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Talent Trumps Heat at 15th Annual All-Star Soccer Games

By Wm. Stonecipher, Editor
Wisconsin Masonic Journal

KENOSHA – In what many observers felt was the finest display of soccer tactics and ball control yet seen in the men's matchup of the Wisconsin Senior High School All-Star Soccer Games, the two men's teams ended regulation play on Saturday, July 29 in a 2-2 tie.

As is the case with games that end in a tie in tournaments, the victor was decided in a kind of winner-take-all soccer roulette in which a series of one-on-one penalty kicks made from a point about 15 yards directly in front of the goal.

Players from opposing teams alternate in attempting to kick the ball past the other team's goal keeper into the net, with the other team's keeper trying his best to anticipate where the opposing player will aim his kick. This process goes on for a prescribed number of kicks until one team is declared the victor.

Volunteer game officials Pat Jacobs, Barrett Britt and Mike Hincak asked coaches to select their best kickers to make the attempt. A coin toss determined which team—Blue or Gold—would kick first.

The Blue team won the opportunity to take the first shot: the Gold team would take the second kick, and so on until each of the five play-

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Brad is Camp Family All-Star

Walter Camp, a Past Master of Eagle River Lodge, and his wife Kim brought the whole family to watch their All-Star Soccer player son, Bradley, play in the 2006 Wisconsin High School All-Star Soccer Games in Kenosha on Saturday, July 29. Brad, a graduate of Northland Pines High School in Eagle River, will be attending Lawrence University on an academic scholarship this fall. His older brother Bryan (standing) is a junior at UW-Madison and a soccer referee. Brad is flanked by brothers Eric (left) and Alex.

- Photography by Wm. Stonecipher, WMJ Editor

Quincy and Black River Lodges Celebrate Their 150th Anniversary Year & Plan for Many More

Editor's note: In this year, when nine lodges are observing 150 years of life in their communities, we bring you the stories of two at this time: Quincy Lodge No. 71 located in Friendship and Black River Lodge No. 74 in Black River Falls. That story begins with a salute to the Brothers of Quincy, past and present.

By Jeffrey J. Marquardt, Worshipful Master
Quincy Lodge No. 71

As we celebrate Quincy Lodge No. 71's 150 years of being, I would like to take a moment and reflect on all the Brothers past and present that have made this lodge what it is today.

There were the Brothers who first formed our lodge 150 years ago today, June 10, 2006, the Brothers who rebuilt our lodge after being destroyed by fire, the Brothers who regularly toiled until midnight with lodge business and degree work, and the lodge Brothers of today who work to provide scholarships to deserving students, provide holiday meals to families in need, to supporting our troops overseas with small gift packages to make their lives just a little more tolerable.

All these Brothers had the same thing in common—the desire to serve. To all you Brothers!

Quincy Lodge No. 71 – A Lumberjack's Lodge

Early in the year of 1856, seven Masons, lumberjacks and expert raft builders, met and petitioned the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin to be granted a charter to become a Wisconsin Masonic Lodge. The Charter was granted on June 10, 1856.

The logging camp was located in Quincy Township, so came the name Quincy Lodge No. 71. The new lodge met on the first Tuesday of each month following the full moon, thus guaranteeing themselves a reasonable amount of light for their journey to and from lodge.

Their home was in a high attic above the blacksmith shop that also served as sleeping quarters and a school room. In 1860 the logging camp closed and Quincy Lodge found its new home in Friendship, meeting in various locations until 1914 when the brothers built

their new lodge building at its present site at 210 Main Street in Friendship.

In March of 1924, the original Temple was destroyed, along with most of its lodge records and equipment, by a fire that is said to have started under a neighbor's porch. At the next meeting, held at the courthouse, it was proposed not to rebuild the Temple.

Local members, however, assured by the offer help of the Quincy Chapter No. 177, Order of the Eastern Star, and the community at large, decided to rebuild at the same location.

Before the fire, weekly movies as well as all school, public and social events had been held in the lodge basement, so when the Lodge started selling building notes, most of them were bought by non-Masons.

The Masonic Brothers and Sisters of Eastern Star fit in real well in a community like Friendship, that not only opened their arms, but also their hearts and wallets to support all of the charitable programs that we took on.

Today we not only remember our past, but we look forward to our future and thank all of you for sharing our joys and sorrows.

A Tale of Two Cities, Two Lodges

Now the city of Friendship has a twin city, Adams, that is located immediately to the south on Highway 13, the main north-south route in central Wisconsin. Until 1924 there was only one lodge serving the two towns, and that was Quincy in Friendship.

As the region developed, the railroad line to Friendship was abandoned in favor of the Chicago & Northwestern route through Adams.

Since Quincy was already known as a "lumberjack's lodge," and a growing number of railroad men who felt their interests would be better served if they were to form a "railroad lodge" where they lived and worked in Adams, Adams Lodge No. 332 was formed, with a building following in 1931.

Over the years, as the fortunes of these two lodges have changed with the times, there has been occasional talk of consolidation: as of now both are still going strong, serving their members' needs.

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The Grand Master's Message:

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

Greetings Brethren:

Summer is in its waning days and lodges that have not met for July and August and will soon resume their labors. And what a summer it has been!

We know that summer means many things to different people. When we were younger, summer meant school was out and we could do as we wanted. Now it may mean a family picnic or long anticipated vacation. Perhaps it will mean some extra time on the golf course or a chance to wet a line at a favorite fishing spot. One thing that has marked my summers is the picking of raspberries.

A particular raspberry memory comes from the years I was working at the Racine Y.M.C.A. Camp Anokijig. My family was young at the time and when we went on a cookout, picking raspberries was the favorite past time of my daughters, Cheryl and Linda. They would pick them, placing them in my hat, and enjoy them. One time as they returned, Linda the youngest, asked, "Dad, why are the best berries always in the hardest places to pick?" I was about answer, telling her about shade, moisture and stuff, but instead commented, "sometimes the hardest things to get are the ones we enjoy the most." This seemed to satisfy them so they finished their berries, leaving my hat with another layer of berry stains.

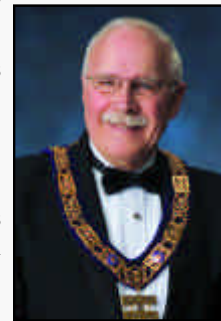
Brothers, how often have we taken the easy way out and ignored the more difficult task? The opportunities are endless — not to plan a budget, go to lodge, greet a Brother, plan a new event, read, learn some new ritual, taking the easy way out — doing the same thing we have always done or doing nothing at all.

Brothers, my challenge to you is to take charge of your life and lodge, and do the difficult things. Aim high! Set goals that will move you and your lodge in a positive direction, and through these actions, develop your potential and be all you can be!

It may be tough, take extra effort and risk, like reaching for the best raspberries amongst the thorns and brambles, but in the end we can accomplish more and feel better for what we have accomplished. The efforts and challenges may be great, but the rewards are great as well.

Fraternally,

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



Rodney A. Paulsen,
Grand Master of Masons
in Wisconsin

The first will be at Dousman Lodge Oct. 28: Four Leader Training Seminars Announced for 2006-07

MILWAUKEE – Four Leadership Training Seminars have been scheduled for the 2006-07 Masonic year, according to Sr. Grand Warden John Wilke, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Leadership Training Committee.

Committee chairman Wilke made the announcement during his Leadership Training Committee report to Grand Lodge officers at the the Fraternity's summer full staff meeting on Saturday, August 12 in Milwaukee.

The subject for all four of the one-day seminars this year will be how to use the various working tools in our "Lodge Toolbox" to guide present and future lodge officers in effectively guiding the lodges over which they were elected to preside.

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

Brother Wilke made a special effort to point out that even though the name "Lodge Toolbox" was used in seminars a few years ago, he explained that our tools today have all been recently revised and



Sr. Grand Warden John Wilke as he announced the four Leadership Training Seminars to be held this Grand Lodge year. The first is planned for Saturday, October 28 in Dousman.

expanded to include important new handbooks for use in helping top lodge officers perform their duties more easily.

Leadership training seminars will be held in four locations around the state —Dousman, Eau Claire, Dodgeville and Appleton. All seminars will be held on a Saturday.

The first will be held in the southeast quadrant of the state on October 28 at Dousman Lodge in

Dousman. The three remaining leader training seminars will be held in early 2007—in Eau Claire at the Eau Claire Masonic Center on January 27 in Dodgeville at Dodgeville Lodge on February 17. The final seminar will be held in Appleton at Waverly Lodge and is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 5.

The schedule for all seminar sessions will be as follows:

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Black River Lodge No. 74
A Pioneering River Lodge

Black River Lodge No. 74 is recognized as the first established fraternal organization in Jackson County, and throughout its first century the lodge had unequalled record of continuous activity. This has been matched during the past 50 years.

Dispensation was granted to Pascal P. Brooks, and Edward and Jacob Crossett on October 14, 1855, to establish a Masonic Lodge in Black River Falls, or within one mile of the city, by Grand Master Billings. On June 12, 1856, a charter was granted and the first communication was held on July 7.

The first meetings were held in the second story of a warehouse located east of the lot now occupied by the Smiley Bear Design on North First Street. The lodge later moved into rooms owned by Mark Bump, in a building near where Moe Hardware's sporting goods is now located. In about 1863, the lodge moved across Main Street into upstairs rooms where the present Grandpa's Cookie Jar now stands.

In 1868 the Lodge, W.P. Porter, John Marsh, Sr., and Mark Bump completed plans to erect a three-story brick building on north Main Street. When the building was completed in 1869, the Porter Drug Store, Bump General Store, and John Marsh, Sr. Dry Goods Stores occupied the ground floor of the building, presently occupied by part of Schultz Brothers Store, the Moe Clothing Store, and Adolph's Cafe. Half of the third floor area was completed for the lodge hall at a cost of \$1,900 to the lodge for their third of the building.

