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Shawano Masons Saving Lives – Fifteen year-old Shawano Community High School cross-country runner Eric Swiecichowski's parents, Carl and Cindy Swiecichowski (center, left), expressed their appreciation to Grand Master John W. Wilke (right) for the AED that restarted Eric's heart after it stopped during a practice session in August. The AED was purchased with matching funds from the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation. The application was sponsored by Shawano Lodge No. 170 in 1999. Shawano Past Master Fred Goering (left) represented the lodge during the Grand Master's visit to MasonWoods and Shawano Lodge on September 16.

– Photo by Bro. Fred Tincher, Shawano Lodge Secretary

AED Shawano Lodge helped fund saves life of 15 year-old high school runner

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

SHAWANO – On a summer morning in August this year, Eric Swiecichowski, age 15, was warming up for cross county and had just completed a lap around Shawano Community High when he went to the office not feeling well.

He collapsed without a heart beat. The school nurse Rita Simon and first responder George Graper pulled the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) from the wall and went to work on Eric.

It took two shocks to get his heart pumping blood again. Eric woke up in the ambulance on the way to Shawano Hospital. He was later transported on to St. Vincent hospital (in Green Bay) where they implanted a pacemaker/defibrillator in his chest.

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Secretary of the Year Award: An Honor to Strive for All Year

By Wm. Stonecipher, Editor
Wisconsin Masonic Journal

DOUSMAN – When the three members of your Grand Lodge office staff put their heads together each spring to decide which of our 187 lodge secretaries should receive Lodge Secretary of the Year recognition at Grand Lodge, several factors are considered.

The Editor spoke with Grand Lodge Office Manager Jan Gorgen recently at the request of Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, to heighten awareness of the award and learn more about the criteria the ladies use in making their selection—and it is solely at their selection.

This year's Lodge Secretary of the year was Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 322 Secretary Tom Strong. In 2007, the first year for the award, it was longtime Lake Lodge No. 189 Secretary Win Bodine who received this distinction.

During the award announcement and presentation at the Grand See **LSOY AWARD** on page 2

The Grand Master's Message:

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

Grand Master Wilke's Beehive Pin is Rich With Masonic Symbolism & Teaching

The beehive pin this year is full of Masonic symbolism.

The beehive itself represents industry to Freemasons. The three great lights on the beehive represent the three degrees and the three principle officers of the lodges.

We also are ever cognizant of the square as we square all of our actions in all our doings throughout life. The compasses remind us to ever be aware and in control of our passions and prejudices. The letter "G" reminds us of the geometric links we have with the ancient stonemasons, the basis of all liberal art—the foundation of all education. It also represents our creator.

The five bees remind us of the five human senses which we endeavor to always use in the useful attainment of knowledge and whereby we may know each other as Freemasons. Knowledge of the five orders of architecture also connects us to our ancient roots.

The bees represent the worker bees, those bees that leave the hive to gather nectar and bring it

as a nutritional source to the rest of the hive.

We try to emulate these by bringing our discoveries in life to the Lodge. Therefore the health of the Lodge is dependent on its workers not only going out about the world, but bringing back the knowledge and experiences to the Lodge so all can benefit and become healthier.

The bees pollinate the flowers where they gather the nectar allowing the flower to fully develop into fruit holding the seeds for future generations.

We as Freemasons take the lessons learned in Lodge and go out about the world pollinating all we contact with these lessons while we gather knowledge to return to the Lodge. Therefore, like the bee, Freemasons are symbiotic with their relationship with the whole world making it a better place for

mankind.

The seven layers of the hive signify the seven liberal arts which we endeavor to study to make ourselves and all around us better individuals in society. The studies of the seven liberal arts allow us to understand, communicate and appreciate all creation.

Grammar, the first liberal art, helps us form sentences so we can form sentences to describe the things we have experienced through our five senses. Grammar allows us to form these sentences.

Rhetoric is that liberal art that teaches us to express our ideas to others without confusion and is essential for a civilized society.

Logic guides our thoughts in a manner that coincides with natural laws and common sense.

Arithmetic teaches the interaction of numbers which is so important in all of our worldly dealings. The advanced branches of mathematics of calculus, geometry and trigonometry open our mind to the exploration of theories and theorems. This gives us an analytical "what if" nature of exploring our surroundings.

Geometry needs no explanation to Freemasons.

Music is that liberal art we enjoy. Music lightens the burdens of life, brings joy to the heart and peace to the mind, energizing the soul.

Astronomy is the last of the seven liberal arts and allows us to navigate the world. Its study also helps us think in ways to help us navigate "our world."

It is my hope that you have been enlightened through the Grand Master's pin this year. *wmj*



John W. Wilke
Grand Master



Three Pillars Adds Chief Operating Officer to Staff

DOUSMAN – Three Pillars has announced the addition of a Chief Operating Officer, John Lawson, to the executive staff at the Masonic Fraternity-sponsored Three Pillars Senior Living Communities which has facilities in Dousman and the Town of Cecil on Shawano Lake.

Mr. Lawson will be leading the operational teams and departments, as well as providing vision, direction, and leadership to align operations with the strategic direction of the organization.

According to Mark Strautman, President & Chief Executive Officer: "Bringing John on board will better position Three Pillars to continue to be proactive and a leader in the senior services environment in Wisconsin. We are very proud of our accomplishments over the past few years and are excited about what John brings to our organization, as we prepare to move forward in a very dynamic and changing time for senior living."

"We've had a structure in place for years that compartmentalizes our services," Strautman continued, referring to the way in which the various Three Pillars' units—the Center for Health & Rehab, Riverside Lodge, Village on the Square, Compass Point and MasonWoods—are seen as being separate and autonomous entities

instead of as part of an integrated whole.

"We want to bring a more seamless service environment between all levels of resident care at Three Pillars, and we need a single point of accountability, and up until now I have been that focus point," the CEO said.

This will change with the addition of COO Lawson, who will now become that focal point as he assumes responsibility for the day-to-day operations at all Three Pillars facilities, thus freeing CEO Strautman so that he can focus on fulfilling his increased responsibilities for strategic planning and fund raising.

Strautman also noted that this was "a time of ferment" in the senior living field due to increasing demands from those we serve and their families, ever more complicated regulation by government agencies and competition from other for-profit and not-for-profit facilities in the Dousman area.

"Our whole environment is changing," Strautman continued. "We need to ensure that we can continue to be proactive and a pioneer (in senior care) while at the same time not lose sight of the culture and quality-care environment for which we are known. We need

See **NEW COO** on page 2



Three Pillars' CEO Mark Strautman (left) introduced new Chief Operating Officer John Lawson to residents in Dousman the week of September 15. Mr. Lawson will oversee day-to-day operations at all Three Pillars units.

GL Plans Four Masonic Ed. Seminars: 1st is Oct. 4 in Eau Claire, 2nd is November 1 in Waukesha

DOUSMAN – The Grand Lodge Education Committee is pleased to announce that there will be four Masonic Education Seminars offered this year.

There will be two this fall and two in the spring of 2009. The two this fall will be held on Saturday, October 4 in Eau Claire at the Eau Claire Masonic Center, and Saturday, November 1 in Waukesha at Waukesha Lodge No. 37.

The two spring 2009 seminars will be held in Green Bay at the Northeast Masonic Center and in Dodgeville at Dodgeville Lodge No. 119. Dates will be announced at a later time.

Please use registration form on page 3 to enroll for the two semi-

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

Brethren attending the Masonic Education Seminars are encouraged to take the two related Masonic Education Correspondence Courses—the MCCC for the Masonic Code of Wisconsin and the MECC for the Wisconsin Masonic Handbook—either before or after the seminars.

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

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Congratulations to Dr. John W. Wilke Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin



Your proud brothers
at Union Lodge
No. 32, Evansville,
salute you on your
installation as
Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of
Wisconsin!

NEW COO...from page 1

to have a strong focus on our present and future, and we can't sacrifice either."

The CEO also identified a trend to move to the more resident-centered "Eden" concept of care which infuses nature, plants, animals into the living environment and fulfills residents' need to nurture. "Our Compass Point concept is part of that approach."

Mr. Lawson has served as Executive Director of several retirement communities in Ohio and Indiana over the past 15 years, and colleagues describe him as "mission driven." He believes that while it is essential to provide excellent service, we must do more.

As the new COO put it, "The best summary of this I have heard is a quote from former Florida Governor Lawton Chiles who said, 'The difference between a crowd and a community is that in a crowd people are standing next to each other but only looking out for themselves; in a community, people have entered into a covenant to care for one another.'" This is the difference that a not-for-profit fraternal organization creates for those it serves.

John is a graduate of Indiana University and is currently studying for a Masters Degree in Health Administration through St. Joseph's College in Maine. He is also certified as an Aging Services Professional through the University of North Texas. In addition, John has

served on a variety of state and national not-for-profit association boards and committees, including a term on the Indiana Association of Homes and Services for the Aging Board of Directors.

The new COO is active with the United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries, serving on its older adult ministries executive committee and as a member of its "EAGLE" Accreditation Commission. EAGLE is the only faith-based accreditation process, accrediting retirement communities, nursing homes, programs for children, youth and families as well as community service ministries. He is also active in the United Methodist Church, having served as District Lay Leader and a delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conference. Interestingly, John's father, the late David Lawson, served as Bishop of the United Methodist Church in Wisconsin from 1984 to 1992.

John sees service to older adults as an expression of his faith life: "We respond to Christ's call to care for the sick and invite in the stranger. Wesley (John Wesley, upon whose teachings and religious philosophy Methodism is based) believed that a satisfying spiritual experience is not possible without engaging in service."

"A caring mission has been the driving force of Three Pillars success for the past century" describes Mark Strautman, "and I am pleased that

LSOY AWARD...from page 1

Lodge Annual Communication this year, Grand Lodge Office Manager Gorgen, spokesperson for the office staff— Receptionist Cheryl Martin, Bookkeeper Alicia Darr and Office Manager Jan Gorgen — explained what qualifies a Lodge Secretary to receive this prestigious award:

"Worshipful Masters, Senior Wardens and Junior Wardens come and go, but the glue that holds a lodge together year after year is the Secretary. He is generally the silent force that maintains consistency and stability within the lodge and an important part of that consistency is his timely communication with his lodge officers and members, and with the Grand Lodge office.

"Of all the lodge secretaries we deal with on a daily basis, we most appreciate those who are courteous, professional, polite, gentlemanly in their demeanor and, most importantly, are timely in their duties."

