be at every future blood drive. It is currently on display in the front window of Hallmark on Water Street.

While the milk can is specifically for those who have donated blood, many people had a hand in preparing the large jug.

Little Falls Town Clerk and area farmer Jim Wegner donated the milk can. It was sandblasted by Terry Brown, one of Sparta's mayoral candidates.

Then, Mason Al Wright took the can to PPC Power Coating, Painting and Drywall Company, which is owned by Ed Quinn and John Mashak, who painted it.

After that, Brian McQuilkin of Sign Master in Sparta, put on lettering, consisting of the American Red Cross logo and a declaration of the 10 Gallon Club.

Last week, Betty Mashak of Sparta was selected to be the first person to sign the milk can. Mashak has donated over 25 gallons to the Red Cross since 1964.

The second member of the 10 gallon club was Al Wright, who has donated 13 gallons in his lifetime.

Sparta has a blood drive every eight weeks. While the Masons coordinate the effort, there is a group of 25 volunteers who are really the brains of the operation, according to Wright and fellow Mason Tom Tourville.

When a blood drive is scheduled, the Masons call local Boy Scout Adam Frei, who organizes his fellow troop and distributes flyers to area businesses.

The Masons need to find a \$100 sponsor for every blood drive. That money goes toward supplies needed for the day, such as lunchmeat, juice and other refreshments. Donors are required to drink juice before donating, and eat a little something afterward, just to make sure they do not get lightheaded.

Country Hearth donates the bread for the sandwiches, while local civic organizations routinely donate a treat, such as baked goods or ice cream.

A blood drive in Sparta was also held on Tuesday, March 27, from 10:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Sparta Barney/Community Center.

Mother's Day Buffet

Sunday, May 13

\$11.50

Children under 10: \$7.00

10:00 - 3:00

- Scrambled eggs
- Pancakes
- Bacon, Sausage
- Egg Casserole
- Potato Pancakes
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- Mixed Vegetables
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- Beverages

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Grand Master Well Received in Eau Claire: District Meetings Combined With Honors



District 2 Web Master Honored

As part of the District 2 Spring Meeting held in Eau Claire March 24, Brother Lee Katz of District 2 received recognition for his outstanding contributions to the web development of District 2 from District Deputy William Beecher. The award noted his outstanding service as a web master.

– Photography by Brother Ozcan Kilic Jr. Warden of River Falls Lodge.



Good Visit

Past Grand Master Kingman Loomis and Bro. Harold Swanson are shown visiting with Grand Master Paulsen at the District meeting in Eau Claire March 24.



Grand Master's Pin

Brother Scott Smith, Rice Lake-Spooner Lodge No. 221, is shown receiving a lapel pin from the Grand Master Paulsen. Past Grand Master Darrell Aderman looked on.



After Dinner Entertainment

Elvis sings to District 5 Deputy Ramon (Ray) C. Kline and his lady Beth during the Grand Master's Testimonial Reception March 24 in Eau Claire.



Good Dinner

Worshipful Master Gerry Winch of Shell Lake and his lady enjoy the testimonial dinner at Eau Claire.

Final Grand Master's Receptions May 19-20

DOUSMAN – The remaining Grand Master's Receptions will take place on May 19 in Marinette and May 20 in Shullsburg.

The May 19 reception will be at Marinette Lodge. A recognition breakfast will begin at 8 a.m. This will be followed by a District 4 Spring Meeting at 9 and a Proficiency School

and Ritual Testing at 10 a.m. Contact District 4 Lecturer Moses Adams at <hulama@webcntrl.com> or 715-732-1384 for reservations.

The final Grand Master's reception will be held on Sunday, May 20 in Shullsburg at the Wheel Inn. A clip and mail reservation coupon for the Shullsburg reception is on page 3.



Tomah Lodge Raises New Master Mason

At the March 15 meeting Tomah Lodge raised Don "Rosco" Roscovius to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Don operates a bait and fishing tackle shop in Tomah. Pictured are Junior Warden Ken Kuhn, Worshipful Master Chaz Calhoun, Brother Don Roscovius and Installing Master Harry Smith.

– Submitted by Chaz Calhoun, Tomah Lodge W.M.

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Beamteneinfuehrung - 2007 Officers for Aurora Lodge No. 30

Officers pictured above left to right are: Al Cub, Helmut Godejohann, Dieter Damrow, Heinrich Eisenhauer, M.v.St. Adolf Meinhardt, Henry Kolbeck, Gary Davis, W.M. Huegel and Heinrich Villing. Aurora Lodge works in the Modified French Rite and in the German language.

– Submitted by Bill Huegel, Tempelwaechter



Ozaukee Lodge Hosts Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of Research

Ozaukee Lodge No. 17 in Port Washington had the honor of hosting the quarterly meeting of the Silas H. Shepherd Lodge Research No. 1843. Silas H. Shepherd is our official lodge of Masonic research here in Wisconsin. Four new brothers were elected to membership. There was sociability and hospitality before the meeting. Three outstanding and unique research papers were presented. A wonderful lunch of homemade pizza followed the meeting. Like all lodges in Wisconsin, all Master Masons are invited to join with the brothers of Silas Shepherd at each of the four quarterly meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 9 at Baraboo Lodge No. 34 in Baraboo. Pictured are all who attended.

– Submitted by David E. Tainter, News Hawk, Ozaukee Lodge No. 17

Spanning Moral Principles: Expanding Masonic Virtues

Editor's Note: The following paper by Brother Richard Marcus was presented in George Washington 1776 Lodge No. 337, Whitefish Bay, on February 6, 2007.

**By Richard D. Marcus, P.M.
George Washington 1776**

Masonic training includes a number of allusions to construction, especially that of stone masonry.

Consider the problem of spanning a river with a bridge. The span of the river is its width. Engineers must consider the proper strength and flexibility of materials to span a river.