In 1873, that building was partially destroyed by fire, and until being rebuilt in 1874 or 1875, the lodge accepted the invitation of the Black River Falls Odd Fellows to use its hall for meetings. In 1898, the Black River Chapter No. 41, Royal Arch Masons (R.A.M.) added a banquet room to the top floor lodge hall at a cost of \$1,200.

By the time the Black River Lodge celebrated its 50th anniversary, the building was used by the Blue Lodge, Chapter, and Eastern Star, which received its charter on February 20, 1899. By 1906, the semi-centennial was held in the lodge

and banquet hall. At that time membership had increased to 118. Representatives from 28 lodges attended the celebration.

The building housing the lodge was destroyed in the flood of the Black River on October 6, 1911. This very serious flood also wiped out a good share of the town's business section.

Undaunted by the flood, lodge meetings were held at various places in Merrillan and Black River Falls, including the bank and the courtroom. At the same time the members made plans for a new building.

On Saturday, May 9, 1914, the Grand Lodge dedicated the present Masonic Temple at 314 Main Street. The masonry building contained a kitchen, then equipped with wood burning ranges (since replaced), a dining room, several small card rooms, and lavatories on the first floor. The dining room was enlarged in the 1930s and the downstairs floors were tiled in 1953. A fire escape was added in 1954. The upstairs lodge room is furnished as it was on May 9, 1914.

Two concessions to energy efficiency were sanctioned by the members when the ceilings were lowered on the first and second floors.

The building has proven to be very durable and has served the Masonic community well. It is a landmark associated not only with the Masons, but with the Black River Lodge No. 74's annual pancake breakfast, held on Palm Sunday every year since 1983.

Over the past 50 years Masonry in Black River Falls has met the challenge of remaining a viable force for good in the community. It has withstood the challenge of competition for the time of the membership.

While there are more activities demanding the time of the members than there were 150 years ago, or 100 years ago, or even 60 years ago, there has been nothing else that can compete with the immortal cornerstone of Freemasonry. That cornerstone is an amalgam of Brotherhood, a belief in God, and a commitment to each other. Masonry is a way for good men to become better.

Please turn to page 9 for more on these lodge's 150-year events.

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•8:30-9 a.m. Sign-in for those who have preregistered and registration for those who have not. The fee for those who have not registered early will be \$15.

•9-9:15 Introductions and opening comments by Leadership Training Committee Chairman John Wilke, Sr. Grand Warden.

•9:15 The Masonic Code, presented by Bruce Sim, PGM, PGS.

•10:15 The Masonic Handbook, led by William Beecher, District 2 Deputy.

•11:15 The Lodge Excellence Award (LEA), explained by Rod Paulsen, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin.

•12:05 p.m. Lunch

•1:05 p.m. The Wisconsin Plan, led by Craig Campbell, Jr. Grand Warden.

•2:05 Friend's Night and Ritual Cipher, presented Davey White, Jr. Grand Deacon and Past Grand Lecturer.

•3:05 Other working tools. John Wilke, Sr. Grand Warden.

•3:55-4 p.m. Closing comments

Note: Two 10-minute breaks are scheduled hourly in the forenoon and two, hourly, in the afternoon.

Seminar fees are just \$5 for early registration and \$15 afterwards or at the door. To qualify for the \$5 fee, checks made out to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin must be received at the Grand Lodge Office one week prior to the seminar desired. A noon lunch is included.

Please use the registration coupon printed on page 3. One registrant per form, please. Copies can be made if desired. If a lodge check is issued, please send forms for each member.

Grand Lodge Summer Full Staff

At the Grand Lodge Full Staff meeting held in Milwaukee on Saturday, August 12-13, Grand Master Rodney Paulsen laid out in greater detail his plans for the Craft in 2006-07. Grand Lodge officers through the Area Administrator level, including District Chaplains, were invited to attend. The meeting began Saturday morning and ended Sunday forenoon with a tour of the Three Pillars Senior Living Campus in Dousman and a familiarization presentation by Mary Millard, Director of Fraternal Relations.

One of the important subjects discussed was the new Lodge Excellence Award, an updated version of the former GMAA. Junior Grand Warden Craig Campbell explained how the LEA will allow more lodges to qualify for recognition at the Gold, Silver or Bronze Award levels. Lodges with 800 points or more will all receive a certificate of achievement and a plaque plate. Lodges with between 400-799 points will receive Silver Awards, and Bronze Awards will go to lodges with between 100-399 points. All will receive plaque plates. The top three lodges overall will receive cash scholarship awards.

Jr. Grand Warden Craig Campbell demonstrated the new two-sided LEA application in contrast to the former 8-page GMAA application form.

"The LEA is designed to be a lodge year planning tool and not to be filled out at the end of the year," Campbell said. "It is also designed to encourage involvement of junior lodge officers."



During his presentation Grand Secretary Michael DeWolf, PGM, explained that a CD has been produced containing the Masonic Code, The Green Book, Three Minute Mason selections, LEA and handbooks for GL Officers, DDs, AAs, Lodge handbooks for the SW, Sec., Counselor as well as Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary also said that the Grand Lodge Web Page has been reworked to allow for many new features that are being added as they are developed. The BLIS program is also being updated and will include new reports and lodge membership maintenance features. It too will be available through the GL Web Site.



Schools of Instruction

Grand Lecturer Ron Glaunert outlined the Proficiency School format for 2K6-2K7 and urge lodge members who know various portions of particular degrees or the entire ritual to put in a little extra work and earn a Ritualist Card in one of the three degrees or a full-blown Proficiency Card. He is shown as he answered a question regarding the difference between a Ritualist Card versus a Proficiency Card. In doing so he added that many lodge members who enjoy the ritual know more than they think they do and could easily qualify.



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New Charters, Grand Master's Lodge Officers



Notes From The Grand Lecturer

By Brother Ronald H. Glaunert

Symbolism in Masonry: Numbers Count

The use of Symbolism in Masonry is so extensive that it dictates that we should once again delve into its uses.

The use of numbers in Masonry appear quite extensively. The numbers Three, Five and Seven have a definite significance in present day ceremonies. The work at the end of the 18th Century, before the union of the two former Grand Lodges in 1813, showed a more pronounced use of special numbers.

In the "old" lecture it is quite noticeable that three and seven recur quite often. However, to a lesser degree they are joined by five, eleven, fifteen and sometimes by four and twelve.

With a building with four sides it is difficult to avoid the use of that number. We find that the number of Gospels that twelve was the number of both the tribes of Israel and the Apostles. The rest of the numbers are all odd numbers and of these the number three is most seen. There are for example, three knocks, three steps, three lights, three pillars or columns, three rungs on a ladder (Faith Hope and Charity). In addition, there are three principle officers, three ancient Grand Masters as well as three degrees. Also, we find in our ritual other important threes, such as the square level and plum, and sign, token and word, etc.

In a version of the Old Lectures dating from the 1790s there is a passage with a strong reference to the number three. It refers to an obligation taken, my left hand supporting three, my right hand covering three. We use that same version today with the exception that we use the wording of the Holy Bible, Square, and Compasses.

The number three was so highly esteemed by the Pythagoreans that they called it "perfect" Harmony, referring to the number three as "Harmony, Friendship and Peace which is the core of our Fraternity."

Fraternally,
Ron Glaunert, Grand Lecturer

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



Ronald H. Glaunert
Grand Lecturer

Southern Lakes at A/C

The officers of Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12, Delavan, are shown before the public opening at Grand Master Rodney A. Paulsen's installation on Friday evening, June 2 in Madison. Pictured left to right are Brothers John Marra, Jr. Deacon; Russell Krause, Chaplain; Michael Gonyer, Master; Grand Master-elect Paulsen; William Petkoff, Sr. Warden; David Brach, Jr. Warden; and James Stirmel, Sr. Deacon. The Grand Master is a Perpetual Member of Southern Lakes. He served as Master of the former Elkhorn Lodge No. 77 a total of seven of the nine years between 1986 to 1995. Brother Paulsen is also an honorary member of Burlington Lodge No. 28 as well as a member of Silas Shepherd Research Lodge No. 1843.

New Charters for Three

New charters were issued to three state lodges at the 162nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin in Madison June 2-3. Pictured at left, from District 5, are the officers of Buffalo River Lodge No. 252, formerly Mondovi Lodge No. 252. Accepting their new charter from now Grand Master Rodney Paulsen (left) and Past Grand Master Magoon (center, left) were Master Terry Drangstveit (center right) and Sr. Warden Jim Kent (at right). **At far left:** In this picture Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174 (formerly No. 211) Master Jay Herbst (center, right) and Sr. Warden Ross Chapman received a new charter to reflect H. S. Baird's consolidation with Kewanee-Key No. 174 this past year. **Above left:** South Shore Lodge No. 3's Master Robert Miksch received the new charter for South Shore, the result of a consolidation between Kilbourn No. 3 and Jeremiah M. Rusk No. 259.



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DOUSMAN – The United States Congress has passed new legislation that provides an incentive for donors to make gifts from their IRAs.

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Appeal continues to build a strong future for Wisconsin's Only 'All-Star' Soccer Games

DOUSMAN – Hey there, all you soccer fans! On Saturday, July 29 of this year the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation held its 15th Annual All-Star Games at Carthage College in Kenosha.

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In mid-July we made an appeal to members and friends to help support the operating costs of the 2006 games. We have had only a small response so far, and we need more help. Please consider making a per-

sonally appropriate donation to the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation which will help to offset the operating costs of our event and allow us to make generous contributions to the charities we support: the Shrine Children's Hospitals and Special Olympics.