As she made this year's Lodge Secretary of the Year presentation, Grand Lodge Office Manager Gorgen explained the reasons Brother Strong, a 25-year-plus member of the Fraternity and a Past Master and Secretary for nearly six years, was named.

Brother Strong received the award because he performed his duties with promptness, accuracy and fidelity, and also because he is patient, thorough, and considerate of the Grand Lodge office staff. These qualifications are what earned him recognition of Lodge Secretary of the Year.

Significant, too, was the fact that he has embraced the new Masonic

John brings such a strong commitment of faith and service. This integrity for mission is exactly what I was looking for in our new COO.

John began at Three Pillars on September 15. His wife Louann is a Registered Nurse, and has extensive experience as a director of nursing and educator. Their son Matthew is active in Boy Scouts and band.

The hiring of COO Lawson came after a nine-month search process. CEO Strautman related. Mr. Lawson's strong faith background and commitment to mission indicated that, "he was the guy we were looking for."

Editor's note: This article was prepared from material included in a press release dated September 16, and an interview by the Editor with COO John Lawson and CEO Mark Strautman on September 17. *umj*

Congratulations to Craig S. Campbell



On your election as
Deputy Grand Master,
of the Grand Lodge
of Wisconsin, from
your brothers at
Lincoln Lodge
No. 183
in Sussex

Online Registry (MORI) technology offered by the Grand Lodge and eagerly converted his lodge records to the system.

"We're here to help."

It's important that callers to the Grand Lodge office understand that the staff is there to perform their appointed duties in service to the Craft and to help callers find solutions to their problems, whether they are lodge secretaries or others seeking information. There simply is no reason for callers to be impolite.

Unfortunately, some callers have been less than courteous in their over-the-phone demeanor.

All brethren, whether an officer or not, are reminded that calling into the Grand Lodge office is not like placing a call to a computer or cable service call center in some foreign country to complain.

"We're here to help you," Jan explained. And they are right here in Wisconsin.

Another challenge the office staff contends with upon occasion is callers who are reluctant to discuss lodge business with them, assuming that ladies are not likely to be knowledgeable about "matters Masonic."

Putting these concerns to rest, Jan replied: "We've been here long enough to know the workings of the Fraternity pretty well." Receptionist Cheryl Martin has been at the Grand Masonic Center for eight years, Bookkeeper Alicia Darr thirteen years, and Jan has been on-staff nineteen years.

When inquiries or questions do arise that are beyond the scope of the responsibilities of the office staff, they are of course referred to the proper Grand Lodge officer for handling.

If you are a Lodge Secretary, doing what you can to qualify as a potential Secretary of the Year Award winner makes it an honor to strive for, all year long. *umj*

Grand Master Attends Annual Benton Picnic

Benton Lodge Master Kevin Germaine (right) introduced Grand Master John Wilke at the annual Benton Lodge Masonic Picnic held on August 17 in New Diggings on the grounds of the only Masonic Cemetery in Wisconsin — and the location of the former Olive Branch Lodge No. 6, now Benton Lodge No. 268. Benton Lodge Masonic News Hawk Joe Thompson reported that the food was great!



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Wisconsin DeMolay to Hold Honors Day in West Allis Oct. 11

Several DeMolays, Masons & Scholars to Receive Recognition

WEST ALLIS – Attention Friends of Wisconsin DeMolay. Honors Day will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2008, at the West Allis Masonic Center, 7515 W. National Avenue in West Allis.

The Chevalier's annual meeting: begins at 2:30 p.m., followed by the Legionnaire's annual meeting and a private induction will be at 4 p.m.

A reception begins at 5:30, with dinner at 6:15. The program will begin at 7:30 and will feature a jurisdictional opening by state DeMolay officers.

Investiture ceremonies for the Cross of Honor, Degree of Chevalier and Legion of Honor will follow. Wisconsin DeMolay Foundation Scholarship Presentations will also take place. Honorees are as follows.

Cross of Honor: Colleen Rae Hill, Kenosha Chapter. Chevalier: John Scott State Master Counselor, Kenosha Chapter and Chris Niggermeier, Brookfield Chapter.

Legion of Honor: Craig Campbell, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Wisconsin; Joseph Harker, Senior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of Wisconsin; John Clifton, Kenosha Chapter; Arthur Mattox, Sir Galahad Chapter; Shaun Noble, Sir Galahad Chapter; Donny Pellmann, Sir Galahad Chapter.

Dinner Menu: Roast Pig "on the spit," with several side dishes. An alternate entree of meatless lasagna is also available. Dinner is \$12 each.

Reservations with payment to Dad Robert Lijewski, Executive Officer, Wisconsin DeMolay, W156S7350 Quietwood Drive, Muskego, WI 53150. Phone 414-422-9452. *wmj*

Joseph Harker Senior Grand Warden Grand Lodge of Wisconsin

Congratulations,
Brother Joseph

From Your
Brothers at
Mineral Point
Lodge No. 1



Davey L. White, Jr. Junior Grand Warden Grand Lodge of Wisconsin

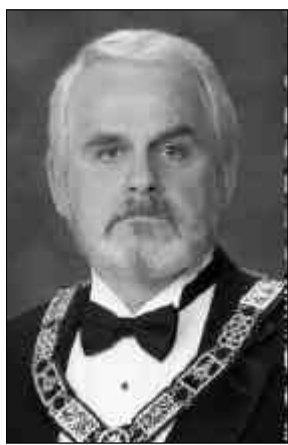
Congratulations,
Brother Davey, on
your installation as
Junior Grand
Warden ~ from
your Brothers at
Warren Lodge
No. 4 in Potosi



Senior Grand Steward William Beetcher Grand Lodge of Wisconsin

Congratulations,
Brother Bill
on your
appointment as
Sr. Grand Steward

Landmark Lodge
No. 244 in Frederic



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

Brethren are advised that in order to receive LEA points and course completion recognition, the completed correspondence courses accompanied by a check for the correct fee (\$4.50 per person per course) are to be mailed to the Grand Lodge Office in Dousman. Those completing the courses and remitting the \$4.50 fee will receive a pin and certificate which will be returned by mail—and earn LEA points for your lodge.

Start times for all seminars are as follows. Check-in will be from 8-9 a.m. and the seminar will begin promptly at 9 a.m. There will be a noontime break for lunch. The cost of the meal is not included in the

\$10 entry fee. Walk-in "Day-of" registration for the seminars will be \$15 per person. The seminars will conclude by 3 p.m.

Presenters will be members of the Grand Lodge Education Committee and other Grand Lodge officers. Junior Grand Warden Davey L. White, Jr., is committee chair.

Other members of the Education Committee this year are Craig Campbell, Deputy Grand Master; Joe Harker, Sr. Grand Warden; Michael Dewolf, PGM, Grand Secretary; Dennis Siewert, Sr. Grand Deacon; Dan Slavik, Jr., Grand Deacon; Bill Beetcher, Sr. Grand Steward; and Frank Struble, Jr. Grand Steward.

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

As an added bonus, the brethren attending will also receive a wealth of other educational and inspirational information. *wmj*



Burlington Lodge Plans 2K9 Train Trip to Visit George Washington Masonic Memorial & D.C.

By Bro. Cecil Buck, PM
Burlington Lodge No. 28

BURLINGTON – Burlington Lodge No. 28 is planning to make a trip next April to Washington D.C.

We plan on visiting the George Washington National Masonic Memorial, the Scottish Rite Cathedral and many other sites during our visit. The train trip is scheduled to leave on April 22 and return on April 26, 2009; of course if people would like to stay longer, arrangements can be made.

We have tried to keep the trip as short as possible so our working brothers would not have to take a lot of time off from work, so we will leave Wednesday afternoon and return Sunday late morning.

We also plan on contacting as many of the lodges as possible in cities that the train stops at and pick up any brothers that wish to join us on our trip. It will be a grand time!

Chocolate City Travel is handling planning and reservations for the lodge. The price is \$599 per person and includes lodging, some meals, fares, tips and insurance.

For more information on this exciting trip or to make your reservation, call Lori Kaul at Chocolate City Travel toll free at 1-800-874-7786 or at <lori@chocolatecitytravel.com>.

A \$100 deposit required at time of reservation. Final payment will be due March 5, 2009. Space is limited, so make your reservations now!

Linden Lodge Raises Robert Rossing

Brother Robert Rossing (left to right) was recently raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason at Linden Lodge No. 206 with District 8 Lecturer Ross Pollock, Mineral Point Lodge Sr. Warden Ray Paynter, District 8 Area 1 Administrator Jim Jewell, Linden Master Dave Maughan and lodge member Bill Keeney. Brother Rossing will be attending vocational school this fall.



Linden Lodge Recognizes Brothers Keeney & Barritt

On Tuesday August 18, the members of Linden Lodge No. 206, Linden, recently honored Bro. Stan Keeney (right) for 60 years, and Bro. Donald Barritt, (center, right) for 50 years. Linden Worshipful Master David Maughan (right) joined Grand Master John Wilke for the picture.

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

(Note: Group registrations from lodges are encouraged.)

Please list all who will be attending by name.)

October 4, 2008 @ Eau Claire Masonic Center. Registration Deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 24

November 1, 2008 @ Waukesha Lodge No. 37. Registration Deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 22.

Note: Information on the two Masonic Education Seminars to be held in spring 2009 in Green Bay and Dodgeville will be forthcoming as soon as details are finalized.

**Make check payable to:
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Wills, Willingness and Will Power

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

Have you ever heard anyone say, "I want to die without a Will"? Nor have I.

That is because people seem to agree that having a Will is a very good idea!

Actually, when it comes right down to it, no one dies without a Will. If you have not written a Will at your death, State Law will determine how your estate will be distributed. The problem is, that may not be how you want it done.

So, a personalized Will or Trust is of great value. It provides peace of mind, and prescribes who you want to handle your affairs. It determines

who will benefit from your estate.

At the Masonic Charities we have discovered that many Masons and others are quite willing to consider placing the Masonic Charities in their estate plans. They understand that Charity is part of being a Mason. The willingness is there.

Knowing the value of having a will and being willing to include a Masonic Charity is commendable and appreciated.

But good intentions alone fail to bring the peace of mind that a good Will can produce. Nor do good intentions provide for Masonic Charity.

What is needed is action. And what will help produce action is will power.

Please call an attorney and make

an appointment. Let this little message be a boost to your will power. Do it now.

Please select one or more of the following to create your Masonic Legacy.

