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Organizers Work to Form a New Lodge In Madison—Based On European Model

Group now meets as “Leather Apron Club” at Madison dinner club

By Wm. Stonecipher, Editor Wisconsin Masonic Journal

MADISON – Wisconsin will soon have a new lodge added to the Grand Lodge roll of constituent lodges, perhaps early in the coming year, if all goes as organizers hope.

It seems that a group of Madison area Masons, some with first hand experience with how lodges are organized and operated in other countries, especially Great Britain and Continental Europe, are well along in the process of forming a lodge based on the pattern of old lodges in the U.S. and abroad that were more like gentlemen’s discussion clubs rather than the meeting model most lodges in Wisconsin follow today.

In interviews by phone with two of the principal organizers, brother Robert Blackburn, a member of Middleton-Ionic Lodge in Middleton, and brother Dan Slavik, Junior Grand Steward and Master of Waterloo Lodge, it was learned that this proposed lodge will be dedicated specifically to Masonic education and enlightenment. Another of the principal organizers, Dr. Felix Geisler of Madison, was not reached for comment.

It was learned from brother Slavik that a core group of interested Masons have been meeting for some time as the “Leather Apron Club” at a downtown dinner club in Madison twice monthly on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings.

Due to the increasing popularity of the LAC, and a desire to seek recognition as a bona fide lodge that can conduct official business and confer degrees, the core group has decided to seek Grand Lodge recognition to
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Shares 150th With Dodge County No. 72: Columbus Lodge No. 75 marks 150th year, lays plans for more

COLUMBUS – Columbus Lodge No. 75 was born in 1856 out of keen competition between two groups of Masons competing with one another to form a lodge in that southcentral Wisconsin city.

It was thereby fitting that 150 years later that same lodge used the occasion of a most congenial combined Past Master’s Night dinner with Dodge County Lodge No. 72 located in nearby Beaver Dam to celebrate its 150th year on September 9, 2006.

An early evening dinner and program was held at the Columbus Country Club and was well attended by 48 Past Masters and their

ladies representing both lodges. Special guests at the dinner were Grand Master Rodney Paulsen and his lady Virginia, Senior Grand Warden John Wilke and his lady Sharon, District 10 Deputy Pat Storrs and his lady Nancy, and District 7 Deputy Richard Trailer and his lady Mary Lou.

The Craft’s history of Masonry in Wisconsin, “Forward Freemasonry,” edited by Alan Iding, PGM, notes that the history of Columbus Lodge dates back to February 1856, when Grand Master Henry Billings granted a dispensation to form a new lodge to Masons in the Columbus area, called Chappel Lodge, U.D.

Shortly before the Grand Lodge meeting that June, eight Masons petitioned for another lodge at Columbus.

Billings referred action on that second petition to the Grand Lodge.

In June 1856 Grand Lodge initially authorized the issuance of a charter to Chappel Lodge, with

Frank McCauley Black as the Master, John Elliott as Senior Warden and B. F. Hart as Junior Warden. At the same meeting, the Grand Lodge Committee on Dispensations approved the issuance of a charter for another lodge at Columbus, with Edmund Jussen, as Master, and Peter Werty and A. B. Bidsley as Wardens.

Finally, a special committee chaired by Past Grand Master Abram D. Smith reported that the competing groups had reached “a harmonious arrangement...in the true spirit of the fraternity.”

It appears that some of the competition was caused by persons who were not Masons, and Smith felt compelled to offer the following advice:

“...It is far better that Masonry should wait until her Sons have gathered together in neighborhood, in sufficient numbers to warrant the opening of her temples and erecting her altars, than to rely upon the prospective, (and we fear in some instances, the promised) support of those who may become candidates for the benefits and graces of the Order. To hold up the light of Masonry as a guide for the

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The original railroad station lantern that once hung outside the lodge has been restored (and electrified) by Columbus P.M. George Jordan.

On our cover – Columbus Lodge No. 75 initially met in the Odd Fellows Hall. Later, the lodge met at the Whitney Hotel. In 1939, the lodge purchased the German Methodist Church building at 319 N. Ludington Street, where it continues to meet.

The Grand Master’s Message:

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

Greetings Brethren:

Labor Day has come and gone. The County Fairs are over, schools have started, and the lodges which were dark are now meeting again.

With four months remaining in this year of 2006, how will you and your lodge spend this time? Are you planning the same thing that has been happening for years — read the minutes, pay the bills, have coffee, and go home?

We know that insanity has been defined as doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. Have you become locked into that pattern so that one meetings is like another? It is time to shake off the old ways — Aim High and Be All You Can Be, both as men and as lodges.

Some thoughts for you:

- See if you can get 50 percent more members and officers to attend the Fall District Meeting. Not only might you learn something, but you can extend the right hand of fellowship to members of other lodges.

- Sit down as a lodge or as officers and set goals and a program for the coming months. Organize and plan. It is surprising how many ideas come out of a little brainstorming and the sharing of ideas.

- Get to work on the Lodge Excellence Award (LEA). See what has been done, and what still remains to be done. Be it a Bronze, Silver, or Gold-level award, there is a greater chance of recognition with this Program, especially for the lodge that has been struggling or one that is just getting its act together.

- Renew or make new contacts for the Masonic Square Bear Program. Have pictures taken and submit them to the local paper as well as to the Masonic Journal.

- Provide a Masonic education program each month. Use the Short Talk Bulletin, study a degree, practice a ritual, learn a degree part, share a book, or _____ (you fill in the blank)

- Have all of the officers plan to attend a Leadership Session. Bring new members, and old. Everybody has something they can learn.

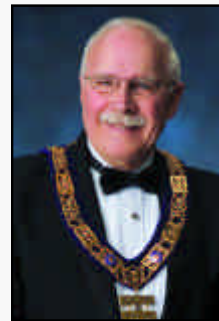
I am pleased to hear that many lodges are receiving and processing a number of petitions for membership. As these candidates receive their degrees, and before, keep them busy and involved. You don’t have to be a Master Mason to help prepare a meal, paint a hall, or walk the highway as part of a cleanup crew. Get them involved, discuss Masonry with them, and let them know there is something waiting for them when they complete that third degree.

If you do have several petitions, do not hesitate to let them wait. Better to wait and have good degree work, so they are made to feel a real part of the ritual, than to hurry and squeeze others in. Some of the best things are worth waiting for.

As I have suggested things for you to be working on, my schedule continues to be filled with visits to lodges and special events. At the Grand Masonic Center in Dousman, the two display cases have been moved from the upstairs meeting room to the first floor hallway. These cases will be utilized to display Masonic Memorabilia. If you or your lodge have items to be displayed for visitors to see, give me a call to discuss the loan of these items. If you are in the area, stop, say hello, and view the items on display.

Next month I will further report on some of the things that are in my plan for the year.

A closing comment: according to some of my Grand Lodge Officers, there have been questions as to the state of my health. I am steadily getting better and am continuing to meet my commitments and participate in rehabilitation. I still tire easily and do not recover as quickly as I would like. I thank our Supreme Architect each day for your prayers and that I am able to continue to serve as Grand Master for this great Fraternity. **umj**



Rodney A. Paulsen, Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin



Columbus Past Masters Celebrate 150th Year

Columbus Past Masters (from left to right) Dick Mortimer, Wayne Purvis, Ray Mielk, Jim Tritchen, John Caldwell, Dave Bomkamp (Master this year), John Tramburg, George Jordan, and Larry Pfeiffer (Secretary) gathered about a display table with memorabilia, including the charter and antique lodge lantern, from the lodge’s 150 years in Masonry. Please turn to page 9 for more.
- Photography by Wm. Stonecipher

1st Leader Seminar is Saturday, Oct. 28 at Dousman Lodge 315

Brethren, the first of four Leadership Training Seminars for the 2006-07 Masonic year will be held at Dousman Lodge. The subject will be how to use the various working tools in our “Lodge Toolbox” to aid present and future lodge leaders in effectively guiding their lodges over which they were elected or appointed to preside.

Officers and future leaders will learn how the Masonic Code, the Wisconsin Masonic Handbook, the Wisconsin Plan, the Lodge Excellence Award, Friends Night, the Ritual Cipher and other working tools available can be their rule and guide in building and operating an effective lodge.

Sign-in begins at 8:30 a.m. The seminar fee is just \$5 for early registration by October 21. The fee is \$15 afterwards or at the door. Checks are to be made out to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin and mailed to the Grand Lodge Office by the deadline. A noon lunch is included.

Please use the registration coupon printed on page 3. If a lodge wishes to send one check for its members who are attending, please include a complete listing of their names. The three remaining seminars will be held in 2007, in January, February and May. **umj**

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constitute a lodge, a process now underway.

The Leather Apron Club is patterned after a group associated with brother Benjamin Franklin in Philadelphia in the mid-1700s, brother Slavik noted.

To Be Dedicated to Masonic Education and Enlightenment

One of the most significant aspects of this proposed lodge is that it will be specifically dedicated to providing Masonic education, as well as enlightenment in other areas of interest, in keeping with the seven Liberal Arts and Sciences that form the centerpiece of the Fellowcraft Degree as was the practice in the old-style of European lodge, according to brother Blackburn.

"The lodge will be based on the model of the Royal Academy, of which many members were Masons," Blackburn continued.

"They met in a dignified and relaxed atmosphere, enjoyed dinner, and studied and discussed the sciences. We're trying to create that atmosphere in the proposed lodge."

Attendance Mandatory Unless Regrets Are Conveyed to Tiler

"Meetings will be very formal and attendance will be mandatory," Blackburn explained as he described the proposed lodge's attendance policy.

"In Europe, attendance is taken very seriously and the strict attendance policy as proposed is designed to combat apathy and solve the problem of low member attendance and participation at meetings."

"In the proposed lodge a member will be required to attend. If he is unable to attend he will be required to deliver his regrets with explanation to the Tiler in writing in advance or within one week after the scheduled meeting," Blackburn said.

"One unexplained absence and the member will be placed on probationary suspension. Miss a second time without the required notification and the member will be expelled."