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Masonic Square Bears will continue to give kids comfort

MADISON – Masonic Square Bears will continue to be available as they have in the past reported Grand Master Rodney A. Paulsen to lodge representatives at the 162nd Grand Lodge Annual Communication this past June. Grand Master Paulsen remains a strong proponent of the role the bears play in giving comfort to children in times of stress.

These comfort bears have proven their worth to law enforcement, fire department and rescue squad personnel in giving a measure of comfort and reassurance to children in times of stress or personal loss.

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Owen Lodge Members Drive "Gators" for Scholarships at Farm Technology Days

OWEN – High School Graduation season came and Owen Lodge again awarded scholarships to graduating seniors from our area schools.

Owen Lodge has participated in this worthwhile program since its inception. The earliest scholarships were for \$250 and given to a graduate of Owen-Withee High School. Much has changed since that time mainly due to consolidation of Lodge's.

Over the years, Abbotsford, Colby, Greenwood, Loyal and Stanley-Thorp lodges joined Owen No. 317. This resulted in our lodge expanding their involvement in this program. Since our membership is made up of Brethren from all those municipalities, it was only benevolent to include all of the High Schools as well. For many years \$500 was being awarded to all seven schools. However, due to the economic circumstance in the recent past, our lodge could only afford to fund three scholarships on an annual basis and the other four in rotation.

This challenge to raise money for the Scholarship Program offered Owen Lodge the opportunity to participate in the "Farm Technology Event". Clark County was the host county and members of Owen No. 317 were fortunate in becoming involved. After extensive training in

"Food Safety" as well as training in "Gator Operation," they became "Certified." (The John Deere Gators are like an ATV four-wheeler, only there is a box in back for carrying cargo. Several Brethren willingly spent long hours in the 90-plus degree heat during July to operate these "Gators" and haul food and supplies to the six food tents and two dessert tents located on the grounds.

The Brethren drivers really looked sharp, dressed in a white polo shirt with the red Masonic Square & Compasses and a red cap also with the Square & Compasses, and gold lettering for Owen No. 317.

A certain amount of recognition was noticed by the general public in attendance as well as fellow Masons from elsewhere. Attendance for the three-day event numbered approximately 65,000 people from over two-dozen states and six Canadian provinces.

Due to the success of this event, Owen Lodge earned over \$4,200 to fund future scholarships. This year the amount awarded will be increased to \$600 to several area high school graduates.

This project served two purposes: making the Masons visible and supporting our benevolence in helping our local graduating seniors further their education.

Owen Lodge Fields JD "Gator" Drivers

Some of the "Gator Drivers" for the Wisconsin "Farm Technology" event held March 4, 2006. Pictured from left to right were Frank Olszewski, WM; Leslie Himes, Sr. Steward; Vernon "Bud" Smith, Sr. Deacon; Brothers Robert Wenrick and Paul Stasek, Sr. Warden; and Bro. Charles Peterson. Drivers not pictured: Leslie Craven, Secretary and Brian Bredlau, Jr. Deacon. **At left:** Pam Meyer, Co-Chair of the Food Committee for Farm Technology Days, is shown presenting a check for \$4,200 to some of the "Gator" drivers. These volunteers did a super job and the money will be used to fund the Lodge scholarship program well into the future. Pictured from left to right are Brothers Brian Bredlau, Paul Stasek, Leslie Craven, Vernon "Bud" Smith, Leslie Himes and Frank Olszewski, Worshipful Master.

What Designs are on your lodge trestleboard for the rest of 2006?

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

How about a

Friend's Night program?

A Prospective Member list?

Does your lodge sponsor a

Masonic youth group?

If not, why not?

In Service to the Craft

By Grand Chaplain Ray D. Heilborn

Help for the Coming Season

Brothers:

We are now gathering our forces and our thoughts for the Fall season. For those lodges in the process of planning public meetings, I would suggest that there is a great deal of help available.

As the Grand Chaplain, I am available to work with your lodge in presenting public programs of interest to those who wish to know more about Freemasonry. As the Grand Chaplain, I am able to travel throughout the State of Wisconsin on behalf of Freemasonry. I would call your attention to the fact that there are also very capable District Chaplains willing to present or participate in your lodge programs if they are invited!



Rev. Ray D. Heilborn
Grand Chaplain

In addition to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, who is attempting to visit as many districts and as many lodges as his very busy schedule permits, there are also many other talented and well-informed Grand Lodge officers who could, and will, insofar as it is possible, also share their time and expertise. **BUT YOU MUST ASK!**

It has been our experience that attempting to hold a clergy/craft night alone has had very limited interest. If, on the other hand, you combine a recognition of local clergy, and local school administrators, with a good meal and possibly some good music or other entertainment, it can become a night to repeat year after year with great success. It becomes a great time to remind the educators of the Masonic Scholarship program and other activities of the Craft. Perhaps the program could include a speaker describing the Scottish Rite education centers for dyslexic persons.

Recent movies and articles have given the public some information relative to Freemasonry. Certainly there is much to discuss and to question. If those outside our fellowship are to have any opportunity to get first-hand knowledge of our fraternity, it is up to us to use as many means and methods as possible to present a positive image to those whom we invite.

Again, I wish to emphasize there are many men in Masonry, both present officers and past officers, who are willing and eager to share their information with our lodges. If you want help, please do not hesitate to call the Grand Lodge Office and they will direct you to whoever is available for your programs.

Good luck and good planning for another successful year.

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Three Lodges Help Raise New Washburn Lodge Master Mason

Brother Joseph E. Brown, in the front row, center, was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at Washburn Lodge No. 145, Bristol, on May 12, 2006. Members from Kenosha and Union Grove Lodges assisted in the Degree work. – Submitted by Washburn Secretary Jack Lynn



Menomonie Lodge Honors Past Masters

Menomonie Masonic Lodge No. 164 held a Past Master's Night recently. Pictured left to right are Past Masters Ryan Olson, 2005; Verne Graska, 1962; Robert Spinti, 1979; Clyde Smith, 1990; Donald Goodrich, 1959; Dr. Dave Frogner, 1988; Corky Spagnoletti, 1980; Bill Swannack, 2002; Don Fennie, 1984; and Bill Tice, 1987. About 40 people were in attendance for the occasion.



Brat Fry Helps Fund Appleton Lodge Scholarship Program

The members of Appleton Lodge No. 349 held a brat fry on Friday, May 26 to raise funds for the lodge's scholarship fund. The proceeds from the brat fry is used to fund scholarships for local high school graduates. In the picture on the left is Past Master Tim De Hart, Master Gene Reese, and Past Master don Harris. The "Cook" on the right is Brian Ehrlicke, Senior Deacon.



– Submitted by Brother William Francis Appleton 349 Masonic News Hawk

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New Wheeler Lodge Master Mason

George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351 of Eau Claire raised Douglas Holcomb to the Master Mason Degree on April 5, 2006. Pictured left to right are: WM Gary Stang; Douglas Holcomb with his apron, Bible and trowel; and Robert Dawson, the first line signer. – Submitted by News Hawk Roger Bischoff



Brother Bloedow Celebrates 100th Birthday

On June 30, 2006 four members from Washburn Lodge No. 145 traveled to Janesville and the Cedar Crest Home there to visit Bro. Rev. Carl Bloedow to help him celebrate his 100th birthday. Brother Carl, seated in the center of the picture, was Worshipful Master of Washburn Lodge in 1968. Pictured standing in the back from left to right are: Chester Boyington, Harold Little, Emie Gillmore and Jack Lynn. – Submitted by Washburn Sec. Jack Lynn



Rapids Lodge Grills Brats as Fundraiser

In July, Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128 held a fundraiser brat fry for their scholarship fund at Copps food store in Wisconsin Rapids. Although the weather was hot, the brat fry was a big success. Pictured left to right are the cooks; Junior Warden Earl Arndt, Organist Craig Carpenter and Master Curt Frost. Brothers David TerMaat and Russ Rottler were in charge of sales. – Submitted by News Hawk Russ Rottler

Jacox & Sund Are Tomah's Newest MMs



Two New Masons For Tomah

Above, right: Brother Daryll Jacox (center) recently completed his Master Mason examination in Tomah Lodge No. 132. He is flanked by Steve Hanson, Lodge Counselor (left) and Johnston Bell, Secretary/Treasurer (right). Above, left: New Master Mason Robert Milton (right) is congratulated by his first-line signer, Bro. Mike Sund following completion of his recent examination. – Submitted by Tomah Lodge News Hawk Steve Hanson

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500-Hour Pin Presented for Volunteering

Martin Callaway, a Past Master of La Crosse Lodge No. 190 proudly accepts his 500-hour pin for volunteering at the Tomah VA Medical Center. Martin began volunteering as a Chaplain's escort, pushing wheelchairs to church services through the Masonic Service Association VA Hospital Visitation Program. He became a regularly scheduled MSA volunteer in November of 2002. In addition to his coffee making and "comfort cart" duties, Martin drives the DAV van to take La Crosse patients to the Medical Center for appointments. His advice to would-be volunteers: "Try it, you'll like it." Pictured left to right are: Stan Johnson, Medical Director; Martin Callaway, and Jerry Molnar, Associate Medical Center Director. Laura Bishop, Voluntary Services Coordinator is shown at lectern.