- Wisconsin Masonic Home Endowment Fund
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SAVING LIVES...from page 1

Shawano Lodge No. 170 had sponsored the AED for the high school and the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation had provided a match for half the cost.

Eric's father Carl and mother Cindy are extremely grateful to the Masons for having provided the means to save their son's life.

The physician told the family that 95% of people with Eric's condition do not survive. Without the AED and the expert attention of the school staff, Eric would not be with us today.

This is the second time the family has been touched by Masons. Eric's aunt had earlier been treated at a Shriners Hospital.

Most Worshipful Grand Master John Wilke met with the Swieczchowskis at MasonWoods where he and several Masons were deeply thanked by Eric and his family.

Shawano Lodge has sponsored or funded the placement of eight AEDs in the Shawano area: four are in high schools, one is in a local grade school, one is in the Menomonie Nation Tribal School and most recently one has been funded for placement in a local hockey arena.

Coming: A Special Table Lodge Event In Rhinelander Oct. 21

Masonic Widows Will Be Honored at Special Charities' Program

RHINELANDER - On Tuesday, October 21, a "Widows at the Table Lodge" dinner sponsored by Rhinelander Masonic Lodge No. 242 and the Wisconsin Masonic Charities will be held. Festivities commence with a 5 p.m. fellowship hour, with dinner to follow at 6 p.m. Contacts for reservations are Brother Don Schroeder, Senior Warden (715) 362-2360; Brother Jim Suffield, Worshipful Master (715) 362-5971; Brother Don Riemenschneider, Past Master (715) 282-6146 <riemedeb@charter.net>; Bill Barnes & Erika Miller - Wisconsin Masonic Charities (800) 242-2307 or by e-mail at:

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Grand Master John Wilke will be in attendance with his lady Sharon. Rhinelander Lodge will cook and serve the meal. The Grand Master will give specialized toasts for the event, present the Widows Pin Ceremony, and Brother Bill Barnes, Wisconsin Masonic Charities Director of Development, will present each widow present with a Masonic Widows Pin. Also, the Wisconsin Masonic Charities will provide roses for each lady present.

Make your reservations now. Don't delay, do it today! *wmj*

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Clintonville Masons Say Thank You to Fire Dept.

Clintonville Fire Chief Dean Poole (right) is shown accepting a \$500 donation from Brother Dan Jesse (left), Worshipful Master of Clintonville Lodge as a thank you for the fire department's cooperation in its promotional activity at the August 9 parade and picnic. - Submitted by Tim Beimal, T-G Editor

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Melody Lodge Member Kevin Hanson Named a "Volunteer of the Year"

On July 24 the Platteville Chamber of Commerce held a recognition night for the "Volunteers of the Year" of the community organizations. The recipient for Melody Lodge was Kevin Hanson, fifth from the left in the recipient's picture.

— Submitted by Brother Remy Colas, Melody Lodge No. 2

Melody Lodge Participates in City of Platteville Volunteer of the Year Event

By Remy Colas, Worshipful Master, Melody Lodge No. 2

PLATTEVILLE – Melody Lodge participated in the Platteville Chamber of Commerce-sponsored city-wide Volunteer of the Year award program held July 24.

The event was held in the park in front of the Platteville City Hall. The Volunteer of the Year recognition event was organized by the Platteville Chamber of Commerce (Melody Lodge is a member) and all the organizations of the community were invited to have a booth in the

park and to select their Volunteer of the Year.

We selected Brother Kevin Hanson due to his dedication and commitment to the Craft. Brother Kevin is a valuable asset to our organization, responding and always present when we need help.

Chamber of Commerce Director Kathy Koop presented the award to each recipient of each organization.

A total of 26 awards were given and a picture was taken with the group and published in the local newspaper.

The event was followed by a con-

cert in the park with a local band. We thought it was a good thing to do and have our Volunteer of the Year recognized with other volunteers of our community during a common event and gain some positive public relations exposure.

Recognized were members of the Optimists, Lions and Kiwanis Clubs; United Way; Habitat for Humanity; Boy and Girl Scouts; Elks lodge; Knights of Columbus; Southwest Education Association; Special Olympics; VFW; Chamber of Commerce; Platteville Historical Society; and Melody Masonic Lodge. *umj*

Melody Lodge Booth at Volunteer of Year Event

Melody Lodge No. 2 had a booth created by the two attendants pictured at left. Melody Volunteer of the Year Kevin Hanson is on the left and Brother Jens Lindner on the right. Award recipients from 26 Platteville organizations were recognized as part of the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event. Melody Lodge is a member of the Platteville Chamber.



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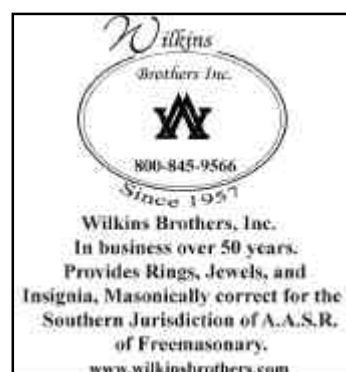
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Northwestern Lodge Members Man French Fry Booth at Prescott Daze

The Brethren of Northwestern Lodge No. 105, Prescott, sponsored a successful French Fry booth at this year's Prescott Daze celebration in early September. Pictured left to right are lodge members Dennis Donath, Dave Finley, Fred Benson, Larry Fischer, Jacob Sobaszkiwicz, and Mike Elliott. The brothers of the lodge also sold pop and corn dogs.
- Submitted by Bro. Milt Helmer

Hancock Lodge Enjoys Busy August



Hancock Lodge Raises Bros. Leonard & Wigent

Two men were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason at a special outdoor Master Mason degree ceremony at Young's scenic cabin retreat on the Mississippi River on Saturday, August 16. Shown following the degrees are, left to right, Past Master Gary Waltz, who served in the East, newly raised Master Masons Dave Leonard, and Bruce Wigent, and Dan Fischer, Worshipful Master of Hancock Lodge.

Hancock Lodge Honors Wives of Deceased Bros.

The members and ladies of Hancock Lodge No. 229, Ellsworth, held their annual Masonic picnic at Young's cabin on the Mississippi on August 16. Along with numerous members of the lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star were honored wives of departed brothers. Pictured left to right seated were Donna Brookshaw and Janice Heise. Standing, left to right were Evelyn Young (hostess for the day), Janet Arndt, Connie Leonard, Robin Schrank and Vera Eaton.



- Photos by Bro. Milt Helmer

NOTES FROM THE GRAND LECTURER

By Brother Kenneth C. Gorgen

The Importance of Ritual Proficiency

My Brothers:

In last month's article we explored how the Masonic ritual makes Masonry different from other organizations. Our fraternity cannot grow without that growth being interwoven with the ritual.

Our new members must be nurtured and mentored after they receive their degrees. We must help them understand what happened during their degree and what message was being transmitted during initiating, passing, and raising, and, once they become a member of the lodge, encourage them to take part in future degrees that are given to new candidates.



Kenneth C. Gorgen
Grand Lecturer

This philosophy puts much responsibility on the lodge and its members, not just the Lodge Counselor. The members of the lodge need to be part of this new Mason's development just as a family would share the responsibility of nurturing and caring for a new baby.

A lodge must not only be able to put on good/meaningful degrees, but it must also be part of the leadership and teaching of the new brother. When this happens, the newly made Mason will feel that he is part of something special, and will become interested and feel needed by his lodge.

My brothers, remember, the vision is to get every lodge on the path to ritual recovery. To do this we need the help of our proficiency men and ritualists. It cannot be done at one School of Instruction per year.

Let's reestablish a meaningful and active group of these qualified teachers throughout the state. There are many brothers out there that qualify to be recognized. Being recognized would help your lodge to know who to go to for help in getting back on track with the ritual.

Please do not mistake these brothers for being substitutes to fill in for the officers. The officers need to give the degrees and learn the work. The ritualists and proficiency men are there to help the new candidates, and fill in for degrees as needed.

One might feel that it is a mountainous task to get a proficiency card. It is not. As many of you might have heard, "The way to eat an elephant is one bite at a time." The same holds true for capturing the recognition of being a proficiency man. Break it up into small segments by getting a ritualist card first. After getting a ritualist card for each degree, you will have completed most of the task. I'm sure that there are many of you that already qualify for cards at this time.

In the front of the Masonic cipher on page 6, it is explained. To achieve a ritualist card in any degree, it is necessary to learn and be proficient enough to recite the first and second sections of that degree. This includes the floor work, and is commonly known as the esoteric [cryptic] section of the work. Basically, it is all the parts that are in three-letter cipher. This would also include the opening and closing of that particular degree. As an example, if you were working toward a ritualist card in the EA degree, you would be tested for proficiency in the opening and closing, first section, and second section lecture. Memorization of the third section's picture lecture, charge and posting would not be required.

For a proficiency card, you would need to complete the requirements for the ritualist certificate in all three degrees, and also know how to call up and down and introduce a Grand Lodge officer. Ritualist certificates are also conferred for being able to examine in all three posting lectures using the Wisconsin program. Your District Lecturer or the Grand Lecturer would give the examinations for these certificates. If you have any questions, please contact your District Lecturer.

Once you have received the award, it is important to remember that your District Lecturer must renew it each year. It is not automatically renewed. The easiest way to keep current is by working with the brothers and new members of your lodge, and attend a School of Instruction each year to demonstrate proficiency to the District Lecturer. It is not necessary to review it completely, but you must demonstrate enough to convince the Lecturer that you have maintained proficiency.

Good luck in this endeavor, strive to learn more about the ritual, and then my brothers we will all see more Light.

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

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Restored Player Piano Accompanies LaBelle Lodge Song & Social Night

The brethren and ladies of LaBelle Lodge No. 84, Viroqua, held their annual Eastern Star and Family Ice Cream Social Night in mid-August. With the generous donations from Star and Lodge members, the old player piano was restored to better than new condition. The dining hall was packed as we enjoyed all kinds of ice cream treats and sang along to many old favorite tunes into the night. – Submitted by Bro. Kramer Willems, LaBelle Lodge

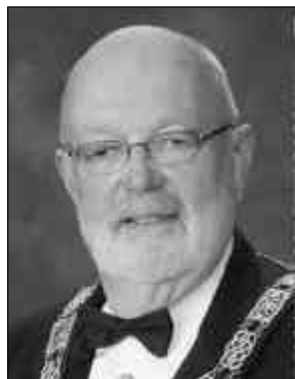


Palmyra Honors Rhodes, Lampsa & Roberts

Palmyra Lodge No. 68 honored these members by presenting them with their 50-year pins. From the left, Cicol Rhodes, PM, Edward Lampsa, and James Roberts, PM. Palmyra Lodge has been active since 1855 because of the dedication of members like these brothers and Other members who carry on the tradition of service to the community, involvement in the community, charity and fraternal values.