A copy of preliminary bylaws for the proposed lodge obtained by the Editor calls for all absences to be considered by the lodge. If satisfied, the lodge will direct that the apology be recorded as an attendance, and the Secretary directed to correct the member's record accordingly for the

absented meeting date. Expulsion for unexplained absences is not mentioned

Continuing, brother Blackburn said that this policy ensures that lodge members won't fall through the cracks and just stop coming without contact with the lodge as to the reasons why he is not attending.

Also, as is the case with many lodges in Great Britain and elsewhere abroad, membership in this proposed lodge will be capped.

With this lodge as proposed, membership will be capped at 50 — a number that has already been reached according to a report from one interested Mason who inquired about signing on as a charter member.

New members will be admitted as openings occur, or, if numbers warrant, encouraged to start another lodge, as brother Blackburn explained.

Delivering More of What Masons Say They Want From Their Fraternal Involvement

Blackburn also foresees that the proposed lodge will be seen as a significant development in the effort to elevate Masonic education and enlightenment to the prominent place in lodge, as so many Masons say they want but simply are not seeing in typical lodge meetings.

Accordingly, the proposed lodge is being designed to appeal to brethren who want more genuine Masonic education and discussion from their fraternal involvement in Masonry than they are presently receiving at the typical, often poorly attended, lodge meetings where opening, reading the minutes, paying bills, closing and adjourning for refreshments is all that happens.

It should be noted that some members of certain lodges such as Aurora No. 30 and George Washington 1776 No. 337 do present papers from time to time and have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to incorporating Masonic education and enlightenment into their programming, but they do so in a conventional lodge setting.

Blackburn added that it is hoped the proposed lodge will serve as a model to get other lodges to consider what it means to be a Mason.

"Masons attending the Leather Apron Club gather at 6:30 p.m., have dinner at 7, with the meeting commencing thereafter," brother

Blackburn said.

"The focus of the meetings is on Masonic education," he said, explaining that a highlight of each meeting is some special informational or educational program or presentation lasting 30 to 40 minutes.

As planned, prospective lodge members will be encouraged to present at least one original paper or lecture to the lodges on a regular basis

The educational portion of the program may be the presentation of a paper, a concert by a violinist, a lecture by a noted scientist or professor associated with the University of Wisconsin or other enlightening topic of interest, Blackburn related.

A New Model for Lodges

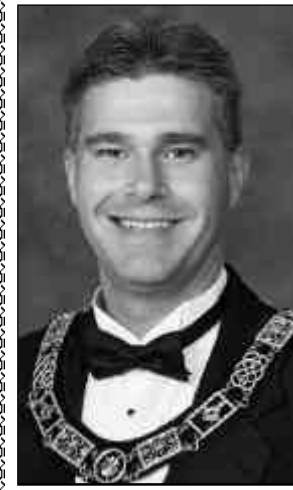
"We are really trying to change the model of a lodge: instead of paying for a building, we can afford a portable lodge to minimize overhead, maintain a manageable lodge size and promote intimacy between members," he explained. The idea being to free themselves from all that is not pertinent to improving oneself in Masonry as outlined in our degrees.

"The first meeting of the month will be 'Temple Night' and will be reserved for raising candidates and ritual practice, with the second meeting concentrating on educating and enlightening programs," brother Blackburn said of the meeting structure of the proposed lodge.

"We're hopeful — there are people who are hungry for this. We just hope it catches on," Blackburn said of the outlook for the proposed lodge.

Bro. Blackburn went on to explain that, "We will be hoping to work in

J. B. Van Hollen Deputy Grand Master



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the French Rite or Emulation ritual, as does Aurora Lodge No. 30, except in English, and the charter allowed under the former Concordia Lodge No. 83 of Madison. We're hoping to resurrect that charter."

Aurora Lodge is the last remaining German language lodge in Wisconsin working the Modified French Rite.

Concordia Lodge No. 83 was a German language lodge chartered in June 1857, working in the French Rite in Madison. It surrendered its charter in January 1882 (see Forward Freemasonry, Vol. 1, pp. 117-118).

Two prospective names have been put forward for the proposed lodge:

Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 83, and Philosophers' Lodge No. 83. Which it will be is yet to be decided, since there is already a Franklin Lodge No. 16 located in Lone Rock.

This all supposes that a petition for dispensation to form the lodge will be submitted to and approved by Grand Master Paulsen, which has not yet occurred.

According to brother Blackburn, as of September 21 the organizers have gathered 21 of the required 25 signatures of Masons in good standing that must accompany an official petition requesting dispensation to form the lodge.

We'll keep you posted as this process moves forward. **umj**

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Happy 55th to Brother Don Jackson



Quincy Wishes a Happy 55th to Brother Don Jackson

Brother Don Jackson, standing at center, was thrilled as he could be on Tuesday, August 8 when the Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin Rod Paulsen (kneeling, at right) and eight of his lodge-mates from Quincy Lodge No. 71 were on hand at Compass Point on the Three Pillars' Senior Living Campus in Dousman to help him celebrate his 55th year in Masonry. The cake was enjoyed by all following the noon meal. Pictured from the left are Gary Thompson; Ken Koehn, Sec., Virgil Hawkins, Jr. Warden; Jeff Marquardt, Master; Don Jackson; Marshall Coon, Sr. Warden; Jim Hanneman, Sr. Deacon; Jim Stormoen; and Lyle Snyder, Master of Montello Lodge. Brother Brian Brunnig assisted in supporting the cake. Brothers Frank Struble and Brian Graf also attended but were not pictured.

Middleton-Ionic Lodge Enters National Mark Twain Competition

Thought to Be First In State to Enter MSA Awareness Program

By Robert C. Blackburn
Middleton-Ionic Lodge 180

MIDDLETON – Middleton-Ionic Lodge No. 180 has entered the 2006 Mark Twain Masonic Awareness Competition.

Sponsored by the Masonic Service Association of North America, the purpose of the award is to recognize lodges that have demonstrated exemplary work in constructing a positive Masonic identity within their lodges and their local communities. 2006 award winners will be announced at the February 2007 Grand Masters' Conference of North America.

Middleton-Ionic No. 180's submission is its "City of Middleton, Wisconsin, Sesquicentennial Project."

Joining with city government and community groups, Middleton-Ionic No. 180 engaged in four Masonic outreach activities:

1) A public lecture to the Middleton Area Historical Society about Freemasonry and its connection to Middleton, Wisconsin.

2) Participated in the City of Middleton's sesquicentennial "kick-off" event at City Hall;

3) Publishing a book, "Masonic Middleton," as a fund-raiser for Middleton's museum;

4) Creating, with help from Melody Chapter No. 150, O.E.S., a month-long window display at Middleton's public library showcasing the city's Masonic history.

Middleton-Ionic No. 180 received considerable positive feedback and publicity from its outreach activities and its new book can be found in the online catalogs of more than 49 libraries in south-central Wisconsin.

For more information concerning the 2006-2008 Mark Twain Masonic Awareness Competition, lodges can visit the MSA web site at <http://www.msana.com/twainaward/about.html>.

Waterloo Honors Three

Waterloo Lodge No. 63 recently and honored two members for 50 years of membership. **At far right:** Master Daniel Slavik, center, presented Brothers Raymond Robertson, left, and Merle "Skip" Virchow, right, with their 50-year certificates. **Right:** With the help of the Grand Lodge of Oregon and Eugene Lodge No. 11 in Eugene, Brother Robert Kime was presented with a 50-year certificate. Brother Kime, a longtime member of Waterloo Lodge, is living in Eugene. He received his 50-year jewel there on behalf of his Brothers in Wisconsin. His wife Joan did the honors of "pinning" him at a stated meeting in Eugene. – Submitted by Waterloo Master Dan Slavik



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Notes From The Grand Lecturer

By Brother Ronald H. Glaunert

Proficiency & Ritualist Cards Defined

Brethren:

Proficiency Schools will be held in various parts of the state in the spring of 2007 as mentioned in a previous article. However, there is some confusion and conversation as to what is required to receive a Ritualist or Proficiency Card.

So my Brothers, not wanting to make up my own rules, I will revert to the Wisconsin Multiple Letter Cipher, page 6, which states as follows:

"A Proficiency Card is issued to any member who commits to memory the complete ESOTERIC portions of all three degrees. Including the 2nd Section Lectures, opening, closing, calling up and down, and the reception of Grand Lodge officers.

"A Ritualist Card is issued to any member who achieves the level of proficiency stated above, but in only one or two of the degrees. Also, at the option of the Grand or District Lecturer, to any brother who memorizes the posting and conducts the examination in open lodge."

To find out when a Proficiency School will be held in an area close to you, contact either your District Deputy, District Lecturer or your Area Administrator.

CORRECTION

In a previous article I stated that Chapter 17.13 was, "Use of key or cipher during ceremony prohibited." The correct reference should be Chapter 73.13

Fraternally,
Ron Glaunert, Grand Lecturer

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



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**By Bro. William H. Barnes,
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- Submitted by Tom Dowman, MSA Representative



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Decora Lodge Raises Two

Two new Master Masons, Brothers Ronald Myskewitz and Keith Woyicki, were welcomed into Decora Lodge No. 177, Galesville, on April 17 and April 3, respectively. Shown with members of the lodge who conferred the Master Mason Degree (above, front row) were Brothers Lowell Larson, Jim Kline, Ronald Myskewitz, Keith Woyicki, Lee Drangstviet, David Woyicki and Howard Turk. In the back row were Marc Hauge, John Brophy, Jim Heim and Bruce Lehman. At left: Brother Keith Woyicki, left, was raised by his father, Brother David Woyicki.



