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Open Houses Set to Acquaint Fraternity With Senior Living Options at Masonic Campuses

DOUSMAN – Mary Millard, Director of Fraternal Relations for our fraternity's Three Pillars Senior Living Communities, announced a continuation of plans to carry the Three Pillars' message to the Fraternity during the coming year, but has added a new feature to her repertoire of tools — open houses at the two senior living campuses.

Three open houses have been set: two at the Dousman campus and one at Mason Woods on Shawano Lake near Cecil.

Dates chosen for the Dousman Campus are Saturday, September 15 and Saturday, November 3. Tours at Mason Woods will be held on Saturday, October 13.

"One of the new things I want to do this year is to have an opportunity for members of the fraternal groups to come and visit the campuses," the Ms. Millard said.

"I will be giving tours around the campus and then we will have an opportunity to eat lunch together and I can answer questions," she explained. "There are so many fraternity members that do not know what Three Pillars is all about, and they really need to see what we offer in person."

Mary went on to say that there have been many changes at Three Pillars in the last five years, and since Three Pillars is the Fraternity's largest charitable undertaking that Masons and Eastern Star groups financially support, it is important for them to learn as much as possible about the Senior Living Communities in Dousman and on Shawano Lake.

The Three Pillars' family of facilities consists of the Masonic Center for Health & Rehabilitation, Riverside Lodge, Village on the Square, Mason Woods and Compass Point. Senior living choices range from

fully independent living to skilled nursing care, in addition to assisted living and transition care options. Mason Woods offers independent living in northeast Wisconsin.

About the presentations Fraternal Relations Director Millard made to fraternity members this past year she said, "My presentations to lodges and chapters were a huge success last year. I traveled throughout the state from Kenosha to Superior, meeting with Lodges and Eastern Star Chapters. After each presentation, I heard from the audience that they have learned something new."

Ms. Millard plans on continuing to go out to Lodges or Chapters this year. She asks that fraternal organizations interested in arranging a program are invited to give her a call at 262-965-7391 and a date can be arranged. Mary encourages lodges and chapters to have husbands and wives attend as well as any guests they want to invite.

Once again, the dates for the Dousman Campus tours are September 15 and November 3. Tours at Mason Woods on Shawano Lake will be October 13. All are on a Saturday and begin at 10 a.m.

Lodges or individuals wishing to attend any of the three open houses will need to call Ms. Millard at her toll-free number, 800-848-5306, to make a reservation for each date.

"I would like members to see first hand what we have on our campuses," Mary said, noting that the presentation pictures do not fairly reflect the true beauty of either campus. "I again want to mention that if you would like me to come and do a program for you, please call me."

Each lodge and chapter will be receiving a letter in early September telling about these dates. *wmj*

Wisconsin Woman to Lead Job's Daughters International This Year

MERRVILLE, IN – Mrs. Janine Coley, Past Grand Guardian of Wisconsin Job's Daughters International, will serve as Supreme Guardian of Job's Daughters International for 2007-2008.

Mrs. Coley was installed Supreme Guardian in Merrville, Indiana on July 28 at the Supreme Session of Job's Daughters International.

Janine's travels and responsibilities will take her to Bethels in the United States, Canada, Brazil, Australia and the Philippines.

Janine enjoyed her years as a Job's Daughter and is a Majority Member of Bethel 63, Mukwonago, where she also served as Bethel Guardian.

The new Supreme Guardian and her husband Russell have two sons, no daughters, but Janine has given many years of her time and talents to Job's Daughters.

Maureen Wise, Past Grand Guardian of Wisconsin, will serve as Supreme Bethel Guardian and Rick Miller, the state's Past Associate Grand Guardian, will serve as Supreme Chaplain during Janine's year in office. *wmj*

Houdini Chapter DeMolay Recognized for Care Package Effort to Aid Soldiers

APPLETON – Harry Houdini Chapter DeMolay member Colin Foster attracted the notice of the local newspaper with the completion of a service project that was his observance of Patriot Day.

The results of his project were featured in the June 17 edition of the Appleton Post-Crescent and are available for viewing online. Due to the online publication, Colin received congratulatory emails from DeMolays as far away as Arizona and Washington D.C.

DeMolay Foster's project was intended to recognize our nation's servicemen and women and consisted of soliciting and obtaining materials to be placed into care packages which were to be sent to soldiers on active duty in Iraq.

Materials obtained included small personal care items such as wet-wipes (for the sand) and sun screen.

The packages also contain entertainment items such as crossword puzzles and magazines. Also included is a box of toys for the soldiers to

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Reedsburg Lodge Celebrates 150 Years of Masonry

Before the Three Great Lights on the altar lit by the Three Lesser, and the draped symbolic lodge used for the com, wine and oil in the rededication ceremony, Grand Lodge officers Jeff Marquardt, District 6 Deputy; Emmett Reilly, District 8 Deputy; Davey White, Jr., Sr. Grand Deacon; Frank Struble, District 2 Deputy; Dave Ritchie, Grand Chaplain; Deputy Grand Master John Wilke (at lectern) and Reedsburg Lodge Master Robert Ott (top, left) are shown as the rededication of Reedsburg Lodge began July 21. The lodge relocated to nearby Ironton 10 years after its founding as the population moved there after iron was discovered. Grand Lecturer Ron Glaunert was also in attendance. An estimated 44 persons attended the rededication and dinner after. More on page 9.

GM Van Hollen to be honored as 2nd holder of dual statewide offices

STURGEON BAY – On Thursday, September 20, Grand Master J. B. Van Hollen will visit Henry S. Baird Lodge in Sturgeon Bay in honor of the men who have been both Attorney General and Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin.

Brother Henry S. Baird was the first to be both Grand Master and Wisconsin Attorney General. Grand Master Van Hollen is the second.

The event, dinner and program will take place from 5:30-8 p.m. and is open to the entire Masonic Family and their friends. Door and Kewaunee Bar Association members will receive a special invitation.

The event will be held at Henry S. Baird Lodge, 31 S. Third Ave. in Sturgeon Bay. Dinner is at 6 p.m., choice of steak or salmon. Price is \$17 per person. RSVP by Friday, September 7. Payment must accompany reservation. Please indicate choice of entrée. Make checks payable to Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174 and send to: Henry S. Baird No. 174, P.O. Box 86, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235. Reservations are limited.