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

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Thoughts for The Journey

By Grand Chaplain David Ritchie

Which Volume of Sacred Law or Holy Writings should be displayed on the altar and how should it be done?

As Masons we are called to meet upon the level. So, when brothers of more than one faith are present at a meeting what should we do?

The simple answer is to show respect—the same respect we show any brother expressing any idea.

As the Volume of Sacred Law that rests upon the altar is central to our lodge, so is faith central to our life and as such, very personal.

The Fathers of Masonry and the Founding Fathers of this country knew and understood that religion was a powder keg of controversy but they also knew and understood the importance of each man's faith. They took steps to ensure that all men's faith would be accepted and respected. This respect is something we should all strive for.

In a lodge room, though, we struggle to find a proper way to show respect not only for each man's faith, but also the Volume of Sacred Law (God's Word) and the Master of that Lodge.

In the past few weeks I have contacted other Grand Lodges to find out what they did, studied learned Mason's thoughts on this subject and looked at our traditions. It was when I stepped back and asked myself what the book upon the altar represented to me and to a Mason that I found what I was looking for. It represents one of the Great Lights in Masonry.

It is by this "Light" that the Master of each lodge receives guidance to govern the Craft during their labors. This is why we do not walk between the altar and the Master in the East. We do not want to interfere with the Master receiving the Light.

Out of respect for the Master of the Lodge there should only be one book open upon the altar. That book being the Volume of Sacred Law that is in accordance with the Master's faith. If the Master of the Lodge is Jewish, the book upon the altar should be the Tanakh (or possibly the Talmud). If he is Christian it should be the Holy Bible and if the Master is a follower of Islam then it should be the Koran that is open, with the Square and Compasses resting upon the open book. *The books should never be stacked one on top of the other out of respect for the volumes themselves and what they contain.*

Out of respect for the other members of the lodge of differing faiths their Volume of Sacred Law should be arranged with all due respect upon the altar next to the open book or on a side table near the altar, but should remain closed.

During degree work the obligation should always be taken upon the candidate's book of choice, as it is the candidate who is seeking light. At the appropriate time the Senior Deacon can be asked "To arrange the altar" or "To prepare the altar for the candidate/brother." The candidate's preference should be found out by the interview committee before the Entered Apprentice Degree.

The Sr. Deacon would then, with care and respect, move the Master's book to the eastern edge of the altar and then place and open the candidate's book below it on the western edge of the altar. He would then transfer the Square and Compasses to the candidate's book. The degree would then proceed when the altar and candidate were ready. When the degree was completed the Square and Compasses would be returned to the Master's book and the candidate's book closed and either presented to him or used by the lodge upon or near the altar.

When a brother is presented with one of the Volumes of Sacred Law it should always be the volume used by that brother. These books are available at any of the major book stores or on-line at places like amazon.com and at least two copies should be purchased: one for the new brother and one for the lodge. I am unaware of a Masonic version of any other volume being available besides the Holy Bible. If any of the brothers are aware of such things being available I would love to hear about it.

In the Bible presentation used in many of our lodges the bible is referred to as our personal trestle board. What a sign of respect for the current Master to allow him to govern his lodge and to set the Craft to labor using a trestle board that he has known from youth and not one foreign to him. At the same time, what a great lesson for the new Mason to be shown that his faith, his plan and guiding principals are respected and appreciated.

When we come together each of us brings something different. Sometimes our differences threaten to tear a group apart but as Master Masons we have been given all the tool of Masonry. Most especially we have been given the trowel with which to spread the cement of friendship and brotherly love. This cement binds us together and strengthens us, but this cement, along with the trowel, are used by a Mason at the finish of his work to smooth things out and make things level. Let us do likewise.

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



Rev. David Ritchie
Grand Chaplain



Smith Lodge Honors Past Master Fritz Jaggi

Smith Lodge No. 31 Past Master Fritz Jaggi, left, receives his Past Master's Certificate and pin from Worshipful Master Eric Collins recently. Fritz served as Master for two and one-half years, doing an excellent job of growing our lodge by 20 new members. Congratulations, indeed!

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Tomah Lodge Heats 'em Up (Brats, that is)

A photo taken at a brat sale fundraiser Tomah Lodge No. 132 held at Burnstad's Supermarket in Tomah on August 23 memorializes the event for posterity. Pictured are Brothers Jesse Long, Scott Hurd, Don Roscovius, Ken Kuhn, Ben Hurd (son of Scott Hurd and future Mason) and Mark Charbonneau. This event was one of two very successful brat sales we held this summer. – Submitted by Tomah Lodge Secretary Johnston Bell



Northwestern Lodge Spaghetti-Feed Workers

The members of Northwestern Lodge No. 105 in Prescott are shown during a recent spaghetti dinner fund-raiser. Pictured left to right are Brothers Gary Melstrom, Charlie Church, Bill Reed, Matt Knott, Jamie Stutz, Dave Finley, Jeff Davis and Dennis Donath. – Submitted by Bro. Milt Helmer

Northwestern Rededicated in Ample Form by Grand Master Wilke

PRESCOTT – The members of Northwestern Lodge No. 105 marked their 150th anniversary with a special rededication ceremony at their lodge hall at 122 Court Street in Prescott on Wednesday, September 17, 2008. Shown in the picture at right are the Grand Lodge officers, Northwestern Lodge officers and members. All are Northwestern Lodge officers or members unless otherwise identified.

Front row, left to right is: Scott Paulson, District 2 Deputy; Bill Beetcher, Worshipful Senior Grand Steward; Gary Melstrom, Past Master and Trustee of Northwestern Lodge; Fred Benson, P.M. and Northwestern Secretary; Ivan Hopkins, Northwestern P.M.; Larry Fischer, P.M.; Tiler; Jacob Sobaszkiwicz, Assistant Secretary; Don Eggers,

P.M.; and Warren Brandt, a Northwestern Lodge member.

Second row, left to right: Milt Helmer, acting lodge Chaplain; Harold Christenson, District 2 Lecturer, Dennis Donath, Sr. Deacon and lodge historian; Frank Struble, Worshipful Junior Grand Steward; Dick Balliet, lodge P.M. and Master of Ceremonies, Brother John W. Wilke, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, Matt Knott, Worshipful Master of Northwestern Lodge; Steve Schwartz, Junior Deacon of Northwestern Lodge; Dave Finley, Senior Warden, P.M., and lodge historian; lodge member Jeff Davis; Mike Elliott, Northwestern Jr. Warden; member Bill Reed; and Jeff Benson, Northwestern P.M.

– Photo by Rita Brandt



River Falls Lodge Restoration Completed

The three month-long project to restore the lodge building to its original grandeur has now been completed. Some of the people who worked on the project are shown here in front the temple. Pictured left to right, front row, are Karen and Mel Erickson and Jody Hand of M&M Restoration, Mike Elliott, Jim Wolfe and Steve Schwartz with the lodge. Back row, left to right, is Brian Bibler of M&M, Dave Vold and Dave Akenson of the lodge. The building was tuck pointed, sealed and the front facade was rebuilt. The restoration company says the building will now withstand a 100 mile an hour driving rain storm.

– Photo by Northwest Wisconsin News Hawk Milt Helmer



Three Generations of Pishions at Dodgeville Lodge

In Dodgeville Lodge No. 119 there are three generations of Pishions that are Masons in good standing. Leonard Pishion (Pictured below, right and left) first received his Master Mason Degree on February 2, 1985, and his oldest son Brian followed him on July 18, 1985. A few years later his youngest son Brad (above, second from right) received his Master Mason Degree on June 23, 1988. Leonard's oldest grandson Kyle,

Brad's son (in uniform) received his Master Mason Degree on November 22, 2007, while being home on leave from serving in Iraq. Brian's son Charles (above, center left) was raised a Master Mason on May 15, 2008, along with Jerrett Gerber (above, left), Brian's son-in-law to be.



"Take from Freemasonry its reputation and make of it an organization striving for notice, competing for publicity, members, attention, with all the hundred and one distractions of modern life, and it becomes just 'one of the crowd'. And then – it dies! Let it be silent, secret, reserved, dignified; keep it what it has always been, a mystery, a secret force for good in the world, an Order which men cannot join save they be worthy – and its power increases." – Carl H. Claudy, FPS



“...way out in the middle of ‘nowhere’ Wisconsin.”

From the north and south, east and west, Grand Lodge officers and brethren from several other lodges in southwest Wisconsin assembled on Grand Master John W. Wilke’s farm in rural Kendall to confer three Master Mason Degrees on Saturday, September 6. A delicious “High Twelve” fried catfish lunch was prepared by Warren Lodge members Shelly Schoville and Keith Turner. The three candidates, Daniel Riedel, Mike Miller and Jason Stibbs are standing at the center of the group to the left of Grand Master Wilke.

**By William L. Stonecipher, Editor
The Wisconsin Masonic Journal**

RURAL KENDALL – As the sun rises in the East to illumine a secluded clearing in the forest, brethren prepare for the day’s work: three to enter into our fraternal bond, Fellowcrafts of Freemasons Lodge in Milwaukee.

In the due course of the day, which began well before the sun rose in the east for those arriving from afar (as in 3:30 a.m. for some of us), Brothers Daniel Riedel, Mike Miller and Jason Stibbs were raised as Master Masons, each receiving their obligations individually, their lectures, jointly.

In explanation of the bold face caption heading above, this is an actual quote from one of the three newly raised Brothers as he offered his comments when offered the opportunity following completion of the degree. He expressed his amazement at being “way out in the middle of ‘nowhere’ Wisconsin,” receiving his Master Mason Degree, and went on to express his heartfelt appreciation for

the impressive and memorable experience and efforts of so many Masons who travelled from so far to confer his degree. Similar sentiments of appreciation were voiced by the other two new Brothers.

Details of the degree were attended to by Grand Lecturer Ken Gorgen pictured at right discussing logistics with District 1 Deputy Arby Humphrey. About the woodland experience Brother Humphrey was heard to quip, “The Blue Lodge goes green.”

And it was truly a “green” experience. We were treated to the flight of a yellow swallowtail butterfly flitting from flowers bordering the clearing, and Bro. Don Hensiak noticed a big green caterpillar nibbling a leaf behind the Grand Secretary’s head (it did not affect Bro. DeWolf’s skill at tolling the hour on an improvised bell).