It's 60 Years for Brother Roberts, Chetek Lodge

Brother Codette Roberts, right, is being congratulated by Brother Jim Sells, a 50 year Mason, after he received his 60 year pin from Worshipful Master Robert Unbehaun, left, at the May 25 stated communication of Chetek Lodge No. 277 in Chetek. Brother Roberts became a Master Mason in January 1946 with two degrees being conferred in the period of one month by his father, Art Roberts, through special dispensation from the Grand Master. He was initiated an Entered Apprentice in 1943. At that time, Brother Roberts was serving as a Marine Corps aviator and was home on leave. He served in WW II as a Corsair pilot, and in the Korean War as a helicopter pilot. Brother Sells is also a Korean War veteran.

– Submitted by Jim Esswein, Trustee Chetek Lodge No. 277



Jefferson County Masons Donate KID ID KITS

Jefferson County Sheriff Paul Milbrath is shown at left as he receives a Jefferson County Masonic Lodge donation of children's fingerprint LKID ID KITS recently. The free Masonic Lodge do-it-yourself fingerprint kits were presented by Jefferson County Junior Steward Alan Brawders, son of former Jefferson Mayor Arnold Brawders.

– Submitted by Jefferson County Lodge Secretary Gary Palmer



Four Master Masons Raised in New Glarus

Smith Lodge No. 31, Monroe, joined with New Glarus Lodge No. 310 in raising four candidates to the sublime degree of Master Mason on August 3, 2006. Most Worshipful Grand Master Rodney Paulsen (center) and Grand Treasurer Richard Vande Sande (not pictured) joined brothers from other lodges in southwestern Wisconsin in welcoming (from left to right) Brothers Bill Zitzner (Belleville), Henry Najat (Monroe), Dave Mueller (Monroe) and Rudy Bennett (Monroe). New Glarus Lodge is in an active recruiting mode and has identified at least new candidates for Entered Apprentice this coming year.

– Submitted by Brother M. G. Mudrey, New Glarus Masonic News Hawk

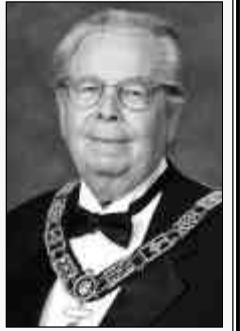
In Service to the Craft

By Grand Chaplain Ray D. Heilborn

Ready, or not; the 21st Century is here!

Recently I found myself pondering about what do we do to get ready for this new century. How do we adjust to all the changes that have taken place just in the last decade?

I looked around in our Masonic Lodge building and noted that we were still blessed with one of the old bayonet, glass slide projectors and I wondered if this is symbolic of the progress of our entire fraternity. Are we continuing to resist all change simply because we are not ready to move into the 21st Century.



Rev. Ray D. Heilborn
Grand Chaplain

We have an older computer setting on a table that is not being used because no one wants to 'tackle' the learning process essential to make one familiar with it. I saw elderly lodge members struggling with old heavy masonite tables that are ugly and unwieldy. I sat in an old chair and the back came loose. We prepared for the opening of Lodge and reached into a drawer of old wrinkled aprons with ties all tangled together and later watched as some members strained to hear what was being said because we were not properly using the public address system.

Does any of this sound familiar?

My Brothers, ready or not, the 21st Century is here! We have available high tech computers to enable us to be in communication with every lodge in the state, if we learn how to utilize them.

We have new and modern computer-driven projector systems to use in our degree work and for educational programs within our lodges, if we learn how to utilize them! We have sturdy, very light weight tables for use for our lodge dining rooms, as well as decent well-constructed chairs and other furniture.

I have noted in some lodge meetings members going through the moves and reciting the ritual without any obvious relationship of what they were doing or saying, or why?

I know that in my position as Grand Chaplain, it is my duty to give guidance to the spiritual side of our fraternity, but I have found out that we are not very clear about what that means, either. We have endeavored to make it clear that while we try to be religiously involved in our activities as a fraternity, we are not a religious organization.

If it seems that I am somewhat frustrated, it is because in my seven years as Grand Chaplain, we seem to have made very little progress in separating our religious faiths from our fraternal responsibilities.

My Brothers, they are not the same! Your personal religious faith or culture should be kept separate from the Lodge, even as your political biases should never be espoused or expressed in our meetings.

But, ready or not, the 21st Century is here and if we don't start accommodating ourselves to that fact and start making the obvious changes we should be making, the rest of the world may very well pass us by and we will wonder where everyone disappeared to.

These are only my personal words of guidance, heed them if you will, ignore them if you wish. With all this I continue to say, "Nammaskar!"

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

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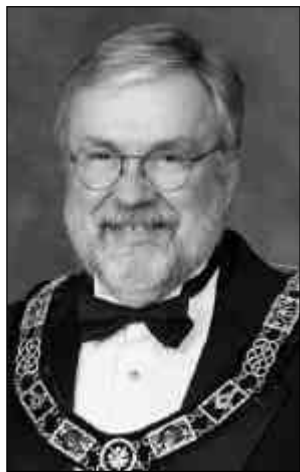
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EMASSAY NOTES

WHY VOLUNTEER AT A VETERANS HOSPITAL?

Brother Stewart W. Miner, PGM (VA) and PGS (DC), is an MSA volunteer for Sunday Chapel Escort Service at the Washington DC Veterans Administration Medical Center. Brother Miner and his wife Gert were faithful volunteers sharing their time with our veterans. In an article about his experiences as a volunteer Brother Miner said:

"The most difficult part of voluntary service at the VA Medical Centers does not involve what you are asked to do or how often you are asked to do it. That comes naturally and really without effort.

"People are people the world around, and sooner or later, no matter how much you try to be impersonal in the performance of your job, you do become emotionally involved with the people you meet. And while your wards may be a different color, of the opposite sex, or from a different strata of society, sooner or later you start to regard some, if not all of them, as 'family.' They look to you on Sunday morning, and you, instinctively, look for them — those special people with whom you choose to spend the morning.

"I am sure that you are asking yourselves, why is this so difficult? After all, are we not doing what any normal person would do in like circumstances? Of course we are. But as we go about our duties, we develop strong ties to our hospital-bound friends, and it wrenches our hearts when we watch the decline of these men and women, from week to week, as they courageously battle the ravages of disease and age. But for those who reside in the nursing home there is usually no recourse except death and the cemetery. In such circumstances we try to make their lives a little more pleasant than they might otherwise be. To this point I would say that our efforts are important, for by and large, many of the patient's families pay them little heed." - Stewart Wilson Miner

SHRINERS HELP TSUNAMI VICTIMS

When the Indian Ocean tsunami crashed ashore on December 26, 2004, many things were lost. Homes were swept away, belongings gone forever. Hundreds of thousands of people lost their lives in the disaster. And many of those who survived, including children, literally lost a part of themselves.

Seven year-old Tara Auliaand and 11 year-old Hamdani survived the tsunami that ripped through their villages in Indonesia's Aceh province, but along with their homes and family members, both children lost a limb.

The tsunami damaged the only rehabilitation hospital in the provincial capital, Banda Aceh, and took the life of the doctor qualified to provide artificial limbs.

Despite the horrors Tara and Hamdani experienced and the steep odds they faced at obtaining proper medical care, they had reason to celebrate less than a year later. Both children were given a new start and new prosthetics at Shriners Hospitals for Children-Philadelphia.

Before their return to Indonesia at the end of August, the children were excited to show off their new prostheses - which were made so that

they can grow into them - to their friends, family and village. Tara and Hamdani will return to the United States for follow-up care and evaluation in about a year, and Shriners Hospitals will provide the necessary attention until the children turn 18.

(Source: Shrine News Release)

FREEMASONS & THE U. S. SUPREME COURT

Service to country is a laudable virtue in any citizen. However, few are able to provide service on a truly national scale. It should be a point of pride for the Masonic Fraternity that many of our country's public servants have also been Freemasons.

In the case of the United States Supreme Court, which has recently been the focus of the public media, 36 Justices have been Freemasons, five of whom have served as Chief Justice, and three have also served as Grand Master of their state.

Some of the more notable were Brothers Oliver Ellsworth, John Marshall, William Taft, Robert Jackson, Frederick Vinson, Earl Warren and Thurgood Marshall.

Oliver Ellsworth

Brother Oliver Ellsworth, nominated by Brother and President George Washington, served as the Supreme Court's third Chief Justice from 1796 to 1800. He was a charter member of St. John's Lodge at Princeton, N.J. He was succeeded by Most Worshipful Brother John Marshall.

John Marshall

Most Worshipful Brother Marshall served the Grand Lodge of Virginia as Grand Master from 1793 to 1795. He became a Mason during the Revolutionary War and was a member of Richmond Lodge No. 10 and later Richmond-Randolph Lodge No. 19. He served as Chief Justice from 1801 until his death in 1835.

As Chief Justice, he presided over the trial of Brother Aaron Burr for treason. Marshall has been referred to as the "father of the judiciary branch," for under his leadership the Supreme Court became the final word on the constitutionality of both state and federal laws.

William H. Taft

Ohio's own Brother and President William H. Taft, nominated by another Ohio Brother, President Warren G. Harding, was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court from 1921 to 1930. Taft was made a "Mason at sight" by Grand Master Charles S. Hoskinson and later affiliated with Kilwinning Lodge No. 365 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Robert H. Jackson

Brother Robert H. Jackson, appointed to the Supreme Court by Brother and President Franklin Roosevelt, also served as prosecutor at the War Crimes Tribunal in Nuremberg. He was a member of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 145, Jamestown, N.Y.

Frederick M. Vinson

Brother Frederick M. Vinson served as Chief Justice from 1946 to 1953, having been nominated by Most Worshipful Brother and President Harry Truman. He was a member of Apperson Lodge No. 195 in Louisa, KY. He was succeeded as Chief Justice by Earl Warren.

Earl Warren

Most Worshipful Brother Earl Warren served as Chief Justice from 1953 to 1969. During his tenure, the Supreme Court made sweeping changes in both Criminal and Civil

Rights Law. Arguably, one of the most influential rulings was made in the case of Brown vs. Board of Education. This unanimous decision by the court ruled that separate was not equal in the case of public education and sounded the end of racial segregation. Warren was a member of Sequoia Lodge No. 349 in Oakland, CA, and served as Grand Master of California from 1935 to 1936.