Masonry On Display at Wild Rose Cornerstone Ceremony

Almost half of the 500-plus residents of the Village of Wild Rose attended the Masonic Cornerstone Dedication Ceremony for the Patterson Memorial Library and The Wild Rose Community Center on Saturday, June 25, 2006. The dedication ceremony was conducted by Past Grand Master, Roger L. Magoon with the able assistance of a number of Grand Lodge officers. The event included an open house with guest speakers that included Dr. Jerold W. Apps, Author and Professor Emeritus University of Wisconsin; Brother and Wisconsin Supreme Court Judge, The Honorable Jon Wilcox, both Wild Rose natives. The event was coordinated by Linda Steffen, Patterson Memorial Library Director. Masonic dignitaries conducting the ceremony are pictured, left to right: Brothers Bill Drecktrah, representing Berlin Lodge No. 38; John Hein, Past Grand Master; Richard Reilly, representing Wautoma Lodge No. 148; Bruce Sim, Past Grand Master; Dennis Siewert, Senior Grand Steward; Roger Magoon, Past Grand Master; and Craig Campbell, Junior Grand Warden. Only the library portion of the new building is shown. The community center wing extends to the left of the walk and entrance. The table used to hold the symbolic lodge and dedicatory elements used in the ceremony is in the background, near the cornerstone. — Prepared by Dennis Siewert, Sr. Grand Steward



Honored for 76 Year Membership

Members of Cassia Lodge No. 167 in Plymouth, honored Brother Donald Krauss to mark his 76th anniversary in Freemasonry by presenting him with a CD of his music with his picture on the disk and package. Don has been a Mason for the past 76 years and the lodge organist for 74 of those years. Cassia Lodge members wanted Don to know how much they appreciate him and his work. Shown above, left to right are: Bob Krucky, Don Krauss, and Past Master Jerry Miller. — Submitted by Brother Robert Krucky

The Gavel Locator

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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?



Clintonville Donation

Clintonville Lodge No. 197 recently donated \$1,000 to be placed in the Clintonville Area Foundation Education Endowment Fund. The check was accepted by Foundation President Dr. Jerald Schoenicke, right, from Clinton Lodge Master Danford Jesse, left, and Secretary-Treasurer Ken Glass.



MM Raised in LaCrosse

Marion "Bob" Larson, left, is being congratulated by WM Scott Hiser, right, after being raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason in La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190 recently. In a fine show of Masonic unity, seven area lodges were represented to witness the occasion. — Submitted by Martin Callaway, La Crosse Masonic Lodge News Hawk

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ALL-STAR GAMES...from page 1
ers from each team had taken their turn. The final result was that the Gold team scored four goals to three for the Blue team. The Blue and Gold ladies all-star teams ended their heat-shortened matchup with the Gold team coming out on top 2-0.

Braving what was surely some of the hottest, most humid game-day weather in the 15-year history of the Masonic Senior High School All-Star Soccer Games, players, coaches and spectators alike did their best to keep cool as they took the field and filled the stands at Art Keller Field on the Carthage College campus in Kenosha.

The air temperature was already in the upper 80s as the pre-game presentation of the colors and on-field introductions took place at 10:45 a.m. Presenting the colors, and doing their best to cope with the black and very warm wool fabric of their full dress Templar uniforms, were Sir Knights Dave Schreier, Ray Holtz, Paul Martin and Jim Myrhum representing the Grand Commandery as well as Kenosha, Galilee and Ivanhoe Commanderies.

Brother Nick Schultz, a member of the Soccer Game Committee, gave the invocation and Grand Master Rodney A. Paulsen added his wishes for a safe game conducted in the spirit of good sportsmanship.

At the 11 a.m. start of the women's all-star game, spectators in the stands were doing their best to find shelter from the mid-day sun under the shade of umbrellas or in the few rows of seats shaded by the rapidly retreating shadow cast by the stadium's overhead media box.

As the women's game began, there was no respite for the coaches and players as on-field temperatures pushed into the 90s. Their game which was scheduled to be played in two 40-minute periods during the two hours of the day when the sun was directly overhead and at its hottest.

Due to the heat's affect on the performance of the female players during the first 40-minute half of their game, a decision was made at noon by coaches Mike Jacobs, John Burke, Todd Hardy and Bill Armstrong in consultation with Aurora Sports Medicine Institute Certified Licensed Athletic Trainer Emily Mueller and Sports Medicine Intern Jaclyn Lipovsek, to shorten the second half to two 15-minute periods. All agreed that this was a prudent choice.

Earlier one of the women's players did receive treatment from the two trainers for heat and exercise related stress. An application of ice to the back of the player's neck to bring down her body temperature, a wet towel over her head and rest on the bench were prescribed for the duration of the game.

Field Surface Magnified Heat

By the time that the men's all-stars began their game at 1 p.m., passing clouds gave some respite from the sun, but the weather was still oppressive. For both the women's and men's games the on-field temperature was magnified by heat radiating from the synthetic plastic and rubber covering the surface of the field.

While this surface drew praise from players and coaches for its consistent footing and shock absorbing qualities that help reduce injuries common to other less resilient artificial playing surfaces, in hot sunny weather the surface absorbed heat and then radiated it back into the air over the field, adding to the heat. One estimate put the on-field temperature at about 105 degrees. This is great for cool weather sports but not so hot for summertime sports.

It was estimated that 250 specta-

tors were in the stands for each game. They were primarily family members but also neighbors. There were even a few girl and boy friends cheering on their favorite player.

Athletes Urged to Aim High In Soccer, Education and Life

Game day began with a recognition breakfast and program in the Jockey Club rooms of the Todd Wehr Center building at Carthage.

The program got underway at 8:30 a.m. and featured a welcome by Carthage College President F. Gregory Campbell, comments by Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation President Nancy Storrs and Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin Rodney Paulsen.

In addressing the players and their families, Grand Master Paulsen set the tone for the games by urging the young men and women players to apply the same desire, drive and enthusiasm they have devoted to achieving excellence in soccer and use it to their benefit as they go forward with their education and onward into all else they might do in their lives.

The Grand Master urged them to look past their immediate plans and remember to aim high in whatever the do in life, in their employment and in their future family life, and strive to be all that they can be. He also presented a \$1,200 scholarship to player Jessica Hopfinger of Hustisford.

Guest Speaker Wagner Urges Players to Be Responsible

"We all have to be willing to accept responsibility for what we do," said Athlete recognition event keynote speaker Jeff Wagner as he began his remarks following breakfast and before the players were dismissed to dress for the games.

The popular WTMJ radio talk show host, a former US Attorney, related to the parents and players a story about a suspected drug dealer who had \$325,000 in cash in three paper bags stashed behind his refrigerator in his apartment when he was arrested. When asked where the money came from the suspect replied, "It was there when I moved in."

The point Wagner wished to impress upon the young athletes in retelling this story was that each of them bore a responsibility to do the right thing out of respect for themselves and others, unlike the drug dealer who wouldn't accept responsibility for his actions.

"We don't respect one another enough," Wagner continued. "If we respect each other and take responsibility for ourselves and each other, the world will be a better place."

In concluding his comments, speaker Wagner urged the players to not go along with the crowd but to commit themselves to doing the right thing as they progress in life past their athletic careers and accept their responsibility to become actively involved in helping build better communities.

In closing, Mr. Wagner repeated an observation by Mark Twain: "Be good and you will be lonely. Be lonely and you will be free."

Players this year received a custom designed commemorative cloisonne' medal as a memento of their participation rather than the engraved wooden plaque bearing a color photo of the team that participants received in past years.

This year both pre-game and game day press coverage appeared in the Kenosha News. A news team from Time-Warner Cable was also present to tape interviews with players from north shore Milwaukee suburbs for later broadcast to subscribers there.

The All-Star Soccer event began with the arrival of players on Thursday afternoon, July 27 for a two-day soccer camp. Due to the heat, the Friday afternoon scrimmage with Wisconsin Special Olympics' soccer players was cancelled. The pizza dinner for players and coaches was attended by Grand Master Paulsen and his lady Virginia.

R.C. Cotner Spoke for The Shrine Children's Hospitals

As part of their soccer camp experience athletes attended an information session to learn about these charities during a charity familiarization presentation that took place on Friday morning, July 28.

Guest speaker this year was Brother R. C. Cotner, Director of Development for the Shrine Hospital in Chicago. He explained the services that the hospital provides to those in need of medical care, and how that care is provided at no cost to the patients.

Thursday evening about 15 Masons, along with many ladies from Kenosha Lodge No. 47 and Unity Lodge No. 367, braved a late afternoon downpour as they hosted a cookout for the players. "We finished cooking under umbrellas," said Nancy Storrs, Soccer Foundation Chair.

Helping organize the cookout was Brother Bruce Christianson, Past Grand Master. Coordinating the food and supplies for all of the meals was Brother Dave Tainter, a member of the Soccer Foundation Board. Food for the Thursday night cookout was donated by various individuals and All-Star soccer program sponsors in the Kenosha area.

A soccer skills workshop for players was conducted by Milwaukee Wave professional soccer team player Johnny Torres Thursday evening. The players were on the field until 8:30 p.m.

Wisconsin's Best Soccer

Those serving on the Masonic All-Star Soccer Committee are: J.P. Storrs, Craig Campbell, John Wilke, Sharon Wilke, David Tainter, Erika Miller, James Wenzler, Russ Staley, Linda Staley, Tom and Dottie Dowman, Rick Breitzmann, John Orth and Debbie Orth, Emmett Reilly and Nancy Storrs, Chair.

This soccer game event is sponsored by the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation, one of our Masonic not-for-profit charities, in cooperation with the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association.

The Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation, Inc., provides positive community awareness of Freemasonry, outreach to youth, a connection with families through soccer, and raises funds for charity.

As a matter of fact the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation is now in the process of conducting a fund raising appeal to build support for the All-Star Games, "Wisconsin's Best Soccer Games."

For questions related to direct support of the Soccer Foundation, please contact Erika Miller at the Masonic Charities Development Office at 800-242-2307 in Wisconsin. For planned giving, contact Bill Barnes, Director of Development for the Masonic Charities.