Similarly, mathematicians talk of the minimum number of vectors to span a problem in two dimensions, three dimensions, or even in higher levels of dimensions.

It is more in this mathematical vein of spanning a problem that we shift into a discussion of speculative Masonry.

As we reexamine the moral principles we teach in our degrees, our question is: Are these moral principles sufficient to span moral issues facing us in the twenty-first century?

Degrees Teach Fifteen Virtues

The Entered Apprentice Degree presents seven moral principles. The first three are the most familiar ones of brotherly love, relief, and truth. To this are added four classical virtues, known as the Cardinal Virtues of temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice.

These seven moral principles might seem to be sufficient to span all moral issues, but we run into unfilled gaps, such as duties to God and family that these seven virtues do not address.

Fortunately, Masonry has more moral principles that can come to our aid as there are three more moral principles provided in the Fellow Craft Degree. These are an attentive ear, an instructive tongue, and a faithful breast.

We are to be active listeners to instruction; we strive to provide good advice; and we are strictly cautioned to hold our tongue when given information in confidence.

These three principles primarily deal with our interactions with our brothers in Lodge. They promote harmony. Yet we still see that we have not completely spanned all moral principles that we need, such as a due reverence for deity or a belief in a future beyond our earthly home.

For additional moral principles, we may turn to the Master Mason Degree. In this degree, five more moral principles are taught. These are true friendship, morality, brotherly love, piety, perseverance, and immortality. Given the subject of the MM degree, we contemplate God and we are reminded of our eventual death.

Can the seven principles in the EA degree, the three principles in the FC degree, and the five additional principles in the MM degree span what we need in moral guidance for today? Are these principles enough?

Scriptures Add Other Virtues

One popular list of virtues comes from the New Testament, which is typically referred to as the Fruits of the Spirit, which are love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These terms are attributes or types of behavior that we would expect to see in a person of faith.

Some of them are quite similar to Masonic virtues. For example, a person who is longsuffering in this list is displaying perseverance and fortitude. In this way we can use one or more moral principles to span other virtues. Perhaps gentleness and self-control are described alternatively as having an attentive ear and displaying prudence and temperance.

Rick Warren, a popular Christian writer and pastor, has advocated that we need a purpose-driven life. Clearly having a purpose is important in all that we do, and I think we can find several of the Masonic moral principles that span this virtue. We see that we have our eyes on immortality and true friendship which the monitor tells us embodies honor, fidelity, and confidence.

What About Vivaciousness, Enthusiasm & Earnest Zeal?

There are, however, some moral virtues that I think the Craft should pursue that are not spanned by the current list.

There is a virtue of being vivacious, having enthusiasm, and displaying earnest zeal or fervor for a task. In some ways, the Masonic virtues of prudence and temperance work against this more dynamic virtue of enthusiasm.

Timidity in our membership recruitment has not been especially successful. Rather, Masonry in the twenty-first century perhaps should add a new virtue to our list, a virtue of earnest enthusiasm.

Enthusiasm can be wild and undisciplined, but just as no great task should be undertaken before a prayer is offered, no great task will be achieved without the dynamic quality of an earnest zeal for its success. Enthusiasm, disciplined by truth and brotherly love, is essential for all great achievement.

When looking for examples of earnest zeal (in my lodge), I point to Brother David Haase, who sees the best in people and expects great things to happen.

I can also point to Brother Tony Busalacchi who has vision and enthusiasm to see how a great Mozart concert could be held in our Lodge, and brings it into being through his energetic enthusiasm.

I see it in our namesake, Brother George Washington, who not only practiced fortitude and perseverance in his goal, but actively formed a nucleus of earnest enthusiastic field commanders to bring independence to our country.

So, as we consider the moral principles offered by our Craft, let us adopt a zeal for our work. Let us take on an earnest and enthusiastic zeal as an added moral principle for today. *umj*

Hoffman is New Master Mason at River Falls

River Falls Lodge raised a new Master Mason at ceremonies on Tuesday April 3 at the Masonic Temple in River Falls. Worshipful Master Sterling Brazier, left, is shown congratulating Brother Dave Hoffman, right, shortly after being raised to the sublimed degree of Master Mason. – Photo by Helmer

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Tomah Wild Game Feed

Tomah Lodge No. 132 hosted its annual Friend's Night and Wild Game Feed on Thursday, March 8. Pictured are some of the cooks that helped prepare and serve several venison dishes and varieties of game birds. The annual event attracted 120 guests from around the area. Proceeds are used for a college scholarship and several charities. Shown are (left to right) Tomah Lodge members Mike Sund, Harry Smith, Bob Gray, Dean Baumgarten, Ray Cram, Scott Hurd, Don Roscovius, Jesse Long and Ken Kuhn. – Submitted by Bro. Chaz Calhoun, Worshipful Master

GRAND MASTER'S RECEPTION REMINDER – Two Grand Master's Receptions remain: May 19 in Marinette and May 20 in Shullsburg. The District 4 reception will take place at Marinette Lodge. A recognition breakfast is Saturday, May 19 at 8 a.m. This will be followed by a District 4 Spring Meeting at 9 and a Proficiency School and Ritual Testing at 10 a.m. Contact District 4 Lecturer Moses Adams at <hulama@webcntrl.com> or 715-732-1384 for reservations. The final Grand Master's reception will be held on Sunday, May 20 in Shullsburg. It will be held at Shullsburg's Wheel Inn. Please use the clip & mail reservation coupon is on page 3.