For more information call or e-mail Thomas S. Pinney, Jr., 920-493-3727 or by e-mail at <tompinney@charter.net>. *wmj*

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give away to children in Iraq.

In all, 20 packages were assembled and given into the care of Waverly Lodge No. 51's Matt Erickson for transportation overseas. Brother Erickson is a Navy recruiter in the Appleton area.

Colin happens to be a founding member of Harry Houdini DeMolay Chapter in Appleton. Please see picture on page 2. *wmj*

Reedsville Lodge No. 79 Turns 150 – Rededicated on July 21

Editor's note: the following account of Masonry in Reedsburg was given by Bro. Robert Ott, Worshipful Master of Reedsburg Lodge No. 79 at the lodge's rededication program on Saturday, July 21.

By Bro. Robert Ott, Master Reedsburg Lodge No. 79

REEDSBURG – One hundred fifty years of Freemasonry in Reedsburg were celebrated in June 2007.

In June 1856 the Grand Lodge Committee on Dispensations reported that E.G. Wheeler, William Young, Moses Young and seven others petitioned for a lodge at Reedsburg in Sauk County. The Grand Lodge granted the request and one year later it issued a charter to Reedsburg Lodge No. 79. Wheeler was the fist Master, and the Youngs were the Wardens.

In December of 1864, the lodge

moved to Ironton, a village 10 miles west. At the time open pit mining was prevalent at Ironton, whose population was slightly larger than Reedsburg's. The lodge was renamed Ironton Lodge No. 79.

As part of the move, the lodge agreed that if Reedsburg ever obtained another lodge, the paraphernalia or the value of any of the missing items would be returned to Reedsburg.

In January of 1866, Reedsburg Masons obtained a dispensation from Grand Master John Wentworth. In June that year the Grand Lodge granted a charter to Reedsburg Lodge No. 157. The first officers included Moses Young as Master and G. Stevens and H. A. Tator as Wardens. The new Reedsburg Lodge billed Ironton Lodge for the paraphernalia that was removed to

See REEDSBURG on page 9



Friends & Family at Three Pillars' Festival

Masons, Eastern Star members, Three Pillars residents, their families and friends enjoyed good food and company at the first annual Friends & Family Festival on Sunday, August 5 on the grounds on the Masonic senior living campus in Dousman. Pictured were Tim and Rebecca Kloss (standing) as they visited with Art Michelz, Glenn L. Humphrey Lodge Jr. Warden (red shirt), and Bill and Margaret Kraatz at the Kilbourn Chapter table before lunch. Margaret held the Kloss's son Chris. Brother Kraatz is a 54-year member of Ashlar Lodge in Sussex. Brother Kloss is a Past Master of Henry L. Palmer Lodge and Rebecca is active in the OES Chapter there. Art Michelz is a Masonic Village on the Square resident. More pictures are on page 5.

– Photos by Wm. Stonecipher, Editor



St. Croix Lodge Raises Soldier While On Leave

Specialist Jeffrey Morgan wrote his father, Bro. Kenneth Morgan, a member of St. Croix Lodge No. 56, and told him that he was coming home on leave from his outfit in Iraq for two weeks in March and would like to become a Mason and a member of our lodge. Brother Morgan contacted then Lodge Secretary Butch Schmit and he contacted then Grand Master Rodney Paulsen for dispensation to do so. Dispensation was granted and the petition was read in a meeting and an interview committee appointed, meeting with Spec. Morgan on March 12. A vote taken at a special meeting March 13. Mr. Morgan was then Initiated an Entered Apprentice, Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on Wednesday March 14. Brother Jeffrey Morgan was then raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on Friday, March 16. Brother Jeff was a member of the DeMolay Chapter of which his father is Chapter Dad. Brother Jeff returned to his unit in Iraq the following Tuesday, March 20. Pictured left to right: William Beecher, District 2 Deputy; Alan Morgan, Kenneth Morgan, Spec. Jeffrey Morgan and St. Croix Master George Vondriska.

—Submitted by St. Croix Secretary David Knames

Golfers Alert! Lake Country Masonic Charities Golf Outing is Sept. 16

DOUSMAN – The 7th annual Lake Country Masonic Charities Golf Outing will take place on Sunday, September 16 at Western Lakes Country Club in Pewaukee.

This year's featured charity is the Building on a Vision capital campaign for Compass Point Catered Living Apartments at Three Pillars.

The cost is \$125 per person with a September 1 deadline for golf registration. This fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, entry in all event holes, lunch at 10:45 a.m., open bar one hour after golf, hors d'oeuvres and a surf & turf dinner. Dinner only is \$30.

The scramble format outing begins with a shotgun start at 12 noon. Door prizes, games, raffle and dinner follow at 6 p.m.

Ewald Automotive Group will offer a vehicle as a hole-in-one prize. Putting contest all day.

Contacts are John Werner at 262-510-5626, Tom Maule at 262-965-2695 or Henry Pynakker at 262-370-2665. **umj**

PGC Ray Heilborn To Be Honored at Testimonial Dinner

SHELL LAKE – On September 22 a testimonial dinner honoring Past Grand Chaplain Ray D. Heilborn, who has served with distinction as a Lodge Chaplain, District Chaplain, and Grand Lodge Chaplain. The event will be held at the United Methodist Church in Shell Lake beginning at 6 p.m.

This dinner is designed by the officers and brethren of Shell Lake-Spooner Lodge No. 221, Gerry Winch, Worshipful Master.

Professional entertainment will feature music from Broadway shows aimed to please the most discriminating audience.

Brother Allan Iding, PGM, Wauwatosa, will pay tribute to Brother Heilborn as guest speaker

for the evening. Brother Iding is known for his inspirational presentation sprinkled with the humor appreciated by lodge members.

Steak or chicken entrées will be served with a complimenting dinner. The cost of this fine meal will be only \$12.00 per guest.