Thurgood Marshall

Brother Thurgood Marshall, who had argued successfully before the Supreme Council as chief council in the Brown vs. Board of Education case, became the first African American member of the Supreme Court, serving from 1967 to 1991. He was a member of Coal Creek Lodge No. 88 under the Prince Hall Affiliated Grand Lodge of Oklahoma.

Though they were diverse in their political and judicial opinions (17 were Democrats, five Federalists, two Democratic Republicans, and 12 Republicans — 23 of whom were appointed by Presidents who were Masons), the service of these brothers to our country reminds us all that the rule of law is an indispensably vital part of our constitutional republic.

(Source: Bro. Chad Simpson - The Beacon, Grand Lodge of Ohio - Jan-Feb 2006).

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The “Other” Working Tools: The Chisel, Skirret, and Pencil

By Bro. Jorge Sanchez

Adapted from the March 2006 Short Talk Bulletin
Published by the Masonic Service Association of North America

Bro. Jorge Sanchez is a member of Evans Lodge No. 524, Evanston, IL. He has prepared a most interesting Short Talk Bulletin on the working tools used in jurisdictions outside the United States.

The preponderance of triads, or sets of three items, the newly made Mason. In Freemasonry, there seems to be three of everything: three Degrees, three Principal Officers, three Greater Lights, three Lesser Lights, three Immovable Jewels; the list could go on and on. In fact, Freemasonry abounds in so many symbolic triads it is even more striking when a set of Masonic symbols does not come in a group of three.

In most U.S. jurisdictions, there are three working tools only in the Fellow Craft Degree. The Entered Apprentice degree has two working tools, and the Master Mason Degree but one.

In other countries, notably English-speaking countries, each Degree has a triad of working tools. Under the United Grand Lodge of England, and in most English-speaking lodges which work Emulation or some similar or related ritual, the third working tool of an Entered Apprentice is the Chisel, and the Master Mason’s working tools are the Skirret, the Pencil and the Compasses.

Why this difference? In 1832, a meeting known to Masonic history as the Baltimore Convention changed many key practices of U.S. Masonry due to the anti-Masonic sentiments caused by the Morgan Affair.

Most Grand Lodges in the English-speaking world — in Canada, Australia, and elsewhere — are descended from the Grand Lodge of Scotland or the United Grand Lodge of England, and so many Masonic practices in the English-speaking world are very similar; the differences occur in the United States.

These “other” Masonries have other working tools, which teach important lessons, and without considering them, our Masonic journey is truly incomplete.

This paper will look at the working tools of the First and Third Degrees, paying special attention to the Chisel, the Skirret, and the Pencil, with a discussion of the Trowel, which will be of interest to Canadian brethren.

Under the United Grand Lodge of England, the first two working tools of the Entered Apprentice, the 24 inch Gauge and the Common Gavel, are the same as in the United States. It is important to note that although the explanation of the 24-inch Gauge is very similar to what Masons in the United States know, the explanation of the Common Gavel is slightly different in another Grand Jurisdiction, Scotland.

The Scottish ritual explains that the Gavel, “teaches us that skill without exertion is of little avail, that labour is the lot of man, for the heart may conceive, and the head may devise in vain, if the hand be not prompt to execute the design.”

This is an interesting contrast to the more commonly known interpretation of the Common Gavel as serving to “divest the heart and soul of the vices and superfluities of life.”

The Scottish Gavel explanation emphasizes the need for exertion and effort in a timely manner to accomplish our goals.

Enter The Chisel

Although the 24-inch Gauge and

the Common Gavel may be familiar to U.S. Craft Masons, the Chisel is not. Emulation ritual explains that the Chisel, “points out to us the advantages of education, by which means alone we are rendered fit members of regularly organized Society.” This equation of the chisel with education is especially interesting, since we often think of education as a cumulative endeavor, through which we amass certain knowledge, skills, and qualifications.

The Chisel, of course, is a tool of great sharpness that cleaves unnecessary rock from the usable stone. The idea that education might pare away the unnecessary while leaving us with only what is vital is a profound and almost paradoxical idea that merits contemplation.

“Oddly, the chisel seems to be a tool of paradoxes: small, yet powerful; emblematic of education by elimination, and not accumulation. It makes sense, though, when you consider the paradoxical nature of a candidate’s preparation: “neither naked nor clad, barefoot nor shod,” and, I would add, unable to see and yet not lost. The chisel points, in some sense, to the paradoxical nature of life: just as we can be “neither naked nor clad, barefoot nor shod,” we can be small, yet powerful.

The three English Working Tools of a Master Mason are wholly foreign to the American Mason. Although the Compasses has special significance to the Master Mason, the Emulation ritual ascribes and reinforces the use of this valuable tool as taught to the Entered Apprentice in the United States.

Emulation states that, “the Compasses remind us of [God’s] unerring and impartial justice, Who, having defined for our instruction the limits of good and evil, will reward or punish as we have obeyed or disregarded His Divine commands.”

The circumscribing aspect of the Compasses is here reiterated, with a special emphasis on the idea of justice, and that if we fail to subdue our passions we will be judged for it, even if we escape earthly punishment.

And Now, The Skirret

As stated before, while the Compasses are familiar to every Master Mason in the United States, the Skirret and Pencil are not, but neither are their lessons only apt for those who have been raised to the Sublime Degree. The Emulation ritual explains that the Skirret, “is an implement which acts on a centre pin, whence a line is drawn to mark out ground for the foundation of the intended structure.” This is the operative use of the Skirret, and the ritual goes on to explain that, for the speculative mason, “the Skirret points out that straight and undeviating line of conduct laid down for our pursuit in the Volume of Sacred Law.”

The Skirret is a tool to be used in the preparations for laying a foundation. It is similar to a spool of thread with a handle. The loose end of the thread has a loop or ring which will catch the centre pin. The Skirret’s thread is allowed to unwind and kept taut. Once the desired length is reached, a piece of chalk or other marking implement may be used to mark the foundation, the Skirret’s thread keeping the chalk in a straight line all the while. It serves a similar purpose to a ruler used when drawing a straight line on a piece of paper.

The genius of the Skirret is, in part, its versatility. With the thread wound up, it takes up little space, and could even be carried in the pocket of an apron. When the Skirret’s thread is affixed to a centre pin and allowed to unwind, it becomes longer than any practicable ruler or straightedge could be, and just as sure.

When we consider these qualities in relation to the Volume of Sacred Law, the Skirret becomes the tool which helps us to understand how the Volume of Sacred Law applies to our own lives. Most of the Volumes of the Sacred Law — be it the Bible, TaNaCh, Koran, Vedas, Zend Avesta — were written millennia ago, in cultures and contexts very different from our contemporary world. And yet we are instructed that the Volume of the Sacred Law is, “the rule and guide of our faith.”

How do we apply the stories and laws of ancient books to our daily life? Through the use of reason and faith, which is here represented by the Skirret.

And Finally, The Pencil

The third working tool of the Third Degree is the Pencil. For many of us, the pencil was the first writing implement we took into our hands. After playing with fingerpaints and crayons, our first arithmetic and writing lessons were done with a pencil.

The Canadian Rite ritual explains that the pencil, “teaches us that all our words and actions are not only observed but recorded by the Most High, to whom we must render an account of our conduct through life.”

The pencil reminds us that our actions not only have consequences on earth but also write a record of our conduct by which we will ultimately be judged.

If we look at the Pencil more literally, it is, like the Compasses and Skirret, a tool of planning. The Compasses and Pencil can be used to draw designs upon the Trestleboard, and the Skirret then helps the Master Mason prepare the ground for the foundation, before the first Fellow Craft tries the first squared stone, even before the first Apprentice descends to the quarry with gauge, gavel, and chisel in hand.

As Masters, we are now overseers of the work, and we are Masters not just of the Craft, but of ourselves.

Apprentices are rough ashlar, selected for the building but completely unprepared, unworked.

Fellow Crafts are perfect ashlar, made ready by the hands of the workmen and tried by the plumb, square, and level.

Masters, however, are stones ready to become part of the building itself. A Master, ideally, has subdued his passions, learned his work, and is now complete. Masonry, if done correctly, will have done its work on the Master, and then the Master takes a step back, to guide the Apprentices and Fellow Crafts; he is part of the Temple, and he will now direct the rest of the Temple to be built.

In the same way, Masters are expected to be able to oversee the work of building the Temple in their own souls. It is no longer sufficient to chip away upon the stone, or to try ourselves by Fellow Craft’s tools; now, as Masters, we must actively plan and contemplate the building, using the Compasses, Skirret, and Pencil.

Although the Third Degree is the culmination and completion of the Craft Degrees, we see many times in

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the ritual suggestions that the Third Degree is also a degree of commencement, and of a return to the beginning or foundation of our Masonic journey.

The Compasses, Skirret, and Pencil are the tools used before all others. They are tools of planning and design; we are masters of that which we can control; as Masters, we ought to be stones, tried and true, fitting and ready for the Temple, while also helping govern the Craft with wisdom, providing strength and support for the other workmen, and adorning the Craft with the beauty of the fine work we will leave behind.

And the Trowel?

The Trowel is the Master Mason’s unique working tool in the United States, he being invested with all the implements of Masonry as well. The ritual tells us that operative Masons used it, “to spread the cement that unites the building into one common mass,” and that speculative Masonry uses it, “to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection which unites us into one sacred band or society of friends and brothers, among whom should exist no contention, except that noble contention, or rather, emulation, of who best can work and best agree.”

Considered so, the Trowel is an excellent complement to the Compasses, Skirret, and Pencil. While the Compasses, Skirret, and Pencil are used before the first stone is hewn, the Trowel is used to complete the building, both literally and symbolically, uniting the stones and the brethren as well as the disparate elements which make up our very Selves.

