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Grand Lodge Convenes June 5-6 in Madison: Breakout Sessions to Highlight 165th Annual Communication

DOUSMAN – Just as April shows bring May flowers, June brings Masonry in the Badger State the 165th consecutive Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin.

As is has each year since 2006, the event will take place in the Madison Masonic Center, 301 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison, on Friday and Saturday, June 5 and 6.

Grand Lodge sessions will convene promptly at 8:30 a.m. on both days and will close by noon Saturday. The headquarters hotel will again be the Concourse Hotel, One West Dayton Street in Madison.

As of our publication deadline seven resolutions have been received for consideration at Grand Lodge. Additional resolutions, should there be any, will be published in the June issue. Those resolutions that have been received are printed on page 5.

Breakout Sessions Planned

A highlight of the Friday session will be three breakout presentations conducted by Grand Lodge officers.

One presentation will be of special interest to lodge secretaries and treasurers. It will be presented by Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, and Grand Treasurer John A. Benedict and will address the proper protocol pertaining to digital communication by Masons via the Internet, lodge budgeting and the submission of year-end financial reports, among other topics.

A second presentation, which will be of particular interest to lodge wardens, will be presented by our two Grand Wardens, Joseph B. Harker, Senior Grand Warden, and Davey L. White, Jr., Junior Grand Warden. They will discuss the various responsibilities that devolve upon the Wardens, including the importance of appointing standing committees within the lodge.

A third presentation, facilitated by Grand Lecturer Kenneth C. Gorgen, will focus on various aspects of our ritual.

Representatives & Proxies

All lodges are entitled to represent. See **GRAND LODGE** on page 2

All-Star Soccer Games on track for 17th annual event

Soccer camp for underprivileged middle school youth added for 2009

DOUSMAN – Building on the original 1992 motto for that first All-Star event, “Our goals are for charity,” the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation is expanding its All-Star Soccer Games outreach program this year by adding a youth soccer camp for underprivileged middle school-age children.

“It is not required or expected that the kids are good soccer players,” said Masonic Soccer Foundation and Committee Chairman Dave Tainter in comments prepared for the Journal.

“The camp is intended to give the kids some positive role models using soccer as a medium to bring them together. We will be bringing in two of the high school coaches and a couple of the All-Star players to assist in giving the youth some soccer direction.”

“This is a new program for us and See **SOCCER CAMP** on page 2

The Grand Master’s Message:

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

My Dear Brothers, in this my final address to the Craft in the Wisconsin Masonic Journal as your Grand Master, I wish to thank each of you for the unique opportunity you so generously gave me nearly one year ago.

During the course of the year, it was my intent to visit as many lodges as possible. I did this for two reasons. The first was to meet and interact with as many of you as possible, the second to stress the importance of seeking knowledge as Masons.

Over the past twelve years, I have had the opportunity to offer instruction in the various lessons to be learned from our craft, which allowed me to learn much more than I taught.

Additionally, this experience taught me the need for spreading knowledge throughout the Craft, while at the same time adding greatly to my knowledge of Freemasonry. My Brothers, together we face many challenges ahead to both the fraternal and the business aspects of Wisconsin Freemasonry.

It is my observation that as members of this gentle craft, we all need to better practice our core virtues of temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice, as well as the tenets of friendship, relief and brotherly love. Most of the lodges I had the pleasure to visit displayed these important Masonic characteristics extremely well. However at times they were not displayed as well as they could have been, which again reinforced the importance of teaching and learning the basics taught by the Craft.

We are the greatest fraternal group in the world, a strong “Band of Brothers” surviving in countries where governments forbid Masonic gatherings of any sort. And yet, when those governments change, Freemasonry emerges because it has always been there. The Craft has survived the rule of kings and dictators and continues to be there for those who desire to seek light through its teachings. Since time immemorial there have been good men in every country throughout the world who desired to improve themselves through service to their fellow man.

The advent of the computer and the Internet bring with them a greater opportunity to learn more about our craft, its rich history and its membership, as well as the valuable life lessons taught through participation. It has improved communication through e-mail while constantly upgrading the quality of information put forth to those who wish to learn.

To keep this information stream flowing in an orderly manner, your Grand Lodge has adopted the MORI System (Masonic Online Registry Interface) for use by Blue Lodge Secretaries. From the information given me, this program is both easy to use and improves the efficiency of each lodge as well the Grand Lodge. It also aids in learning a bit more about the members who make up each individual lodge. I remember updating my lodge history and going over the lodge minutes for one hundred and fifty years. It would have been beneficial to know the vocations of our past brothers to better understand how their efforts had been instrumental in the development of our community. We know our brothers were involved in every community in which they lived, but in many cases, those efforts went unrecorded. Through use of the computer, this does not have to be the case for future generations.

Also, I have decided to make it necessary for a new Mason to commit to memory the specific obligation required to advance through each of our Degrees. These obligations define who we are, while reminding us of the expectations of our brothers and those around us with regard to our conduct in and out of the Lodge. It is these obligations that set us apart from all other organizations and distinctly define a Freemason.

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John W. Wilke
Grand Master



Sixth Annual Combined GLOW-PHGL Table Lodge

With a hearty “Vivat! Vivat! Vivat!” Prince Hall and Grand Lodge of Wisconsin brethren and officers celebrated the Ceremony of Seven Toasts at the Sixth Annual combined Grand Lodge of Wisconsin and Prince Hall Grand Lodge held March 31 at Tripoli Shrine in Milwaukee. Approximately 312 Masons from both Masonic jurisdictions attended.

Largest-ever Combined Table Lodge Draws Over 300 Masons

MILWAUKEE – Continuing a tradition that began in 2003 with the first-ever Grand Lodge F. and A. M. of Wisconsin-Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. and A. M. of Wisconsin, Inc., Combined Table Lodge, approximately 312 Masons gathered at Milwaukee’s Tripoli Shrine Center for the sixth such event on Tuesday, March 31.

According to Sr. Grand Warden Joe Harker, coordinator of the event for our Grand Lodge, said that 176 of our brethren signed in and that 136 Prince Hall Masons were registered. This was the largest turnout ever.

Next year the Prince Hall Grand Lodge will host the table lodge at their Grand Masonic Center, a somewhat smaller-capacity facility. Registration will likely be capped at 100 for each Grand Lodge.

Assisting with the escort and piping in of dignitaries were members of the Tripoli Highlanders Pipe and Drum unit. Presenting the flag and providing an “Arch of Steel” were members of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar, directed by Grand Commander Lauren Handeland.

Presenting the “Salute to the Flag” was Bro. Bob Roth, representing the National Sojourners organization. Opening a Lodge of Entered Apprentices were the officers of West Allis Lodge No. 291 under the direction of Worshipful Master Bill Krohn (pictured above, front row, center).

Emcee was Bro. Bob Strader. Toastmaster was Bro. Tom Curtis. Please turn to page 9 for more.

On Our Cover

“Song of the Bees” is the name that came to me,” said quilt artist Mary J. Olson as she worked on the bee-theme quilt she has donated for Sharon Wilke’s Ladies Appeal auction at this year’s Grand Lodge Annual Communication. The handcrafted quilt is 90 inches wide and 110 inches long. When asked by the editor what a quilt such as this might sell for at a show, Mary replied, “A starting point would be about \$800 to cover the cost of materials and labor, but you could expect to pay \$1,200 for a unique design such as this.” Mary, who is Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, drew the inspiration for the design from Grand Master Wilke’s beehive pin. The quilt and other donated items will be auctioned following the representatives banquet on Friday, June 5. Proceeds will benefit the Scottish Rite’s 32nd Degree Learning Centers in Wisconsin. A few of the other items which will be auctioned are pictured on page 9.

Hosted by Janesville-Western Star Lodge:

Grand Master’s Testimonial Dinner Planned for May 9

EVANSVILLE – The brethren of Union Lodge No. 32, Evansville, the home lodge of Grand Master John W. Wilke, have announced that a testimonial dinner will be held in his honor on Saturday, May 9 at Janesville-Western Star Lodge in Janesville.

As to why the testimonial is not being held in Evansville, Bro. Tom Beaver, Union Lodge Secretary and event co-chair, replied that, because Union Lodge just isn’t big enough to accommodate the large number of guests anticipated, they arranged to hold the dinner at Janesville-Western Star Lodge No. 55 which can better handle the crowd, he explained during an interview with the editor.

“Bring your best Grand Master Wilke story to share,” Bro. Beaver

explained. “This will be a roast.” Brother LeRoy Huber, co-chair with Bro. Beaver, said that the emcee for the evening will be Past Grand Master Keith Chamberlain, a longtime close friend and fishing partner of the Grand Master.

“It’ll be a fun time,” said Bro. Huber, who is Master of Waucoma Lodge No. 90 and a former District 9 Deputy.

Dinner reservations are \$15 per person and will be collected at the door. Persons wishing to attend are asked to make a reservation with either Bro. Beaver or Bro. Huber.

“Making reservations is important,” said Bro. Huber, who has been visiting lodges and talking up the evening for several weeks. “We would like all who wish to attend to

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GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE...from page 1

We define ourselves as seekers of knowledge, which is taught in degrees. This is not to be confused with our ritual degrees where knowledge is also taught, but to remind us that true knowledge comes in steps — each bit of information forming the building block for the next. And, while in our society we have come to expect instant gratification and knowledge, I remind you that time, patience and perseverance will accomplish all things.

In the course of my travels you have added many cherished memories to my life. You were always very happy to see me as your Grand Master and projected that happiness, exhibiting a genuine enthusiasm for our gentle craft.

I found the lodges as a whole to be in good shape, spreading the cement of brotherly love and imparting knowledge to each other. And, while there are some weak lodges within our state, the majority are strong and active, raising new brothers and busy with the work of making Masons.

There are challenges for all lodges, including membership, finances, meeting places, activity and others, but all are addressing these challenges they have and are working to overcome them. Your Grand Lodge team stands ready to help you deal with these challenges. Continue using them for your benefit. I complement each of you for your hard work and ongoing effort in keeping and maintaining this gentle craft for the benefit of future generations.

Yours in brotherly love,
John W. Wilke, Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin

SOCCER CAMP...from page 1

We are looking for some help in locating financially underprivileged kids to attend the camp," Bro. Tainter explained. "This year, we are looking for six boys and six girls."

"There is no cost to the families of the kids attending the camp," he added, emphasizing the charitable aspect of the camp. "We will even make arrangements for travel for the kids from around the state to eliminate any charges."

Brother Tainter asks that if a Mason is aware of a child aged 11-13 from a financially underprivileged family in Wisconsin, they can him directly to make a recommendation. He reported that the foundation is also working with the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association and the Milwaukee Wave to locate youth in such circumstances.