Reservations must be made with the appropriate fee mailed to Gary Cuskey, J.W., 1640 South River Street, P.O. Box 56, Spooner, WI 54801-0067. Dinner reservations will be accepted until Tuesday, September 18 or the capacity of the hall is reached. Guests who desire overnight accommodations will find special rates at the Shell Lake AmericInn [715-468-4494]. If you have questions regarding the Testimonial Dinner, please contact Gerry Winch, Master, at 715-468-7004 or Darrell Ademan, PGM at 715-468-7733 or e-mail at <opaoma@charter.net>. **umj**



Packages for Soldiers From Houdini DeMolay

Harry Houdini Chapter DeMolay member Colin Foster (right) is shown with some of the care packages which were to be sent to soldiers on active duty in Iraq. The Patriot Day project resulted 20 packages which were assembled and given into the care of Waverly Lodge No. 51's Matt Erickson (left) for transportation overseas. Brother Erickson is a Navy recruiter in the Appleton area. See story on page 1.

Fall District Meeting, Instruction Schools Set for District 6

ADAMS – District 6 Deputy Jeff Marquardt has announced that fall School of Instruction dates are Saturday September 29 at Adams Lodge at 9 a.m.; and Waupaca Lodge on Saturday October 13, 9 a.m. Spring

dates are Saturday April 5, 2008, at Marshfield Lodge at 9 a.m. and Saturday, April 12 at Twin Cities Lodge also at 9 a.m.

The fall District 6 Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 27 at Dells Lodge No. 124 located in Wisconsin Dells. The meeting begins at 9 a.m.

– Submitted by Brother Jeff Marquardt, District 6 Deputy

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Oshkosh Masons, OES, Support Public Schools

On June 1 and 2, Oshkosh Lodge No. 27 with assistance from the Oshkosh Eastern Star members raised money by selling brats at the Festival Foods store in Oshkosh. The money raised was donated to the Media Centers of three Oshkosh Area Schools, Lincoln, Smith and Webster Stanley.

Our Oshkosh Masons worked very hard to make the brat fry a success despite poor weather conditions. Despite the rain, the Lodge hit its sales goal. During the brat fry, several questions were asked by customers about the Masons, including, "What do Masons do?" and "How do I become a Mason?"

A check was given to Jean Stebbins (Principal, Smith Elementary School), Jane Kuhn (Principal, Lincoln Elementary School and Patti Vickman (Principal, Webster Elementary School) during the June 13 televised school board meeting. Pictured are Steve Labus, Jane Kuhn, Kris Pillar, Patti Vickman, Ron Montgomery, Jean Stebbins.

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West Allis Lodge turns 100: is poised for growth

WEST ALLIS – West Allis Lodge No. 291 observed its 100th anniversary with events June 6, 8 and 9. An open house June 6 with the West Allis Historical Society stressed the formative role the lodge and its members had in the city's development.

On Friday, June 8 a special communication and Table Lodge was held, with Past Masters reviewing important aspects of their respective years in office. A lodge rededication and dinner was held on Saturday, June 9.

During the program, Worshipful Master and emcee Lyle Hubbard asked each Past Master present to comment on their year in office if they so wished.

- Brother David Ehlert, though not a Past Master himself, brought several mementos from his father William's year as Master in 1943 when West Allis had about 1200 members. "I wanted to report for him, and I know he's looking down upon us from above," David said. He related how his father's notes showed that there were 7 meetings in April and May; 9 in June, 6 each in Feb., Sept. and Dec., and 7 meetings per month for the remaining five. All present appreciated what a busy schedule that must have been. The lodge met weekly and there were lots of degrees.

- Past Master Jack Love read a poem about being builders instead of wreckers. He also told about eating smoked chubs after a meeting and how he had a bad night after downing 24.

- Kenny Drake, Master in 1973, told about how eating corn flakes became a lodge custom when concerns arose over too much heavy food being served for "refreshment" on lodge nights. This was corroborated by Past Master Pat Phinney (1978) who innovated a traveling box of corn flakes as a humorous continuation of the custom.

- 1984 was the year that Earl Davison was Master, and he related that Brother Jim Christie (Past Potentate of Tripoli) was raised that year. He recalled that one time he drove to Farmington, Minn. to raise a member from West Allis and ran out of diesel fuel on the return trip, making it a very memorable journey.

- In 1987 Worshipful Master Vern Salzbrenner spoke of "Raising 2, passing 5 and initiating 2 in January."

- Lyle Lane, Master in 1993 remembered when he had Jerry Taff as a guest speaker at a friend's night, and how Past Master Billy McCoy sold six burned muffins for \$10 at a Job's Daughters auction.

- As Master in 1992, Brother Jim Christie presided over putting in a new boiler and undertaking a lodge spruce-up. His wife Sherry made drapes for the upstairs of the lodge.

- Bill Van Zile, presently Secretary, presided in the East in 1994. He recalled how it was necessary to raise dues, make a \$100 member assessment in order to raise \$50,000 over a two year period for lodge repairs. "I couldn't have found a better group of brothers that mentored me and helped me grow," Brother Van Zile said of his decision many years ago to petition West Allis Lodge instead of another.

- Past Master Paul Twardy, Master in 2005, said of his year in office: "One thing I did was bring the ladies back (to lodge activities) with a ladies program downstairs while the men met upstairs. By the way, West Allis Lodge meets on Friday evenings.

Past Masters are a significant resource in any lodge as Junior Grand Warden Joe Harker, representing Grand Master Van Hollen, noted during his comments following dinner. "We can raise 35-40 Masons in a year but the Master can't do it alone. Referring to the Past Masters specifically, he added, "We need your help. Together we can do it."



Sharing Lodge Memories

West Allis Past Masters Jack Love (left) and Pat Phinney (right) visited with Brother David Ehlert who brought several items to share from his father's years as Master.



All Had An Opportunity to Speak

Past Masters Bill Sherry, Jim Druse (lodge organist) and Jack Love listened at Past Master Hans Gerlach shared his memories.



A Bouquet of Appreciation

West Allis Master Lyle Hubbard (left) and Past Master Paul Twardy presented chef Laurie Twardy with a bouquet in appreciation of the fine dinner she prepared and in recognition of her serving as Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of The Eastern Star in 2007-2008.

Brother Harker concluded his message by emphasizing that the lodge will continue to be strong by adhering to the tenets of the Fraternity and, in the words of three of our Grand Masters, "Never forget; be constant, caring and committed; and aim high, be all you can be."