If the Entered Apprentice’s degree

symbolizes the physical and the Fellow Craft’s degree the spiritual, with the Master Mason’s degree introducing some sense of balance, then it would make sense that the complete complement of a Master’s working tools would be tools both of beginning, which the 24-inch Gauge, Gavel, Chisel, Compasses, Skirret, and Pencil all are, and tools of finishing, which the Plumb, Square, Level, and Trowel are.

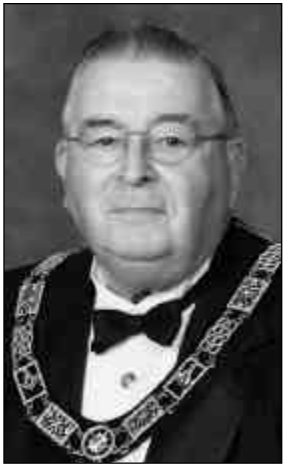
In most English, Canadian, Australian, and Scottish lodges, the trowel is unknown, and in American Lodges, Pencils are absent and Skirrets unidentifiable.

Although we all share a common Masonic heritage, these differences indicate a diversity of Masonic practice. One of the greatest things about Masonry is the chance to travel, both within our own jurisdictions and within the greater Masonic world. These are just a few of the differences that we can notice if we travel to a Canadian Rite lodge, or a lodge working Emulation ritual in downtown London.

Canadian Rite lodges would be well-served to consider the Trowel, just as lodges in the United States would profit from considering Compasses, Skirret, and Plumb.

In many ways, the best set of working tools for the Master Mason would be all four: tools of planning as well as tools of completion, since Master Masons must oversee the construction of the Temple from start to finish, from the laying of the first stone in the North East corner, to the final touches that complete the edifice of our Temple, our Craft, our lodges, and ourselves.

**Richard A. Vande Sande
Grand Treasurer of
Masons in Wisconsin**



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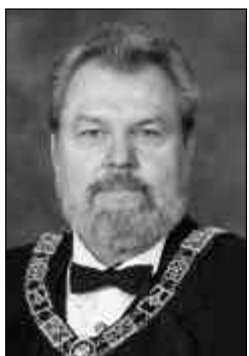
**From your
Brothers at
McKinley Lodge
No. 307**

A Helping Hand

Is there any member of your lodge in need? How about the wife of a departed brother? Why not ask among the brethren in your lodge and see if there isn't someone who could use a little help. That someone will surely be glad that you did.

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**Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of
Research No. 1843**

**A Paper From The Archives of Wisconsin's
Official Lodge of Masonic Research**

By Brother Charles L. Roblee

**Our Ancient Grand
Master's Staffs, The
"Rule Of Three" and
The Lost Word**

**A Paper Presented By
Brother Charles L. Roblee
December 7, 1985**

(Explanatory notes: The following paper was authored in 1984, revised 1985, and presented in Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843 annual meeting on December 7, 1985.) It is adapted from and suggested by, "The Hidden Secrets of a Master Mason" by S. Brent Morris, F.P.S., in Vol. 34 *The Philalethes Magazine*, 2, pp. 11-13 (April 1983), and "The Lodge, The Mason and the Forty-Seventh Problem" by Mervin B. Hogan, M.P.S., in *The Philalethes Magazine*, 1, pp. 19, 23 (February 1983). Also, *Why by the Square?* by Silas H. Shepherd, F.P.S., in Research Pamphlet No. 23 (November 15, 1925), Wisconsin Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Research.

**The Number Three Permeates
Symbolic Masonry**

The sacred number 3 is repeatedly used in Symbolic Masonry; particularly in the Third Degree.

One of the primary tenets of the Craft specifies that a minimum of three Master Masons is required to constitute a Lodge of Master Masons.

The Master Mason is informed that three grand columns or pillars support the Masonic Lodge; they being known as the pillars of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. The pillar of Wisdom represents Solomon, King of Israel, whose wisdom contrived the building at Jerusalem the Temple to the most high God of Israel. The pillar of Strength relates to Hiram, King of Tyre, who supported and strengthened Solomon in this glorious undertaking. The pillar of Beauty is assigned to Hiram Abif, the widow's son, whose creative skills and original workmanship beautified and adorned the Temple.

Among the numerous legends which grew out of the building of the Temple is one that involves King Solomon, King Hiram and Hiram

Abif as the established administrative and executive authority in charge of the planning and construction of the Temple.

**Three Grand Masters,
Three Staffs, Three Colors**

Tradition states that each of these three Grand Masters had a staff or rod of office, and that each staff was of an exact known length.

That of the First Grand Master was five units, that of the Second Grand Master was four units, and that of the Third Grand Master was three units in length.

By unanimous consent of these three Grand Masters, it was accepted that the three of them had to meet and agree to assemble their three staffs in a 3-4-5 right-triangle before an authorized executive session pertaining to the Temple could be convened.

Each Grand Master's staff was of a distinct and distinguishing color. King Solomon's was yellow. King Hiram's was red and Hiram Abif's blue. These are the three principal colors of nature's rainbow, as well as being the three primary light colors which when combined produce white light.

To the mind of man from time immemorial, the noble metal gold has always typified the radiant glory of the sun. When man worshiped that life giving sphere, divine light and wisdom were always denoted by gold. Since gold is represented by the color yellow, the latter is esteemed as the most exalted of colors.

The sun is associated with the Worshipful Master in Freemasonry since this heavenly orb rises in the East to announce and illuminate the day, while the "Master rises in the East to open and govern his lodge." So it is fitting to assign the color yellow to the office of Master; yellow being also a symbol of WISDOM.

Red, crimson, or scarlet are words commonly used rather interchangeably for essentially the same shade of color. It has long been a symbol of fire, one of the four elements of the ancient world. Red signifies ardor, dignity, fervency, love and zeal; all characteristic attributes of strength and support. Shades of this color comprise the spectacular displays of nature in the skies of the West as the sun is setting at the close of the day. Red is appropriately associated with the office of Senior Warden as the symbol of STRENGTH.

What About Blue?

Air was the second of the ancient world's four elements (fire, air, earth and water) and was denoted by the color blue.

This widely used color symbolizes many things, including benevolence, constancy, fidelity, friendship, hope, immortality, perfection and eternal truth - among many others.

Blue is the color of the vaulted heaven in its endless expanse, whereby it effectively suggests the beauty and universality of Masonry. It is truly the color of the Craft and identifies with each individual Mason.

The candidates learn that as a lone pilgrim on the arduous path of life he is greatly restricted by the multitude of limitations inherently imposed upon him as a "Widow's Son"; that is, lacking the protection, benefits of

his male parent. The Junior Warden in the South at the meridian of the day relates to the color blue as the symbol of BEAUTY.

Three to Make A Square

In his essay, "Why by the Square?", written in 1925, Silas H. Shepherd wrote:

"We may only speculate on how some of our primitive ancestors may have found that by placing one straight stick on the ground in an easterly and westerly direction and then placing another across it in a northerly and southerly direction they conceived the idea of crudely dividing the surrounding land into four equal parts.

"From this crude beginning and by continued effort they eventually discovered that by measuring of three units of length on the stick that extended north and four units on that which extended west and adjusting them so that a stick of five units in length connected these measured distances that each of the four figures were exactly of the same angle. Such is a probability of the earliest use of the square."

The Mason's Examination of 1723 alludes to the "Rule of Three." "If a Master Mason you would be, Observe you well the Rule of Three."

Scholars have supposed that this refers to a method of giving the Mason's Word. However, we can imagine that this refers to the rule whereby the Master and Wardens of a Lodge each take a staff (of lengths 3, 4 and 5 units) and put them together to make a right angle.

With this in mind, the Hiram Legend suddenly has an entirely new interpretation. Suppose that the only way our ancient Grand Masters knew to make a right angle was to put together their staffs. That they didn't understand the proportions required, only that their staffs had this "secret" property.

Consider, the numerous times it was necessary for the right angle to be established or set in the building of the Temple. At that time, there may have been no such instrument as what today is known as the "square." Certainly there were no surveyors to establish proper angles and lines. Therefore, by the use of the Grand Masters' staffs was the only way to establish a true right angle.

If, upon the death of Hiram Abif his staff was lost, then indeed the Master's secret would be gone forever. Solomon and Hiram of Tyre could never again hope to make new squares by this method - "Alas, poor Hiram!"

**What Designs
Are On Your Lodge
Trestleboard for the
Balance of 2006?**

Are there any Masonic ed programs planned?
A Friend's Night program?
A Prospective Member list?
Does your lodge sponsor a Masonic youth group?
If not, why not?



Dodge County Honors Its Past Master at Combined Event

Dodge County Lodge Past Masters present at the combined dinner with Columbus Lodge are, in the back row from left: Daniel A. Cross, 1991; Raymond E. Mielke, 1989, 1999 and 2000; John H. Machkovech, 2003, 2006; Robert P. Dolan, 2002, 2006; Donald R. Duerst, 1997, 2001; and Thomas R. Hanson, 1969, 1998. Seated are Richard L. Larson, 1983; William E. Keel, 1977; George A. Wallinger, 1976, 1992 and 1993; and George R. Triemstra, 1973.

COLUMBUS...from page 1 whole world is well, but to kindle her fires from profane embers is not well. Self-reliant, she should be self-constituent."

In accordance with the agreement and Smith's recommendation, Grand Lodge issued a charter to Columbus Lodge No. 75, with Black as the charter Master, Jussen as Senior Warden and Silas Axtell as Junior Warden.

Meetings were initially held in the Odd Fellows Hall. Later, the lodge obtained a meeting room at the Whitney Hotel. In 1939, the lodge purchased the German Methodist Church building on Ludington Street, where the lodge continues to meet.

Masons from the neighboring Lowell area in Dodge County obtained a dispensation in August 1858 from Grand Master Luther Tracy. Notwithstanding the concern of the Grand Lodge that Lowell Lodge would call "from labor to refreshment for one week or longer," Lowell Lodge No. 110 received its charter in June of 1859.

About 1912, the that lodge moved from Lowell to Reeseville. In May 1960, Lowell Lodge consolidated with Columbus.