Soccer is enjoyed by over 50,000 Wisconsin youth each year, and typically they have other family members who attend their games, including parents, aunts, cousins, grand parents and friends, any of whom may be searching for esoteric knowledge and greater light.

These soccer games, sponsored by the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation, are your events. Use them to your advantage in attracting good men to the Craft.



Presenting the colors were Sir Knights Dave Schreier, Ray Holtz, Paul Martin and Jim Myrhum representing the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Wisconsin, as well as Kenosha, Galilee and Ivanhoe Commanderies. Brother Nick Schultz, right) a member of the Soccer Game Committee, gave the invocation. It was estimated that up to 250 soccer fans filled the stands for each of the two games.



Above: Announcer Tom Dowman reviewed player names with Soccer Game Chair Nancy Storrs. Left: Keynote Speaker Jeff Wagner. Top left: Grand Master Paulsen with Jessica Hopfinger.

- Photos by William Stonecipher, WMJ Editor



The parents, grand parents and uncle of Blue Team defender Jeff Sonntag, Janesville, showed their support for their favorite player during the men's all-star game at Carthage College July 29. His girlfriend Jill, her mother, and high school soccer coach Duan Damron, were also there.

150 Years at Quincy Lodge



Grand Master Rodney Paulsen presided at Quincy's public opening on Saturday, June 10, seven days after being installed. Sr. Grand Warden John Wilke attended at the table containing the Symbolic Lodge elements of consecration. Grand Secretary DeWolf conducted the Rededication Ceremony. Organist Craig Carpenter is at left. Quincy Lodge Worshipful Master Jefferey Marquardt is seated on the dais.



Quincy Lodge members Virgil Hawkins, right, and his son Larry presented a framed Masonic-themed crocheted wall-hanging made by Virgil's wife Bea.



Above: Quincy Lodge hosted an open house from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, June 10 in the lower level of the lodge prior to the rededication program. Enjoying refreshments and good company were Helen Lowe, Roberta Sindelar, Helen and Sharon Vierbicher, and Mary Sindelar.

At left: Quincy Secretary Ken Koehn and Adams Lodge member Norm Allen (a Past Potentate of Zor) admired one of the displays of historical memorabilia. The opposite wall is covered by a mural painted by Burnet Pletan in 1988. The Mesa, Arizona artist styles himself as the Word's Fastest Artist.



Pauline and Edward Thomson, and Sally and Jim Dummitt reviewed what history books remained after the lodge burned in 1924. Secretary Koehn said that the lodge had 151 members then and dues were just 40 cents. There are 96 members now, an increase from 62 in the 1990s.

The Greatest of These

A highlight of the Quincy Lodge rededication program held in the lodge room was the presentation of a video titled, "The Greatest of These." The drama, set the 1840's and 1850's, was scripted, filmed and directed for the lodge by Brother Bob Theim, and the cast consisted entirely of members of Quincy Lodge.

The plot centered around an impending vote in a certain lodge to close its doors because a bank note was due and there was no money to make payment.

As the meeting began, an unfamiliar visitor sought admittance. Determining that he was indeed a Mason, he was admitted. The story relates that after the stranger heard the sad news of the impending closure, he offered to advance the necessary funds so that the good work of the lodge could continue. And continue it did.

We'll pick up the thread of the story in the October issue and reveal the surprise identity of the stranger and why he came to the lodge and offered payment of their debt. It will make you proud to be a Mason.



Quincy's 150th Anniversary dinner was held at the VFW Post in Adams. At left: Quincy Master Marquardt and Sec. Koehn presented a memento of the occasion to Grand Master Paulsen. Brother Frank Struble, right, created and showed a video before dinner. Jr. Grand Warden John Wilke, Gr. Sec. DeWolf delivered keynote address at the dinner.

Above left: Presenting the 31-Star Flag from Valley Lodge were Jim Hanneman, Ken Romell and Ken Koehn. Ed Thompson of the VFW Post directed ceremony. About 85 attended the lodge program. More than 100 attended the delicious prime rib dinner.



150 Years at Black River Lodge



Black River Lodge No. 74 Master JayDee Nichols explained the Square during the public opening of the 150th Anniversary-Rededication June 24. Past Grand Master Keith Chamberlain presided in the East and was keynote speaker at the dinner following. Jr. Warden Ken Rulland and Sr. Warden Dave Holen awaited their part in the opening. Sr. Deacon Jerry Etting is at left.



At Left: Jim and Bernadine Arena; Darlene and Treat Harkner; John, Mindy and Diahne Welda; and Linda Chamberlain attended Black River's 150th Rededication on June 24, 2006. At this time there are 91 members of Black River No. 74. Visiting members from Merrillan, Middleton, Adams, Quincy, Valley and Buffalo River Lodges were present. The lodge has a new roof, the rooms freshly painted and the lodge room ceiling lowered from 16 to 12 feet.

At right: Brother William F. Kaerr (seated), Black River Lodge's senior member at age 99, said that "I've sat in 300 different lodges in 27 states," in his 68 years as a Mason. He was raised in Metropolitan No. 273 in New York City and has been a Black River member for 39 years. Here he visits with Secretary Elmer Simonson after the ceremony.



Presenting the colors at the Black River Lodge banquet at Skyline Golf Club were Brothers Don Koxlein, Bob Rush and Jim Arena.



Above: 50-year certificates and pins were presented to Black River Lodge members Thomas Jones, Norman Swanson, Albert Borufka and Peter Hoffman. Here PGM Chamberlain affixed one of the lapel pins.



Emcee for the after dinner program was Brother Richard Deno (left). His lively repartee added to evening's festivities. Later, when it was time to make the toast to the next 150 years of Black River Lodge life, Master Nichols said, "Here in the heart of cranberry country, we're using one-hundred percent cranberry juice instead of wine."

During his keynote address, Past Grand Master Chamberlain noted that, "It is a singular accomplishment to celebrate 150 years of existence in your community."

"There are civilizations that have risen and fallen in that same period of time," he continued.

He observed that since Black River Lodge is blessed with committed and capable leaders, the lodge's future is bright. He urged them to avoid looking at what is in the past concerning such things as changes in membership but instead, "be looking forward to a future rich with promise."



Magician Kris Wrobel (left) sought the assistance of Vicki Marquardt during an after dinner card trick.



To the pleasure of all, Musical lyricist Merle Thompson shared the gift of her voice following dinner with "an Old Country Church" medley and "There's a Star Spangled Banner Waving Somewhere" medley.

Where Your Opinion Counts:

The Reader's Forum

Subject: Re: The Work of Our Grand Chaplain
Date: Saturday, July 15, 2006

To the Editor:

In regards to Brother Glen Dawson's letter to the editor about our Grand Chaplain; I have no doubts about the writings of the Rev. Ray D. Heilborn, Grand Chaplain of Wisconsin. They are inspiring, insightful, and undoubtedly true. Yet truth has a way of stirring things up. I hope that these stirrings do not cause Rev. Heilborn a moment of doubt about the gift of his wisdom and insight.

Best Regards, Rev. Jack Stubbs
South Shore Lodge, No. 3

Wednesday, July 12, 2006

Dear Sirs:

Regarding the article, "Kabbalah. What is it?", there seems to be a basic misunderstanding regarding the Ark of the Covenant and the Holy of Holies.

The article states that the Holy of Holies was ten feet wide. According to 1 Kings 6:20, and the Dictionary of the Bible, the Holy of Holies was twenty cubits cubed, that is, about 30 feet long, wide and high. I am not certain where the authors found the quote, "The room was supposed to be ten feet wide," but it is not supported by any reliable source.

Secondly, the dimensions of the Ark were two and a half cubits long, a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high (about 3 feet long and 2 feet wide and high). If this is so, and the Ark was placed in the center of the Holy of Holies, there would be 13.875 feet on either side of it. I am uncertain of the authors' source for, "When the Ark was placed in the middle of the room the distance from the left wall to the left edge of the Ark was five feet."

Perhaps the authors were citing the Babylonian Talmud or the Palestinian Talmud?

Fraternally,
Douglas B. Campbell

About the Reader's Forum – We welcome submissions from our readers. They should be the opinion of the author and pertain to current matters of interest to members of the Fraternity in Wisconsin. To be considered for publication, submissions should be limited to one subject, be signed by the author and carry their name, address, phone number and e-mail. Submissions will appear as space permits. The editor reserves the right to edit submissions for length, grammar and syntax. Submissions may be sent by e-mail to the Editor at <wmjedit@sbcglobal.net>

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EMASSAY NOTES

JULY 2006

WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

True Masonic ritual, as it always was intended to do, teaches the great lessons of life: the importance of honor and integrity, of being a person on whom others can rely, of being both trusting and trustworthy, of realizing that you have a spiritual nature as well as a physical nature, of the importance of self-control, of knowing how to love and be loved, of knowing how to keep confidential what others tell you so that they can "open up" without fear. In short, Masonic ritual teaches us to reach for a higher standard in conducting our lives.

Freemasonry sometimes has been referred to as a "secret society." This is an inaccurate statement. Freemasons certainly don't make a secret of the fact they are members of their Lodges. We wear rings, lapel pins, and tie clasps with Masonic emblems

like the Square and Compasses, the best known of Masonic signs that, logically, recall our early symbolic roots in stonemasonry.

Masonic buildings are clearly marked and usually listed in the phone book. The only thing that could be referred to as secret—although we prefer the word private—are the methods of recognition such as grips, words, signs, and our ritual by which we induct new members.

Over the centuries Freemasonry has developed into a worldwide social and community service organization, emphasizing personal study, self-improvement, and social betterment via individual involvement and philanthropy.