West Allis Lodge had at the time of the dinner eight candidates presently working through the degrees. The lodge presently has a membership of about 270. *wmj*

Notes From The Grand Lecturer

By Brother Ronald H. Glaunert

Master Mason Circumambulation

Having recently been asked to interpret the scripture lesson for the circumambulation in the Master Mason degree gave me the idea for this article.

I think of the author of the scripture as being old, as in the wisdom that years bring. I have the impression that he is talking to young men, gently advising them in the hope that what he says would have a stabilizing and lasting effect. He translates as follows.

"Remember thy creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt, I have no pleasure in them."

Many times older people are lonely and feel deserted as friends and relatives drop away, and their days are full of loneliness and they find no pleasure in them. Youth sees a silver lining in every cloud, older people do not.

The third verse describes the body of an older person, but the author is kind and gentle. Instead of saying that his limbs will shake and be weak due to age, he says "that the keepers of the house shall tremble."

Instead of saying that man becomes round-shouldered with age the author says that "strong men shall bow themselves." When you are old you may lose your teeth: instead he points out that "the grinders shall cease because they are few." In age the eyesight may grow dim but the author puts it this way: "Those that look out of the windows be darkened." Deafness is often an affliction of the aged. The author says, "And the doors shall be shut in the streets."

The elderly do not sleep as soundly as the young do and that brings us to "They shall rise up at the voice of the bird." With age the voice often changes, becomes thin and weak: "Thus all the daughters of music shall be brought low." Fear of high places comes with old age because of the loss of strength. Thus, "he shall be afraid of that which is high and fears shall be in the way."

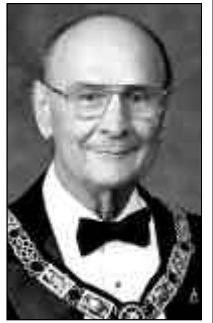
Many older people would be happy to be called home because there seems to be so little to live for. Friends and relatives have gone before them, "And desire shall fail." This also alludes to the loss of appetite that can come with old age.

"The mourners go about the streets"; of course they will if we have made life sweeter and more worth while for others. It would be the sorrow of those who loved us while we were here.

The author alludes to the fact that the spinal cord rots from the skull as the loosening of the silver cord with an apt simile of the likening of the skull as the golden bowl.

Ancient people frequently spoke of the heart as the pitcher of the body because when pierced, blood gushed forth as from a pitcher. When the pitcher is broken at the fountain, then brethren we are all through with life. "The wheel is broken at the cistern and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."

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



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**The gift that kept giving:
How a Charitable
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Masonic Charities**

**By William Barnes,
Director of Development**

Brother Ronald Dopp was the Chief Accountant at Clark Oil. Skilled with numbers and money, Ronald set out to provide an income for his lovely wife Wilma and to help his 18 favorite charities.

Born in Minnesota, Ronald was a member of West Allis Lodge and active in the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine, and OES.

Wilma was a caring person responsible for the gifts of the air conditioners to the old Chapel at Van Brunt (the former Wisconsin Masonic Home). She also provided small refrigerators to residents of the Masonic Home, and generous gifts to the Indian Mound Boy Scout Camp. Kind and generous, Wilma once told the Development Office, "I have more money than time."

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Camp Douglas Lodge Aids Local Grade Schools

Earlier this summer Camp Douglas Lodge members Glen Lewitzke and Rolf Kurandt presented checks of \$500 each to the Camp Douglas and Oakdale Grade Schools for needed playground equipment. The lodge also presented scholarship checks to students at Necedah and Tomah High Schools.

– Submitted by Bro. Rolf Kurandt, Camp Douglas Past Master



Chippewa Falls Lodge Presents Masonic Care Bears

Chippewa Lodge No. 176 recently presented a shipment of Masonic Care Bears to the Chippewa County Sheriff's Department. The toys will be placed in squad cars and used to comfort small children in traumatic situations. Pictured left to right at the presentation were Chippewa Falls Lodge members Les Paulson, Charles Wilttrout, Richard Frazier and Waldemar Moucha. Sheriff's Captain Eugene Gutsch (second from right) received the donation on behalf of the department. – Submitted by Bro. Robert Koepsel, Chippewa Falls Lodge Worshipful Master

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Spirit of Masonic Home Service Club Chicken BBQ Lives on in Friend's & Family Festival at III Pillars



Above: Brother Bill Barnes, Director of Development for the Wisconsin Masonic Charities, talked with Robert and Ruth Cervay at the Friend's & Family Festival on Sunday, August 5 at Three Pillars. The Cervays, who are staying in Pewaukee, are planning a move to Village on the Square soon. Brother Cervay became a Mason in Ohio, then moved to Chicago, then California. The festival began at noon and ended at 4 p.m. Craft items, children's amusements, kid's fishing, a dunk tank featuring Three Pillars' notables, as well as soda, beer and food were featured.

Three Pillars' Friends & Family Festival A Big Success This Year

DOUSMAN — "We felt it was a huge success," said Mary Millard, Fraternal Relations Director at Three Pillars. "We had fraternity members, friends, families and they brought their children."

Attendance was better than expected, commented Ms. Millard, especially with the threat of rain earlier in the day and that there were no pre-sold tickets. There were only two pans of chicken left, she said. She estimated that as many as 750 hamburger, hot dog and chicken meals were served. "We tried to make it so that people could order what they wanted."

"I was so pleased to have the fraternal groups present to help out," said Mary. "Next year we're planning to get more fraternal groups involved." Mary was in charge of the more than 100 volunteers.

"We were very pleased—it really worked out well. We were looking forward to bigger and Better things next year." *wmj*



Al Berg, Secretary of Glenn L. Humphrey Lodge, and Doris Morris, Dousman OES Chapter member, enjoyed their meals.



Brother Charley Crouse and Joan Opachen, an OES member of Acadia & Golden Rule Chapters, had more chicken than they could eat. Brother Crouse is a member of Wauwatosa Lodge.



Mary Millard (above: center, right), Director of Fraternal Relations at Three Pillars, coordinated volunteer helpers from lodges and OES chapters, including Worthy Grand Matron Laurie Twardy (left), her mother Dorothy Sario, and husband Paul (at right). Senior Grand Steward Dan Slavik is also shown. Grand Lodge officers, OES members, Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge, Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls, DeMolay and others all helped make the day a success, according to Ms. Millard.