Worthy of note, too, was the absence of the sounds of civilization one might hear in other settings. The breeze in the trees and bird calls complemented the dignity of the spoken elements of the degrees. And, well into the afternoon as the Lodge of Master Masons was closed, the sun was truly in the west. **wmj**



An “Iowan” Lecture

Two Brothers from Lyons Lodge No. 93 in Clinton, Iowa, Jr. Deacon Jeff Brown and Mark Cottrell, were in attendance (at far right, above). Brother Brown presented the Iowa “Working Tools” lecture to Brother Stibbs (left).



Freemasons All

Pictured with the Grand Master (in his Master’s straw hat) and the new Master Masons Michael Miller, Daniel Riedel and Jason Stibbs left to right, center), Freemasons Lodge No. 363 members Dave Alderfer, Sr. Steward; Bob Strader, Past Master; Frank Mayer, Counselor; and Tom Curtis, Jr. Warden. Each of the new Master Masons received one of the handmade gavels used during their degrees by the Grand Master.



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Beloit Assembly Grand Worthy Advisor 2008-2009

Miss Brittny Blackwood of Beloit Assembly No. 9, Beloit, was installed on Sunday, July 20 as the new Grand Worthy Advisor of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Wisconsin. The installation took place at the McKinley Masonic Center in Brookfield. Brittny's theme for the coming year is, "A World of Friendship," her mascot, "Hello Kitty," and her charity project for the coming year is, "Making Strides against Breast Cancer," of the American Cancer Society. Pictured is Brittny with her 2008-2009 Grand officers.

Rainbow Majority Day Planned - All Majority Girls Sought

The International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Wisconsin will be holding a Majority Day on Sunday, February 22, 2009, at the McKinley Masonic Center, Brookfield.

We are seeking all Rainbow Majority Girls. We have just begun the planning and would like to find as many majority members as possible.

Please contact Jane Blackwood, State Mother Advisor, 937 Euclid Ave, Beloit, WI 53511, (608) 362-8435, <stormkat@sbcglobal.net> or Kristen (Lindeman) Schoville, 306 S. 5th St., Evansville, WI 53536 <kanderson@3695@charter.net> (608)574-3695 with your name, address, phone and e-mail address.



Ft. Winnebago Holds Garden Clean-up & Picnic

On July 8, Ft. Winnebago Lodge No. 33, Portage, held an annual garden clean up and picnic, and enjoyed the company of a very important guest—Brother John W. Wilke, Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin. Mike and Kathy Oganezov have been tending the garden so all were able to enjoy the fellowship (a sign calls attention to their Masonic and OES care). The picnic was enjoyed by all and Grand Master Wilke shared his concept of the beehive with us and everyone had a good time. Pictured in the garden are, front row left to right: Robert Swan, Art Swan, Raymond Kossman, Most Worshipful Grand Master John Wilke, Michael Oganezov and John Oganezov. In row two, left to right, are Brothers Sydney Jones, Bradford Macfarlane, Brian Kelley, James Swan, Michael Statz and Robert Oganezov.



Annual Grand Assembly

The International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Wisconsin recently held its annual Grand Assembly at the McKinley Masonic Center, Brookfield, Wisconsin on July 18-20. Miss Rachel Preuschl of Friendship Assembly presided over the session with the theme of, "Give a little Puppy Love." Her charity project was the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation for which over \$5,000 was raised. Her year was dedicated to the memory of her brother Jared who passed away from complications due to Juvenile Diabetes. Pictured is Rachel with her 2007-2008 Grand officers.

News of the Lodges

Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin



Armistead-Bingham Meets

Members and visiting brothers of the Armistead-Bingham Masonic Lodge No. 1861 pose in front of the The Grand Army of the Republic Hall in Boscobel. The GAR was a fraternal organization composed of veterans of the Union Army who had served in the American Civil War. This traveling Masonic Lodge meets each year on the first Saturday of August at the GAR Hall in Boscobel, Wisconsin as part of the annual Civil War reenactment weekend. The building serves as a civil war museum and is open on most weekends or by appointment and costs only a free-will donation.

- Submitted by Bro. Ernest Kramer LaBelle Lodge No. 84



Honoring
Sir Knight Lawrence
O. Presnell, PGC
Southeast Wisconsin
York Rite Unity
2008 Commandery
Festival
Saturday, November 8

- Order of Red Cross
 - Order of Malta
- Lake Masonic Center**
Noon Banquet

For Reservations, contact
Michael B. Meyer, Sec.,
SEWYRU at 262-853-5631

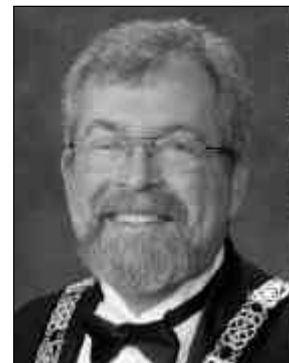
Brother H. Scott Paulson District 2 Deputy Grand Lodge of Wisconsin



Congratulations on
your appointment
as District 2 Deputy

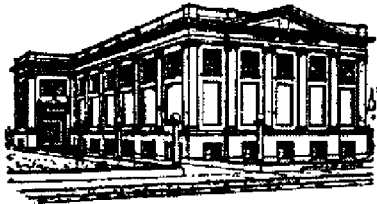
From your brothers
at St. Croix Lodge
No. 56 in Hudson

Christopher J. Hirthe District 4 Deputy



-And-
Christian Hirthe
District 4
Area 2
Administrator

Your Brothers of Theodore
Roosevelt Lodge No. 322,
Green Bay, Congratulate You!