This year's camp will start on Thursday, July 23, and extend through the All Star Games on Saturday, July 25. The camp will be held at Marian University in Fond du Lac this year and most likely for the next two years.

Each soccer camp participant will receive three T-shirts, one for each Day of the camp. Meals will be a combination of the University and sponsored events (pizza party and a cook out). Housing for soccer camp participants as well as All-Star Game players will be in the dorms at Marian University.

Realizing that some of the camp participants might have special indi-

vidual needs such as a decent pair of soccer shoes or other necessary item, they will be provided.

In addition, each soccer camp family will receive two free tickets (and perhaps more depending on individual circumstances) to the All-Star Games. The youth campers will be introduced at the games and work as ball-shaggers during the men's and women's all-star games.

Brother Tainter also wished to point out that the Youth Soccer Camp presents a new opportunity for a lodge or individual to be a sponsor for specific portions of the camps and games this year. He invites interested persons or lodges to view the Masonic Soccer web site at <www.masonicsoccer.org> or contact Bro. Tainter directly at <dtainter@wi.m.com> or 262-689-2848 (cell phone) for additional information.

The Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation in conjunction with the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association (SCCA) has been holding the All-Star Soccer Games for graduating male and female soccer players since August 1, 1992. Entering their 17th consecutive year, the games continue to honor soccer playing student athletes from the four corners of Wisconsin who are stars both on and off the field.

The Masonic All-Star High School Men's and Women's Soccer Games will be held on Saturday, July 25 at the Marian University Soccer Field. Plan to attend as a lodge. **wmj**

GRAND LODGE...from page 1

Madison Masonic Center. It is recommended that you use the Dayton Street Parking Ramp located behind the Madison Area Technical College and across from the Concourse Hotel, one block south and west of the Madison Masonic Center. Parking on the street has a time limit of two hours and is closely monitored.

Register Both Days

Those attending Grand Lodge should register at the credentials desk located in the Madison Masonic Center Library Lounge on the main level on both days of Grand Lodge. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. each day. Mileage and per diem are paid according to the attendance register. Be ready to show your current dues card!

Installation of Officers

Installation of Grand Lodge Officers and District Team Members for the 2009-2010 year will be held in the Masonic Center Auditorium beginning at 4:30 p.m. Friday. All representatives, with their ladies, are invited to attend.

Representative & Guest Meals

A full breakfast buffet for representatives, their ladies and guests will be served both days of the Annual Communication from 6:30 to 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$11 per person each day.

Breakfast and all other meals will be held in the ballroom on the lower level of the Madison Masonic Center. Tickets for all meals must be purchased in advance. Tickets must be presented in order to receive your meal.

All meal tickets must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be sold at the Annual Communication. Tickets for the representatives luncheon on Friday are \$12.75.

When proxies are appointed, the officer giving his proxy should complete one of the three Certificates of Proxy sent to all constituent lodges for this purpose. The proxy holder should then present the signed proxy form at the Annual Communication's credentials desk at registration.

Even though it is only the three principal officers of the lodge or their proxies who are voting representatives, all Master Masons are invited to attend the Grand Lodge Sessions. All Grand Lodge activities are available to all Master Masons.

Any lodge not represented at Grand Lodge shall be fined the sum of \$30.00 unless excused by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

Officers to Wear Aprons

All officers are requested to bring and wear their aprons of office during the Annual Communication.

Mileage & Per Diem

Mileage and per diem for attendance at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge will be paid to the highest ranking officer present. An actual officer outranks a proxy.

If all the representatives of a lodge leave before the close of the Annual Communication without the consent of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, mileage and per diem shall not be paid to any of them.

Parking for Grand Lodge

Parking is not available at the

can be made with Bro. Tom Beaver at <beaver.t@sbjglobal.net>.

Attendees are invited to gather at 5 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. with the program following. As stated previously, payment will be at the door.

On the menu will be Janesville-Western Star Lodge's special version of Swiss steak, with all the usual accompanying dishes.

Though not formal, dress for the event should be in keeping with an occasion that honors the Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin.

Janesville-Western Star Lodge is located at 2322 E. Milwaukee St. in Janesville.

Call today to reserve your place at this special event. **wmj**

A representative's reception (cash bar) preceding the banquet will be held in the MMC ballroom at 6 p.m. Friday, following installation.

Tickets for the representatives banquet (ladies and guests invited) are priced at \$27.75 per person (Beef Tenderloin).

Sharon Wilke's Ladies Appeal Auction to benefit the 32nd Degree Children's Learning Centers in Wisconsin will begin at 8 p.m. immediately following the banquet.

Make reservations for the group coming from your lodge using the reservation forms which have been sent to all lodges.

Lodges should send reservations with a check in the correct amount made payable to the Grand Lodge F & A. M. of Wisconsin, to 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 53118. Reservations must be received no later than Wednesday, May 20.

Hotel/Motel Reservations

Masters, Wardens, and/or their proxies and spouses are reminded to make their own hotel or motel reservations for their stay in Madison. A brochure listing hotels and motels in the Madison area was enclosed in the mailing to lodges. Make reservations early.

A number of rooms have been reserved at the Concourse at a special rate of \$107 plus tax and parking until May 14. When calling the Concourse Hotel (800-356-8293) please use reservation code #4450812.

Ladies Tour & Luncheon

On Friday morning, June 5, a tour of the Governor's Mansion is being offered to the ladies, with lunch to follow at the Concourse Hotel. The cost for the tour and lunch is \$25 per person.

Ladies will meet in the lobby of the hotel at 9:45 a.m. Reservations are necessary. Also, a donation of a new or gently used children's book is appreciated.

Reservation forms for all meals and the ladies' tour and lunch were sent to the Lodge Secretaries. Tickets ordered will be in the respective registration packet, (representatives or ladies) and will be available at the registration desk in the hotel.

Special Needs

Anyone requiring special assistance due to physical problems, is to contact a member of the Annual Communication Committee and arrangements will be made to assist you. If a special diet is necessary, inform the Grand Lodge office so arrangements can be made in advance. **wmj**

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NOTES FROM THE GRAND LECTURER
By Brother Kenneth C. Gorgen

My Brothers:

Last month I posed the question, "Have you ever wondered why we do certain things in the ritual?"

Since that article was published, I have received some very positive feedback. This prompted me to think about the importance of doing these kinds of studies in the lodge room as part of a meeting. Also, to do your best to include the candidates in appropriate topics.



Kenneth C. Gorgen
Grand Lecturer

Currently in my lodge, the business meeting is closed and a Lodge of Entered Apprentices is opened for the purpose of Masonic Education. Our EAs and FCs are brought in for this program, plus they get a chance to see the lodge in action during closing. I can tell you that it has made a difference in the enthusiasm of the candidates.

Our Lodge Counselor has also made a big difference in getting the new brothers to lodge for posting and taking part in activities. I have seen, in action, the importance of the Lodge Counselor in educating and keeping the interest of the new candidates. A lodge that is successful in ritual must have a dedicated and active Lodge Counselor.

Let's have some fun with learning about the ritual and, at the same time, perhaps give you an idea to research and take back to your lodge. As you know, our Masonic rituals, rites, and degrees have a specific purpose in our Masonic life.

How many brothers might feel that the ritual "stuff" is for lodge room activities only, and that when we leave the building, that is where those teachings stay? Do we leave for the evening and move on with our lives; to return to those teachings only when we return to the lodge?

If this is the case, then we are not getting enough out of a lodge meeting, and might not return because there is nothing gained from attending a meeting. Maybe this is why our members on the sidelines have a tendency to become infrequent attendees; there is nothing in it for them. Plus, it might be difficult to retain a new member when he receives his degree and no support afterwards.

Symbolism of the Rite of Discalcation

For the purpose of perking up your interest and maybe taking something back to your lodge, let's talk about the Rite of Discalcation. Are you aware of this rite, and do you know that this is a very important part in all degrees: especially the Entered Apprentice Degree?

The Rite of Discalcation is the removing of one's shoes. If you go to the King James Version of the Holy Bible and look in the book of Ruth, chapter 4, verse 7, it states: "Now this was a manner in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe and gave it to his neighbor: and this was a testimony in Israel." Does this sound familiar?

Our "takeaway" from this part of the ritual is that the individual removing his shoes is making a commitment for future business that he might have with another person. Giving that last sentence some thought directs us to our future behavior outside the lodge.

However, it goes much further than that. As Masonic author and scholar Jim Tresner states, "It is a symbol of humility in the presence of the sacred and a pledge of future behavior and action." This is pretty powerful stuff! We might think that the obligation on the Bible is the meat and potatoes of the degree, but the removing of shoes is a tremendous pledge on the part of the candidate, and we better let him know about it in his posting.

In volume 6, issue 9 on the Copper Board of the White Mountain website, I found some interesting reading. I won't share all of it here, but if you are so inclined, you can find this text in full at <http://www.whitemountain3.org/newletter/Newletter0609.htm>.

In The Great Light of Masonry some of the symbolism of taking off one's shoe and giving it to another was a renunciation of rights or the transferring of rights. It's interesting that when a shoe was given to bind a bargain, or to renounce a right, each party to the agreement kept one shoe, because the possession of one shoe by each person was evidence of the transaction.

Much of the symbolism of Discalcation also has to do with Masonry as well. For instance, to the Candidate the absent shoe in the first two degrees "...denotes that he is forming new ties, and taking upon himself new obligations. In the process he is casting off all degrading ties of the past, and he is to "climb the heights of intellectual and moral achievements and cultivate the tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth." The symbolism to the candidate is that rights are being transferred to him and that mutual obligations are being assumed.

My Brothers, please reread the last sentence. This is quite a commitment that is made by the lodge and the candidate. We as Masons are making a bargain with the new brother to perform a service, and the new brother is agreeing to become part of the lodge and fulfill his part of learning and being active. This is the "stuff" that we can learn by knowing and studying the ritual. I hope many of you go to the website I have posted in this article and read the entire article.

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

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

Brethren, in all that you say or do, remember to conduct yourself in a manner that reflects favorably upon yourself and the Fraternity. Treat everyone you meet as if they were a Brother and you will do well.

Third Masonic Ed Seminar is a Hit!

GREEN BAY – The third try at holding a Masonic Education Seminar proved to be the ticket to success, unlike the first three seminars which were cancelled due to insufficient early registration. This time the minimum number of 15 early paid registrants was reached by the April 1 deadline.

On Saturday, April 11, the day of the seminar at the Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Center in Green Bay, 31 Masons (not counting Grand Lodge officers and presenters) from 19 lodges were in attendance, according to seminar facilitator Pat Stors, District 10 Lecturer.

His registration figures indicate that 4 Masters, 2 Sr. Wardens, 5 Jr. Wardens, 3 Treasurers, 3 Secretaries, 2 Chaplains, 2 Sr. Deacons, 4 Jr. Deacons, 1 Sr. Steward, 1 Counselor and 1 Tiler were present.