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Benjamin Franklin Lodge Officers for 2007

Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 83 officers for 2007 are pictured above. In the front row, left to right, are: Winter Guite, James Anderson, Travis West, Felix Geissler, Bob Blackburn, Joseph Howell and Adam Witt. Back row: Gary Oien, Paul Gordon, Scott Statz, Phill Ferris, Patrick Blawat, Erik Nielsen and Markus Schumann. Benjamin Franklin No. 83 will receive its charter at the upcoming Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Madison. Benjamin Franklin Lodge, though using the Emulation Ritual, has incorporated certain German elements into its meetings. The three principal officers wear top hats, all members wear bijoux with a depiction of Benjamin Franklin on one side and our Leather Apron Club (L.A.C.) crest on the other, and we conclude our meetings with a "brother chain." Member aprons are preferred that follow European lines, such as with blue trim. Benjamin Franklin Lodge now has an English "preceptor" supervising its ritual. He is a Past Provincial Grand Deacon in the Grand Lodge of England. His name is Gregory Taylor and belongs to Middlesex Lodge in Middlesex, England. Brother Taylor is also a member of Felix Geissler's home lodge in Leipzig, Germany. Brother Taylor has flown over once to assist the lodge and is expected back within the next couple months. The lodge presently meets at the Madison Club in downtown Madison on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.

— Submitted by Brother Felix Geissler, Master, and Brother Robert Blackburn

Appleton Lodge No. 349 Honors Members: MOY & 50 & 60 Yrs.



Appleton's Harland Clark Reaches 50 Years

Brother Harland Clark (right) receives his 50-year certificate and pin from brother David Wade, Master of Appleton Lodge No. 349. The presentation took place at the lodge's Past Masters night held February 21 in Appleton.



Brother Vern Reistad Honored for 60 Years

Brother Vern Reistad (right) was raised a Master Mason 60 years ago and received his 60-year certificate from David Wade, Master of Appleton Lodge No. 349. This also took place at the lodge's Past Masters night February 21.



LaBelle's Russell Zohm Honored for 70 Years

Brother Russell Zohm has been a Mason for 70 years, and LaBelle Lodge No. 84's Master, Ernest Kramer, was honored to give him his pin. Russell took his first step as an Entered Apprentice in Masonry on April 13, 1937, by being a man of good report and well recommended. Cards of congratulations to brother Russell can be sent to Viroqua LaBelle Masonic Lodge, 112 Main Street, Viroqua, WI 54652



Engel's Outdoor TV Program Host Speaks

Jeff Engel, host of "Engel's Outdoor Experience" chatting with Rob Koch, Jr. Deacon of Laflin St. James Lodge during the lodge's second annual wild game dinner, served April 18 at the Masonic Center in Mukwonago.

After the meal Jeffrey L. Engel, host of "Engel's Outdoor Experience," presented a program featuring his recent duck hunt in Alaska and wildebeest hunting in Africa. Jeff's style is such that even those not particularly interested in hunting could enjoy sharing in his experience.

— Submitted by James S. Truesdell



Jim Hays is Appleton Lodge's Mason-of-the-Year

Brother Jim Hays, Past Grand Treasurer and Past Master of Appleton Lodge No. 349, receives the Mason-of-the-Year Award 2006 for Appleton Lodge No. 349 from Gene Reece, most recent Past Master (center) and David Wade (right). The award was presented at the lodge's Past Masters night February 21. Jim Hays is at left.

— Submitted by Appleton Masonic News Hawk David Wade

Masonic Insurance In Wisconsin: 1870-1900

Editor's Note: this paper was prepared for presentation to the Silas H Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843 F. & A.M. of Wisconsin in February 2007. This is the first of two parts.

By Bro. Robert C. Blackburn

Middleton-Ionic No.180 & Benjamin Franklin No. 83

All petitioners to the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin are advised that the Fraternity is not an insurance company. This statement is a required part of the interview process, something that must be communicated — but for reasons that are unclear and sometimes embarrassing for both parties.

However, there used to be a point to it. While few today would associate fraternalism with insurance, this was not always the case.

Fraternalism and insurance often co-mingled during the 19th and early 20th centuries. Standard insurance policies, if available, were a luxury beyond most people's reach. Instead, fraternal benefit societies, whether for native whites, blacks, or more recent immigrant communities, were organized to spread financial risk. Some offered access to a general fund. In cases of sickness, distress, or death, members or their beneficiaries could make a claim. Others operated like (modern) HMOs, even retaining their own doctors. All had a unique pageantry and ritual designed to attract and retain members.

There were once hundreds of fraternal benefit societies, sometimes called "secret" societies, in the United States. Few remain today, and of those, most have abandoned either their fraternal or insurance roots.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows, perhaps the first (dual purpose fraternal society), came to America from England in 1806. As a "friendly society," the Odd Fellows offered both fraternalism and a subscription benefit fund.

Imitators soon sprang up: The Ancient Order of Foresters, based on the Robin Hood legend, in 1832; The Improved Order of Red Men, inspired by Native American "legends," in 1834; The United Ancient Order of Druids, both England and the United States, in 1835.

Others organized on ethnic or religious lines. For example, the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America was established in New York in 1836 to pay death benefits and to advance the causes of Irish nationalism and Roman Catholicism.

The first true fraternal insurance association, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, was organized in Meadville, Pennsylvania in 1868. It was the idea of Freemason and railroad machinist John Jordan Upchurch. AOUW members, following a ritual initiation, were able to obtain a \$2,000 guaranteed life insurance policy for \$1 a month. Other fraternal organizers aggressively followed Upchurch's lead.

By 1920, the National Fraternal Congress, an association of fraternal societies, claimed 200 member organizations with 120,000 local affiliated clubs. These 200 societies insured 9 million members and issued life insurance policies totaling more than \$9.5 billion. But this was not all. There were many more unaffiliated fraternal organizations offering similar benefits. In 1818, there were 313 non-NFC fraternal organizations in Chicago alone that provided life insurance to poor immigrants. Still other non-NFC organizations offered additional insurance products such as sickness and accident insurance.