Many Prominent Community Leaders Among Its Members

Brother Ray Mielke, a Past Master of Dodge County Lodge as well as a dedicated York Rite Mason, spoke on behalf of the lodge as he related that both Columbus and Dodge County Lodge had several Columbus founding fathers and prominent personages who were also

members in common, including names names such Ludington, James and Whitney, all of whose names grace a number of streets and public places in Columbus.

He also noted that Columbus Lodge's Worshipful Master, Dave Bomkamp, was the present Columbus Mayor.

Grand Master Paulsen Reviews Changes Over Past 150 Years

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, brother Rodney A. Paulsen, speaking about the radical changes we've seen in the past 150 years, observed how Mason from that time would be astounded by the technical innovations which have occurred, as he looked towards the window of the country club and the attendees' cars parked outside.

"Where are the horses," he asked, viewing the cars as carriages with no means of the usual equine locomotion a Mason of that time would expect.

"Despite these changes, we have the constants of our tenets — Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. They remain the same."

The Grand Master continued, saying, "Masonry has continued and it is up to you to carry it forward into the future."

To the members of Columbus Lodge as well as Dodge County Lodge members present, he said in conclusion, "Both of you (lodges) have persevered to bring in members, continue programming and remain effective in the community."

Columbus Lodge has at present about 40 members. *umj*



Grand Master Rodney Paulsen as he addressed Past Masters present.



Dodge County Lodge Book To Chart Lodge History

Dodge County Lodge, just a few miles to the north on Hwy. 151 in Beaver Dam, is also observing its 150th year. A special program is planned for October 15 at Hickory Hills Country Club. At left, Dodge County Past Masters Don Duerst and Thomas Hansen admire a book cover proof held by Dodge County Lodge Secretary Dick Larson. The lodge is producing a commemorative book now in production. Guest speaker at the Dodge County event will be Allan Iding, PGM.



Time for what's important

Time. No one seems to have much these days. The demands of careers, activities and other commitments leave precious little time for family.

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Enjoying Columbus Lodge's Special Evening

Tammy and Dave Bomkamp, left, visited with Scott and Chrys Rassbach prior to the start of the combined Columbus Lodge No. 75 and Dodge County Lodge No. 72 150th anniversary Past Master's Night dinner September 6 in Columbus. Brother Bomkamp is serving this year as Columbus Worshipful Master. Brother Rassbach is Jr. Warden. Chrys Rassbach is a new member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

News of the Lodges

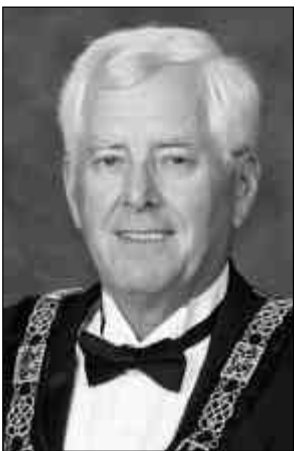
Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin

James A. Wetzel Grand Tiler of Masons in Wisconsin



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Brothers at
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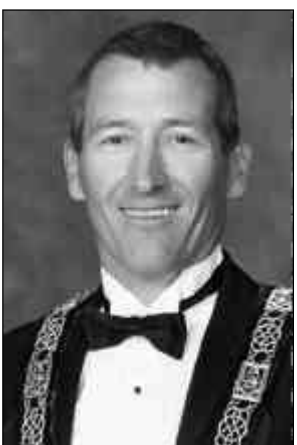
Richard M. Trailer District 7 Deputy of Masons in Wisconsin



Congratulations,
Brother Richard
on your
appointment as
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Congratulations,
Brother James
on your
appointment as
District Deputy

Burlington Lodge
No. 28

Donald W. Hensiak District 12 Deputy of Masons in Wisconsin



Congratulations,
Brother Donald
on your
appointment as
District Deputy

Lake Lodge
No. 189



Middleton Ionic Raise Five New Master Masons, Creates Knife and Fork Club

The lodge has created a "Knife and Fork Club." The purpose of the club is to help new members get better acquainted with members and members with them. Their tenure in the club is "until a new Master Mason is raised and this new member takes the place of the oldest member. In the picture below, members and guests of Middleton-Ionic Lodge No. 180 gathered for an 8 a.m. Saturday breakfast July 22 in preparation for two Master Mason Degrees. In the photo above, left are Master Masons raised in December, 2005. Left to right are WM Clarence C. Olson, and new MM's Robert Botts, Andrew Pendl, and Dennis Thompkins. In the photo above right are Master Masons raised July 22, 2006. Left to right are: New MM Andrew Nordenhaugen, WM Harold Meyer, and new MM Jordan McGuire.



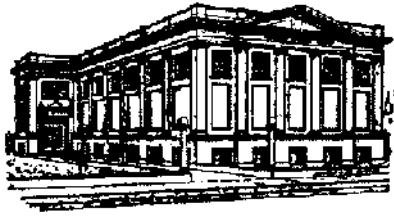
Job's Daughters Name New Leaders

Three very outstanding and talented Wisconsin Job's Daughter will serve Wisconsin Job's Daughters for the 2006-2007 term. Pictured from left to right: Alexis Brokl of Bethel 3 Fond du Lac, is Miss Congeniality; Erika Norem from Bethel 53, Brookfield, is Grand Bethel Honored Queen; and Crystal Clifton of Bethel 30 in Kenosha is Miss Wisconsin Job's Daughter.



G. B. Wheeler Lodge Funds Natures Edge Therapy

Gary Stang, Master, and Neil Hanson of George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351, presented a check for \$4,000 to Natures Edge Therapy in Cameron, Wisconsin. This check includes matching funds from the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation. George B. Wheeler Lodge has supported this group with fundraising and monetary donations for equipment. Presenting the check to Director Becky Lundeen, is Neil Hanson, Past Master of Lodge No. 351 and an Advisory Board Member of Natures Edge Therapy. Natures Edge Therapy provides speech, occupational and physical therapy to individuals in a natural environment. Hippo therapy, animal assisted therapy, and horticultural therapy are incorporated along with conventional treatment methods to attain therapeutic goals.



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| <p>Beloit Morning Star Lodge No. 10 229 W. Grand Ave. • 608-362-6073 Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. 1st Wed. only in July & August</p> | <p>Crivitz Tri-County Daylite Lodge No. 218 918 Louisa St. • 715-854-3088 Meet 2nd Wednesdays 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 Doric Lodge No. 356 5202 Cottage Grove Rd. 608-224-0895 (Sec) • Meet 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m. • Dark July & August</p> | <p>Milwaukee Lake Lodge No. 189 1235 E. Howard Ave. • 414-744-4609 Meet Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Owen Owen Lodge No. 317 707 W. Third St. • 715-229-2832 (Sec.) Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 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>Darlington Evening Star Lodge No. 64 433 Wells St. • 608-776-4213 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Green Bay N.E.W. Daylite Lodge No. 360 535 N. Taylor St. • 920-499-7265 Meet 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Madison Four Lakes Daylite Lodge No. 362 301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-2351 Meet 1st Mondays, 7 p.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>Palmyra Palmyra Lodge No. 68 125 N. 3 St. • 262-495-4887 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark January & February</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>Delavan Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12 1007 S. Second St. • 262-728-6822 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Green Bay Theodore Roosevelt Lodge 322 525 N. Taylor St. • 920-490-9777 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Madison 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>Milwaukee Mineral Point Lodge No. 1 310 High St. • 608-987-3396 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Park Falls Park Falls Lodge No. 300 521 N. 2nd Ave. • 715-762-4043 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p> |
| <p>Black River Falls Black River Lodge No. 74 314 Main St. • 715-284-2234 Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Dodgeville Dodgeville Lodge No. 119 200-206 W. Chapel St. • 608-935-3548 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Green Bay Washington Lodge No. 21 525 N. Taylor St. • 920-494-5205 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Madison Madison Lodge No. 5 301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-0793 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Meet 1st Thursday July & August</p> | <p>Minocqua Island City Lodge No. 330 7529 Hwy 51 South • 715-356-5678 (Sec.) • Meet 1st Wednesday, 10 a.m. Meets all year</p> | <p>Pewaukee Pewaukee Lodge No. 246 126 Main St. • 262-691-9917 Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p> |
| <p>Bloomer Bloomer Lodge No. 281 2122 16th Ave. • 715-568-5152 Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Dark January & February</p> | <p>Dousman Dousman Lodge No. 315 214 Main St. • 262-593-2647 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 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>Manitowoc Manitowoc Lodge No. 65 810 Chicago St. • 920-684-4334 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Mondovi Buffalo River Lodge No. 252 245 S. Franklin • 715-926-3448 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Phillips Phillips Lodge No. 225 137 N. Lake Ave. • 715-339-3785 Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p> |
| <p>Bristol Washburn Lodge No. 145 8157 - 199th Ave. • 262-857-7501 Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Dousman Glen L. Humphrey Lodge No. 364 375 Hwy. 67 • 262-965-9390 Meet 2nd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. Dark June</p> | <p>Hayward Keystone Lodge No. 263 511 N. Iowa Ave. • 715-634-4715 Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Marinette Marinette Lodge No. 182 1610 Main St. • 715-735-3515 Meet 2nd 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>Platteville Melody Lodge No. 2 783 Enterprise Drive • 608-349-6021 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> |
| <p>Brodhead Bicknell Lodge No. 94 302 1st Center Ave. • 608-897-8069 Meets 2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Eagle River Eagle River Lodge No. 248 610 E. Division • 715-479-8646 Meet 2nd Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Meets All Year</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>Marshfield Marshfield Lodge No. 224 402 W. 4th St. • 715-384-8646 Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p> | <p>Mosinee Mosinee Lodge No. 318 607 13th St. • 715-693-3150 (Sec.) Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Plymouth Cassia Lodge No. 167 441 Smith St. • 920-892-6336 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> |
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Ozaukee Lodge No. 17
504 W. Grand Ave. • 262-284-9978
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Potosi

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

Poynette

Poynette Lodge No. 173
Poynette City Hall, 106 Main, 608-635-4503
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark January & February

Prairie du Chien

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

Prairie du Sac

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

Prescott

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

Racine

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

Reedsburg

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

Rhineland

Rhineland 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
222 W. South Street • 715-234-8318
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 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

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.
Dark July & August

Shullsburg

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

South Milwaukee

South Shore Lodge No. 3
1327 Marshall Ave. • 414-294-0851 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
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
1578 Strongs Avenue • 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. • 920-743-2596
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Sun Prairie

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

Superior

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

Superior

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

Sussex

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

Tomah

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

Union Grove

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

Viroqua

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

Waterloo

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

Waukesha

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

Waupaca

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

Waupun

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

Wausau

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

Wautoma

Wautoma Lodge No. 148
203 S. Scott St. • 920-293-4305 (Sec.)
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark Jan. & Feb. - 4th Mon. Nov. & Dec.