During the opening presentation of the day, Deputy Grand Master Craig Campbell traced the development of what we now know as the Wisconsin Program from its very beginnings with Bro. Galen Winter.

Bro. Winter was an attorney in Shawano who was frustrated because Fraternity protocol prevented him from inviting business associates and acquaintances who would make good Masons to join the Lodge. Galen worked to get the word "Proper" inserted in the code phrase, thus paving the way for Proper Solicitation to become accepted practice.

The District Grand Master went on to explain how Shawano Lodge used this process to select men in the community they thought would make good Masons, and they did it with remarkable success, as he pointed out.

Bro. Campbell related how there were 11 members at a Shawano Lodge meeting one night and they were each asked to write down three names: this yielded 33

names. A ten-man committee was named to narrow the list down to 10 names. Out of these ten contacts, nine resulted in petitions.

"The key to this success," Bro. Campbell said, "rested on convincing them that the Lodge needed them — not their money, but their body, their mind, their commitment — and it worked!" During the first 12 months of a three-year trial period, Shawano Lodge raised 18 new Master Masons.

Bro. Campbell went on to explain that the new and improved posting lessons and historical information is really at the heart of the Wisconsin Program. "If the posting today is done properly, it establishes as strong a bond of brotherhood as it did with the 'old' posting."

"What the Wisconsin Program is not, is a solicitation device. What it is, is an improved method of posting. It is an educational tool that explains our rich history and what it means and its rich symbolism. Our old posting did not do that."

Bob Strader, Grand Orator, then took the floor and talked about the Lodge Excellence Award.

"The LEA is much more than just a record of what was done during the year. It is actually one of the best planning tools we have," he emphasized.

Commenting on the success Freemasons Lodge has experienced in raising more than 25 members this year, Bro. Strader said, "It's more new members bringing in their friends," he said. *umj*



Deputy Grand Master Craig Campbell discussed the Wisconsin Program



Jr. Grand Warden Davey White, Jr. addressed a number of topics



Grand Orator Strader talked about the Lodge Excellence Award



Jr. Grand Deacon Dan Slavik spoke about the Wisconsin Masonic Handbook



Grand Master John Wilke addressed the Masonic Code



Sr. Grand Deacon Dennis Siewert (right) discussed the ritual cipher with the assistance of District 4 Lecturer Moses Adams. He also brought up for discussion the new petition requirement that a "Sisconsin Simple Case Search" now must be done on all candidates.



Bro. Joe Chilcote, Washington Lodge Jr. Warden, asks a question about the Wisconsin Masonic Handbook during Jr. Grand Deacon Dan Slavik's presentation. Laffin-St. James Lodge Past Master Own Williams, left, and Oconto Falls Lodge Sr. Deacon Terry Rickardson is at right.



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Serving the Craft – The Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Board of Directors

At its most recent meeting at the Grand Masonic Center in Dousman on Saturday, March 28, the Board of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation gathered for a group picture. Left to right are brothers Richard Vande Sande, Davey L. White Jr., Norm Christensen, Donald Forkner, Kevin Breitzmann and Gary Beier. Not pictured are board members Joseph Harker and J. Michael Koscinski. – Photo by Bro. Bill Barnes, Masonic Charities Development Director

Doing Masonry’s good works on behalf of the Craft

DOUSMAN – Your Wisconsin Masonic Foundation has been hard at work saving lives, educating bright young students, and providing needed safety equipment. Here are some of the good works your Wisconsin Masonic Foundation funds on behalf of the Craft in Wisconsin.

•**The Medical Fund:** Saved 10 lives partnering with Lodges to provide over 625 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) to high schools and other public buildings. To date \$1.4 million has been provided as matching grants over the last 10 years. Partnering with Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge, the Foundation’s Medical Fund made possible the purchase of life saving state-of-the-art “Giraffe” neonatal intensive care isolets to save premature babies.

•**Matching Scholarship Program:** In 2008 there were 282 scholarships awarded to graduating seniors, representing a total of \$213,450. This past year 78 percent of Wisconsin lodges participated. Since 1997, \$2.4 million in matching funds to lodges resulting in 7,500 scholarships have been granted.

•**Wis. Masonic Foundation:** Worked with lodges to provide fire departments with thermal imaging cameras, professional defibrillators and other equipment including a Fire Rescue Boat.



Bro. Trueman E. Farris Jr. ends 17-year tenure as member of the Wisconsin Masonic Journal Board

At its final meeting of the 2008-2009 Grand Lodge year on April 8, 2009, the Wisconsin Masonic Journal Board expressed its appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to longtime board member Trueman E. Farris, Jr. Brother Trueman served the board from 1994-2009. His term expires this June and he is not seeking re-election. A former Editor of the Milwaukee Sentinel, brother Farris provided guidance, advice and leadership to the board and helped make the Masonic Journal the fine publication it is today. Pictured at the meeting along with Bro. Farris were Masonic Journal Editor William Stonecipher, Board President Keith Chamberlain, PGM, Advertising Manager Diane Igl, and Board member Keith Harmon. Board members Jim Walsh and Ray Kline are not pictured. – Photo by Grand Masonic Center Office Manager Jan Gorgen

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Resolutions to be considered at 165th Grand Lodge Annual Communication

2009 RESOLUTIONS

No.	Purpose	Proposed By
01-2009	To adopt a budget for fiscal year 2009-2010	Expenditures Committee
02-2009	To provide for Per Capita Tax	Expenditures Committee
03-2009	To designate the place of holding the Annual Communication in June 2011	Executive Committee
04-2009	To eliminate the reading of names of brethren to be suspended	Madison Lodge No. 5
05-2009	To qualify lodge officers to serve in more than one position	Lowell Scott, WM Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge No. 261
06-2009	To clarify "Sabbath Day"	Madison Lodge No. 5
07-2009	To modify alcoholic beverages in lodges	West Bend Lodge No. 138

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: 1-2009

Submitted By: Committee on Expenditures
Section(s) Affected: 29.05

Vote Required for Adoption: Majority

Purpose: To adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2009-2010
RESOLVED, that the attached budget, which has been mailed to all constituent Lodges in accordance with Section 29.05(c), calling for expenditures of \$661,150.00 be adopted.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2-2009

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, 2009, be and here by is established at the sum of Thirty-one dollars and no cents (\$31.00) for the fiscal year 2009-2010.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 3-2009

Submitted By: Executive Committee

Section(s) Affected:

Vote Required for Adoption: Majority

Purpose: Designate the place of holding Annual Communication in June, 2011
RESOLVED, that the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin for the year 2011 shall be held in the City of Madison, Wisconsin.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 4-2008

Submitted By: Madison Lodge No. 5

Section Affected: Sec. 81.09

Vote Required for Adoption: 75%

Purpose: To eliminate the reading of names of Brethren to be suspended.

RESOLVED, That Section 81.09 be amended as follows:
81.09 Procedure Continued: At the first stated communication of the lodge immediately following the expiration of the sixty days notice the Secretary shall certify to the lodge three principal officers of the lodge the names of all members upon whom a demand has been made and who as it then may appear are still delinquent. Having fully complied with the aforesaid provisions and proof of indebtedness having been duly established in each case, the delinquent members may be suspended for nonpayment of their dues by a ~~two-thirds vote of the members present~~ unanimous vote of the three principal officers.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
THIS IS OFFERED as PROPOSED BY Lodge. Although ethnically it is approved as to form, we feel compelled to note that this is in direct conflict with other Masonic concepts. Masons should not converse on Masonic matters with one who is not a bona fide member and a member under suspension is not bona fide. Under 81.07 suspension is from "all of the rights, privileges and benefits of Masonry" We suggest more thought be given this, the effect on the Lodge, and the effect on the membership.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 5-2009

Submitted By: Lowell Scott, Worshipful Master of Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge No. 261

Section(s) Affected: 57.07

Vote Required for Adoption: 75 %

Purpose: To qualify Lodge officers to serve in more than one position

RESOLVED, That Sections 57.07 of the Masonic Code of Wisconsin be restated and adopted as follows:

57.07. Member Cannot Hold Two Offices, With Exception. ~~No~~ Any member may hold two elected or appointed Masonic offices in the same lodge, at the same time, except ~~Treasurer and Secretary,~~

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 6-2009

Submitted by: Madison Lodge No. 5

Section(s) Affected: 64.05, 65.07 & 73.01

Vote Required for Adoption: 75%

Purpose: Clarification of "Sabbath Day"

RESOLVED, That Section 64.05, 65.07 and 73.01 be repealed and deleted in their entirety.

64.05-Sabbath Gatherings. ~~In the use of Masonic Lodge Buildings on the Sabbath, the lodge should "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."~~

65.07-Communications on Sunday. ~~A lodge shall not hold a communication on Sunday except to conduct a memorial or a Lodge of Sorow.~~

73.01-Work on Sunday Forbidden. ~~The conferring of degrees on Sunday is forbidden.~~

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 7-2009

Submitted by: West Bend Lodge No. 138

Section(s) Affected: 64.06

Vote Required for Adoption: 75%

Purpose: Modification of alcoholic beverages in lodges

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 ~~and other alcoholic beverages~~ 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 ~~there is no further lodge business, no nor any~~ degree work is conferred and that a non-alcoholic beverage ~~be~~ is provided for those who wish it.

(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.

When Voting at Grand Lodge

Lodge Representatives, their Proxies, Grand Lodge Officers and Permanent Members of Grand Lodge who are entitled must vote using the fluorescent card provided for that purpose. These brightly colored voting cards will be in your registration envelopes along with a copy of the preproceedings, meal tickets and Annual Communication schedule. Without this card your vote will not be counted.

Registration Details

Lodge Representatives and proxies must register on both Friday and Saturday mornings. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. in the Madison Masonic Center Monteith Library Lounge.

•Be sure to bring and wear your Lodge apron of the office you hold. Be prepared to show your current dues card.

•Meal Tickets will not be sold at Grand Lodge. Please order your meal tickets in advance through your Lodge Secretary. Registration and meal ticket ordering information was sent to all constituent lodges during the week of April 19. Make all lodge reservations at one time.