The fraternal insurance movement peaked around 1920 and then declined precipitously after World War II. Many reasons have been suggested for its decline, including loss of community cohesiveness, the rise of the modern welfare state, employee benefit programs, and price regulation. Two such societies that continue to this day, however, are the Knights of Columbus (1882) and the Modern Woodmen of America (1883).

Various "Masonic" organizations offered insurance, too.

Freemasons are known for their charitable giving. Moreover, the Fraternity has long given special consideration to the needs of distressed, worthy Master Masons, their widows, and orphans. This generosity lies at the heart of Freemasonry and is not a matter of contract. Still, American Freemasonry did take note of competing fraternal benefit societies and even incorporated them into its life. Many 19th and early 20th-century Masons, needing insurance, also joined the Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen of America, or a similar benefit organizations.

Other Freemasons took a more radical course and established their own "Masonic" insurance companies. These businesses, though not affiliated with any Grand Lodge, used the Fraternity's name to market a variety of insurance products. Perhaps this, more than anything else, has created the most confusion regarding Freemasonry and the other fraternal benefit societies.

The first annual report of the Insurance Department of Wisconsin, which included reports on fraternal benefit associations, was released in 1870. Masonic insurance companies do not appear until the Fourth Biennial Report of the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Wisconsin (which replaced the earlier annual report) in 1890.

(To be continued next month)