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Dark July & August

West Allis

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Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 9 a.m.
Dark July & August

West Allis

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

West Allis

West Allis Lodge No. 291
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Dark July & August

West Bend

West Bend Lodge No. 138
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Meets All Year

Whitefish Bay

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

Whitefish Bay

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

Whitewater

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

Wilmot

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

Winneconne

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

Wisconsin Dells

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

Wisconsin Rapids

Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128
2321 2nd Ave. So. • 715-423-2770
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Dark July & August

Armistead-Bingham

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Quarry Notes

William L. Stonecipher, Editor

• **South Shore Lodge In New Home** – The members of South Shore Lodge No. 3 will be meeting in the South Milwaukee United Methodist Church for the foreseeable future following the sale of their former lodge building at 2001 S. 7th Street in South Milwaukee. The church is located at 1327 Marshall Ave. in South Milwaukee. South Shore Lodge was formed by the consolidation of Kilbourn No. 3 and Jeremiah Rusk No. 259. The two lodges merged in October 2004. The pastor of South Shore United Methodist is Bro. Rev. Jack Stubbs, a member of South Shore Lodge.

• **The Greatest of These** – A highlight of the Quincy Lodge rededication program June 10 was the presentation of a video titled, "The Greatest of These." The drama, set the 1840s and 1850s, was scripted, filmed and directed for the lodge by Brother Bob Theim, and the cast consisted entirely of members of Quincy Lodge. We pick up where the story ended last month:

The plot, set in 1856, centered around an impending vote in the lodge to close its doors because a bank note was due and there was no money to make payment. A stranger sought admittance and offered to pay the note.

As the story unfolds, the stranger related how a dance hall girl by the name of Virginia Bess was shot and killed after stabbing an abusive man in a tavern in the early 1840s. Due to her lowly status, there was no one who came forward to claim her body.

It so happened that Col. Sedgewick, the first Master of Quincy Lodge, felt that it just wasn't right that this young woman's body should remain unclaimed so he intervened and volunteered to see to it that Virginia Bess received a decent funeral. In so doing, brother Sedgewick noticed a Masonic charm on a chain around her neck, indicating that she just might be the daughter or sister of a Mason. Well, she was.

You see, Virginia Bess was in fact the stranger's daughter, and he came all the way from Virginia to Adams-Friendship by rail in 1856 to personally thank the members of Quincy Lodge for the kindness they had shown in giving his daughter a proper burial.

Although this story is a dramatization, it is based on an actual event that did occur. In the archives of Quincy Lodge there is a letter postmarked Alexandria, Virginia and dated August, 1845 bearing a provisional stamp that thanks the lodge on behalf of her father for the courtesy rendered his daughter, Virginia Bess.

• **Masonic Memorial Services: A Few Thoughts** – This Saturday past, we at West Bend Lodge No. 138 bid a final farewell to a faithful member of many years, brother Warren "Sam" Ciriacks. As is often the case when members of the Fraternity pass on, their lodge is asked to conduct a Masonic Memorial Service, as were we for Sam. We did well. The service was held in the main sanctuary of the United Methodist Church in West Bend and it was filled to capacity with at least 400 well-wishers and family. Often such services in church are held in a smaller room with only close family and lodge members present, but this time we were asked to conduct the Masonic portion of the service from the two pastor's pulpits in the front of the church, with a church service immediately following. We had about 15 lodge members present and were able to conduct an appropriately dignified service in honor of our departed brother. My point is this: when we conduct a service for a departed brother, Masonry is on display for all to see. It is important that we be prepared to conduct a memorial service in front of a large assembly — most of whom know nothing of Masonry — whether in a church or funeral home. It is important for officers conducting the service to familiarize themselves with the use of microphones and coordinate dress. It is also important that the Master and Chaplain practice the ceremony and commit vital portions of the text to memory so that it flows smoothly and without verbal gaffs or confusion. In the way of logistics, leave nothing to chance, and learn to be flexible and improvise as needed. Also, it is important that lodge members attend. A small showing does not speak well for the Craft. *umj*



Local Masons Honored By Scottish Rite – Local area Freemasons were among a group of 234 selected to receive the Thirty-third Degree, the highest honor of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. The ceremony took place recently in Chicago during the annual meeting of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council. The degree is awarded for outstanding service to Freemasonry or for significant contributions to humanity that reflect credit upon the Fraternity. The 2006 recipients were chosen from 15 northeastern and midwestern states that comprise the 230,000-member Northern Jurisdiction of the United States. Those from Wisconsin were, left to right in the front row: Ibeco V. (Ray) Amador, La Crosse, Retired Manufacturing Engineer; Joseph B. Harker, Senior Grand Deacon, New Berlin, Sales Engineer, Rockwell Automation. In the back row are: Rodney A. Paulsen, Elkhorn, retired educator, Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin; Gary R. Beier, New Berlin, Director of Development, Foundation of Wisconsin Auto and Truck Dealers; and Charles Dadaian, New Berlin, Secretary, Scottish Rite Bodies of Milwaukee.

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MARY MILLARD
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It's September and we are all beginning to get back in to the swing of things. I have a number of presentation dates in the process of being finalized; please continue to check the Three Pillars website www.threepillars.org to see where each one will be. I am very pleased to announce that the meals at these presentations are provided by Three Pillars through a grant from the Glenn and Gertrude Humphrey Fund of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation. Please RSVP to Mary Millard at 1-800-848-5306 and mention which presentation you will be attending.

Below are the presentations
scheduled as of September 14th

September 21, 2006 @ 6:00 pm

Burlington Lodge #28
325 Kane Street, Burlington, WI

October 12, 2006 @ 6:30 pm

Keystone Lodge # 263
10629 Main Street, Hayward, WI

October 30, 2006 @ 6:30 pm

Mineral Point Lodge #1
310 High Street, Mineral Point, WI

November 2, 2006 @ 6:00 pm

Hancock Lodge #229, Ellsworth
400 West Main Street, Superior, WI

November 3, 2006 @ 6:30 pm

Acacia-Lexia #329, Superior
3117 North 2nd, Superior, WI

November 9, 2006 @ 6:00 pm

Walworth OES # 148
1007 South 2nd Street, Walworth, WI

February 13, 2007 @ 6:00 pm

Twilight OES, Sun Prairie
152 N. Bird Street, Sun Prairie, WI

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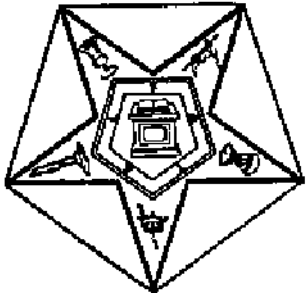
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Order of Eastern Star

From the Worthy Grand Patron

Fall is in the air and Wisconsin is showing its beautiful colors. Many of our Chapters have had their Grand Officer's visits and some are waiting to have theirs. I hope your time spent with the Grand Officers has been full-filling and rewarding. Your Eastern Star hospitality has been wonderful and your willingness to make this Order remain the best is gratifying.

At the end of the month, many of our members will be traveling to Minnesota for the General Grand Chapter Session. I hope you are one of those joining us. It will be my first experience in attending a General Grand Chapter Session and I am looking forward to attending this event. I have been asked to carry in the Wisconsin Flag, for the Cavalcade of Flags Ceremony. I know this is a small part in the Session, but one I'm very proud to do in representing our Wisconsin Eastern Star.

I have been your Worthy Grand Patron for a few short months and it has been a pleasure visiting and meeting new and old friends. We have the greatest people in our Order, so get out and tell everyone about us.

Sister and Brothers may your life be filled with love and happiness.

Fraternal love and whale hugs,
John J. Knee, W.G.P.

Announcements

• **Golden Rule Chapter 194** is honoring Triwaukee on Thursday, October 12. Our official visit is on Thursday, October 26. Our official visitor is going to be Associate Grand Patron Cal Welles. For both meetings there will be a supper served at 6 p.m. If you would like to attend either one or both of the suppers please notify me (Cheri) Worthy Matron by the Monday before the meeting. My phone number is 414-445-4199 and you can leave a message. Hope to see you at one or both of the meetings and I know we will see you on the Star Trail.

Cheri and Mike Brus Worthy Matron/Patron.

• On June 6, **Frederic Chapter No. 239** had a special event of honoring one of our 50-year members. Alice Hedberg, Worthy Matron, had the honor of presenting **Mary Nordgard** with her 50-year pin. Mary started her OES adventure in 1955 while living in California. Her travels have taken her to be part of the Alpha Chapter No. 23 in Brainerd, St. Croix Falls Chapter No. 232 and Frederic Chapter, #239. Mary has served as Marshal, Star Point of Esther, Associate Conductress, Conductress and Worthy Matron as well as given the honor of being appointed Grand Representative of Utah in Wisconsin. We appreciate Mary's leadership and thank her for her 50 years of dedicated service to Eastern Star. What a privilege it is to have her in our Chapter.

Flag Day

June 14th was Flag Day and the Nation marked the birthday of Old Glory. July has gone and with it the 4th of July, Independence Day – Is our patriotism also gone?

Is there a flag flying in your yard? Are the Stars and Stripes waving in the breeze with Pride? (Poem from *Gems of Thought*, No author listed)

The sky with its beauty, Our heart strings thrill.