165th Grand Lodge Annual Communication

Tentative Program for Representatives & Distinguished Guests

BRETHREN

Friday, June 5, 2009

6:30- 9:30 a.m. Breakfast – Madison Masonic Center (MMC) Ballroom
8:30 a.m. Grand Lodge Session Opening – MMC Auditorium
12-1:00 p.m. Representatives Luncheon – MMC Ballroom
1:00 p.m. Grand Lodge Session Resumes
4:30 p.m. Installation of Grand Lodge Officers – MMC Auditorium
6:00 p.m. Representatives Reception (Cash Bar) – MMC Ballroom
6:45 p.m. Representatives Banquet – MMC Ballroom
Dress - Business Suit
8:00 p.m. Live Auction – MMC Ballroom
9:00 p.m.- Mdn. Distinguished Guest Hospitality – Concourse, Chancellors Suite 638

Saturday, June 6, 2009

6:30- 9:30 a.m. Breakfast – MMC Ballroom
8:30 a.m. Grand Lodge Session Resumes

General Hospitality – Concourse Hotel, Senate Room A
Thursday – 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Friday – 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday – 9 a.m. - 12 noon

LADIES

Friday, June 5, 2009

6:30-9:30 a.m. Breakfast – MMC Ballroom
10:00 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. Ladies Program – Tour and Lunch at the Governor's Mansion by Reservation Only. Donation of a New or Gently Used Children's Book is Appreciated. Transportation provided from lobby of Concourse Hotel.
4:30 p.m. Installation of Grand Lodge Officers – MMC
6:00 p.m. Representatives Reception
6:45 p.m. Representatives Banquet
Dress – Street Length Dress
8:00 p.m. Live Auction – MMC Ballroom
9:00 p.m.- Mdn. Distinguished Guest Hospitality – Concourse Hotel, Chancellors Suite

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Saturday, June 6, 2009

6:30- 9:30 a.m. Breakfast – MMC Ballroom
Lunch on your own.

- A NOTICE TO ALL LODGES - 2009 Annual Communication Exhibit Space Is Available

The 165th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin will be held at the Madison Masonic Center, Madison, Wisconsin on Friday & Saturday, June 5 & 6, 2009.

Groups or persons interested in obtaining free display space to promote Masonic charitable programs, social events, lodge activities, community involvement or fraternity-related goods should contact:

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Plan now to reserve your space—and note whether electricity is needed. The exhibit area will be open for set-up on Thursday, June 4.

Please respond no later than Tuesday, May 15

•Lodges should send reservations for all their members (and their ladies, if desired) along with a check in the correct amount made payable to the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin, to 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 53118. Reservations must be received no later than Wednesday, May 20.

•Parking will not be available at the Madison Masonic Center. It is recommended that you use the Dayton Street Parking Ramp located behind the Madison Area Technical College and across from the Concourse Hotel, one block south and west of the Madison Masonic Center. Parking on the street has a time limit of two hours and is closely monitored. **umj**

News of the Lodges

Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin



2009 Officers of Tomah Lodge

Officers of Tomah Lodge are pictured above, in the front row, left to right: SW Jim DeVoe; Installing Marshall/Grand Marshall Tom Tourville; WM Ken Kuhn; PGM/Installing Master Keith Chamberlain; Chaplain/Musician Forrest Mades and outgoing WM/Trustee Bob Gray. Row 2: Installing Chaplain Gordon Aleckson, PM; SD Don Roscovious; Counselor Steve Hanson, PM; Tiler Harry Smith, PM; Secretary/Treasurer Johnston Bell, PM; and JD Mark Charbonneau.



New Ben Franklin Master Mason is Curt Demming

Brother Curt Demming was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on April 8, 2009 at Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 83 in Madison. Pictured from left to right are Brothers Gregory Ellis, James Anderson, Paul Gordon WM, Scott Stutz, Curt Demming, Patrick Blawat, Pat Stors, Phill Ferris, and Randy Lagmann. Brother Demming had previously been instrumental in providing rough and finished ashlar for the Lodge. After the Emulation Ritual Lodge meeting, a Festive Board was held in Brother Curt's honor on the occasion of his having obtained further light in Masonry.

— Submitted by News Hawk Paul Gordon, Worshipful Master



Northwestern Lodge Raises Jaime Stutz

Northwestern Lodge No. 105 of Prescott raised another Master Mason on Wednesday, March 18. Pictured are the officers who officiated in the degree. Left to right is Mike Elliott, who presided in the first section, brother Jaime Stutz and Lamy Fischer, who presided over the second section. Other brothers from Ellsworth and River Falls assisted during the degree.

— Submitted by Milt Helmer
Photo by Dennis Donath



Lincoln Lodge Officers for 2009

Installation of 2009 officers for Lincoln Lodge No. 183, Menomonee Falls, took place at a stated meeting February 10, 2009. A dinner preceded the meeting. Pictured left to right in the front row are: Dan Stujenske, Installing Marshal; Lawrence Wegner, Worshipful Master; Craig Campbell, a Lincoln Lodge Past Master and Deputy Grand Master, Installing Master; James Broich, Junior Warden; and Lowell Miller, Chaplain. In the back row are: Terence Tracy, Senior Warden; Wayne Billings, Treasurer; Michael Allen, Senior Deacon; Robert Hein, Tiler, and Roger Wetterau, Secretary. — Photo by Ronal Kohler

Thoughts for The Journey

By Grand Chaplain David Ritchie

How do we respond?

"Be more concerned with your character than your reputation."

- John Wooden UCLA basketball coach

Part of being a Mason is answering people's question about our fraternity. In this, the information age, the truth about Masonry can be hard to find.

How often has a well meaning friend or relative come to you with a question or a concern? It seems that they have seen something on television, read something in a book, or found a web site that concerned them about our craft. Misinformation is often in greater supply (and demand) than factual information.

So how do we combat this tide of misinformation? How do we answer those questions?

The first thing you must do is learn all you can about the Fraternity. You, at one time, were charged to "improve yourself in Masonry." The more we know about our traditions and history the better we are enabled to answer those questions. The more you are familiar with our work the more conversant you will be when dealing with the questions that arise. Often times an insightful answer will mean the difference between a man who is a brother or a bother. Please remember that a curious man will often times ask the same questions as a man who is against us.

I have received numerous phone calls from brothers who have run into problems with people in their places of worship. These people, most of whom are well meaning, confronted the brother with something they have seen or heard, and made a judgement about Masonry. My advice in a situation like this is to answer their questions or ask politely, "What do you know about Masons? Not what you have read or heard. What do you know about Masons? What do you want to know?" It is surprising the conversation that can start from this approach. Ignorance of something often leads to fear of that thing.

What if that person just won't listen? They have made up their minds and that is that. We have all met people like this. We know that there are certain faiths/denominations that do not like us. Haven't we all been confronted by that person who claims to know what we are really up to?

What do I say to them to make them change their minds? The answer is simple. You say nothing.

You say nothing because as Masons we respect all men's beliefs even those who disagree with us. You say nothing because to that person (and those listening) you symbolize the entire organization. The Square and Compasses may be the best known symbol of Masonry but you are the most public. If you answer with anger and a lack of respect for the other person, then that is how we will be seen. If you answer with respect and dignity then that is how the Fraternity will be seen.

If the speaker accuses the Fraternity of something untrue but those that know you have seen the opposite in your behavior, which will carry more weight? Words often fall upon deaf ears but our actions are seen by many.

As an EA the charges given to you included: "Let not interest, favor, or prejudice bias your integrity or influence you to be guilty of a dishonorable action. Neither are you to suffer your zeal for the institution to lead you into argument with those who, through ignorance, may ridicule it."

By saying nothing you defend and uphold this gentle craft with the heart, not with the mouth. You will show the world what a Mason is, not just tell them. You will show the world that to be a Mason, you live by the tenets of Free Masonry and not just pay lip service to them. You will symbolize the true character of the Craft, not the misinformed reputation spread by those who do not know better.

I would like to thank the Brothers of the Scottish Rite Center in Eau Claire, the brothers of St. John's Lodge in Whitewater, the brothers of Theodore Roosevelt Lodge in Green Bay, and the brothers of Franklin Lodge in Lone Rock for their hospitality and help in putting on the Memorial Service workshops. Thanks also to all who attended. These evenings were fun and hopefully educational. Thanks again for the support.

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



Rev. David Ritchie
Grand Chaplain

Washington Lodge

Raises Jeff Van Straten

A new Master Mason was raised a Master Mason on April 2 in Washington Lodge No. 21 in Green Bay. His name is Jeff VanStraten. We did it at our regular stated night. Washington Lodge Master Marc VanderLeest is pictured on the right and Bro. Jeff VanStraten on the left.

— Submitted by Charles Clarage
Washington Lodge News Hawk



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Southern Lakes Lodge Joins KC for Dinner

Brethren from Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12, Delavan joined the local chapter of The Knights of Columbus for a joint dinner and meeting. The dinner took place Thursday, March 12 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Elkhorn. The group enjoyed a delicious dinner of roast beef, fried chicken, veggies and sweets for dessert. The dinner was hosted by Judge Robert Kennedy from the Walworth County Circuit Court. Dinner guests then listened to a presentation from Circuit Court Commissioner Kristine Drettwan. She described her role as a commissioner which includes performing civil ceremony marriages, family court, divorce, small claims and she does bond hearings at the county jail on weekends. This is the sixth year in a row that Walworth County Freemasons have had dinner with Knights of Columbus. Next year it is proposed to be held at Southern Lakes Lodge Hall.

— Submitted by Dustin Jenks, News Hawk, Southern Lakes Lodge



McKinley Lodge Fish Fry Helps Raise Funds for Waukesha County Food Pantry

On Friday, March 13, McKinley Lodge held a fish fry to collect food and raise money for the Waukesha County Food Pantry. More than 200 people attended and donated six boxes full of food and \$125 which the lodge matched. "My goal for the event," says Worshipful Master Mike Gorgen, "was to help out a little bit. But in the end, we more than exceeded my expectations." McKinley will be holding another fish fry for the food pantry on Friday, October 23. Pictured delivering the donation to the food pantry is Junior Deacon Jared Broderick, Senior Deacon Todd Jaremko, Worshipful Master Mike Gorgen, and food pantry volunteer Tanya.

— Submitted by Bro. Mike Gorgen, McKinley Lodge Master

Attention All Who Make Submissions

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Remember, it is the "who, what, when, where and why" information that is necessary to include with the submission from your lodge. Also include a phone number where you can be reached.

West Bend Lodge's Annual Mother's Day Brunch to be held on Sunday, May 10

WEST BEND – West Bend Lodge No. 138 announces its annual Mother's Day Brunch which will be held on Sunday, May 10. Serving is from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the High Twelve Room on the lower level.

The lodge is located at 301 University Drive, just 100 yds south of W. Washington Street (Hwy. 33). The High Twelve Room is handicapped-accessible from the building's north side entrance.

Its much acclaimed menu consists of: Baked Egg Casserole, Scrambled Eggs, Hash-brown Potatoes, Bacon, Sausage, Ham, Beef Tips w/noodles, Broasted Chicken, Peel and Eat Shrimp, Scalloped Potatoes, accompanied by assorted breads, vegetables, salad, and various beverages, fruit and desserts.