At left: Bill Schneider, Nashotah, brought his wife Jane and their daughter Cathy Porter to the Friend's & Family Festival at Three Pillars. Jane is a resident at the Masonic Center for Health & Rehab on the Dousman Campus.

Above, left: the Schneider's son Paul talked with Judy Zillman, at the Aurora/Masonic Diagnostic Center Health Screening tent.

At right: Jerry Potter, Rita Wells and Mary Rasmussen worked the food tent.



Deputy Grand Master John Wilke, as well as other Grand Lodge officers, took a turn at filling dinner orders in the food tent at the August 5 Friends & Family Festival at Three Pillars in Dousman. Three Pillars' Chaplain Sunny Turner assisted in filling orders. Burgers, hot dogs, roast corn and, of course, roasted half or quarter chicken were popular. An estimated 750 meals were served.



Tripoli Shrine Legion of Honor volunteers helped guide pedestrians cross Sunset Drive and directing traffic in and out of the parking area were Brothers Ralph Ullmann, Richard Vande Sande, Dan Lajsic and Ron Hurst. Three Pillars staff member Matt Hoof was at the wheel of the tractor pulling a wagon with Friend's & Family Festival-goers to the picnic area in the Three Pillars park. For 37 consecutive years the picnic was sponsored by the Wisconsin Masonic Home Service Club. After a one-year hiatus in 2006 Three Pillars assumed sponsorship.

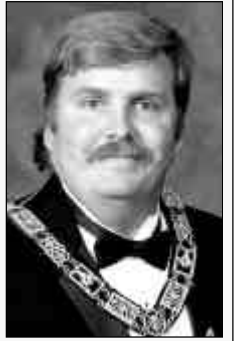
Thoughts for The Journey

By Grand Chaplain David Ritchie

Where To Start

Where to start? Our Masonic tradition tells us that before we begin anything of importance we should take a moment to "humbly invoke the blessings of Deity." As chaplain or Master of the lodge we start to open and close with a moment of prayer. Our dinners and special evenings start with prayer. Prayer is a good place to start.

It is my hope that each lodge has a chaplain chosen for that position with more going for him than "it's your turn." I hope that when the Worshipful Master looks asks him to lead us in prayer that that is what he does, lead us in prayer, not just mumble his part of the ritual. We are asking for our creator's blessing. We are calling the Grand Architect's attention unto us. We should mean it. Prayer comes from the heart not the lips.



Rev. David Ritchie
Grand Chaplain

If you and the brothers of the lodge are most comfortable with the traditional prayers found in the blue book, then by all means use them. There can be great comfort in the wisdom of our elders. They help us understand that we are part of something larger than ourselves. These prayers are beautiful and simple. They also are something we all too often simply recite.

The chaplain's prayers do not need to be from the book. The chaplain is free to use any prayer and I would encourage him to do so. We are opening ourselves to communicate with the creator who has asked us to call upon his name in both times of need and times of joy. If your lodge is facing an important vote, pray for wisdom and guidance. If you are honoring 25- and 50-year members or Past Masters, pray for their achievements with joy and thanksgiving. For those in sickness or distress, ask blessings upon them. If you are doing degree work that night include the candidate in your prayer and ask that everything go well.

It is not always easy to come up with the words. Perhaps this is because we often feel that our words may not be worthy. The most beautiful prayer I ever witnessed was by an old weathered man in a restaurant one cold and snowy day. It was easy to see that his coat didn't keep out much of the cold. He simply ordered coffee. He had to reach deep into his pockets for the few coins he would use to pay for it. When the waitress brought it. He bowed his head and folded his hands. A smile broke across his lips and he said, "Thanks. Amen."

Our prayers don't need to be five minutes long and filled with beautiful prose. They simply need to reflect the life, needs, and joys of our lodge and its members.

The Chaplain's Handbook is filled with prayers for many occasions. If your words seem inadequate then use one of those. If you do not have a chaplain's handbook for your lodge please contact me and I will see that you receive one.

Prayer can lower blood pressure, increase confidence, boost our sense of well being, and many other things. Before we begin our day or anything else, it is important to seek God's blessing, and at the close of the day or the completion of the project to give a moment of thanks makes us better. This is one of those lessons that apply outside of the lodge as well. Prayer can be an important tool in the building of our lives. Use it well and often.

Fraternally, Brother David R. Ritchie, Grand Chaplain

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



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News of the Lodges

Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin



Evergreen Lodge, Stevens Point, Installs Officers, Moves to New Location

ABOVE: Evergreen Lodge No. 93, Stevens Point, has moved to a new location, at 2854 Church Street, in Stevens Point. Brother Charlie White, a Past Master of the lodge, quite literally acted as overseer of the work, which took most of the winter and the efforts of many. The lodge's first meeting in its new home was on February 20, 2007, and on May 1 conferred the lodge's first degree there, raising Brother Robert Dorsh to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Pictured are the Evergreen officers for this year. In the back row, left to right, are Bob Kitto, Tiler; John White, Sr. Warden; John Dassow, Worshipful Master; and Eldor Hoops, Secretary. In the front row are Dave Way, Sr. Deacon; Andy Cowling, Jr. Deacon; Phil Hacker, Chaplain; and John Thomas, Organist. BELOW: The front of the remodeled Masonic Center for Evergreen Lodge. — Submitted by Bro. Bob Kitto, Evergreen Lodge



Wautoma Lodge Honors Long Time Members

On July 23, Wautoma Lodge No. 148 held an award evening. There were 17 brothers that were honored. Four brothers were recognized for 25 years as a Master Mason. They were Will Bryen, Alan Erdman, Michael Kelley and Lloyd Pontow. Five brothers had 50 years as a Master Mason: Dwight Bowden, Robert Mc Faul, Ed Neidner, Wayne Ocaín and James Szydel. Others recognized included 60-year members Ray Jarvis, Harry Krajcik, Fred Umland, Charles Wolover; 66-year Mason Irvin Heller; 67-year Master Mason Allen Wittel; and one brother with 71 years as a Master Mason, John Von Gunten. Ten of the brothers were present to receive the certificates and pins from Grand Secretary Mike DeWolf, PGM, and Worshipful Master Kevin Reilly. Pictured in the back row, left to right, were Grand Secretary Mike DeWolf, James Szydel, Ed Neidner, Ray Jarvis, Lloyd Pontow, Duane Coming, Michael Kelley and Worshipful Master Kevin Reilly. Pictured in the front row, left to right, are Irvin Heller, Harry Krajcik, Charles Wolover and Fred Umland. — Submitted by Bro. Robert Larsen, Wautoma Secretary