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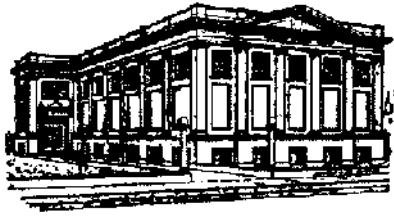
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<p>Albany Albany Lodge No. 36 205 N. Water St. • 608-862-3327 (Sec) • Meet 1st & 3rd Wed., 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Burlington Burlington Lodge No. 28 325 N. Kane St. • 262-763-6290 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Eau Claire George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351 616 Graham Ave. • 715-832-7759 Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Kenosha Kenosha Lodge No. 47 807 - 61st St. • 262-657-7631 Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Meets All Year</p>	<p>Menomonie Menomonie Lodge No. 164 N5729 - 410th St. • 715-235-2667 Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Neenah Appleton Lodge No. 349 241 E. Wisconsin Ave. • 920-731-7355 Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>
<p>Appleton Waverly Lodge No. 51 315 S. Bluemound Dr. • 920-738-9220 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Cambridge Social Lodge No. 245 105 S. Spring St. • 608-423-3823 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July, August</p>	<p>Eau Claire Sanctuary Lodge No. 347 616 Graham Ave. • 715-832-7759 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Kenosha Sunrise Lodge No. 359 807 61st St. • 262-694-7817 Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 9:30 a.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Mercer Hurley Lodge No. 237 5179 N. Hwy. 51 • 715-475-2453 Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark January, February & March</p>	<p>Neenah/Menasha Twin Cities Lodge No. 61 315 E. Wisconsin Ave. • 920-722-3611 Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>
<p>Ashland Ancient Landmark No. 210 206 Sixth Ave. West • 715-682-3270 Meet 1st Wednesday, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Camp Douglas Camp Douglas Lodge No. 272 211 Main St. • 608-427-6542 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Edgerton Fulton Lodge No. 69 312 W. Fulton St. • 608-884-6679 (Sec) Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Kenosha Unity Lodge No. 367 4320 Washington Rd. • 262-657-5575 Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Merrill Virginia Falls Lodge No. 226 916-1/2 E. Main Street • 715-675-3440 Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p>	<p>Neosho Neosho-Mayville-Horicon No. 108 315 E. Schuyler St. • 262-569-5670 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>
<p>Baldwin Collins-Spring Valley Lodge 192 790 Main St. • 715-796-2133 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p>	<p>Cecil Mason-Woods Lodge No. 368 N6446 Emery Ansoerg Rd • 715-745-4840 • Meet 1st & 3rd Tues., 10 a.m. Dark January & February</p>	<p>Ellsworth Hancock Lodge No. 229 400 High Point Dr. • 715-273-5230 Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>La Crosse Frontier Lodge No. 45 118 S. 8th St. • 608-782-1616 Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Merrillan Merrillan Lodge No. 279 103 S. Main Street • 715-333-2083 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m. Dark January, February & March</p>	<p>New Diggings Benton Lodge No. 268 City. Hwy W • 608-965-3575 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Dark January & February</p>
<p>Baraboo Baraboo Lodge No. 34 108 Second Ave. • 608-356-6739 Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Cedarburg Victory Lodge No. 320 • Advent Luthern Church, W63 N642 Wash. Ave. • 262-275-2931 (Sec) • 2nd & 4th Mon. 7:30 p.m. • Dark June, July & August</p>	<p>Evansville Union Lodge No. 32 104 W. Main St. • 608-882-6087 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>La Crosse La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190 118 8th Street So. • 608-782-1616 Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Meets All Year</p>	<p>Middleton Middleton-Ionic Lodge No. 180 7409 Franklin Ave. • 608-831-4418 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>New Glarus New Glarus Lodge No. 310 207 6th Avenue • 608-527-2583 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p>
<p>Barnes Barnes Lodge No. 365 City. Hwy. N • 715-372-4957 (Sec) Meet 2nd Tues. - 4th Tues. in June only 7 p.m. Dark Jan., Feb. & March</p>	<p>Chetek Chetek Lodge No. 277 216 Morrison St. • 715-296-5537 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p>	<p>Fond du Lac Fond du Lac Lodge No. 26 500 W. Arndt St. • 920-922-5800 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark June and August</p>	<p>Ladysmith Mystic Tie Lodge No. 280 705 E. 3rd St. N. • 715-532-7696 (Sec) Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Meets All Year</p>	<p>Milton Milton Lodge No. 161 508 Vernal Avenue • 608-754-2464 Meets 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>New Holstein Calumet Lodge No. 172 2019 Washington St. • 920-898-5039 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Monday, 7:30 p.m. Dark January & February</p>
<p>Barneveld Barneveld Lodge No. 319 108 S. Jones St. • 414-758-0512 (Sec) Meet 2nd Tuesday only, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Chippewa Falls Chippewa Falls Lodge No. 176 650 Bridgewater Ave. • 715-723-6341 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p>	<p>Frederic Landmark Lodge No. 244 109 United Way • 715-327-8963 Meets 2nd Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Meets All Year</p>	<p>Lake Geneva Geneva Lodge No. 44 335 S. Lakeshore Dr. • 262-248-9900 Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Milwaukee Damascus Lodge No. 290 1235 E. Howard Ave. • 262-853-5631 (Sec) • Meet 2nd & 4th Tues., Dinner 6 p.m., Lodge at 7 • Dark July & August</p>	<p>New Lisbon Juneau Lodge No. 103 304 S. Adams St. • 608-565-7207 (Sec) • Meet 1st & 2nd Thurs 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>
<p>Bayfield Bayfield-Washburn Lodge No. 215 29 N. 2nd Street • 715-779-3174 (Sec) Meets Monthly, 1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Meets All Year</p>	<p>Clear Lake Clear Lake Lodge No. 230 411 Third Ave. • 715-263-3033 Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Friendship Quincy Lodge No. 71 210 Main St. • 608-564-7144 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Linden Linden Lodge No. 206 618 Main St. • 608-623-2498 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Milwaukee Excelsior Lodge No. 175 1235 E. Howard Ave. • 414-744-4609 Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m. Dark July and August</p>	<p>New Richmond New Richmond Lodge No. 195 119 E. 2nd St. • 715-246-2144 Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p>
<p>Beaver Dam Dodge County Lodge No. 72 Best Western Campus Inn Motor Lodge 815 Park Ave. • 920-887-2530 Meet 3rd Monday, 7 p.m. - Meet All Year</p>	<p>Columbus Columbus Lodge No. 75 318 N. Ludington St. • 920-623-3705 (Sec) • Meet 2nd Monday, 7 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p>	<p>Galesville Decora Lodge No. 177 16794 S. Main St. • 608-582-4130 (Sec) Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m. Dark July & August, 1st Mon. Sept.</p>	<p>Lodi Lodi Valley Lodge No. 99 114 First St. • 608-592-4392 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Milwaukee Freemasons Lodge No. 363 790 N. Van Buren St. • 414-425-5166 Meets 1st Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Oconomowoc Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge 42 307 N. Lake Road • 262-567-9898 Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>
<p>Beloit Morning Star Lodge No. 10 229 W. Grand Ave. • 608-362-6073 Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. 1st Wed. only in July & August</p>	<p>Crandon Crandon Lodge No. 287 211 S. Lake Ave. • 715-478-2797 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark 4th Tues. in June, July & August</p>	<p>Grafton Victory Lodge No. 320 1645 Highland Dr., #2 • 262-376-9619 Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark June - August</p>	<p>Lone Rock Franklin Lodge No. 16 237 S. Oak St. • 608-583-4303 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Meets All Year</p>	<p>Milwaukee James M. Hays Lodge No. 331 790 N. Van Buren • 414-774-0366 (Sec) Meet 1st Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Oconto Pine Lodge No. 188 513 Superior Ave. • 920-378-5427 Meet 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p>
<p>Berlin Berlin Lodge No. 38 124 E. Huron St. • 920-361-9774 (Sec) Meets 7 p.m. 2nd & 4th Thurs. Jan. - Oct., and at 7 p.m. 2nd Thursday only, Nov. & Dec. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Crivitz Tri-County Daylite Lodge No. 218 918 Louisa St. • 715-854-3088 Meet 2nd Wednesday 10 a.m. Dark January & February</p>	<p>Green Bay Des Peres Lodge No. 85 525 N. Taylor • 920-499-7265 Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Madison Commonwealth Lodge No. 325 301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-0793 Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p>	<p>Milwaukee Lafayette Lodge No. 265 4315 N. 92nd St. • 414-4357-5449 Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Omro Omro Lodge No. 168 160 E. Main Street • 920-685-2798 Meet 2nd Monday, 7 p.m. Dark January, February & March</p>
<p>Black Earth Crescent Valley Lodge No. 97 1020 Mills St. • 608-795-4484 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Darlington Evening Star Lodge No. 64 433 Wells St. • 608-776-4213 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Green Bay N.E.W. Daylite Lodge No. 360 535 N. Taylor St. • 920-499-7265 Meet 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Madison Doric Lodge No. 356 3735 Monona Drive • 608-224-0895 (Sec) • Meet 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Milwaukee Lake Lodge No. 189 1235 E. Howard Ave. • 414-744-4609 Meet Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Onalaska Onalaska Lodge No. 214 330 Main Street • 608-783-5606 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark January & February</p>
<p>Black River Falls Black River Lodge No. 74 314 Main Street • 715-284-2234 Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Delavan Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12 1007 S. Second St. • 414-294-9332 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Green Bay Theodore Roosevelt Lodge 322 525 N. Taylor St. • 920-490-9777 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Madison Four Lakes Daylite Lodge No. 362 301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-2351 Meet 1st Mondays, 10 a.m. (except Sept. 2nd Monday) Dark July & August</p>	<p>Milwaukee Nathan Hale Lodge No. 350 790 N. Van Buren • 262-522-9872 (Sec) Meet 1st Thursday, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Oregon Oregon Lodge No. 151 210 Park St. • 608-835-9236 Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>
<p>Bloomer Bloomer Lodge No. 281 2122 16th Ave. • 715-568-5152 Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Dark January & February</p>	<p>Dodgeville Dodgeville Lodge No. 119 200 W. Chapel St. • 608-935-3548 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Green Bay Washington Lodge No. 21 525 N. Taylor St. • 920-494-5205 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Madison Hiram Lodge No. 50 310 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-0793 Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark 1st Mondays, July - Labor Day</p>	<p>Mineral Point Mineral Point Lodge No. 1 310 High St. • 608-987-3396 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Oshkosh Oshkosh Lodge No. 27 204 Washington Ave. • 920-231-3410 Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>
<p>Bristol Washburn Lodge No. 145 8501 - 199th Ave. • 262-857-7501 Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Dousman Dousman Lodge No. 315 214 Main St. • 262-593-2647 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Hartford Hartford Lodge No. 120 147 N. Rural St. • 262-673-2074 (Sec) Meet 2nd Monday, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Madison Madison Lodge No. 5 301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-0793 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Meet 1st Thursday July & August</p>	<p>Minocqua Island City Lodge No. 330 7529 Hwy 51 South • 715-356-5678 (Sec.) • Meet 1st Wednesday, 10 a.m. Meets all year</p>	<p>Owen Owen Lodge No. 317 713 W. Third St. • 715-229-2832 (Sec.) Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>
<p>Brodhead Bicknell Lodge No. 94 302 1st Center Ave. • 608-897-8069 Meets 2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Dousman Glen L. Humphrey Lodge No. 364 375 Hwy. 67 • 262-965-9390 Meet 2nd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. Dark June</p>	<p>Hayward Keystone Lodge No. 263 511 N. Iowa Ave. • 715-634-4715 Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Manitowoc Manitowoc Lodge No. 65 810 Chicago St. • 920-684-4334 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Mondovi Buffalo River Masonic Lodge No. 252 245 S. Franklin • 715-926-3448 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Palmyra Palmyra Lodge No. 68 125 N. 3 St. • 262-495-4887 Meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Dark January & February</p>
<p>Brookfield Elmbrook Lodge No. 354 4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-549-0923 Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Durand Durand-Pepin Lodge No. 149 203 W. Main St. • 715-672-8052 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Hudson St. Croix Lodge No. 56 209 Locust Street • 715-377-0817 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Marinette Marinette Lodge No. 182 1610 Main St. • 715-735-3315 Meet 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Monroe Smith Lodge No. 31 1613-1/2 Tenth St. • 608-328-4370 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Brookfield McKinley Lodge No. 307 4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-781-9907 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Eagle River Eagle River Lodge No. 248 610 E. Division • 715-479-8646 Meet 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m. Meets All Year</p>	<p>Janesville Janesville-Western Star No. 55 2322 E. Milwaukee St. • 608-752-3098 Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	<p>Marshfield Marshfield Lodge No. 224 402 W. 11th St. • 715-384-8646 Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p>	<p>Mosinee Mosinee Lodge No. 318 607 13th St. • 715-693-3150 (Sec.) Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p>	