All this for the low price of \$12 per adult and \$7 for children under 10 years. This event is open to the public, so be sure to bring your friends! Tickets are available at the door.

West Allis Lodge to Host Table Lodge on May 29: MWGM John Wilke to Speak

WEST ALLIS – On Friday May 29 West Allis will be hosting a Table Lodge with the MWGM John W. Wilke as guest speaker. It promises to be an evening of fellowship and mirth. Cost for the event will be \$18 per person. Please RSVP by May 22 to either WM Wm Krohn at 414-303-8657 or SW Todd Krohn at 414-303-1705 or via e-mail <solomonsdruid@wi.r.com>.

Madison Masonic Bodies to Host Golf Outing & Steak Fry on Thursday, July 16

MADISON – The first annual Madison Area Combined Masonic, Scottish Rite, and Zor Shrine Summer Steak Fry and Golf Outing will be held on Thursday, July 16 at the Dodge Point Country Club.

The event is open to Master Masons, Scottish Rite Masons, Shriners, and their non-Masonic guests. It is a men-only event.

The Dodge Point Country Club is located between Dodgeville and Mineral Point off Hwy 151.

Golf will begin at 12 noon and the cost for 18 holes will be \$25 including riding cart. Golf prizes will be awarded based on the Modified Peoria Handicap System.

Dinner will begin with a social hour (cash bar) beginning at 5 p.m. and the dinner will begin at 6. The cost for dinner will be \$13 which includes steak, potato, salad, vegetable, and dessert, tax, and gratuity.

Advance reservations and payment are required by July 2. And if you don't play golf, you can come for dinner only.

This will be a great opportunity to enjoy good fellowship and promote Masonry and all the inclusive bodies within the order. Please contact Bro. Paul Hallingstad at 608-318-0412 or e-mail <pdhpar@charter.net> for an entry form and sponsorship information.

Private showing of "Angels & Demons" movie for Masons, family and friends

By Todd Krohn, Sr. Warden
West Allis Lodge No. 291

One of the things I was told by several people when I joined this wonderful fraternity was, "You get out of it what you put into it."

One of my favorite parts of the Fraternity is that of "spreading the cement of brotherly love," and meeting and bonding with many other like-minded people. I saw all the great things this fraternity had to offer and made up my mind that I would do whatever it took to strengthen this great fraternity—which leads me to this movie screening event.

Because I enjoy movies, and appreciated how the "DaVinci Code" and "National Treasure" have helped bring attention to Masonry, it occurred to me to try to combine my love for movies with my attempt to invigorate the Fraternity while spreading the cement of brotherly love with the soon to be released "Angels & Demons" movie.

I'd noticed that there always seems to be an ad before the show that says, "Rent this theatre for your next

event," so I looked into it. I was informed that all we needed was to get 50 people together to make it worthwhile to have a private showing before they open for their regular showtimes.

The showing will cost \$6.50 per person, and the theater will open the concession stand for us and offer some kind of special for our event. I thought, what a great way to have an event that included everyone from our own families as well as those from our Masonic families, from EAs and FCs, to DeMolay, Job's Daughters, OES, Shrine, Scottish Rite, York Rite, etc.

Reasoning that this is a movie that most people with Masonic ties would probably go see anyway, since it is the prequel to the "DaVinci Code," and has Masonic overtones, so why not share it together?

The event will be Saturday morning, May 16. The box office opens at 9 a.m., the show will start at 9:30.

The showing is open to everyone in the Masonic family and their guests. It will be at the Ridge Cinema, just south of Interstate 43 on Moorland Road, in New Berlin.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Todd Krohn either by e-mail (krohn914@yahoo.com) or phone (414-303-1705) to reserve your seat for this fun event!



Collins-Spring Valley Raises Roger Keller

Collins-Spring Valley Lodge No. 192, F. & A. M. of Wisconsin wishes to announce its newest Master Mason, Roger Keller. Roger was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on April 1. Pictured above is Doug Henry, Worshipful Master of Collins-Spring Valley, and the lodges newest brother, Roger Keller.

— Submitted by Bro. Doug Henry, Collins-Spring Valley News Hawk

At Winnebago Lodge Michael Sessions Raised

Winnebago Lodge No. 33 Raised Fellowcraft Michael Sessions to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on March 24, in Portage. Brother Sessions is pictured with the Worshipful Master of Winnebago Lodge, Brother Harold Carpenter, who is also the District 7 Lecturer.

— Submitted by Masonic News Hawk Paul Hallingstad

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Damascus Lodge Members Enjoy Luau

Tired of waiting for warm weather, the families of Damascus Lodge No. 290 gathered on March 22 to make their own warmth at their first ever Damascus Island Luau! Damascus Island is located near Gilligan's Island on Milwaukee's south side. Over 14 families enjoyed picnic-style food and drink, games and even a limbo contest. As you can see, island attire was required! Good looks are always optional. Pictured left to right kneeling are: Mick Olson, Jon Syverson and Dale Graeven. In the back, left to right are Mike Fairbanks, Mike Meyer, Ben Junger, Larry Chadderdon, Sean Schult, John Chadderdon, George Webber, Lloyd Wilson, and Pat Miltzer.

— Submitted by Masonic News Hawk Mick Olson



Collins- Spring Valley Lodge holds successful pancake breakfast

The members of Collins Spring Valley Lodge No. 192 held a successful pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 29 at the American Legion Club in Baldwin. Pictured left to right are Dave Jacobson, Delroy Stone, Doug Henry, Worshipful Master, James Karlson, Roger Keller and Ralph Thompson. The lodge normally raises between \$400 to \$700 from its pancake breakfasts. The moneys go to help fund their high school scholarship.

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

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50-Year Recognition for Wisconsin Rapids' Sering

On March 18 Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128 recognized Brother Sering with his 50-year membership pin and certificate. WM Hanneman, left, is congratulating Bro. Sering after the presentation.

— Submitted by Masonic News Hawk Craig W. Carpenter

Many Quality Items Donated to Ladies Appeal Live Auction for Charity June 5 at Grand Lodge A/C



Gorgeous afghans & images, a hand crafted rocking horse, a Square & Compass Wall Clock (above), a diamond & ruby gold pendant, an autographed GB Packer helmet, vintage Milwaukee Brewers jacket are just a few of the many items that will go to the highest bidder during Sharon Wilke's Ladies Appeal Auction planned for 8 p.m. Friday evening, June 5, at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Madison. The "Song of the Bees" quilt on this month's cover will also be auctioned for charity.



Please visit the Grand Lodge web page at <www.wisc-freemasonry.org> to view pictures and descriptions of all the donated items to be offered at the Ladies Appeal Live Auction which will be held following the representatives banquet June 5 at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Madison. The Packer helmet is autographed by Frank Winter.

All of the items will be auctioned to benefit the 32nd Degree Children's Learning Centers.



Chetek Lodge Recognizes Richard Jerdee

Richard Jerdee, Secretary of Chetek Lodge No. 277 is shown receiving an award given with thanks and appreciation from his lodge brothers for his many years of service and dedication to Masonry and specifically to Chetek Lodge. Pictured left to right are Chuck Harrison, Worshipful Master, Richard Jerdee, Secretary, and Dick Warner, Lodge Counselor and Past Master.

— Submitted by Bro. Chuck Harrison, Chetek Lodge Worshipful Master

MSA Continues Service to Vet's Home Residents

By Bro. Tom Dowman, MSA Representative
Wisconsin Veterans Home at King

KING, WIS. – A team of almost 50 Masonic and band volunteers, spouses and friends from 12 central Wisconsin communities joined with the Neenah Ambassadors Swing Band to provide a Sunday afternoon Spring Masonic Band Social at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King. Attendees enjoyed the Ambassadors' "Big Band" music from the 1920s, 30s and 40s as well as refreshments and Home Exchange Coupon door prizes served up by the volunteers, which included Past Grand Lodge officers as well as Masonic grandchildren.

Additional Sunday afternoon band socials and concerts-in-the-park, jointly sponsored by the Masonic Service Association and the Masons of Wisconsin through funds provided by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, Service and Assistance Committee, will be held at the King Vet's Home on June 7 (Oshkosh Area Community Band), August 2 (Neenah Community Band), and November 22 (Neenah Happy Wanderers German Band).

The Neenah Ambassadors will return to King on May 5 to play for a "Senior Prom" sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary. The Neenah Community Band will be returning to King for the 42nd year on June 28 to play for Disabled American Veterans Day.

Volunteers help with signing-in veterans and volunteers, passing out door prize tickets, serving refreshments, awarding Home Exchange Coupons and socializing with veterans, spouses and friends. Volunteers came from Appleton, Oshkosh, Neenah, New London, Ogdensburg, Menasha, Green Bay, Wautoma, Neshkoro, Omro, Waupaca and Mt. Morris.



MSA Brings Cheer to Wisconsin Vet's Home

Masonic Service Association Representative Tom Dowman points out drawing winners at the first MSA-sponsored band social March 22 at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King. Working with him were his lady Dottie (left) and Brother Steve Labus (Oshkosh Lodge) and his grandchildren Christian and Isabelle Labus. The children were helping distribute Home Exchange Coupons which can be redeemed at the home's gift shop, snack bar and other facilities.



Masons Offer Helping Hands

Past Grand Treasurer Jim Hays (right) and Past Grand Master Roger Magoon (top left) were some of the 50 or so volunteers who helped distribute refreshments for the vet's home residents gathered in the Marden Memorial Center to hear the Neenah Ambassadors. Ice cream and cakes were served. The next MSA-sponsored event at King will be June 7 when the Oshkosh Area Community Band will perform. Other concerts are scheduled for August 2 (Neenah Community Band), and November 22 (Neenah Happy Wanderers German Band).



Neenah Ambassadors Big Band Sound

The Neenah Ambassadors Swing Band played at the MSA Spring Masonic Band Social at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King. Brother Woody Howland (right), Director of the Beja Shrine Band, plays sax.



Sojourners Extend Invitation for Membership

Members of the National Sojourners (Irv Dietscher, Chuck Wallens and Bob Roth) listened as Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Master Frank Humphrey expressed his appreciation for the National Sojourners' decision to extend membership privileges to Prince Hall Masons. Right Worshipful Grand Chaplains Dave Ritchie and Rev. Alfred Floyd watched from the head table, where the Grand Lodge officers from both jurisdictions were seated.



Toastmaster Curtis in Grand Form

Bro. Tom Curtis, Freemasons Lodge Past Master and repeat Combined Table Lodge toastmaster, led the seven toasts with his usual verve and intoned the words of each in his best cultured British accent. His ringing commands, "To arms, fire, good fire, fire all" were given in the most round tones possible.