Washburn Lodge's Dunham Honored for 50 Years

On May 24 of this year, Bro. Charles K. Dunham was presented his Fifty Year Award by his nephew, Jack Lynn, Past Master and Secretary, and Worshipful Master Tom Clifton of Washburn Lodge No. 143 located in Bristol. Brother Charles was one of three uncles, Marlin Dunham, Past Master of Unity Lodge No. 367 in Kenosha, and Raymond Dunham of Grand Forks, North Dakota, who signed Jack's petition to join the Masons in 1961 at former Southport Lodge No. 343, Kenosha. There was a potluck dinner with Charles' family attending. — Submitted by Bro. Jack A. Lynn, P.M., Secretary



All Paynters are Mineral Point Perpetual Members!

Mineral Point Lodge No. 1, Mineral Point, can boast that all five members of the Paynter family are perpetual members, including the lodge's newest Master Mason, 18 year-old Casey Paynter (second from right). Pictured left to right are Kenin, Joshua, Ray, Casey and Mark, Paynters all. Kevin Paynter is the father of Joshua and Casey. Ray (third from left) is father of Kevin and Mark. Ray is father and grandfather of all. — Submitted by Ray Paynter, WM



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?*

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Waupun Masons Make Big Haul On Green Lake

Fifteen intrepid fishermen, members and friends of Waupun Lodge No. 48, Waupun, plied the not always placid waters of big Green Lake June 5 for the lodge's annual fishing outing. The Brothers went out on the lake in two chartered boats with high hopes of landing a prized trout or tasty cisco which inhabit the big Green's depths. In attendance were, left to right, Duwayne Schelter, Gerald Schrankler (District 10 Chaplain), Gaylord Thomas, Ken Tessman, Don Dykstra, Mitch Rohr, Joey Aronson, Dick Peters, Tony Rajer, Elzy Cooper, Bill Schrank, Logan Schrank, Dick Northrup and Pat Stors (Grand Marshal and former District 10 Deputy). Not pictured was Masonic Journal Editor William Stonecipher, who took the picture. Fish caught that day will feed the lodge September 4 for the fall kickoff meeting. Filets were in excess of ten pounds. - Photo by Wm. Stonecipher, WMJ Editor

Nathan Hale Lodge Celebrates Brother Cliff Hendricks at 100 Years



Brother Cliff Hendricks wears his newly presented Past Master's hat during his 100th birthday party in Muskego August 22.

MUSKEGO - Nathan Hale Lodge celebrated the birthday of Brother Cliff Hendricks at its annual picnic pig roast.

The picnic was held at Veterans Park in Muskego. The event was attended by friends, family, and Grand Lodge officers Joe Harker, Junior Grand Warden, and Robert Strader, Grand Orator.

Brother Cliff, who turned 100 on August 22, was honored with the presentation of a Past Masters apron and hat. The lodge members also presented a stone bench to Cliff, which will be donated to the Three Pillars complex in Dousman to commemorate his 100th birthday.

Cliff has been a member of Nathan Hale Lodge since 1958 and was raised a Master Mason in 1929.



Mason Woods Labor Yields Bags of Junk

QUESTION: What happens when you throw a cat out the car window? ANSWER: You get "Kitty Litter." The highway cleanup crew from Mason Woods Lodge No. 368 didn't find any Kitty Litter but they did come up with an air filter, water bottles and almost everything in the alphabet in between. The highway crew is shown with a small portion of the of the day's labor. While they were combing the ditches of Highway 32, another crew and a contingent of wives were preparing a sumptuous feast at Brother Bill Coles home in Gillett. - Submitted by Bro. David J Hallas, Mason Woods Master

Wisconsin Rapids Lodge Raises Two Masons

AT RIGHT: Brother Bryan Brown (center, at right) was raised to the sublime degree of Master Masonic on May 16. Pictured on the left is Past Master Herb Sering, Bryan's poster. Worshipful Master Gary McAllister is on his right. BELOW: Brother Shane Blaser was raised on June 6. Pictured left to right are Brothers Bob Calverley, Shane Blaser, Past Master, Earl Arndt, Master Gary McAllister and Past Master Ted Lyons. - Submitted by Bro. Russell L. Rottler, Secretary



Excelsior Lodge Plans Outdoor MM Degree at III Pillars

DOUSMAN - Excelsior Lodge No. 175, Milwaukee, will be holding an outdoor Master Mason Degree at Three Pillars in Dousmann on Saturday, September 29. The degree will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 12 noon.

All Brother Master Masons are invited to join us in raising our Brother, Michael Gerszewski, to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The event will be outdoors at the Three Pillars Masonic Community in Dousman.

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All Win at 16th All-Star Soccer Games

KENOSHA – The 16th edition of the Wisconsin High School All-Star Soccer Games sponsored by the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation on behalf of the Masons of Wisconsin, took place on Sat., July 28 at Carthage College in Kenosha.

Setting the tone for the charitable aspect of the games, which brought together the best male and female high school soccer players in Wisconsin, was Brother Bob Cotner, Development Director for the Chicago Shrine Children's Hospital.

During his presentation he effectively communicated the message and meaning of Masonic charitable efforts at their finest. He talked about the devastating effects of polio and displayed a copy (at right) of the first application to receive treatment at the Chicago Shrine Hospital, which was formed in 1921 specifically to treat this disease.

As he spoke, drawing upon his personal experiences with which he illustrated the healing work in such areas as brittle bone disease and cleft palate remediation, he moved about the room from table to table, establishing emotional rapport with players and parents alike.

The Shrine Children's Hospital in Chicago is the designated charity for the proceeds of this year's All-Star soccer games. *wmj*



Keynote Speaker

Bob Cotner, Development Director for the Chicago Shrine Children's Hospital, spoke at the player recognition breakfast.



Great Footwork

Sarah Talbert (above), a Brookfield Central forward, controlled the ball during the ladies' All-Star game at Carthage College in Kenosha.