During the late 1700s, it was one of the organizations most responsible for spreading the ideals of The Enlightenment: the dignity of man and the liberty of the individual, the

right of all persons to worship as they choose, the formation of democratic governments and the importance of public education. Masons supported the first public schools in both Europe and America.

The 3.5 million Masons worldwide continue to help men and women face the problems of the 21st century by building bridges of brotherhood and instilling in our communities ideals for a better tomorrow.

(Source: Compiled from several Masonic Information Center publications)

OPERATION PHONE HOME

This program is still ongoing, providing International Phone Cards to our troops serving overseas, particularly in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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HURRICANE KATRINA

The response to the appeal for help in recovery from Hurricane Katrina has been overwhelming. It is very gratifying to be able to report that as of June 30, 2006, \$1,700,000.00 has been sent to the stricken Grand Lodges of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. Alabama has notified MSA to divide further giving between Louisiana and Mississippi because they realize how great the need is in those two jurisdictions.

It would be impossible to list all those who gave (thank you letters have been sent to all donors). However, we thought it would be proper to recognize some overseas support. The Grand Charity of the United Grand Lodge of England, The United Grand Lodges of Germany, Brotherhood of Freemasons and the American Canadian Grand Lodge (Frankfurt, Germany); all were most generous in their assistance.

We are also pleased to report that we continue to receive donations. These gifts are most welcome because the need is still great!

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Quarry Notes

William L. Stonecipher, Editor

Some Questions Answered

• **The Missing 1** – In the June issue Grand Lecturer Ron Glaunert inadvertently omitted the number 1 when quoting an 18th Century Masonic lecture in which the relationship of numbers as demonstrated by the 47th Proposition of Euclid were discussed. The portion of the lecture that contained the omission was the proof of the proposition: "The square of 5 is equal to the sum of the squares of 3 and 4, the square of 3 is 9, and the square of 4 is 16, so that 16 plus 9 is equal to 25, the square of 5, by which proportions Masons take off right angles, squares and perpendiculars." We thank the observant reader who brought this to our attention.

• **How Big?** The questions posed by Brother Douglas B. Campbell in the letter printed at left brings up an interesting point for discussion. Before continuing, let me remind readers that the discussion of religion, as such, is off limits in Lodge or this publication as stated in this column in the summer issue. However, I believe that Brother Campbell deserves to have his questions answered. Reprinted below is the portion of the second installment of three-person discussion of how Kabbalah may or may not relate to Freemasonry as published in the summer issue that prompted his letter.

"For example, take the two levels of meaning in the Bible's description of the Ark of the Covenant. The Ark of the Covenant, of course, is supposed to have contained the Ten Commandments. It was said that the Ark took up no space in the Holy of Holies of King Solomon's Temple, the room where the Ark was kept.

"The room was supposed to be ten feet wide. When the Ark was placed in the middle of the room the distance from the left wall to the left edge of the Ark was five feet. And, the distance from the right wall to the right edge of the Ark was five feet.

"Thus, on the literal level, the Ark took up no space. On a metaphorical level, however, this is a message about God. The Israelites believed that God's presence resided in the Ark in the Holy of Holies. Thus, the fact that the Ark didn't take up any space was a way of saying that God is an infinite being, not limited by space. God can't be measured in the same way that you can measure the distance between two walls.

"Well, which is it? The literal interpretation or the metaphorical? The Kabbalist's answer is *both*. The Bible conveys both pieces of information."

By way of explanation, in rereading the text in question, my attention was drawn to the phrase that contained the words, "...two levels of meaning." This could mean at one level, literal, and on a second level, non-literal. Keeping this in mind, it is important to remember that Kabbalah is a mystical philosophy based upon the received doctrines and traditions of the Jewish Elders as it relates to certain mystical interpretations of Scripture and metaphysical principles, some of which are thought by some to relate to elements in our Masonic initiation and higher degrees in the Rites of Freemasonry.

In light of that, it seems logical to adopt a metaphorical approach, rather than a literal interpretation. Metaphorical or literal: the choice is the reader's. Likewise for Kabbalah. If it resides within the philosophical belief system of any particular individual, or whether or not one wishes to give it any credence at all, that, too, remains the choice of the reader.

Metaphorically, then, the actual measurements of the Ark and space in which it was contained would not be of primary import to bringing to light the concept outlined in the second and third paragraphs of the text at issue.

The source for the dimensions measurements Brother Idling used in his discussion were drawn from a book by author Kim Zetter titled, "Simple Kabbalah," published in 2002 by Castle Books, Edison NJ.

Although the author's precise reasons for using the dimensions in question are unknown, they were almost certainly to illustrate in the most simple terms possible the concept that God is an infinite being, unlimited by space, and that God cannot be measured in the same way one would measure the distance between two walls, rather than as a literal statement of fact. Like so much of our ritual of initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry, it is symbolic. It is hoped that this explanation adds further light to this discussion and provides a satisfactory explanation.



Aprons & Bibles Delivered to Mississippi

At the Grand Lodge Full Staff meeting in Milwaukee August 12, Grand Master Rodney Paulsen presented an engraved pocket watch on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi to District 10 Deputy Pat Storms in recognition of his part in helping replace 140 sets of aprons and Bibles donated by Masons in Wisconsin to replace those lost by Masons in Harrison County, Mississippi in hurricane Katrina. Gary Ebert, Master of Waukesha Lodge No. 37, and the Grand Master traveled to Gulfport in early August to present them to the Grand Master of Masons in Mississippi. The apron and Bible project was organized by Waukesha Lodge. Brother Ebert and the Grand Master also received similar pocket watches as tokens of appreciation.

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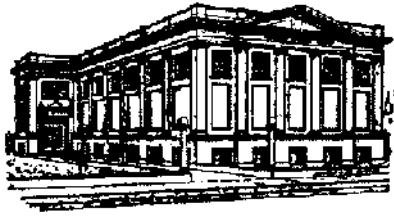
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211 S. Lake Ave. • 715-478-2797 (Sec)
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Dark January & February

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Dark June

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Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
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Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
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109 United Way • 715-327-8963
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Dark July & August

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Jefferson County Lodge No. 9
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Dark July & August

Kenosha

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Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

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Sunrise Lodge No. 359
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Dark July & August

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Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

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Frontier Lodge No. 45
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Dark July & August

La Crosse

La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190
118 8th Street So. • 608-782-1616
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Meets All Year

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

Lake Geneva

Geneva Lodge No. 44
335 S. Lakeshore Dr. • 262-248-9900
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Linden

Linden Lodge No. 206
618 Main St. • 608-623-2498 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 8 p.m.
Dark July & August

Lodi

Lodi Valley Lodge No. 99
114 First St. • 608-592-4392 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Madison

Commonwealth Lodge No. 325
301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-0793
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Madison

Doric Lodge No. 356
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608-224-0895 (Sec) • Meet 1st & 3rd
Tues., 7:30 p.m. • Dark July & August

Madison

Four Lakes Daylite Lodge No. 362
301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-2351
Meet 1st Mondays, 10 a.m. (except Sept.
2nd Monday) Dark July & August

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

Madison

Washington Lodge No. 5
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Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Meet 1st Thursday July & August

Manitowoc

Manitowoc Lodge No. 65
810 Chicago St. • 920-684-4334
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Marinette

Marinette Lodge No. 182
1610 Main St. • 715-735-3515
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Marshfield

Marshfield Lodge No. 224
402 W. 4th St. • 715-384-8646
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Medford

Medford Lodge No. 217
150 S. Seventh St. • 715-748-6851 (Sec)
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Dark January & February

Menomonie

Menomonie Lodge No. 164
N5729 - 410th St. • 715-235-2667
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Mercer

Hurley Lodge No. 237
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Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark January, February & March

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Virginia Falls Lodge No. 226
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Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

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Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark January, February & March

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Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

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2nd & 4th Tues. • Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

Milwaukee

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Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

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Meets All Year

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

Prairie du Chien

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

Prairie du Sac

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

Prescott

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

Racine

Racine-Belle City Lodge No. 18
1012 Main St. • 262-633-6658
Meet s1st Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Reedsburg

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

Rhineland

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

Rice Lake

Blue Hills Lodge No. 234
222 W. South Street • 715-234-8318
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

Richland Center

Richland Lodge No. 66
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Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

River Falls

River Falls Lodge No. 109
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Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Shawano

Shawano Lodge No. 170
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Meets 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

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Sheboygan Lodge No. 11
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Dark July & August

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Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m.
Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

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Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

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Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

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Evergreen Lodge No. 93
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Dark July & August

Stoughton

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Dark July & August

Sturgeon Bay

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Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Sun Prairie

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Dark July & August

Superior

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Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

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Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

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Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

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Meets All Year

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Waukesha Lodge No. 37
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Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

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Dark June, July & August

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Waupun Lodge No. 48
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Dark July & August

Wausau

Forest Lodge No. 130
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Dark July & August

Wautoma

Wautoma Lodge No. 148
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Dark Jan. & Feb. - 4th Mon. Nov. & Dec.

Wauwatosa

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Meet 4th Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

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Dark July, August

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Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

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Wauwatosa Lodge No. 267
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Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

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Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Winneconne

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Meet 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

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Kabbalah. What is it? Does it relate to Freemasonry? If so, how?

Editor's note: this is the third and final installment in a series on the Kabbalah and Freemasonry. It is presented in the form of a three-way discussion between Brothers Rick Gustafson, John Mitchell and Alan Iding during their presentation preceding a Sheboygan Table Lodge on April 18, 2006.

By Bro. Alan Iding, PGM Founding Member, Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843

Iding: Rick, you were reading from the transactions of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge. How did Westcott's paper end?

Gustafson: He admitted that everyone might not agree with his views. After he finished, his paper was pretty soundly criticized by Robert Freke Gould and other Masonic scholars in the lodge — in the polite way that English Freemasons do in Quatuor Coronati Lodge. In the end, the brethren voted thanks to Brother Westcott for his talk on Kabbalah, and then they adjourned for refreshment.