Master of Ceremonies Strader

With the Grand Lodge officers of both Masonic jurisdictions paired with their officer counterparts at the head table behind, Grand Orator Bob Strader welcomed the 300-plus attendees to the Sixth Annual Combined Table Lodge March 31 in the Tripoli Shrine Center. Shown are RWGCs Dave Ritchie and Alfred Floyd, RWDGMs Craig Campbell and Earl Thomas III, MWGMs John Wilke and Frank Humphrey, and RWSGWs Joe Harker and Charles Curie (not shown, as were the RWJGWs).



Most Worshipful Grand Masters

GLOW Grand Master John W. Wilke, standing next to PHGL Grand Master Frank A. Humphrey jointly offered the classic "Toast To Our Country." Here he shared a letter he received from a Brother with the gathering. – Photos by Wm. Stonecipher, Editor

The Gavel Locator

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

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



74th Annual Steamboat Dinner in Sturgeon Bay Held at Henry S. Baird Lodge

Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174 in Sturgeon Bay held its 74th Annual Steamboat Dinner on March 14, 2009. The top photo is the hall before guests arrived and just above shows the dining room filled to near capacity during the dinner, raising approximately \$3,500 for charity in the process.

74th Steamboat Dinner Docks in Sturgeon Bay

STURGEON BAY – Approximately \$3,500 was raised and most of the proceeds from the dinner will go toward local high school scholarships. This year we added turkey to our menu of beef, potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, baked beans, and dinner rolls. With all the pies that were donated, everyone with a sweet-tooth was satisfied. It was a great success. A total of 287 tickets were purchased by our Brothers and were donated to the local social services, The Sunshine House and LSCAP. All told, 711 people were served with 93 percent of the tickets sold being used. No one left hungry.

We would like to thank all who helped and attended. We would also like to thank our Sisters of Honor Chapter No. 1 Order of the Eastern Star for all the wonderful pies and their help. Brother Wayne Paschke did us the honor of being our doorman in full tie and tails. A good time was had by all. We hope to see you all at our 75th Steamboat Dinner next year.

Over the winter, we celebrated the raising of Brother Ted Van Dera to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. By the time you read this we will have finished the Entered Apprentice degree with our newest member. Remember, everyone matters.

– Submitted by H. S. Baird Lodge Masonic News Hawk Ted Van Dera

– Sharon Wilke's Ladies' Appeal –

Last Chance to Order Your Copy of "My Favorite Recipes from the Wild"

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

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Waukesha Lodge Uses Community Service Project for Many Benefits

Three times each year for over 15 years, members of Waukesha Lodge No. 37, Waukesha, have been leaving the lodge early on a Saturday morning to perform a long-standing community service project. Through the County Highway Dept the lodge has been assigned a two-mile stretch of highway and is responsible for picking up the debris that has accumulated along the sides of the road. Besides the benefit to those who live and drive on this portion of roadway, the lodge uses this activity as a way to involve newer members and create stronger bonds among all members. We have our regulars who participate most every time, but we also draw in newer members and in a few instances introduce potential new candidates to the lodge through this activity. Your lodge could consider this activity as a part of your community service activities. Pictured in this year's first pickup are left to right Bro. George Love, potential candidate Joel Amos, Bro. Jeff Rendall, PM Bob McQuillan, JD Kevin Lowman, Bro. Jeff Balis, and PM Homer Amagost. Taking the picture was Past Master and Secretary Larry Nines.



60-year Membership for Walt Hensel Celebrated

Terry Brown, Master of Dousman Lodge No. 315 is pictured presenting Walter R. Hensel his pin and certificate for 60 years of service to our fraternity. The presentation was made at his home in Dousman with Bros. Tom Maule, Gerald Beier and Henry Pynakker also present. Wally was raised March 2, 1959, in Dousman Lodge here in Wisconsin.

– Submitted by Henry Pynakker, Dousman Masonic News Hawk

Haven't attended your lodge recently? Why not attend the next meeting? You'll find friends there.

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

Does your Lodge Master have the year's activities planned?

Have a Friend's Night program planned?

How about a Prospective Member List?

If not, volunteer to help!

Book Sale Set for the Robert Monteith Memorial Library During Grand Lodge

MADISON – The First Annual Robert Monteith III Masonic Library & Museum Book Sale event will be held during the 165th Annual Communications of The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin on Friday, June 5 and Saturday, June 6, 2009, at the Madison Masonic Center, 301 Wisconsin Avenue. The sale will be held in the Robert Monteith Library which is located adjacent to the area where registration will take place.

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Youth In Masonry

Wisconsin Hosts Multi-State Job's Daughters Gathering in Madison

MADISON – On Saturday, March 14, 2009, the Grand Bethel of Wisconsin Job's Daughters hosted a "Multi-State" event at the Madison Masonic Center. This is an annual event which changes jurisdiction from year to year. 2009 was Wisconsin's turn to host and the Grand Bethel members and other visitors from Illinois, Michigan and Minnesota joined Wisconsin Grand Bethel officers for an open meeting.

The focus of the weekend was unity and working together among our jurisdictions. The ceremony was well attended and we were honored to have Junior Grand Warden, Davey L. White, Jr., among those in the auditorium.

The Daughters from the four jurisdictions sat together at their stations and each jurisdiction gave a short presentation on what makes their Grand Bethel special and unique. After these presentations, the four Grand Bethels worked together to perform a ceremony in celebration

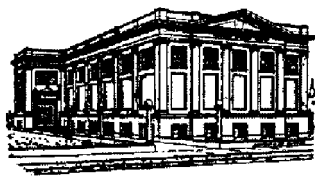
of the birthday of our founder, Morn Ethel T. Wead Mick.

The Daughters worked seamlessly together and probably the most impressive part of the meeting was the formation of the Living Cross with all four jurisdictions, side by side, singing "Nearer, My God To Thee."

Following the ceremony, the nearly 300 people in attendance joined us for a wonderful dinner. Following our meal, the Daughters participated in a Game Show-style Quiz Bowl which tested their knowledge of terms and phrases associated with Job's Daughters and our ceremonies. The Quiz Bowl was sponsored and organized by the Grand Guardian Council of Wisconsin and the Quiz Bowl Committee.

Wisconsin's Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Alexis Brokl, of Bethel No. 45 in Plymouth, presided at the meeting and also led the Sunday church service for our members and guests.

Wisconsin Job's Daughters Grand Bethel was very proud to host such a successful event and we are glad that so many of our Masonic family were able to share their time with us that weekend.



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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>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>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 • 612-998-7901 (Sec).
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 Thursdays, 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> |
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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 Thursdays, 7 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, 815 Park
Ave. • 920-887-2530 • Meet 3rd
Monday 7 p.m. - Dark July & August</p> | <p>Columbus
Columbus Lodge No. 75
318 N. Ludington St. • 920-423-3705 (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>Neosho
Neosho-Mayville-Horicon No. 108
315 E. Schuyler St. • 262-567-2354 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 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.
3rd 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>Oconomowoc
Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge 42
307 N. Lake Road • 262-567-9698
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark 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. • 608-358-8921
Travel 1st Wed. & Stated 3rd Wed., 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August</p> | <p>Milwaukee
Lafayette Lodge No. 265
790 N. Van Buren St. • 414-541-7139 (Sec)
Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Oconomowoc
Pine Lodge No. 188
513 Superior Ave. • 920-378-5427
Meet 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August</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, 7 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
85 S. Stoughton Rd. • 608-224-0895 (Sec)
• Meet 1st & 3rd Tues., 7 p.m.
Dark January & February</p> | <p>Milwaukee
Lake Lodge No. 189
1235 E. Howard Ave. • 414-744-4609
Meet Thursdays, 7 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 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. • 262-725-3062 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Green Bay
Theodore Roosevelt Lodge 322
525 N. Taylor St. • 920-499-9777
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>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>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. • 920-499-5205
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. • 608-987-2568 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark 3rd Monday Dec. - March 3rd Mon.</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>Bristol
Washburn Lodge No. 145
8102 - 199th Ave. • 262-857-7801
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 • 715-277-2810 (Sec.) • Meet 1st Wednesday, 10 a.m.
Meets all year</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>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
10629 Main St. • 715-634-8735 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Manitowoc
Manitowoc Lodge No. 65
810 Chicago St. • 920-793-3473 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Mondovi
Buffalo River Masonic Lodge No. 252
245 S. Franklin • 715-797-3261 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August</p> | <p>Owen
Owen Lodge No. 317
713 W. Third St. • 715-229-2832 (Sec.)
Meets 1st Monday at 7:30 p.m. & 3rd
Mon. at 11 a.m. • Dark July & August</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>Lodge Listings are continued on page 12</p> |

Stated Communications (continued from page 11)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Prescott
Northwestern Lodge No. 105
 132 N. Court St. • 715-277-2692 (Sec)
 Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
 Dark July & August

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ABOUT LODGE LISTINGS
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Quarry Notes

William L. Stonecipher, Editor

•Your Address Has Moved – In case you hadn't noticed, the address imprint on the May issue of your Wisconsin Masonic Journal appeared at the top of the page rather than in its customary place at the bottom. This change was mandated by the United States Postal Service to allow for faster and more accurate scanning by the newest of their automated mail processing equipment. Does this mean faster delivery at lower cost? Probably not. Unfortunately postal rates are expected to increase beginning with the June issue.

• Changing Your Mailing Address – While we're on the subject of addresses, be sure to notify your lodge secretary if your address is going to change either temporarily or permanently. If this is not possible for some reason, forward the change to the Grand Lodge Office in Dousman in writing or by e-mail, and the change can be made in a matter of moments.

The reason you should begin with your lodge secretary is because your mailing address now resides in digital form within the Masonic Online Registry Interface (MORI), and it is up to your lodge secretary or his designated assistant to maintain his lodge's current member information (as it has always been). Only now, it is the lodge secretary or his designated assistant who is solely responsible for keeping this information current. To assist him in this task, the MORI system allows for multiple addresses to be entered, such as a summer address and a winter address for those who relocate with the seasons. Also, MORI can be keyed to automatically make that address change on the dates you select to coincide with your departure or return. If your lodge secretary is not now using MORI, ask him to contact the Grand Secretary to arrange training.

•Missed Name at Dells Lodge Raising – We regret that Bro. Ron Wensley's name was omitted from the information published regarding Dells Lodge No. 124's first Master Mason in over five years. This was due to a situation beyond our control. Our apologies to all concerned, especially to Bro. Ron Wensley.

•New Location for Museum of Fraternal Studies – Remember the feature on the Museum of Fraternal Studies we published back in January 2007? Dan Freimark, curator of the museum, notified us that the Museum of Fraternal Studies has moved to a new location. It is now located at 147 W. Huron street, only three blocks from Berlin Lodge, where the museum previously displayed its collection of fraternal esoterica and memorabilia in the lodge building's lower level. "We are now open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5. As always, we are happy to schedule evening or Sunday appointments as well, Friemark wrote in an e-mail received in early April. He can be reached by calling (920)290-3119 or by e-mail at <cte47593@centurytel.net> for more information or to arrange a tour. On display are a varied sampling of costumes, regalia and histories from many well-known fraternal groups, including Freemasonry and various offshoot organizations.