May God bless our Flag, Let it float, and fill.

With the dear, sweet chant of its wind swept bars,

And the swelling chorus of all its clustered stars.

We hear so much about our Flag on the special days in June and July and we celebrate with hot dogs and brats, fire works, family reunions and picnics; but what about the other 360 plus days?

It is not the month of June nor is it July, so with the celebrations behind us, sit back and take a few minutes and ask yourself "How Did Flag Day start and what is it all about".

A Rural Wisconsin teacher created the Holiday June 14th as Flag Day and the Nation marked the birthday of Old Glory.

The observance was the dream of Bernard J. Cigrand, who on June 14, 1885, gathered his pupils around him in a One-room country schoolhouse in Fredonia Wisconsin, to recall the story of the Stars and Stripes.

How the Flag was Changed

On his desk, Cigrand, then 19 and a \$40 a month teacher, had propped up a small flag. The youngsters read essays on the history and meaning of the flag.

They recalled how the Second Continental Congress on June 14, 1777, adopted the design: 13 stripes, alternate red and white, with a Union composed of 13 white stars in a blue field.

They read how Congress in 1794 caused the flag to be changed to 14 stars and 15 stripes following admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the young nation and how it was returned to the original 13 stripes in 1818, the basic design never again to be changed except for additions of stars to mark the country's growth.

From the first simple ceremony, Cigrand, who later became a successful dentist, expanded the anniversary project in 1894 with the formation of the American Flag Day Association.

Before his death in 1932, Dr Cigrand saw the day grow to a national observance proclaimed annually by successive Presidents.

The celebrations are over, but aren't you pleased that you took a few minutes to remember the reason for the celebration in June.



Fond du Lac Chapter, OES Instituted

Pictured above are the officers of the newly instituted Fond du Lac Chapter No. 289. We wish them well in the coming years.

Sister Sue Crone named Honorary Chairperson of "Relay for Life" 2006



The Sue Crone Story Relay for Life Chair

I am honored to be the Honorary Chairperson for Relay for Life this year and I am indebted to each and every participant in the Relay for Life. It is through the hard work and dedication of so many that I can say I am a survivor. Research, drugs, new therapy and education have played an important part in my victory in meeting the demon called cancer.

Next to my computer is a picture of me in my blaze orange survivor shirt. It was taken at the Relay for Life last

Grand Representative Parties

Vega Chapter, Milwaukee invites you to their meeting on Friday, October 20, 2006 at 7:30 to honor **Dave Schreier, Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.** RSVPs appreciated to Laura Dessereau (414) 481-5935.

Sheboygan Chapter invites you to a reception honoring Janet Dorsey, **Grand Representative of Maine** at 1 p.m. Sunday, November 12, 2006 at the Sheboygan Masonic Center, 411 St. Clair Avenue, Sheboygan. RSVP by November 1 to: Margaret Halbach, WM, 306 North 10th Street, Oostburg, WI 53070, (920) 564-2127.

Marshfield, October 21 Party for Ervella (Val) Waugh, Grand Representative of Mississippi

DATE CHANGE:

The scheduled combined Grand Representative party at Wauwatosa Chapter on November 26, 2006 has been changed to February 18, 2007.

year. It always gives me courage when I look at it.

My journey with cancer began in 1978. I was a wife and mother with three young sons. Because there was a history of cancer in my family, I was diligent about having an annual exam. The diagnosis came back with "pre-cancer" cells necessitating hysterectomy. They left my ovaries partly due to my young age.

Seven years later, in 1985, the results came back from my yearly physical. I was diagnosed with breast cancer. By this time I had lost two aunts to breast cancer. Still I felt confident I would again beat it. Thanks to my regular physicals, it was in the early stages.

Seven more years passed and in 1991 I lost my 26-year-old son to an avalanche. On the same day I was asked to come back to the hospital for a second mammogram. The breast cancer had returned. It was indeed an uphill struggle but again they had gotten it in the early stages thanks to my yearly physicals.

Fourteen years passed and I figured I had won the battle. Then in November 2004, I would again hear those ominous words; "You have cancer of the ovaries, omentum and peritoneum. It is stage three but we are optimistic for we believe we got it early."

February 28th will mark the first year anniversary of my last chemo treatment. I am again cancer free. I believe I have been given a gift through my trials. That gift is to appreciate each and every day and to live life to its fullest. I often ask myself why I am a survivor. I attribute it to a positive attitude, research, treatment, regular check-ups and the many caring individuals I am surrounded by. I am indeed blessed and grateful.

I am humbled and indebted to each and every participant in the Relay for Life. It is through the hard work and dedication of so many that I can say I am a survivor. Research, drugs, new therapy and education have played an important part in my victory in meeting the demon called cancer.

Sisters and Brothers

If you would like to have information about your chapter meetings, special events, 50-year members, new members or chatter about your chapter printed on this page; please send information for this page 45 days prior to publication date to:

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September 2006

- 23 District 7 Fall Meeting - Using the Lodge Excellence Award (LEA) as a planning tool. Sun Prairie Lodge No. 143, Sun Prairie 7 p.m.
- 29 1st Annual Robert Ross, PM Table Lodge Wisconsin Lodge No. 13, 4315 N. 92nd St., Wauwatosa 4:30 p.m.
- 30 District 4 Fall Meeting H.S. Baird Lodge, Sturgeon Bay 10 a.m.
- 30 Job's Daughters Grand Bethel Exemplification, West Allis Masonic Center, West Allis.
- 30 Dist. 4 Fall Mtg., H.S. Baird Lodge, Sturgeon Bay 10 a.m.
- 30 Southwest York Rite Association of Royal Arch Masons will host a Chapter Degrees Festival at the Platteville Masonic Center. For the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees, Most Excellent Master Degree and Royal Arch Mason Degree.

October 2006

- 2 District 12 Area 3 School of Instruction, James M. Hays Lodge No. 331, 7:30 p.m.
- 7 District 2 Fall Mtg. Landmark Lodge No. 244 9 a.m.
- 7 DeMolay Honors Day, Waukesha Masonic Center
- 9 District 12 Area 1 School of Instruction, South Shore Lodge No. 3, 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Valley of LaCrosse - Awards & Recognition Dinner, Seven Bridges in Onalaska, 5:30 p.m.
- 12 Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board Mtg., Thursday, 3 p.m., Grand Masonic Center, Dousman.*
- 14 Masonic Unity Dinner for Grand Elected Officers and Ladies/Gentleman of All Masonic & Appendant Bodies. Tripoli Shrine Temple, 3000 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee. Call Grand Lodge 800-242-2307 for information and reservations. GM Rod Paulsen attending *
- 15 Dodge County Lodge 150th Anniversary Dinner & Program, Old Hickory Golf Club in Beaver Dam, Alan Idling, PGM, Featured Speaker. Reservations Req'd.
- 19 District 12 Area 2 School of Instruction, Wisconsin Lodge No. 13, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Tripoli Shrine Beer & Wine Tasting - 2007 Harley Motorcycle Raffle, 7 to 11 p.m., Tripoli Shrine Temple 3000 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee. For more information call 414-933-4700
- 20-21 AASR Valley of Eau Claire Reunion, Eau Claire
- 20-21 AASR Valley of Madison Reunion, Madison.
- 23 Wauwatosa Lodge No. 267 'Ladies at the Table' with West Allis No. 297, West Allis Masonic Center.

- 24 District 5 Fall Mtg., Black River Lodge No. 74, 7 p.m.
- 28 1st Grand Lodge-sponsored "Masonic Toolbox" Leadership Training Seminar, 8:30 a.m. at Dousman Lodge, Dousman. Register by Oct. 21 and pay just \$5. The three remaining leader training seminars will be held in early 2007—in Eau Claire at the Eau Claire Masonic Center on January 27 in Dodgeville at Dodgeville Lodge on February 17. The final seminar will be held in Appleton at Waverly Lodge and is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 5. Please use registration form on page 3.
- 28 Valley of Green Bay Fall Reunion, "The Ill. Robert O. Ralston, 33", Past Sovereign Grand Commander Passport Class" at NEW Masonic Center, Green Bay.
- 28 AASR Valley of Eau Claire Reunion, Eau Claire.
- 30 District 10 Fall Meeting, Fond du Lac Lodge, 7 p.m. Subject: how to plan and execute an effective and successful prospective member event. Ladies program. \$15 per person for dinner (optional).
- 30 District 8 Fall Mtg., Mineral Point Lodge No. 1, Dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30.
- 30 School of Instruction Columbus Longe No. 75, 7 p.m.

November 2006

- 3 'Tiltetown Tailgate Party' by Mad Dog & Merrill - Valley of Green Bay, Beja Shrine Center. Reservations Req'd.
- 4 Valley of Green Bay Fall Reunion, "The Ill. Robert O. Ralston, 33", PSGC Passport Class" at the NEWMC. Reservations requested for lunch.
- 4 Banquet for the "Ill. Robert O. Ralston, 33", PSGC Passport Class" at Holiday Inn - City Centre, Green Bay. Reservations Required.
- 4 DeMolay State Sweetheart Testimonial
- 9 District 12 Area 5 School of Instruction Independence Lodge No. 80, West Allis Masonic Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Grand Lodge Full Staff Meeting (GM) Brookfield
- 11 Grand Lodge Full Staff Meeting (GM) Brookfield
- 11 Ladies at the Table (GM) McKinley Lodge No. 307
- 11 Valley of LaCrosse - Family 'Rite' Life Dinner, Event Guest Speaker is Sue Hessel, Author of "Where's Evelyn." Valley of LaCrosse 5 pm
- 12 Grand Lodge Full Staff Meeting (GM) Brookfield
- 11 Southwest York Rite Association of Royal and Select Masters Degree Festival, Beloit Masonic Center for the Council of Royal Master and Select Master Degrees.
- 15 AASR Valley of Milwaukee, Prince Hall Degree, Humphrey Scottish Rite Center 5:30 p.m.