Stated Communications

for the Traveling Mason in Wisconsin

A paid service by Masonic Lodges in Wisconsin

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| <p>Adams Adams Lodge No. 332 148 S. Grant • 608-339-2126 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Dark January & February</p> | <p>Brookfield McKinley Lodge No. 307 4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-781-9907 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Eagle River Eagle River Lodge No. 248 610 E. Division • 715-479-8646 Meet 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m. Meets All Year</p> | <p>Janesville Janesville-Western Star No. 55 2322 E. Milwaukee St. • 608-752-3098 Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Marshfield Marshfield Lodge No. 224 402 W. 11th St. • 715-384-8646 Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p> | <p>Mosinee Mosinee Lodge No. 318 607 13th St. • 715-693-3150 (Sec.) Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p> |
| <p>Albany Albany Lodge No. 36 205 N. Water St. • 608-862-3327 (Sec) • Meet 1st & 3rd Wed., 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Brookfield Myron Reed No. 297 4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-780-0176 Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July and August</p> | <p>Eau Claire Eau Claire Lodge No. 112 616 Graham Ave. • 715-824-4275 (Sec.) Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Jefferson Jefferson County Lodge No. 9 617 Masonic Blvd. • 920-674-6715 Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Medford Medford Lodge No. 217 150 S. Seventh St. • 715-748-6851 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark January & February</p> | <p>Mukwonago Lafin-St. James Lodge No. 247 206 S. Main St. • 262-363-8926 Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> |
| <p>Antigo Antigo Lodge No. 231 American Legion Hall, 619 8th Ave. Meet 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Burlington Burlington Lodge No. 28 325 N. Kane St. • 262-763-6290 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Eau Claire George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351 616 Graham Ave. • 715-832-7759 Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Kenosha Kenosha Lodge No. 47 807 - 61st St. • 262-657-7631 Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Meets All Year</p> | <p>Menomonie Menomonie Lodge No. 164 N5729 - 410th St. • 715-235-2667 Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Neenah Appleton Lodge No. 349 241 E. Wisconsin Ave. • 920-731-7355 Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p> |
| <p>Appleton Waverly Lodge No. 51 315 S. Bluemound Dr. • 920-738-9220 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Cambridge Social Lodge No. 245 105 S. Spring St. • 608-215-4346 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark July, August</p> | <p>Eau Claire Sanctuary Lodge No. 347 616 Graham Ave. • 715-832-7759 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Kenosha Sunrise Lodge No. 359 807 61st St. • 262-694-7817 Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 9:30 a.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Mercer Hurley Lodge No. 237 5179 N. Hwy. 51 • 715-475-2453 Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark January, February & March</p> | <p>Neenah/Menasha Twin Cities Lodge No. 61 241 E. Wisconsin Ave. • 920-722-3611 Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p> |
| <p>Ashland Ancient Landmark No. 210 206 Sixth Ave. West • 715-682-3270 Meet 1st Wednesday, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Camp Douglas Camp Douglas Lodge No. 272 211 Main St. • 608-427-6542 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Edgerton Fulton Lodge No. 69 312 W. Fulton St. • 608-882-6679 (Sec) Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Kenosha Unity Lodge No. 367 4320 Washington Rd. • 262-657-5575 Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Merrill Virginia Falls Lodge No. 226 916-1/2 E. Main Street • 715-675-3440 Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p> | <p>Neosho Neosho-Mayville-Horicon No. 108 315 E. Schuyler St. • 262-569-5670 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> |
| <p>Baldwin Collins-Spring Valley Lodge 192 790 Main St. • 715-796-2133 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p> | <p>Cecil Mason-Woods Lodge No. 368 N6446 Emery Ansonge Rd • 715-745-2943 (Sec) • 1st & 3rd Tues., 10 a.m. Dark January & February</p> | <p>Ellsworth Hancock Lodge No. 229 400 High Point Dr. • 715-273-5230 Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>La Crosse Frontier-Badger Lodge No. 45 118 8th St. • 608-782-1616 Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Merrillan Merrillan Lodge No. 279 103 S. Main Street • 715-333-2083 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m. Dark January, February & March</p> | <p>New Diggings Benton Lodge No. 268 City Hwy W • 608-965-3575 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Dark January & February</p> |
| <p>Baraboo Baraboo Lodge No. 34 108 Second Ave. • 608-356-6739 Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Cedarburg Victory Lodge No. 320 501 W. Grand Ave., Port Washington 262-275-2931 (Sec) • 2nd & 4th Mon. 7:30 p.m. • Dark June, July & August</p> | <p>Evansville Union Lodge No. 32 104 W. Main St. • 608-882-6087 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>La Crosse La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190 118 8th Street So. • 608-782-1616 Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Meets All Year</p> | <p>Middleton Middleton-Ionic Lodge No. 180 7409 Franklin Ave. • 608-831-4418 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>New Glarus New Glarus Lodge No. 310 207 6th Avenue • 608-527-2583 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p> |
| <p>Barnes Barnes Lodge No. 365 City Hwy. N • 715-372-4957 (Sec) Meet 2nd Tues. - 4th Tues. in June only 7 p.m. Dark Jan., Feb. & March</p> | <p>Chetek Chetek Lodge No. 277 216 Main St. • 715-296-5537 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p> | <p>Fond du Lac Fond du Lac Lodge No. 26 500 W. Morrison St. • 920-922-5800 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July and August</p> | <p>Ladysmith Mystic Tie Lodge No. 280 705 E. 3rd St. N. • 715-532-7696 (Sec) Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Meets All Year</p> | <p>Milton Milton Lodge No. 161 508 Vernal Avenue • 608-754-2464 Meets 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>New Holstein Calumet Lodge No. 172 2019 Washington St. • 920-898-5039 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Monday, 7:30 p.m. Dark January & February</p> |
| <p>Barneveld Barneveld Lodge No. 319 108 S. Jones St. • 414-758-0512 (Sec) Meet 2nd Tuesday only, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Chippewa Falls Chippewa Falls Lodge No. 176 650 Bridgewater Ave. • 715-723-6341 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p> | <p>Frederic Landmark Lodge No. 244 109 United Way • 715-349-8021 (Sec.) Meets 2nd Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Meets All Year</p> | <p>Lake Geneva Geneva Lodge No. 44 335 S. Lakeshore Dr. • 262-248-9900 Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Milwaukee Damascus Lodge No. 290 1235 E. Howard Ave. • 262-853-5631 (Sec) • Meet 2nd & 4th Tues., Dinner 6 p.m., Lodge at 7 • Dark July & August</p> | <p>New Lisbon Juneau Lodge No. 103 304 S. Adams St. • 608-565-7207 (Sec) • Meet 1st & 2nd Thurs 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> |
| <p>Bayfield Bayfield-Washburn Lodge No. 215 29 N. 2nd Street • 715-779-3174 (Sec) Meets Monthly, 1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Meets All Year</p> | <p>Clear Lake Clear Lake Lodge No. 230 411 Third Ave. • 715-263-3033 Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Friendship Quincy Lodge No. 71 210 Main St. • 608-564-7144 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Linden Linden Lodge No. 206 618 Main St. • 608-623-2498 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Milwaukee Excelsior Lodge No. 175 1235 E. Howard Ave. • 414-744-4609 Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m. Dark July and August</p> | <p>New Richmond New Richmond Lodge No. 195 119 E. 2nd St. • 715-246-2144 Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p> |
| <p>Beaver Dam Dodge County Lodge No. 72 Best Western Campus Inn, 815 Park Ave. • 920-887-2530 • Meet 3rd Monday 7 p.m. - Dark July & August</p> | <p>Columbus Columbus Lodge No. 75 318 N. Ludington St. • 920-623-3705 (Sec) • Meet 2nd Monday, 7 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p> | <p>Galesville Decora Lodge No. 177 16794 S. Main St. • 608-582-4130 (Sec) Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m. Dark July & August, 1st Mon. Sept.</p> | <p>Lodi Lodi Valley Lodge No. 99 114 First St. • 608-592-4392 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Milwaukee Freemasons Lodge No. 363 790 N. Van Buren St. • 414-425-5166 Meets 1st Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>New Lisbon Juneau Lodge No. 103 304 S. Adams St. • 608-565-7207 (Sec) • Meet 1st & 2nd Thurs 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> |
| <p>Beloit Morning Star Lodge No. 10 229 W. Grand Ave. • 608-362-6073 Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. 3rd Wed. only in July & August</p> | <p>Crandon Crandon Lodge No. 287 211 S. Lake Ave. • 715-478-2797 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark 4th Tues. in June, July & August</p> | <p>Grafton Victory Lodge No. 320 1645 Highland Dr., #2 • 262-376-9619 Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark June -August</p> | <p>Lone Rock Franklin Lodge No. 16 237 S. Oak St. • 608-583-4303 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Meets All Year</p> | <p>Milwaukee James M. Hays Lodge No. 331 790 N. Van Buren • 414-774-0366 (Sec) Meet 1st Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>New Richmond New Richmond Lodge No. 195 119 E. 2nd St. • 715-246-2144 Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p> |
| <p>Berlin Berlin Lodge No. 38 124 E. Huron St. • 920-361-9774 (Sec) Meets 7 p.m. 2nd & 4th Thurs. Jan., Oct., and at 7 p.m. 2nd Thursday only, Nov. & Dec. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Crivitz Tri-County Daylite Lodge No. 218 918 Louisa St. • 715-854-3088 Meet 2nd Wednesday 10 a.m. Dark January & February</p> | <p>Green Bay Des Peres Lodge No. 85 525 N. Taylor • 920-499-7265 Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Madison Commonwealth Lodge No. 325 301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-0793 Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p> | <p>Milwaukee Lafayette Lodge No. 265 790 N. Van Buren St. • 414-541-7139 (Sec) Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>New Lisbon Juneau Lodge No. 103 304 S. Adams St. • 608-565-7207 (Sec) • Meet 1st & 2nd Thurs 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> |
| <p>Black Earth Crescent Valley Lodge No. 97 1020 Mills St. • 608-795-4484 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Darlington Evening Star Lodge No. 64 433 Wells St. • 608-776-4213 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Green Bay N.E.W. Daylite Lodge No. 360 525 N. Taylor • 920-499-7265 Meet 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Madison Doric Lodge No. 356 85 S. Stoughton Rd. • 608-224-0895 (Sec) • Meet 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Milwaukee Lake Lodge No. 189 1235 E. Howard Ave. • 414-744-4609 Meet Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Onalaska Omro Lodge No. 168 160 E. Main Street • 920-685-2798 Meet 2nd Monday, 7 p.m. Dark January, February & March</p> |
| <p>Black River Falls Black River Lodge No. 74 314 Main Street • 715-284-2234 Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Delavan Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12 1007 S. Second St. • 262-728-6822 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Green Bay Theodore Roosevelt Lodge 322 525 N. Taylor St. • 920-499-9777 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Madison Four Lakes Daylite Lodge No. 362 810 Chicago St. • 920-684-4334 Meet 1st Mondays, 10 a.m. (except Sept 2nd Monday) Dark July & August</p> | <p>Milwaukee Nathan Hale Lodge No. 350 790 N. Van Buren • 262-522-9272 (Sec) Meet 1st Thursday, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Onalaska Onalaska Lodge No. 214 330 Main Street • 608-783-5606 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark January & February</p> |
| <p>Bloomer Bloomer Lodge No. 281 2122 16th Ave. • 715-568-5152 Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Dark January & February</p> | <p>Dodgeville Dodgeville Lodge No. 119 200 W. Chapel St. • 608-935-3548 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Green Bay Washington Lodge No. 21 525 N. Taylor St. • 920-494-5205 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Madison Hiram Lodge No. 50 310 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-0793 Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark 1st Mondays, July - Labor Day</p> | <p>Milwaukee Lafayette Lodge No. 265 790 N. Van Buren St. • 414-541-7139 (Sec) Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Oconomowoc Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge 42 307 N. Lake Road • 262-567-9898 Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> |
| <p>Bristol Washburn Lodge No. 145 8102 - 199th Ave. • 262-857-7801 Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Dousman Dousman Lodge No. 315 214 Main St. • 262-593-2647 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Hartford Hartford Lodge No. 120 147 N. Rural St. • 262-673-2074 (Sec) Meet 2nd Monday, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Madison Madison Lodge No. 5 301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-0793 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Meet 1st Thursday July & August</p> | <p>Milwaukee Island City Lodge No. 330 7529 Hwy 51 South • 715-277-2810 (Sec.) • Meet 1st Wednesday, 10 a.m. Meets all year</p> | <p>Oregon Oregon Lodge No. 151 210 Park St. • 608-835-9236 Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> |
| <p>Brodhead Bicknell Lodge No. 94 302 1st Center Ave. • 608-897-8069 Meets 2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Dousman Glen L. Humphrey Lodge No. 364 375 Hwy. 67 • 262-965-9390 Meet 2nd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. Dark June</p> | <p>Hayward Keystone Lodge No. 263 10629 Main St. • 715-634-8735 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Manitowoc Manitowoc Lodge No. 65 810 Chicago St. • 920-684-4334 Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Mondovi Buffalo River Masonic Lodge No. 252 245 S. Franklin • 715-797-3261 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Oregon Oregon Lodge No. 151 210 Park St. • 608-835-9236 Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> |
| <p>Brookfield Elmbrook Lodge No. 354 4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-549-0923 Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Durand Durand-Pepin Lodge No. 149 203 W. Main St. • 715-672-8052 (Sec) Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Hudson St. Croix Lodge No. 56 209 Locust Street • 715-377-0817 Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Marinette Marinette Lodge No. 182 1610 Chicago St. • 715-735-3315 Meet 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Dark July & August</p> | <p>Monroe Smith Lodge No. 31 1613-1/2 Tenth St. • 608-328-4370 (Sec) Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Dark June, July & August</p> | <p>Oshkosh Oshkosh Lodge No. 27 204 Washington Ave. • 920-231-3410 Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dark July & August</p> |

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Stated Communications (continued from page 11)

Palmyra

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

Park Falls

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

Pewaukee

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

Phillips

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

Platteville

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

Plymouth

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

Portage

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

Port Washington

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

Potosi

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

Poynette

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

Prairie du Chien

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

Prairie du Sac

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

Prescott

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

Racine

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

Reedsburg

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

Rhineland

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

Rice Lake

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

Richland Center

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

River Falls

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

Shawano

Shawano Lodge No. 170
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Dark July & August

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Eagle River Lodge Honors Past Masters & Grand Lodge Guests



Grand Master & Four Past Grand Masters Visit Eagle River Lodge No. 248 in August

Eagle River Lodge No. 248 had a very memorable meeting in August when the Most Worshipful Grand Master visited. Also in attendance were four Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters. Pictured from left to right, Most Worshipful Brothers Roger Magoon, Keith Chamberlain, Grand Master John Wilke, Worshipful Master Scott Bishop, Bill Day and Carl Wussow.



Eagle River Hosts Past Master's Night & Visit by Brother "Harry S" Wussow

The members of Eagle River Lodge No. 248 recently held their Past Masters Dinner and as a special program for the brethren, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Carl J. Wussow offered his fascinating performance of President and Brother Harry S. Truman. Carl's excellent portrayal was a very entertaining and educating insight into the life of a great Brother.