•When will the Wisconsin Masonic Journal be on the Internet? Guess what? Your Wisconsin Masonic Journal is already available on the Internet and has been since the beginning of 2005. Where can it be found? Why right where you would expect to find it, on the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin web page at <www.wisc-freemasonry.org>. Just scroll down the menu panel on the left side of the page and click on the current issue under the Masonic Journal heading, and you're there.

Unlike some of the other digital versions on the Internet that only post certain selections which may or may not be of interest to the casual browser, your Masonic Journal is presented as a PDF file of the complete document so that every article, every picture and every advertisement can be reviewed and read in its entirety.

Yes, you do need to go through Adobe Acrobat Reader, but for most Internet users, this is old hat. Something else of interest is that the Masonic Journal is searchable through Google. At this time the WMJ doesn't appear to be fully searchable by subject or date but some references were, surprisingly. Doing this may not get you to specific topic you are searching for but it will get you a direct link to the Wisconsin Masonic Journal on the Grand Lodge web page. We have researched some digital alternatives for posting our publication in a different manner but found the costs of doing so to be higher for less content.

•Proposed Grand Lodge Budget Brings Changes to WMJ – The proposed Grand Lodge budget for the 2009-2010 Grand Lodge fiscal year, if passed as presented, will bring some major changes to your Wisconsin Masonic Journal. It will directly affect the quality of paper and the number of pages available for lodge news.

This budget, if approved as presented, sets the Contribution from Grand Lodge in support of the Journal at \$115,000 (Line 3931 on the income side of the proposed operating budget for the coming year). This is a \$30,000 reduction from the \$145,000 we received in 2008-2009.

Your Wisconsin Masonic Journal Board of Directors considered several options in how to best cope with this reduction in financial support from Grand Lodge but the only option available without reducing income even further or drastically changing operations is to return to printing on standard 30 lb. newsprint and also limit the number of pages to 12 per issue. Unfortunately this will reduce the space available for publishing news of the Fraternity in Wisconsin by 25 percent.

This smaller news hole (publishing jargon) will mean a couple of things. First, competition for available space will increase. We have not fully formulated plans for dealing with this smaller news hole but it is likely that standards for what we publish in print will be tightened considerably. The quality of submissions will no doubt play a much larger part in determining what gets published and what does not.

There is a possibility that submissions of news items that do not make into the print edition might be posted to the Grand Lodge web site and be available for viewing as part of our .PDF Internet edition, but this is not a certainty at this time. If it is to be 30 lb. newsprint and 12 pages, so be it. Be assured that we will continue to do our very best to provide the highest quality publication possible under these restrictions. It would be our hope, though, that our budget reduction be reversed. **wmj**

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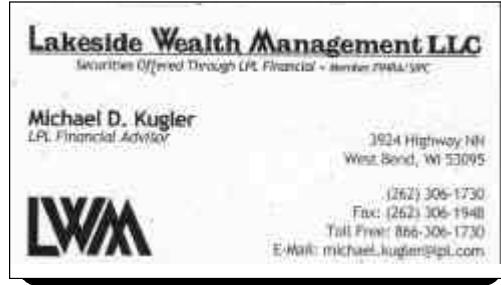
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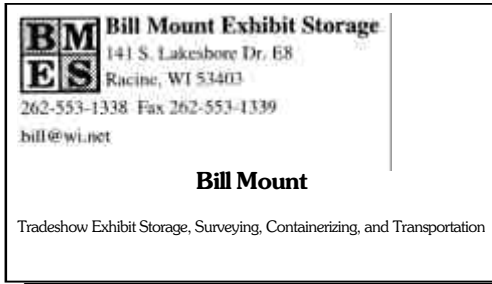
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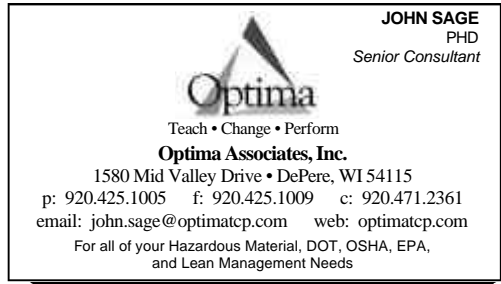
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A Message from Mary Millard -
Director of Fraternal Relations

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What does Three Pillars mean?

In the last couple of months I have had this question asked of me numerous times. I am quick to answer that it is the "umbrella name" to cover all of our facilities. But after giving it some thought, I decided to ask and see what others thought Three Pillars represented.

Here are some of the answers I received:

Three corporations that form Three Pillars - Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc, Masonic Center for Health & Rehab, Inc, Village on the Square, Inc.

Three levels of care on the campus - Independent Living, Assisted Living, and Skilled Nursing Care

Three tenets of Masonry - Brotherly love, Relief and Truth

The symbolic importance of "three" in Freemasonry

At last, I asked Bill Day, one of our residents at the Village on the Square, who at the time the name was adopted co-chaired the development committee for Masonic Village on the Square. Here is the direct quote from Bill:

"As the Wisconsin Masonic Home and the Masonic Health Care Center were already in operation and Masonic Village on the Square was to be a third entity on the Dousman Campus, the committee searched for a name to symbolically represent all three of the entities. After considering a number of suggestions it was decided to use Three Pillars because of the Masonic significance of the term. In symbolic masonry, every new mason is taught there are three great pillars which support a building or lodge. They are denominated as wisdom, strength and beauty because there should be wisdom to conceive, strength to support and beauty to adorn all great and important undertakings. The Dousman Campus was to have three important entities supported by the fraternity, the committee adopted the term Three Pillars, as symbolically appropriate to represent these three entities with one phrase or trademark."

Three Pillars is a unique senior living community for Masons and non-Masons alike with staff that respects and cares for our residents. Now that you understand the meaning of Three Pillars, I invite you to come and tour the campus and see for yourself what each of our facilities have to offer.

"All about Barns"

"All about Barns" was the program given by Tom Laughlin from Whitewater. He shared his video of barns across Wisconsin. Many barns have been torn down, but some have gone through renovations in order to be used by the farmers today. Guests and residents of Village on the Square and

Compass Point had an added attraction



of viewing pictures of barns that were on display in the Holz Pavilion. These paintings were done by James Cheek.

Garden Party Boutique

Friday, May 15th &
Saturday May 16th
from 10-4p.m.

Featuring

potted perennials / silk flowers
hand-crafted jewelry / garden
decor spring & summer wreaths

Humphrey Community Room
Village on the Square
375 State Road 67 - Dousman

PillarsPlus

An Outreach Website for Wisconsin Masonic Seniors

Visit www.threepillars.org

Click the "PillarsPlus Wisconsin Senior Resources" link for information about health care tips, general assistance resources, senior podcast programs, and much more.



As part of Wisconsin Masonic Home's continuing Outreach Program, Three Pillars has a Resource Guide Website which includes a set of internet links to help you with your basic questions about senior care issues. Visit our website today!

MasonWoods residents receive driving tips.....

Retired State Patrolman, Sergeant Jim Peterson showed our residents a video regarding senior driving. He gave tips on how to improve driving skills. He pointed out that as our bodies and minds age, we should also learn how to change our driving habits too. As our reaction time slows and our eyesight weakens, we need to know how to handle these changes to keep us all safe on the road. Residents were given an opportunity to ask questions while enjoying refreshments.



Job's Daughters Fine Arts & Rituals Competition



Robert Chagnon, retired teacher from Kiel, WI is giving Emily Poon, Bethel 6 some comments on her qubo solo at the Fine Arts and Ritual Competition held at Village on the Square on April 4, 2009.

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



WGM/WGP and Chapter Calendar

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

May

- 1-2 - Minnesota Grand Chapter
- 4 - Oregon, Oregon – Mother's Day, Honor Organist
- 5 - Eagle, Eagle River – Honor Secretaries, Treasurers, Marshals (Past and Present) and Moms
- Ruth, La Crosse – Friends Night, Honoring Secretaries, Treasurers. Program Travels in Africa, W. David and Mary Olson
- 6 - Bristol, Bristol – Honor Mothers, DeMolay Flower Talk
- 7 - Alpha, Argyle – Fun Night
- Sheboygan, Sheboygan – Honor Mason, 5 pm Dinner, Memorial Service (Plymouth Masonic Center)
- 11 - Shullsburg, Shullsburg – WGM and WGP Visit
- Martha, Jefferson – Warder and Sentinel Night
- 12 - Ozaukee, Port Washington – Honor Triwaukee Friends Night
- Northwest, Clear Lake – Friend's Night, Honor Mothers
- 13 - New Hohlstein-Calumet, New Hohlstein – Friends Night
- 14 - La Belle, Mukwonago – Honor all Ladies
- 19-21 - Season for Blessing Grand Session – K-I Convention Center, Green Bay
- 26 - West Allis, West Allis – Honor Masons
- 28 - Kenosha, Kenosha – Honor Past Matrons and Past Patrons

June

- 1 - Oregon, Oregon – Memorial Service, Honor Past Matrons and Past Patrons
- Star of Bethlehem, Portage – Honor Fathers and Masons
- 2 - Eagle, Eagle River – Honor Fathers and all past and present Warders and Sentinels
- 4 - Alpha, Argyle – Installation of Officers
- Sheboygan, Sheboygan – Installation of Officers at Plymouth



Shawano Chapter "Huggers" Collect Bears

Shawano Chapter #167 took one of WGM Kris and WGP Ron's goals to heart and joined "THE HUGGERS" Club. When WGM Kris visited the chapter meeting in August she found a whole den of new bears to be distributed within the local community. Since then the bears have found homes with the hospital emergency room and the women's shelter. More bears will find homes during the year.

The Eastern Star Foundation

Contributions to the OES Foundation

- Columbia, Evansville • Janesville, Janesville
- Linden, Linden • Loyalty Chapter, Star Prairie
- Queen of Sheba, Reedsburg • West Allis, West Allis



Wisconsin Illinois Exchange Night

Phoenix Chapter, Beloit recently hosted the Wisconsin Illinois Exchange Night on February 28, 2009 at the Beloit Masonic Center with over 100 members in attendance. Pictured are Alvie Green and Gretchen Burgess, Worthy Grand Patron and Worthy Grand Patron of Illinois and Kris Engbring and Ron Rasmussen Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of Wisconsin.

Grand Rep Receptions

May 23

Viroqua Chapter, Viroqua and Sparta Chapter Sparta – Honoring Rita Wells, Grand Representative of California and Birger Eklov, Grand Representative of Australia.