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Pewaukee

Pewaukee Lodge No. 246
126 Main St. • 262-691-9917
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Phillips

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

Platteville

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

Plymouth

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

Portage

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

Port Washington

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

Potosi

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

Poynette

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

Prairie du Chien

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

Prairie du Sac

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

Prescott

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

Racine

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

Reedsburg

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

Rhineland

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

Rice Lake

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

Richland Center

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

River Falls

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

Shawano

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

Sheboygan

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

Shell Lake

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

Shullsburg

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

Shullsburg

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

South Milwaukee

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

Sparta

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

Star Prairie

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

Stevens Point

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

Stoughton

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

Sturgeon Bay

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

Sun Prairie

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

Superior

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

Superior

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

Sussex

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

Tomah

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

Union Grove

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

Viroqua

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

Waterloo

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

Waukesha

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

Waupaca

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

Waupun

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

Wausau

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

Wautoma

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

Wauwatosa

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

Wauwatosa

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

Wauwatosa

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

West Allis

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

West Allis

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

West Allis

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

West Bend

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

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517 E. Beaumont Ave. • 414-332-8460
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Quarry Notes

William L. Stonecipher, Editor

• **Signs of the Times** – In answer to your unasked question, yes, there was something different about the April issue of your Wisconsin Masonic Journal. It was printed on standard 30 lb. newsprint instead of the heavier and whiter 50 lb. offset we've been using for the past 17 years.

Some readers will no doubt miss the better paper while others will observe that it was about time we stopped using the expensive stuff. Whatever your sentiments, this is likely the way it will be for the foreseeable future.

Moving to the lower quality paper was seen by our publication's board of directors and editor as the most immediate and cost effective way to comply with an Expenditures Committee decision to trim Grand Lodge expenditures to fit within the financial realities of diminished Grand Lodge resources and a shrinking membership base.

With a proposed 2K7-2K8 Grand Lodge fiscal year budget set at \$678,161 and dues-paying membership at the 15,117 level, the Grand Lodge Expenditures Committee decided that the amount allocated to the WMJ would be \$128,500 (based on \$8.50 each for 15,117 members). This is \$11,381 less than the amount requested to balance the income side of the Journal's projected expenditures of \$191,229. Savings resulting from the change in paper will trim expenses to match the proposed reduction in income.

Going back in time, the decision by the Wisconsin Masonic Journal Board of Directors to switch from regular newsprint to the higher quality white paper dates to the Summer issue of 1990. At the time, this decision served a dual purpose: first, color pictures would reproduce with greater clarity and better color; and second, the Fraternity would be better represented by a higher quality Grand Lodge publication, something that was deemed important to better reflect the high standards by which our organization defines itself.

Looking to the future, continued membership losses will inevitably reduce the money available to fund your publication. As we go forward, it should be noted that even at the \$191,229 level of expenditures, the Wisconsin Masonic Journal costs each member just \$12.65 per year, or \$1.15 per copy over an 11 month period. That's still a pretty good bargain.