[Iding opens the paper bag he brought with him. He takes out three cans of a beverage.]

Iding: In imitation of that custom, let's adjourn for refreshment. I

brought us some of that new energy drink.

Gustafson, Mitchell and Iding raising cans in unison: It's called "KAB-BALAH!"

[Gustafson, Mitchell and Iding join their brethren at the Table Lodge.]

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EMASSAY NOTES...from page 10 SHRINERS HOSPITALS

In 2005, Shriners Hospitals approved 37,775 new patient applications and cared for 123,385 patients. In 2005, Shriners Hospitals for Children provided the following:

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(Source: Shrine News Release)

WHAT IS THE ALL-SEEING EYE?

The eye was a symbol of God before Old Testament days, in Egypt and India. The words do not appear in the Great Light. The eye upon United States paper money, while a symbol of the Great Architect, was not selected by Masons. The Psalmist expresses the symbol's meaning with the words (Psalm 121:4): "Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep."

(Source: MSA Digest Masonic Vocabulary)

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Little things mean a lot: a friendly smile, a warm handclasp, an embrace and a kind word can do as much for those who are lonely and depressed in a hospital or a nursing home as all the medicine that the Doctors can prescribe. The Hospital Visitation Program is a vital part of the Fraternity that deserves your attention and needs your help.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact The MSA Hospital Visitation Program agent at a facility near you. In Wisconsin call any one of the MSA Field Agents: Tom Dowman, Wisconsin Veterans Home at King, (920) 303-1444; Steve Hanson, Tomah VA Center, (608) 372-6107; Laverne Storkson, Middleton VA Hospital, Madison, (608) 249-9014; Chuck Wallens, Zablocki VA, Milwaukee, (414) 352-2265.

WISDOM

Prudence in Masonry means wisdom; wisdom was anciently a cardinal virtue, and the mere changing of the syllables by which it is denominated does not change its nature. It is the wisdom which was meant by the writer of Proverbs, who said, "the heart of the prudent getteth knowledge."

Freemasonry is a system of wisdom of heart, wisdom of mind, wisdom—if the Mason so wills it—of soul. It is an approach of man to his Creator. It is a looking forward to better days and a looking up to higher things. Its whole structure is aimed at helping a man in the formation of good character. Wisdom is an essential for this, from thinking, rather than from education and teaching.

Consider prudence as meaning a wisdom of both heart and mind and it becomes something high and holy, and much more impressive than mere precaution, judged by the modern and colloquial meaning of the word prudence.

Therefore, a man is prudent when he allows wisdom to rule his actions.

— Carl H. Claudy

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Residents from Mason Woods Participate in **BOAT PARADE ON SHAWANO LAKE**



On the day of the parade the crew posed for a photo, from the left are Fred Goering, Harold Metzner, Jim Steingraeber, Dick Moe, Betsy Ross, Joyce Steingraeber, Donna Seefeldt, Bev Goering, Howard Poland, and Jane Davis.

On August 5th residents at Mason Woods participated in the first annual Shawano Lake boat parade. This year's theme was "Celebrate America". Residents decorated the pontoon boat in patriotic colors and dressed up in costumes such as a Revolutionary Soldier, Boat Captain, and Uncle Sam. The four hour parade took a full lap around the lake as local residents waved flags and cheered them on.

For more information about Mason Woods or to schedule a tour, please call: Judi @ 715.745.4330



A Message From
MARY MILLARD
Director of Fraternal Relations

As many of you know, I will be traveling throughout the state to give presentations regarding our Three Pillars Senior Living Community. There are so many changes that have happened within the last year. Both Grand Master Rodney Paulsen and Worthy Grand Matron Helen Wheeler are encouraging their members to attend.

At the present time, I am in the process of scheduling these presentations. You will be receiving an invitation through your chapters and lodges as to a presentation close to you. I am also asking the host lodge or chapter to invite all the Masonic organizations that are in close proximity to them. This will be a Masonic Evening, so there will be no meetings after the presentation. Just an opportunity to learn about Three Pillars, ask questions, and have time for fellowship. A light dinner or lunch will be served before the presentation, so I will need to know how many will be attending. Reservations may be made by calling 800.848.5306 and mentioning which presentation you will be attending.

I encourage you to go to our website at www.threepillars.org click on the Fraternal Relations link to see where presentations are being held. Check often as I will update this list weekly.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you and talking about Three Pillars. If you have questions, please call me at 800.848.5306 and ask for Mary Millard.

join us for a **CONCERT IN THE PARK**

Sunday, September 24th

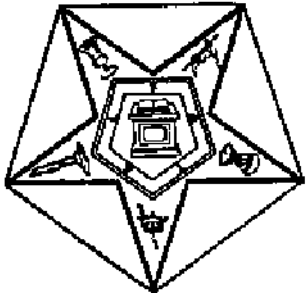
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Order of Eastern Star

Sisters and Brothers of Wisconsin OES

Sisters and Brothers:

Summer may be coming to the end, but our chapters will be in full swing. I hope you all had a very restful summer. Many of you were able to attend one of the Grand Officers exemplifications. It was great to see so many out to watch us do our work. We loved having you attend our "Garden of Faith" Chapter.

Soon your Chapters will be having their Official Visits and District Deputy schools. Welcome your deputies, they are there to help with the floor work and secret work. They are a very special group of people who do this for the love of the Order.

I hope to travel and visit many of your Chapters. Come and join me when I visit and help fill the sidelines. Please visit a chapter in your area and join in wonderful fellowship and fun.

Our area clubs will be resuming in many areas of our state. Please come and join one of these clubs. All members are welcome to attend. We discuss up and coming events, learn new and different things about our beautiful Order, and help the Grand line officers with different projects.

It's not too late to sign up for Helen's and my trip to Branson. We would love to have you join us. Wouldn't it be great to have two full buses? Please call the Grand Chapter Office for more information.

Please support Helen and my projects by buying our jewelry and buying raffle tickets for the America quilt. Our Grand Officers will also be selling Wisconsin ornaments for our cancer project the MACC fund. This is a year we dedicate to our youth in Wisconsin.

Sisters and Brothers travel safe and go out and have a "Whale of a Good Time".

In Faith and Love,
John Knee, W.G.P.

Announcements

50 YEAR MEMBERS:

Lac La Belle Chapter, Ashland; Lillian Ketchem, Mabel Loch, Ruth Smith and Don Smith. Frederic Chapter, Frederic; Mary Norgard. Chippewa Chapter, Chippewa Falls; Ila Mae Krull and Dorothy Hotvedt.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

Ray Paynter, West Virginia, Dodgeville Chapter; Roger Meade, Montana, Bristol Chapter; Mary Wright, British Columbia and the Yukon, Northwest Chapter, Clear Lake; James Moore, District of Columbia, Starlite Chapter, Madison; Birger Eklov, Australia, Viroqua Chapter, Viroqua; Mary Bristol, New York, Ellsworth Chapter, Ellsworth; Helen Kryszak, Nevada, Wauwatosa Chapter, Brookfield.

CORRECTION:

The article 'Reflections of a Worthy Matron' that appeared in the Summer issue of the Masonic Journal was written by Milt Helmer and not Jan Quinn.

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The Order of Eastern Star

Sisters and Brothers of Wisconsin Order of the Eastern Star:

Dr. Rob Morris stated: "If the Order is worth anything, it will live." Do we, as members, think the Order of Eastern Star is worth anything? Are we working together in faith, love, constancy, and fidelity to keep our order alive?

Have you ever stood back and asked yourself or the members in your chapter, "What is the competition which we are up against?" Trying to find an answer which does not put ones self at fault - we know we need to work as a team. There is no "I" in teamwork.

To quote the Most Worthy Grand Patron Loyal Stark, the following is a clip from his letter to the Members in the Winter 2006 issue of the Eastern Star Journal.

"Our competition is what has happened since the 1960s. Most of the social conventions, customs, and institutions have been rejected. Some said that manners, morals and personal faith were considered repressive. The result has been three generations of analysis, personality-enhancing drugs and social problems unlike anything that came before, and an increasingly solitary society. We seem to be disconnected from each other. Something has been lost and now people are searching for something to fill the void.

Our competition is time, busy families, instant gratification and a much faster-paced world. The need is fundamental human values that build us up and make us feel good about ourselves.

We can fill the void, if we but listen to the needs of our younger members and to our potential members. We must emphasize community involvement and what we do for others, forget the "I", and do not worry about titles and what we are wearing.

We have the answer! Work together. Everyone needs a job to do and everyone must focus on doing that job to the very best of his or her abilities. We need to stop worrying about who gets the credit, and work together for a growth in our fraternal organization."

Have you taken time to visit a DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls, or Job's Daughters meeting? Have you taken the time to attend your Eastern Star meeting, or your Blue Lodge meeting? Did your Chapter put an article in your hometown paper on your last big event? How long ago was that big event? Are we now going to move out and work together? What is your first move going to be?

Sisters and Brothers

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

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The "Grand Family" attends memorial service for First Grand Matron of Wisconsin, Adency Irons, in Tomah on June 4.



The tombstone of Adency Irons, the first Grand Matron of Wisconsin.

Music Collections

Two collections of music have been published by the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, O.E.S., and may be purchased by prepaid order from the Grand Chapter, please call the office to find out what the shipping costs would be for the book(s) you desire.

They are Marches for Fraternal Orders Composed by Fred Clitheroe, with 18 marches @ \$10 and Marches for Fraternal Orders Composed by C.F. "Fred" LaPointe, with 22 two-page and 9 one-page marches @\$15. Both are on 9" x 12" paper, comb-bound with card stock covers; and all scores are in printer format.