Going for the ball with heads or feet is all part of exciting soccer action. All-Star soccer players came from as far away as River Falls, Eau Claire, LaCrosse and Green Bay. Most came from central and southeastern parts of the state.



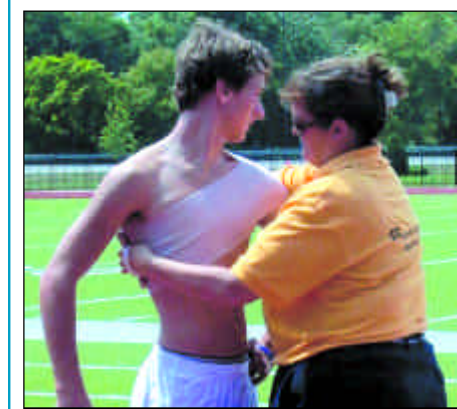
Tops in Donations

Christin Coles, Hustisford, received recognition from the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation for bringing in the most game program donations. Junior Grand Warden Joe Harker made the presentation on behalf of the Foundation and the Grand Master.



Presenting the Flag

Knights Templar presented the flag as Grand Lodge representatives (Jr. Grand Warden Joe Harker, Grand Orator Bob Strater and District 8 Deputy Emmett Reilly) stood by respectfully during the game's opening ceremonies at Carthage College. Commandery members Jim Myrhum, Paul Martin Ernest Anderson and Dave Schreier (shown above, at left) participated.



Sideline Aid & Soccer Fun

Ange Krohn, Aurora Sports Medicine Institute Trainer, applied an elastic bandage to a player before the men's game. Blue Team keeper Brock Winkler, Fond du Lac, banged heads with a Gold Team player in the first half and sat out the second half with an ice pack on his head. The Gold Team player ended up at Kenosha Hospital getting stitches to close a cut on his head. prior to the game. At Left: Gold Team keeper Emily Krause, Cedarburg, wore a Grandmaster's Flapjacks shirt before the game.



Best of the Best

Both the ladies' and men's All-Stars demonstrated the speed and ball handling skill that made them the best of the best on their respective high school soccer teams this past year. The men's Blue kickers managed to outscore their Gold Team counterparts 4-2, while the ladies' Gold Team players trumped the Blue players 4-1. Thirty-three women from 25 high schools played, as did 29 men from 24 schools. Many will play soccer as their post-high school education continues.



DeMolay Masters of the Gate & Grill

Last year the weather was so hot that ice water was just about all that sold at the concession stand. This year brats, burgers and hot dog's were much in demand. Cooks for the day were Craig Weprecht, Kenosha Lodge (not shown), District 10 Deputy Dave Tainter (front, left) and Senior Grand Warden Craig Campbell (front, right). West Bend DeMolay members took tickets at the gate, filled food and drink orders, shagged balls during both the girls and boys games, and helped pick up refuse afterwards. Pictured left to right are West Bend DeMolay members David Schmid, Thomas Balestrieri, Matt Mattson, Ian Pace, Scott Lueneburg, Josh Edgerton, Jamison Kifer, Stephen Campbell and Jim Ericksen.



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Ironton but there is no record that the property was ever returned or that the bill was ever paid.

In 1878 or 1879, the entire block which housed the rented quarters of Reedsburg Lodge burned to the ground. The lodge contracted for the reconstruction of the building, selling the first floor to a local bank and using the second floor of the new building. It moved into the new facilities in 1880. In 1895 the lodge purchased the first floor.

By 1972 the City of Reedsburg had grown to 25 times the size of the Village of Ironton. In April that year Ironton Lodge merged with Reedsburg Lodge. The consolidated lodge, which meets in Reedsburg, assumed the original name of Reedsburg Lodge No. 79.

Presumably, Reedsburg got its paraphernalia (or the value) back. In any event, the lodge now displays the original charter issued to Reedsburg Lodge No. 79 in 1857.

For the past 20 years we have been providing a Thanksgiving Day Dinner for the area Senior Citizens, and since 1981 the lodge has given a scholarship to two seniors at Reedsburg High School. We also give a scholarship to a student at the West-on High School.

Reedsburg Lodge also repaired and donated tilting wheelchairs to the Sydner Nursing Home.

Freemasonry is a fraternity of men, bound together by oaths, based on the medieval stonemason craft guilds.

Freemasonry teaches lessons of social and moral virtues based on symbolism of the tools and language of the ancient building trade, using the building of a structure as a symbol for the building of character in men.

Freemasonry is not a religion, and it has no religious dogma that it forces its to accept. Masons must

simply believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, whatever they conceive that deity to be. Their personal beliefs are just that: personal.

Masons continue to use the simple tools of the ancient stonemasons—the square and compasses, the trowel, plumb and level—as symbols to teach their ideas. A Mason is oathbound to build his life and character with (with the same care as were) the cathedrals and temples centuries ago.

Just some tidbits from back in the 1850s: the population of the State of Wisconsin was 305,391 and today it is 5,556,506.

In 1848 Reedsburg came into being with a water powered sawmill. Just nine years later, in 1857, the first Masonic Lodge was chartered here.

In 1857 Kilbourn City was founded and later became the Wisconsin Dells. The first east-west railroad from Lake Michigan to the Mississippi was complete and finally the UW - Madison was built.

Some facts about Reedsburg: we have a preponderance of black squirrels; Reedsburg is located directly on the 90th meridian which means that clocks here are exactly in sync with the sun overhead.

During WW II at Webb Park was a German POW camp. In 1940 David Stine was elected Grand Master. During the 1960 Wisconsin Primary, a little known senator from Massachusetts came to Main Street to campaign for the presidency of the US.

All this leading up to our Sesquicentennial 150 years of service to the Craft. **wmj**

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Reedsburg Bank - Lodge Combo

Reedsburg Lodge meets on the second floor of the Reedsburg Bank building on East Main Street. Several Masons can be seen on the sidewalk prior to the 150th anniversary lodge rededication July 21. In 1878 the entire block that housed the lodge burned. In 1880 the lodge constructed a new building, with the bank occupying the ground floor.