• **The Art of Submitting Photos by E-mail** – Masonic News Hawks, brethren, and anyone else who works with images and text, this is for you. Much of the following information is taken from the Masonic News Hawk Program files available to all on our Grand Lodge Web Page under the Masonic Journal heading at www.wisc-freemasonry.org

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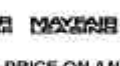
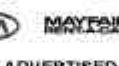
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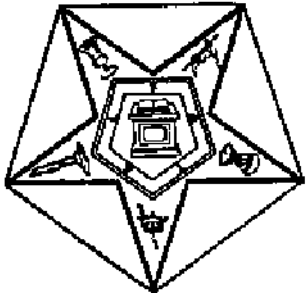
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Order of Eastern Star

From The Worthy Grand Matron

I would like to take this time and space to thank the State of Wisconsin Members of Eastern Star for their support in many ways during this grand year.



Richard Pruneske

To a very special OES Brother a special thank you, Richard "Dick" Pruneske.

Your hard work in helping to make a change in the content of Order of the Eastern Star page in the Wisconsin Masonic Journal made a big difference!

Dick Pruneske and his wife, Evelyn, were initiated together into Eastern Star on December 27, 1960, in Menasha Chapter, now Fidelity.

While Dick's two sons, Steven and David, were growing up Dick was involved with Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H, was a Sunday school teacher, and was a DeMolay advisor of Nathan Hale Chapter. He was invested with the DeMolay Legion of Honor.

Dick became a dual member of LaBelle Chapter on February 12, 1987. He has served on various OES committees, held the stations of Chaplain, Warder, Trustee, Associate Patron and Worthy Patron eight times.

Dick and his wife Evelyn have served on four Grand Chapter arrangements committees and two years on the OES Journal Committee for General Grand Chapter.

In 1994 Dick was appointed as Grand Representative of Kentucky. In 1998, his counterpart presented him with an Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels Commission. Dick made numerous trips to Dousman researching, compiling and writing the book "The 100-year history of the Wisconsin Masonic Home."

We must add aside from OES, Dick enjoys reading, cooking, gardening, and his four grandchildren ranging in age from 11 months to 7 years.

We have received great comments on the new look and information on the OES page in the Masonic Journal this year and it is all because Dick, as Publicity Chairman, believes in dreams coming true.

Our dream was to make a change in the OES page of the Wisconsin Masonic Journal, and our dream came true with flying colors! From the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and the Garden of Faith Family — A very heartfelt Thanks to Brother Dick. It has been great working with you during the Garden of Faith year!

From The Worthy Grand Patron

Sisters and Brothers, this will be the last article I will write as your Worthy Grand Patron.

It has been my pleasure to be with each of you every month. I thank you for reading my articles and hope you have enjoyed them. Many memories go along when writing these articles.

I have enjoyed being with many of you as I traveled about the state visiting your Chapters or being with you at a reception or special OES event. Your love and friendship means the world to me. You have opened the doors of your Chapters and have extended the hand of friendship and love.

It is my turn to ask each of you to come and visit me at the 116th Grand Session in Middleton. I would love to have you join me. I will be honoring the Chaplain Station this year. Hope to see you there on May 15, 16, and 17, 2007.

I thank you for the many donations you made to my special project this year, the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Wisconsin. Because of your generosity many children will have a special wish come true for them. I wish nothing but the best to Sister Laurie, Brother Cal, and their new Grand Family. I hope they have a wonderful year.

Brother Richard Pruneske, thank you for your many years of service putting this OES page together each month. I have enjoyed working with you this year.

Sisters and Brothers, may your lives be filled with love, joy, and happiness. Thank you for the memories. I had "A Whale of a Good Time."

In Faith and Prayer,
John J. Knee,
Worthy Grand Patron

Your new OES page coordinator is Jane M. Blackwood, 937 Euclid Ave., Beloit, WI 53511. Send e-mail submissions to: kalcat@sbcglobal.net

Past Grand Matron Writes About Women of the Bible



June Bjorklund dressed as one of women of the Bible

In 1974, the women of Horeb Presbyterian Church in Wild Rose asked Past Grand Matron June Bjorklund, to create a program for the Laymen's Sunday.

Sister June created "Eunice, Mother of Timothy" for that Sunday and thus was born a series of programs by Sister June that have entertained and captivated audiences far and wide ever since.

Sister June now has researched and written 19 programs depicting women of the Bible such as "Abigail,



SAR, Sons of the American Revolution

Brothers Mike and Mark Nelson, Oregon Chapter, 2nd and 3rd from the right in the photo above, and Brother Charles Nelson, Columbia Chapter, Evansville, are members of the Wisconsin Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

"Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) is a society which got its start about the time of the first centennial anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1876 when a group of surviving ancestors of the Revolutionary Patriots formed a parade entry. The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution was founded on April 30, 1889, and incorporated by act of Congress June 9, 1906.

Membership consists of male descendants of those Patriots who, during the American Revolution, rendered unwavering loyal service to the cause of winning our freedom from England.

The Wisconsin Society, Sons of the American Revolution (WISSAR) is a state organization with several active chapters."* The Society exists to perpetuate the memory of those who sacrificed during the war of the American Revolution through patriotic, historical and education activities;

to promote fellowship among the descendants and to inspire the community at large with a profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by these patriots.

Ongoing activities include marking the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials, celebrating the anniversaries of prominent events of the war; and to maintain and defend the institutions of American freedom.

"Programs and Activities sponsored and supported by WISSAR are many and varied. Our chapters are involved in history and genealogical research. In the area of education, we sponsor essay contests for high school students and recognition of Eagle Scouts. Medals and awards are given in recognition of law enforcement officers and for JROTC and ROTC cadets. Our Color Guard marches in community parades."