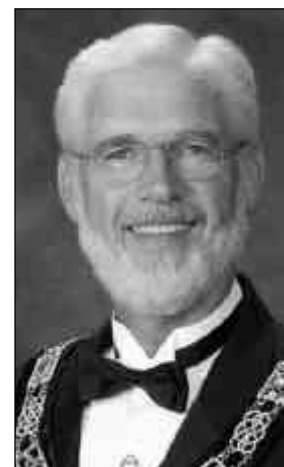
– Prepared and submitted by Eagle River Lodge Worshipful Master Scott Bishop

Attention contributors: please be sure to include "who, what, when & where" information with your submission. Names alone are not sufficient!

Bro. Roger Tesch Receives Masonic Service Award for Service to Eagle River 248

Eagle River Lodge Past Master Roger Tesch received the Masonic Service Award for dedicated service to the Fraternity from the Master of Eagle River Lodge, Brother Scott Bishop. Brother Tesch is currently the Lodge Chaplain. He is an excellent ritualist who works with new brothers to improve both their work and his own. He is always available for work parties and lodge visitations. Roger is a member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Green Bay and the Tripoli Shrine Temple. He is a key member of the Northwoods Shrine Club as the treasurer, hospital chairman and "Happy the Clown." Happy the Clown appears at all the shows at Beja's Green Bay Circus and Tripoli's Rhinelander Circus. He is good neighbor, active member of his church and volunteers at the local food pantry. His gentle demeanor, funny jokes and hard work makes the Lodge proud to call him a mentor, Brother, but more especially a friend.

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The American's Creed

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Fun, Friends and Food



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Mason Woods Lodge 368 sponsored the second annual fun day for the DeMolay and Job's Daughters. In addition to food, food and more food, everyone enjoyed a time of fellowship on the shores of beautiful Shawano Lake at Mason Woods. Activities included fishing, swimming, ladder golf, horseshoes and badminton. The Lodge will plan this event again next summer with the hopes that more

MEET GEORGE WALLIS



Let me introduce George Wallis, a resident at Village on the Square in Dousman. He had lived in Oconomowoc for 10 years. At first he thought he would move by his daughter in Minnesota; then he decided that he would look at Three Pillars.

After his first visit, he fell in love with our campus. Quoting George, "The apartment was spacious, there were many activities that he would enjoy and the people he met welcomed him with open arms."

George is a very interesting person. His profession was an engineer who designed machinery, and he worked for several large manufacturing companies in Milwaukee and Oconomowoc. He joined the Masons when in was in the Air Force in Sioux Falls, SD. George is very honored to be a Mason for 60 years.

George still is very active and he is proud to say he is 89 years old. He loves to exercise either on his bike or exercising in the pool (goes to Olympia Resort), knits mittens, hats and afghans and crochets rugs from sheets (as pictured above). He also loves to cook, especially the produce from his garden. He not only has his own garden at the Village but volunteers to plant and maintain the garden for the Masonic Center for Health and Rehab residents. That is one of the many things he does as a volunteer. For your "first" visit, schedule a tour with Dawn at 1-800-848-5306.

It's Cocktail Time

The Village on the Square patio furniture is in full use by the residents on these last warm, sunny days of



summer. Fellowship times with some spirits are enjoyed by the friends who all reside on the Three Pillars campus. Pictured are left to right, Doris Morris,

Rachel Hosterman, Donna and Tom Winters, Hans Gerlach, Hank Hosterman and Al Berg.

Learning About Harleys



John Decaluwe (center) shared his knowledge of Harley Davidsons with the Men's Group at the Masonic Center for Health & Rehab. John's 2003 Road King was on display for the group. (From left to right: Barnaby Fluke, Gilbert Laabe, George Vogel, Otto Woebeking & Wilfried Pollock.)



WGM/WGP and Chapter Calendar

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

October

- 1 - Bristol, Bristol – Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Ruth)
 - Mabel, Rhinelander - WGM/WGP Visit
 - Queen Esther, Lodi – Cancer Education Program
 - Starlite, Madison – Appointed Officer Night
 - Chippewa, Chippewa Falls – Fun Night
 - 2 - Alpha, Argyle – Pioneer Days and Game Night
 - Dousman, Dousman - Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Ruth)
 - Honor, Sturgeon Bay - Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Chaplain)
 - Melody, Middleton – Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Adah)
 - Sheboygan, Sheboygan - Grand Officer Visit (AGM) at Plymouth Masonic Center
 - 5 - Illinois Grand Chapter
 - Shawano, Shawano – Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Marshal)
 - 6,7 - Illinois Grand Chapter
 - Oregon, Oregon – Honor Chaplain & Marshal
 - Star of Bethlehem, Portage – Honor Appointed Officers
 - 8 - New Holstein-Calumet, Halloween Costumes, Fun and Games
 - 7 - Illinois Grand Chapter
 - Dodgeville, Dodgeville – WGM/WGP Visit
 - Ruth, LaCrosse – Joan's Tea Party
 - 9 - Golden Rule, Wauwatosa – WGM/WGP Visit and Initiation
 - Lila B. Graser, Sussex – Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Conductress)
 - Kenosha, Kenosha – Honor Secretary & Treasurer
 - La Belle, Mukwonago – Side Liners Night/25 & 50 year Memberships
 - 10 - Lila B. Graser, Sussex – Triwaukee Area Club
 - 11 - Burlington, Burlington – Southeast Area Club
 - Madison – Unity Dinner
 - 13 - Michigan Grand Chapter
 - Arbutus, Stevens Point – Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Chaplain)
 - Loyalty, Plymouth – Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Marshal)
 - Shullsburg, Shullsburg – Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Adah)
 - Lemonweir, Mauston – Masonic Family Night
 - 14 - Michigan Grand Chapter
 - Ozaukee, Port Washington – Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Esther)
 - Northwest, Clear Lake – Hospice Speaker
 - Miriam, Platteville – Honor Masons Night
 - Everett, Marshfield – NFL Night
 - Rainbow, Wisconsin Rapids – Oktober Fest
 - 15 - Michigan Grand Chapter
 - 16 - Viroqua, Viroqua – WGM/WGP Visit
 - Union Grove, Union Grove – Grand Officer Visit (AGM)
 - Melody, Middleton – Star Point Night
 - Baraboo, Baraboo – Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Martha)
 - Chippewa, Chippewa Falls – Honor Organist
 - 18 - Edgerton-Milton, Edgerton – Madison Area Club
 - Willow River, New Richmond – Grand Officer Initiation, 6:30 PM.
 - 19 - Everett, Marshfield – Grand Representative Reception
 - West Allis, West Allis – All New Sunday Brunch Buffet 9 A.M. – 1 PM.
 - Frederic, Frederic – Harvest Dinner, 11 A.M. – 1 PM.
 - 20 - Ladysmith, Ladysmith – WGM-WGP Visit
 - Sparta, Sparta – Grand Officer Visit (Grand Conductress)
 - Star of Bethlehem, Portage – Bring a Bear to Star Night
 - 21 - Eagle, Eagle River – Grand Representative Reception
 - Ruth, LaCrosse – Honor Former Grand Chapter Participants
 - 22 - Janesville, Janesville – WGM/WGP Visit
 - Lemonweir, Mauston – Western Stars Area Club
 - Fond du Lac, Fond du Lac - Halloween
 - 23 - La Belle, Mukwonago – WGM/WGP Visit, Honor Secretary, Treasurer, Trustees Night
 - Loyal, Star Prairie – Halloween Party
 - Kenosha, Kenosha – Halloween Party
 - 24, 25 - Iowa Grand Chapter
 - 25 - Ellsworth, Ellsworth – Northwest Area Club
 - 26 - West Allis, West Allis – Grand Representative Reception
 - 27 - Onalaska, Onalaska – Halloween
 - Lemonweir, Mauston – Halloween Friends Night, Costumes
 - 28 - Phoenix, Beloit – Halloween Party, Costumes
 - West Allis, West Allis – Honor Secretaries, Treasurers, District Deputies
 - Northwest, Clear Lake – Halloween costume party
 - Everett, Marshfield – WGM/WGP Visit, Halloween Party
 - Rainbow, Wisconsin Rapids – Halloween, Costumes
 - 29 - Phoenix, Beloit – Special night, 6:00 PM. Dinner, Honor Life Members, Program by Mary Millard, Three Pillars
 - 30 - Dousman – Three Pillars Haunted Halloween
- ### November
- 3 - Kinnickinnic, River Falls – WGM/WGP Visit
 - Oregon, Oregon – Honor Warder & Sentinel
 - Star of Bethlehem, Portage – Honor Veterans & Celebrate America
 - Shawano, Shawano – Mason Woods – Re-obligation, Cheer
 - 4 - Dodgeville, Dodgeville – Honor Masons and family
 - Ruth, LaCrosse – Poetry Night

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Grand Representative Receptions

October 19:

Everett Chapter, Marshfield – Reception and Program to honor Jerry Johnson, Grand Representative of New Brunswick at the Marshfield Masonic Center, 402 W. 4th St. Marshfield, WI, 2 p.m. RSVP by October 10 with name and title to Janet Singer, 2322 S. Wallonnie Dr., Marshfield, WI 54449, (715) 387-6606 or <OES_Everett95@verizon.net>.

October 21:

Eagle Chapter, Eagle River – Reception and Program to honor Karl McDonald, Grand Representative of South Carolina at the Eagle River Masonic Center, 610 E. Division, Eagle River, WI 54521, 7 p.m. RSVP by October 15 with name and title to Kay Smith, 11382 Norman Dr., Arbor Vitae, WI 54568 (715) 356-5316

October 26:

West Allis Chapter, West Allis – Reception and Program to honor Sharon Drake, Grand Representative of North Dakota at the West Allis Masonic Center, 7515 W. National Ave, West Allis, WI, 2 p.m. RSVP with name and title to "Sharon's Party" 12655 Falcon Dr., Brookfield, WI 53005

November 5:

Queen of Sheba, Lodi – Reception to honor Tina Kurt, Grand Representative of Idaho at the Lodi Masonic Center, 114 First St, Lodi, WI 53555, 7 p.m.

November 16:

Vega Chapter & Electa Chapter, Milwaukee – Reception and Program to honor Sally Lutzke, Grand Representative of Michigan at the Lake Masonic Center, 1235 E. Howard Ave, Milwaukee, WI, Meeting at 6:30 p.m., Reception at 7:30, RSVP by November 16 with name and title to Linda Knee, 3718 S. Rutland Ave., St. Francis, WI 53235 E-mail <jknee@wi.rr.com>.