Social time 1:00 p.m. with program to follow. Westby VFW Club Rooms, 205 N. Main St., Westby, WI (Parking available next to the Westby Library and in back of the Vernon Telephone Co-op.)

RSVP by May 9 to Donna Sniff, 3024 South Marion Rd. LaCrosse, WI 54601, 608-386-8085

Grand Representative Appointments

- Ralph Butler, Burlington, Burlington – Maine
- Marjorie Roycraft, Chippewa, Chippewa Falls – New Hampshire

New Sisters and Brothers

Congratulations to the following Chapters who have shared Eastern Star with family and friends.

Many of the Chapters listed have welcomed more than one person into their Chapter since September. Welcome to our new Sisters and Brothers.

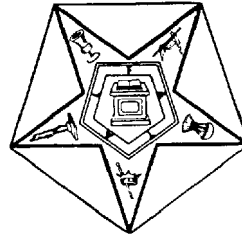
Alpha, Argyle
Burlington, Burlington
Ellsworth, Ellsworth
Frederic, Frederic
Union Grove, Union Grove

SISTERS & BROTHERS

We would like to hear from you about your chapter's special events, 50-year members or chatter about your chapter that you would like to have printed on this page.

Please send your information to Sister Jane Blackwood, 937 Euclid Ave, Beloit, WI 53511-6006. By e-mail at: <stomkat@sbcglobal.net>

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



Order of Eastern Star

Message From The WGM & WGP



Kristin K. Engbring

Worthy Grand Matron of Wisconsin

Ronald R. Rasmussen

Worthy Grand Patron of Wisconsin

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

As this Grand Chapter year draws to a close, we find ourselves reflecting on the many blessings that have been ours. The blessing of devoted members, good health, traditions, safe travels, truth and loving kindness, warm hugs, friendships old and new, charitable giving, and the opportunity to serve you, our Sisters and Brothers. We have had seasons of abundant blessings and

will cherish the time we have spent with you.

As we think about this past year, we are reminded of our watchwords: faith, hope and love. With faith, we began this journey as your WGM and WGP, full of hope as plans were made and then fulfilled. Now, with hearts overflowing with love, we look forward to gathering together in Green Bay for Grand Chapter, to celebrate with you the joys of the past year. Please join us as we honor our traditions, rejoice in our successes, and enjoy fellowship with one another.

Thank you for the courtesies extended to us as we visited your Chapters; our time with you has truly been a gift. For your support and encouragement, we are most grateful. Because of your love and dedication, our Eastern Star shines brighter. We encourage you to continue with steadfastness in the years ahead, and we pray that each passing season brings you peace.

Blessings, Kris and Ron

"Season for Blessings"

May 19, 20 & 21, 2009

K-I CONVENTION CENTER

333 Main Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301
Headquarters – Hotel Sierra - 920-432-4555

REGISTRATION

Registration Fee - \$10.00 per person (except life members who do not want to vote) Advance Registration forms are available from your chapter secretary or on the website: www.wisconsinoes.org.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM & SOCIAL EVENTS

All meals will be at the KI Convention Center. Meal confirmation will be sent in advance. Tickets will be held at the door before each meal. Sorry, NO refunds.

All checks must be made payable to Grand Chapter of Wisconsin (except the Past Grand's meal). Reservations close May 4, 2009.

Meals open to all unless otherwise stated. Meal reservation forms are available from your chapter secretary or on the website: www.wisconsinoes.org.

Please use the reservation form and return it with your payment to: Debra Bower, 110 Winston Way, Waunakee, WI 53597

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2009

11:30 am - Past Grand's luncheon.

Open to all Past Grands & Visiting

WGMs & WGP's

3:00 pm - Secretary and Treasurer

Association Meeting and Workshop

3:00 pm - Membership/Vision-quest

Workshop; open to all members

5:30 pm - "Fun in the Sun" Kick-off

Banquet - Come in casual summer

attire or street dress. Entertainment by

the Season for Blessings Appointed

Grand Officers. Introduction of 2009-

2010 Grand Officers

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2009

8:00 am to 3:00 PM. - Aurora Sinai

Medical Center Diagnostic Health

Screening

10:00 am - Grand Representative

Meeting

11:00 am - "Spring Fling" Grand

Representative Lunch

12:30 pm - Prelude, Prologue &

Formal Opening 118th Annual Grand

Chapter Session

1:00 pm - Ritualistic Opening

Presentation & Introduction of Eastern

Star Distinguished Guests

6:00 pm - "All Season Celebration"

Distinguished Guest Banquet

7:30 pm - Introduction of

Distinguished Guests; Entertainment;

Presentation to Charities; Welcome of

New Members

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2009

7:00 am - "God's Love in All

Seasons" ESTARL Breakfast

7:45 am - Prelude

8:15 am - Opening of Session

8:45 am - ESTARL Service

10:00 am - Election of Officers

11:15 am - Memorial Service

12:00 pm - "Autumn Splendor" All

Member Lunch

1:00 pm - Prelude

1:30 pm - Business of Grand

Chapter. Honor 25 year Grand Family

2:30 pm - Life Member Tribute

followed by Tea

6:00 pm - "Winter Wonderland"

Compass Dinner

7:00 pm - Prelude

7:30 pm - Business of Grand

Chapter, Honor Station Ceremony;

Honoring Adahs, Chaplains, Marshals

WGM Accomplishment Award

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009

8:00 am - Prelude

8:30 am - Business of Grand

Chapter; Presentations; Closing of

118th Grand Chapter Session of

Wisconsin

12:00 pm - FAGO Lunch

12:00 pm - All Member Buffet

1:00 pm - Prelude

1:30 pm - Prologue

2:00 pm - Installation of 2009-10

Grand Officers "Ripples of Joy"

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Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

May 2009

- 2 Ladies Tea, Fashion Show & Raffle at the Humphrey Masonic Center to benefit of the Children's Learning Center in Milwaukee. Raffle begins at 10:30 a.m., Luncheon at noon, with style show. Tickets are \$30 and must be prepaid by April 15 to Marcia Christensen, PO Box 196, Grafton, WI 53024.
- 9-10 Grand Lodge Staff Meeting (GM), Janesville
- 9 Testimonial Dinner to honor Grand Master John W. Wilke sponsored by Union Lodge and hosted by Janesville-Western Star Lodge, Janesville. Cost is \$15, payable at the door. Reservations are requested and may be made by phone with either Bro. Tom Beaver at (608) 295-1483 or Bro. LeRoy Huber at (608) 876-6421. E-mail reservations can be made with Bro. Beaver at <beaver.t@sbcglobal.net>.
- 10 Annual Mother's Day Brunch sponsored by West Bend Lodge No. 138. Serving from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lodge's High Twelve Room, 301 University Drive in West Bend. Adults \$12, \$7 children under 10.
- 12 Mother's Day Ceremony by Dubuque DeMolay. Dinner at 6 p.m. with ceremony honoring Mothers after at the Platteville Masonic Center. Boys and their family in the southwest area are invited to be our guests. Honor your Mother on this special night. RSVP to Elaine Engelke at engel@tds.net or 608-523-4134. Brother Masons, we encourage YOU to invite sons, nephews, grandsons and friends to help Demolay grow in the southwest area!
- 15-17 Job's Daughters Grand Guardian Council Session, Stoney Creek Inn, Onalaska
- 16 Private showing of the new Sony film "Angels and Demons" (the prequel to the "DaVinci Code" book) for all Masons (EA and FC included) and their guests at Marcus Ridge Cinemas in New Berlin, WI. Box office opens at 9 a.m., showtime at 9:30. Tickets are \$6.50. Contact Bro. Todd Krohn at 414-303-1705 or (krohnt914@yahoo.com)
- 16 District 4 Spring Meeting, Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Center in Green Bay. Start time will be 9 a.m. Anticipated guest speakers are Grand Orator Bob Strader and Grand Lodge insurance presentation by Wausau Signature Insurance Representative Jesse Furrer (Grand Lodge insurance carrier).
- 19-21 Order of Eastern Star Grand Chapter Session, K-1 Center, Green Bay
- 29 West Allis Lodge No. 291 will be hosting a Table Lodge with the MWGM John W. Wilke as the guest speaker. Cost is \$18 per person. Please RSVP by May 22 to either WM Wm Krohn at 414-303-8657 or SW Todd Krohn at 414-303-1705, or via e-mail to <solomonsdruid@wi.rr.com>

June 2009

- 5-6 Grand Lodge Annual Communication, Madison Masonic Center, 301 Wisconsin Ave. in Madison. Sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 5 and Saturday, June 6. Installation of Grand Lodge officers at 4:30 p.m. Friday. Representatives Reception & Banquet follows. Ladies Appeal Live Auction at 8 p.m. concludes banquet.
- 13 Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843 quarterly mtg. at Owen Lodge No. 317, Owen. Gather at 9 a.m. for coffee. Lodge convenes at 10 to share Masonic enlightenment and receive new members. All Master Masons welcome, especially those from area lodges.
- 14 Cornerstone Ceremony for the new Manawa Lodge No. 82, 520 N. Bridge Street, Manawa, 2 p.m. Sunday.
- 19 McKinley Lodge's Annual Table Lodge with German-style dinner. McKinley Masonic Center, 4550 N. Pilgrim Road, Brookfield. Fellowship at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6. Cost is \$20. Limited seating available. Contact Mike Gorgen at 262-820-0812 or mgorgen@wi.rr.com for tickets and/or reservations.

July 2009

- 16 First annual Madison Area Combined Masonic, Scottish Rite, and Zor Shrine Summer Steak Fry and Golf Outing will be held on Thursday, July 16 at the Dodge Point Country Club between Dodgeville and Mineral Point. The event is open to Master Masons, Scottish Rite Masons, York Rite Masons, Shriners, and their non-Masonic guests. It is a men only event. The cost for 18 holes is \$25 including cart. Contact Bro. Paul Hallingstad at 608-318-0412 or e-mail <cdhpar@charter.net> for an entry form and sponsorship information.
- 23-25 Masonic Youth Soccer Camp, Marian University, Fond du Lac, Thursday through Saturday. A new 17th annual Masonic Soccer All-Star Soccer Games' event for 2009.
- 24-25 Masonic All-Star Soccer Camp - Friday through Saturday at Marian University, Fond du Lac.
- 25 Masonic All-Star Soccer Games' Recognition Banquet, 8 a.m., Naber Hall, Marian University, Fond du Lac
- 25 17th Annual Masonic All-Star Soccer Games - Women's All-Star Soccer Game at 11 a.m., Men's All-Star Soccer Game at 1 p.m., Marian University's soccer stadium.

August 2009

- 2 Third Annual Friends & Family Festival at Three Pillars Senior Living Communities in Dousman, Sunday from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