*From the society web site: <http://www.wissar.org/>



Ruth Chapter Greets New Member

Ruth Chapter, La Crosse was pleased to welcome Renee Jordan as their newest member. Renee's initiation was extra special as her father traveled from Houghton, Michigan to share the evening with her. Renee's mother and father served as Worthy Matron and Patron together at a Chapter in Puerto Rico several years ago so Renee was very familiar with our beautiful Order. ((caption) Pictured left to right are: WM Marge Revie, Renee Jordan and WP Martin Callaway.

Jean Krauss: Wife, Mother, Grandmother & Loyal Star Leader

By Brother Milt Helmer
Special OES Correspondent

To say this Eastern Star member has done her part is a huge understatement. Jean Krauss has served the Eastern Star Chapter in Ellsworth as Worthy Matron eight different times, the last time in 2004-2005. Her story is a study in loyalty and dedication.

Born in Brainerd, Minnesota, Sister Jean's father was in sales and so the family moved around a lot.

When she was six her family moved to Mankato, where she lived through college.

She then moved to Annandale for a teaching position.

It was during this time that she met her husband-to-be Rolle Krauss. Jean remembers they met in June of 1964 and were married in September.

The couple moved to Ellsworth, Wisconsin and bought the Krauss family homestead just outside of town in January 1965. Jean left teaching to raise a family.

In '93-'94 Sister Krauss served as Grand Ruth with Joan Smith and Ron Pete, Grand Worthy Matron and Patron. Jean relates she has served in the East with several Worthy Patrons; Rollen Brown, Don Forss, Gary Waltz, Dale Remus and her husband Rolle.

Her family and their seven grandchildren also keep them busy. Jean enjoys the camaraderie of Star, saying, "I like the structure and ritual, the serious side" but added, "when we are done, we have fun." Jean Krauss is very proud of being a loyal and honest person who loves her country, God and family.



Jean Krauss at home with the family piano and her dog Button.

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Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

May 2007

- 5 Leadership Seminar, Waverly Lodge, Appleton. \$15 at the door. Lunch included. Refreshments 8:30 a.m. Seminar begins at 9 a.m., ends by 4 p.m.
- 5 District 6 School of Instruction, Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128, 9 a.m.
- 5 Zor Shrine 75th Anniversary Celebration Zor Shrine Center 1-5 p.m.
- 5 Chippewa Falls Masonic Center, York Rite Festival, All Chapter & Council Degrees.
- 12 District 10, 11 & 12 Proficiency Certification Day, West Bend Masonic Center, 301 N. University Drive, West Bend, 9 a.m.
- 14-17 116th Annual Order of The Eastern Star Grand Session, Marriott Middleton, Helen H. Wheeler, Worthy Grand Matron & John J. Knee, Worthy Grand Patron.
- 17 Wilson Woods Masonic Scholarship Presentation Program, Old Hickory Golf Club in Beaver Dam. 4:30 p.m. Reception, 5:30 dinner, 6:30 Program. Reservations required.
- 18-20 IOJD Grand Guardian Council Session, Neenah
- 19 Grand Master's Northeast Wisconsin Reception & Breakfast at Marinette Lodge No. 182, 8 a.m. Reservations to District 4 Lecturer Moses Adams at <hulama@webcntrl.com> or 715-732-1384.
- 19 District 4 Spring Meeting, 9 a.m., Marinette Lodge
- 19 District 4 Proficiency School and Ritual Testing, 10 a.m., Marinette Lodge No. 182.
- 19 District 6 School of Instruction, Winneconne Lodge 9 a.m.
- 19 Proficiency & Ritualist Test District 4, 5, 6 at Tomah Lodge No. 132 in Tomah, 9 a.m.
- 19 Eau Claire Masonic Center, York Rite Festival, All Commandery Knights Templar Orders.
- 19 Council Degree Festival, Waukesha Masonic Temple.
- 20 Grand Master's Central & Southwest Wisconsin Reception & Dinner for Masons and their ladies primarily in Districts 7, 8 & 9. Coordinating the event is District 8 Deputy Emmett Reilly. The event will be held at the Wheel Inn, in Shullsburg. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner set for 6:30. A program will follow. Please use the registration coupon on page 3.
- 22 Royal Atch Mason Degree, Southwestern York Rite Team, 7:00 p.m., Madison Masonic Center.

June 2007

- 1-2 Annual Communication, Madison Masonic Center, Madison, Convenes at 8:30 a.m. both days.

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

July 2007

- 21 Reedsburg Lodge 150th Rededication 2 p.m.
- 21 York Rite Bodies-sponsored Leadership Development Seminar, Open to the public & all Masonic organizations & youth groups, Wausau Masonic Center, 9 a.m. registration, Lunch included. \$15 pre-registration and \$20 at the door. Keynote speaker is Rev. Jan L. Beaderstadt, KYGCH. For information and early registration contact: Larry Catellier at 608-348-7175 or e-mail at <lac@mmtwp.com >.
- 26-28 Wisconsin High School All-Star Men's & Women's High School Soccer Games sponsored by the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation at Carthage College, Kenosha. Recognition breakfast and program is at 8 a.m. on Saturday, July 29. The women's game begins at 11:30 a.m. and the men's game begins at 2 p.m.

August 2007

- 11 York Rite Bodies-sponsored Leadership Development Seminar, Open to the public & all Masonic organizations & youth groups, Janesville Masonic Center, 9 a.m. Fees & registration same as for July 21 seminar.
- 13 Teddy Bear Classic III Golf Scramble to Benefit 32nd Degree Children's Learning Center in Milwaukee.



Spring is breaking out all over on the Three Pillars Senior Living Campus in Dousman. This image, made last year, captures flowering crab and crab apple trees near the Grand Masonic Center at their peak in mid-May. The fountain feeds a pool along a walkway leading from the GMC to the former Van Brunt building (Wisconsin Masonic Home).
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