Grand Representative Parties

Janesville Chapter and Columbia Chapter

Cordially invites you to join them as they honor **John Lawrence, Grand Representative of New Brunswick** on Wednesday, September 13 at 7 p.m. Refreshments will follow the meeting at the Janesville Masonic Center, 2223 E. Milwaukee Street, Janesville. RSVP to: Pat Shuler, Secretary, 2203 Commons, Janesville, WI 53546

A reception for Bill Julian, Grand Representative of Minnesota

will be held on September 20, 2006 at a stated meeting of **Mabel Chapter, Rhinelander**. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Rhinelander-Lakeland Masonic Lodge, 23 W. Davenport Street, Rhinelander, with refreshments to follow. RSVP to Lori Bergman at 715-362-1052 or Lori Philbrick at 715-453-9587

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- Richard L. Rehm, Audrey Pavlik, and June Herman In Memory of Daisy Woods
- Fidelity Chapter, Appleton
- Lila B. Graser Chapter, Sussex
- Edgerton-Milton Chapter, Edgerton
- Rob Morris Chapter, Palmyra
- Queen of Sheba Chapter, Reedsburg
- New Holstein-Calumet Chapter, New Holstein
- Star of Bethlehem Chapter, Portage
- Kilbourn Chapter, Wisconsin Dells
- Arbutus Chapter, Stevens Point

Worthy Grand Matron Honored at Reception

The members of Lemonweir Chapter 158, Mauston, hosted a reception in honor of Worthy Grand Matron Helen Wheeler.

The dining room was decorated in red, white and blue, and patriotic balloons carrying out the "Garden of Faith" (Our God, Our Country, Our Church, Our Family and Masonic Family) theme for this Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star year.

Helen was honored with many distinguished guests, Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers, family and friends. All enjoyed the festive dinner prepared and served by the New Lisbon Legion Auxiliary. The afternoon hometown entertainer, Ed Sabey, topped off the program with a great sing along of old time favorites.



Enjoying the Sing-Along

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, Rodney A. Paulsen, and his Lady Virginia enjoying the sing-along at Worthy Grand Matron, Helen Wheeler's reception.



LaBelle Chapter Initiate Five New Members

LaBelle Chapter of Mukwonago initiated five new members on April 11, 2006. Pictured left to right are Linda Koch, Robert Koch, Jennifer Koch (daughter of Robert and Linda), Roy Hubler (Worshipful Master of Laflin-St James Lodge, Mukwonago), Nancy Ryburn, Worthy Matron of LaBelle, and Cindy Hubler.

Anxious

When my Pa joined the Masons
Ma got as mad as sin;
She wished that he'd be blackballed,
And never could get in.
This staying out to meetings
Till twelve O'Clock or so,
Was really perfect nonsense —
She wished he would not go.
Then when Pa got elected
To what he called the chair,
And spent a little money
She was crosser than a bear.
And so things kept on going,
Pa hadn't much to say,
But smiled behind his paper
When she took on that way.
Now things have changed;
They got her to join the Eastern Star;
She's never home at midnight,
Spends more than Pa, by far.
We eat cold victuals, Pa and I,
About five days each week,

She's at committee meeting—
But Pa is kind of meek.
She'll soon be Worthy Matron,
Pa's found a boarding house;
But 'till she gets elected
He's as still as any mouse.
He says he'd fix things
So she need have no care;
I don't know how she'll like it,
But then that's Pa's affair.
He says that when I'm older
I'll understand the game;
It's hard to be a Mason,
But I'll be one just the same.
There must be something in it,
They're having lots of fun;
I guess I'll have to wait though,
Till I am twenty-one.

From "Gleanings" book from
Gilbert Publishing Company
No author's name



Members of Dodge County Lodge No. 72 were joined by officers of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin and Prince Hall Grand Lodge, as well as many other Brothers and families of both jurisdictions for 150th anniversary summer picnic on August 5 at Water Works Park in Beaver Dam. Seated on the grass were Brother Bob Dolan, Dodge County Lodge Master, far left, and Brother Rodney Paulsen, Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin. Flanking him in chairs were Brothers Marshall Tharpe (left), Prince Hall PGM, and James Davis, Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons in Wisconsin. Joining them on the grass were District 8 Deputy Emmett Reilly, Grand Tiler James Wetzel, Sr. Grand Deacon Joe Harker, Grand Secretary Mike DeWolf, PGM, and George Wallinger, PGM & PGS. Other Dodge County Lodge officers, members and their families were joined by Prince Hall Grand Lodge Officers, brethren and their families. - Wm. Stonecipher Photo

Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

(* indicates that the Grand Master will be in attendance)

September 2006

1 Sixth Annual Lake Country Masonic Charities Golf Outing sponsored by Dousman Lodge. Western Lakes Country Club, Pewaukee. Scramble format. Ladies, foursomes and singles welcome. Shotgun start at noon. Registration 10:45 a.m. to 12. Dinner at 6. To register call John Werner at 262-510-5626 or Tom Maule at 262-965-2695.

9 Dodge County Lodge No. 72 & Columbus Lodge No. 75 Combined 150th Anniversary Past Masters Dinner
Columbus Country Club. Guest Speaker is Grand Master Rodney A. Paulsen. Social Hour at 5 p.m., Dinner at 6. RSVP to Columbus Sec. Larry Pfeifer at 262-623-3705 or Dodge County Sec. Dick Larson at 262-887-2530.

9 Job's Daughters Statewide Milwaukee Brewers Day.

9 Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research Quarterly Mtg., Mineral Point Lodge No. 1, 310 High Street, Mineral Point

10 Job's Daughters H.I.K.E. (Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment) Statewide Event, Frame Park, Waukesha

22 Double Eagle Pub Grand Opening, Humphrey Scottish Rite Masonic Center, Milwaukee. Fish fry or broiled fish is \$8.95 per person. Begins at 5 p.m. Menu features appetizers, pizza, and entrees from seafood to steak, along with your favorite beverages. Hours are Tuesday-Thursday 4 to 10 p.m., Friday & Saturday 4 to 12 p.m. Full service menu till 9 p.m. daily. Pizza & appetizers daily. Phone 414-276-4744 Ext. 106 for information on pre-registration (paid for dinners) that will make you eligible to win complimentary Dinner/Drinks for 8 people in the Double Eagle Pub, valued at \$600.00.

24 District 5 Fall Mtg., Black River Lodge No. 74, 7 p.m.
24 Wisconsin York Rite Testimonial Dinner Honoring Grand High Priest Kenneth A. Bales, Grand Master Thomas J. Walton and Grand Commander Fred E. Roycraft. Social Hour at 11:30 a.m., Dinner at 12:30 p.m. Elizabeth Inn, US 51 South & 54, East Plover, WI. \$22 per person. Prepaid reservations by Sept. 7 to William Van Zile, 3620 Loretta Lane, New Berlin, 53151

29 First Annual Robert L. Ross, PM, Table Lodge, Wisconsin Lodge No. 13, Northwest Masonic Center, 4315 N. 92nd Street, Wauwatosa. 4:30 p.m.

30 Job's Daughters Grand Bethel Exemplification, West Allis Masonic Center, West Allis.

30 Dist. 4 Fall Mtg., H.S. Baird Lodge, Sturgeon Bay 10 a.m.
30 Southwest York Rite Association of Royal Arch Masons will host a Chapter Degrees Festival at the Platteville

Masonic Center. For the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees, Most Excellent Master Degree and Royal Arch Mason Degree.

October 2006

12 Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board Mtg., Thursday, 3 p.m., Grand Masonic Center, Dousman.*
15 Dodge County Lodge 150th Anniversary Dinner & Program, Old Hickory Golf Club in Beaver Dam, Alan Iding, PGM, Featured Speaker.

20-21 AASR Valley of Eau Claire Reunion, Eau Claire

20-21 AASR Valley of Madison Reunion, Madison.

28 1st Grand Lodge-sponsored "Masonic Toolbox" Leadership Training Seminar, 8:30 a.m. at Dousman Lodge, Dousman. Register by Oct. 21 and pay just \$5. The three remaining leader training seminars will be held in early 2007—in Eau Claire at the Eau Claire Masonic Center on January 27 in Dodgeville at Dodgeville Lodge on February 17. The final seminar will be held in Appleton at Waverly Lodge and is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 5. Please use registration form on page 3.

28 Valley of Green Bay Fall Reunion, "The Ill. Robert O. Ralston, 33", Past Sovereign Grand Commander Passport Class" at NEW Masonic Center, Green Bay.

28 AASR Valley of Eau Claire Reunion, Eau Claire.

30 District 10 Fall Meeting, Fond du Lac Lodge, 7 p.m. Subject: how to plan and execute an effective and successful prospective member event. Ladies program. \$15 per person for dinner (optional).

30 District 8 Fall Mtg., Mineral Point Lodge No. 1, Dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30.

November 2006

3 'Tiltown Tailgate Party' by Mad Dog & Merrill - Valley of Green Bay, Beja Shrine Center. Reservations Req'd.

4 Valley of Green Bay Fall Reunion, "The Ill. Robert O. Ralston, 33", PSGC Passport Class" at the NEWMC. Reservations requested for lunch.

4 Banquet for the "Ill. Robert O. Ralston, 33", PSGC Passport Class" at Holiday Inn - City Centre, Green Bay. Reservations Required.

10 Grand Lodge Full Staff Meeting (GM) Brookfield

11 Grand Lodge Full Staff Meeting (GM) Brookfield

11 Ladies at the Table (GM) McKinley Lodge No. 307

11 Valley of LaCrosse - Family 'Rite' Life Dinner, Event Guest Speaker is Sue Hesse, Author of "Where's Evelyn." Valley of LaCrosse 5 pm