Grand Officer Initiations

All members of Eastern Star are invited to join the Season for Blessings Grand Family for the Ceremony of Initiation on October 18 at Willow River Chapter, New Richmond, and November 15 at West Allis Chapter, West Allis. Both evenings will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The Grand Officers would be honored to initiate new members into our Order on those evenings. Please contact PGM Karen Stauffer, Grand Lecturer, to make arrangements for your new members to be initiated by the Grand Officers.

Come join in the fun and fellowship of an evening spent with your sisters and brothers!

La Belle Chapter, Mukwonago

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Rae-Ellen Preuss

Grand Esther of Wisconsin

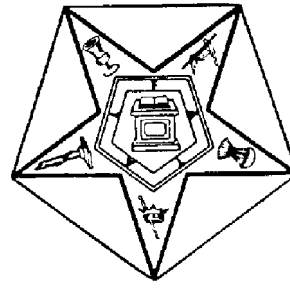
Sunday, November 16, 2008
The Venice Club
1905 N. Calhoun Rd., Brookfield
(262) 786-8323

Noon Social Hour • 1 p.m. Dinner
Entertainment and introductions to follow - Cost \$24 per person (no refunds)

RSVP by November 1 with name and title to: Shirley Lohman,
S62 W25187 Townline Rd,
Waukesha, WI 53189
(262) 547-4442

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Message From The WGM & WGP



Kristin K. Engbring

Worthy Grand Matron of Wisconsin

Ronald R. Rasmussen

Worthy Grand Patron of Wisconsin

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

It is fall, and the changing of seasons serves as a reminder that all around us, every day, we should give thanks for our many blessings. We hope you had a relaxing summer and are looking forward to the season ahead.

We know the chapters have been busy with their District Deputy School and Grand Officer Visit. Thank you for welcoming these sisters and brothers into your chapter and for your dedication to our beautiful ritualistic work. We are proud of all you are doing in your chapters and in your community. Keep up the good work!

Has your chapter set a membership goal for this year? Working together, we all can make a difference in the future of our order. Don't let it become the job of a few. We want to know when Chapters are planning initiations—please send your goal and share initiation information with

the membership committee chair, Karen Schwarz at <schwarz@oncology.wisc.edu>

Last month we shared some thoughts about fidelity. This month, let's ponder the virtue of constancy. The story of Ruth is a story of devotion and faithfulness. She teaches the lesson of constancy. Constancy is defined as "the quality of being enduring and free from change." In this world we live in, constancy is not a virtue always evident. All around us things are changing. People are changing. Our world is changing. But the quality of reliability, of dependability, is illustrated in the lives of our Sisters and Brothers. While we should embrace change as it might improve some situations, we should also remember the traditions of our Order that are free from change.

Our willingness to give so unselfishly to charity, to spend time with our shut-ins and ailing members, to better the communities in which we live, and to offer true fellowship to each other. Let us live the lesson of constancy as we live our traditions, remembering the lesson taught to us by Ruth. Let us be constant, steadfast and true—to each other, to ourselves, to our country, to our beliefs, and to our order.

Our visits to your chapters have been going well. We thank you for your love our Eastern Star and for welcoming us so graciously. Remember to appreciate everyday blessings and live each day that you've been given.

Blessings, Kris and Ron

Renee Campbell Grand Chaplain



Renee Campbell was born in Winona, Minnesota and raised in western Wisconsin in the small town of Arcadia and is the oldest of six children. After high school she attended UW-Stout in Menomonie where she met her husband Jim. They married in 1982 and have two children, Kyle and Katie.

Together they joined Shawano Chapter No. 167 Order of the Eastern Star in 1987. Shortly after joining, Jim was relocated to Iowa where raising two small children and taking an active part in O.E.S. was difficult. After returning to Shawano in 1993, Renee then became active in the Shawano Chapter. She has since held an office every year including Worthy Matron in 2001-02.

When Renee is not busy with her duties in Star, she holds an administrative position with the Shawano Medical Center. She also enjoys helping at her church, and relaxing at her cabin near Antigo. She has enjoyed her 20-year involvement with OES and looks forward to serving the Grand Chapter this coming year.

New Sisters & Brothers

Congratulations to the following Chapters who have shared Eastern Star with family and friends. Many of the Chapters listed have welcomed more than one person into their Chapter. Welcome!

Loyalty, Plymouth
Melody, Middleton

Angela Pishion Grand Adah



My name is Angela Pishion. My husband Brad and I have been married for 23 years and we have two children, Kyle and Ryan. Kyle is in Iraq and

Ryan is in army reserves here in Dodgeville. I also have a daughter-in-law, Ashley, who is Kyle's wife. We have a dog, Muffy, who is 13 years old and is my companion when everyone is away. I work at Land's End and my husband has been a trucker for the past 16 years with Vita Plus.

I like to scrapbook, ride bicycles and go camping in my free time. I also like to take pictures. We like to travel and see the sights in our camper—our home on wheels. I joined the OES chapter Dodgeville in June of 1990 with my father-in-law. I became an officer right away and have been at it ever since. Adah was my first station and then Assoc. Conductress. I was also Electa, Conductress, Associate Matron and Worthy Matron.

Contributions To The Wisconsin OES Foundation

- Oregon, Oregon
- Martha, Jefferson – In Memory of Adelaide Umland
- Wauwatosa Past Matrons and Past Patrons Club - In Memory of Elizabeth (Betty) Gemmel
- Lois Krentz - In Memory of Madge Becker and Gladys Wiegert



As the sun rises in the East to illumine a secluded clearing in the forest, Brethren prepare for the day's work: Three to enter into our fraternal bond. - See more on page 9

Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

September 2008

30 District 7 Fall Meeting, Fort Winnebago Lodge No. 33., Portage, 7 p.m.

October 2008

4 1st Masonic Education Seminar sponsored by your Grand Lodge Education Committee, Eau Claire Masonic Center. 8-9 a.m. arrival & refreshments. 9 a.m. seminar begins. Registration fee is \$10. Registration Deadline was Wednesday, Sept. 24. Please use the clip & mail registration coupon on page 3. Subjects covered will include Masonic Code, Wisconsin Masonic Handbook and Lodge Excellence Award, as well as other inspirational and motivational presentations. A second class is planned for Saturday, Nov. 1 at Waukesha Lodge No. 37.

4 District 4 School of Instruction, Crandon Lodge, 9 a.m.

7 "Comedy Cabaret" - George Washington 1776 Lodge No. 337 will hold a Comedy Cabaret at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, October 7 in the Silver Spring Masonic Center at 817 E Beaumont Ave in Whitefish Bay. Admission is free and open to the public.

9 District 5 School of Instruction, Black River Lodge, 7p.m.

11 DeMolay Honors Day at West Allis Masonic Center, 7515 W. National Ave., West Allis. Chevalier's Annual Meeting: 2:30 p.m., Legionnaire's Annual Meeting and private induction: 4 p.m. Reception at 5:30, Dinner at 6:15, Program at 7:30. Reservations required for dinner: \$12 per person. Contact is Dad Robert Ljewski, Executive Officer, Wisconsin DeMolay at 414-422-9452.

11 District 4 School of Instruction, Antigo Lodge, 9 a.m.

15 District 5 Area 2 School of Instruction, Valley Lodge No. 60, Sparta, 7 p.m.

17 Fall Reunion Valley of Madison Scottish Rite, Madison

18 Grand Commander's Inspection, Lake Masonic Center in Milwaukee. There will be a brunch in the morning and a banquet in the evening at 6 p.m. Inspection starts at 1 p.m.

19 4th Annual Hike for HIKE (Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment), Racine County Zoo, 2131 North Main Street in Racine, 1-4 p.m.

18 District 3 School of Instruction, Park Falls Lodge, 9 a.m.

21 "Widows at the Table" Table Lodge Sponsored by Rhinelander Masonic Lodge No. 242 and the Wisconsin Masonic Charities. Fellowship hour 5 p.m., dinner at 6. Contacts: Don Schroeder, Senior Warden (715) 362-2360; Jim Suffield, Worshipful Master (715) 362-5971; Don Riemenschneider, Past Master (715) 282-6146

<riemedeb@charter.net>; Bill Barnes & Erika Miller-Wisconsin Masonic Charities (800) 242-2307 <plannedgiving@gmail.com> or <erika@wisc-freemasonry.org>. Grand Master John Wilke will be in attendance with his lady Sharon.

23 District 5 Area 3 School of Instruction, Frontier-Badger Lodge, La Crosse, 7 p.m.

24-26 Grand Lodge Full Staff Meeting

25 District 7 Area 2 School of Instruction, Fort Winnebago Lodge No. 33, Portage.

28 District 5 Fall Meeting, La Crosse Masonic Center, 7p.m.

30 "Halloween Haunted Woods" public event for parents and children at Three Pillars Senior Living Communities in Dousman.

November 2008

1 2nd Grand Lodge Masonic Education Seminar, Waukesha Lodge No. 37, Waukesha. Start time is 9 a.m. Registration Deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 22. Please use the clip & mail registration coupon on page 3. Subjects covered will include The Masonic Code, Wisconsin Masonic Handbook and Lodge Excellence Award, as well as other inspirational and motivational presentations. Two will be held in spring 2009, one in Green Bay and the other in Dodgeville. Dates to be determined. Please look for upcoming information.

1 District 4 Fall Meeting on Saturday, November 1 at Oconto Falls Lodge No. 293 in Oconto Falls. 10 a.m.

1 District 12 Fall Meeting at George Washington 1776 Lodge - 517 E. Beaumont Ave. in Whitefish Bay. Refreshments at 8:30 a.m., meeting/workshop begins at 9 a.m. ends by noon.

1 District 4 Fall Meeting Oconto Falls, 10 a.m.

1 District 7 Area 2 School of Instruction, Commonwealth Lodge No. 325, Madison

8 District 7 Area 3 School of Instruction, Sun Prairie Lodge No. 143, Sun Prairie.

15 District 8 Fall Meeting, Franklin Lodge, Lone Rock 9 a.m.

15 Baraboo Philanthropic Banquet, Baraboo, 5 p.m.

December 2008

20 Installation of Officers for Morning Star Lodge in Janesville by Grand Master, 6:30 p.m.

Please Note: Events listed here are drawn from the Grand Lodge Web Site and reader requests. To have events listed in this calendar please e-mail the date and a brief description to any of the following to Grand Secretary DeWolf at <grandsecretary@wisc-freemasonry.org> or Wisconsin Masonic Journal Editor William Stonecipher at <wmjediff@sbcglobal.net>.