LODGE OPENING HIGHLIGHTS:

Reedsburg Brother Bill Gant (facing Flag) sang the National Anthem at the opening. Brother Clarence Lee read the lyrics to the Johnny Cash song, "Rugged Old Flag." Later in the program Wisconsin Assembly Representative Sheryl Albers spoke on behalf of State Senator and lodge member Dale Schultz who was unable to attend. Representative Albers talked about how the Ringlings, members of Baraboo Lodge, provided funds to the bank in Reedsburg to keep it solvent during the Great Depression. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Reedsburg Lodge chef Dave Michel (at left) and his lady Genniene prepared the dinner following the program.



ABOVE, LEFT: Keynote speaker Denman Kramer, PGM, talked about Ironton Lodge and the solid log Brazen Pillars that were moved from Reedsburg to Ironton, which have since been lost. He also told how a train linked Casenovia and LaVale to Ironton, and how it would pick up Masons in these two towns to meet in Ironton Lodge. **ABOVE, RIGHT:** Reedsburg Mayor John Deitrich extended his appreciation for what the lodge adds to the community.



The sidelines were full to overflowing for the rededication ceremony. State Representative Sheryl Albers is center, right, with a red scarf on her collar.



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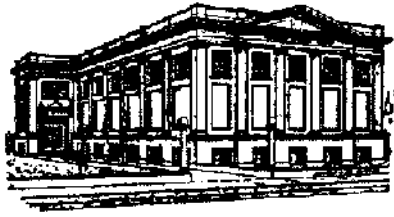
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District 10 Mason of the Year



Manitowoc Lodge Sparkplug Wayne Hendrick Named District 10 Mason of the Year

Brother Wayne Hendrick (right) has been named District 10 Mason of the Year for 2006-2007. To celebrate, Brother Hendrick conferred two Fellow Craft Degrees for Manitowoc Lodge No. 65, his home lodge. Shown are Brother Pat Storrs (left), District 10 lecturer and Brother David Tainter (center), District 10 Deputy and Brother Wayne Hendrick, during the presentation. Brother Hendrick is a multiple Past Master and presently serves as the Manitowoc Lodge Secretary. The award was presented jointly by outgoing District 10 Deputy Storrs and the new District 10 Deputy Tainter.

- Submitted by Manitowoc Lodge



Collins-Spring Valley Has New Food Trailer

Collins-Spring Valley Lodge broke in a new concession trailer, recently, at the Hammond Heartland Days in Hammond, Wisconsin, where lodge members sold seasoned pork sandwiches. The Collins-Spring Valley Lodge would like the rest of the lodges in the area know that we are offering their trailer to any neighboring lodge to use (for a small rental fee) for any of their get-togethers. The trailer has counters, serving sideboards, lights and electricity. - Submitted by Brother Doug Henry, Collins-Spring Valley Photographer

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Phillips

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

Platteville

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Dark July & August

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Portage

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

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

Potosi

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

Poynette

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

Prairie du Chien

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

Prairie du Sac

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

Prescott

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

Racine

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1012 Main St. • 262-633-6658
Meets 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m.
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Reedsburg

Reedsburg Lodge No. 79
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Dark July & August

Rhineland

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23 E. Davenport St. • 715-277-2692 (Sec)
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Dark January & February

Rice Lake

Blue Hills Lodge No. 234
225 W. South St. • 715-234-1888
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Richland Center

Richland Lodge No. 66
290 W. Union St. • 608-647-4487 (Sec)
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River Falls

River Falls Lodge No. 109
122 E. Walnut St. • 715-425-2333
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Dark July & August

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Dark January & February

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Shullsburg

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Dark July & August

Shullsburg

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Dark January & February

South Milwaukee

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1327 Marshall Ave * 414-294-9332 (Sec.)
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Dark July & August

Sparta

Valley Lodge No. 60
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Dark July & August

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Dark July August

Stevens Point

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Dark July & August

Stoughton

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Sturgeon Bay

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Sun Prairie

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Dark July & August

Superior

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Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

Sussex

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Dark July & August

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Waukesha

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Dark July & August

Waupaca

Waupaca Lodge No. 123
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Dark June, July & August

Waupun

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Dark July & August

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Dark July August

West Allis

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Dark July & August

Whitefish Bay

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Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

Whitewater

St. John's Lodge No. 57
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Dark July & August

Wilmot

Wilmot Lodge No. 241
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Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Winneconne

Winneconne Lodge No. 186
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Meet 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

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Quarry Notes

William L. Stonecipher, Editor

• **Grand Master Contact Correction** – On page 9 of the summer issue we gave instructions on how to contact Grand Master J. B. Van Hollen. All telephone calls and e-mails for the Grand Master are to be directed to either Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf or the Grand Lodge Office in Dousman. The Grand Secretary's phone number is 1-800-686-0070 and his e-mail is <mdewolf@charter.net>. The Grand Lodge Office number is 1-800-242-2307 and the e-mail is <glo@wisc-freemasonry.org>. In the summer issue we inadvertently transposed the Grand Secretary's phone number. The correct number is **1-800-686-0070**, not 0700.

• **Meet Your Grand Chaplain** – The following information was inadvertently omitted from the Summer issue. It was properly to be published as Grand Chaplain David Ritchie's first column as Grand Chaplain and serves as a fitting introduction. That column is as follows:

Greeting Brothers.

The first thing I would like to do is to thank Rev. Ray Heilborn for his years of service to the Craft. These will be some large shoes to fill. It is a great honor to be serving you and the brethren of the Craft. I look forward to this coming year.

Currently I am the Lafayette County Hospice Chaplain and have served a small rural United Methodist congregation in the town of Waldwick for the past six years. I served as interim pastor and pulpit supply in various denominations through out southwest Wisconsin for 11 years before that.

Like our fraternity, hospice is open to all people, and a hospice chaplain must serve the spiritual needs of people of all faiths. This has taught me the value of the spirit and faith of all people. Along the way I have also taught in both junior high and high schools as a substitute teacher and worked in a sheltered workshop for developmentally disadvantaged adults, teaching adult basic education.

I was raised about eight years ago in Evening Star Lodge No. 64 in Darlington and have served as lodge chaplain there all eight years. I now have the honor of sitting in the East. Last year I was appointed District 8 Chaplain. This past March I became a member of the Platteville Commandery.

As many of you read this, you will be reaching for maps to find the places I mention. They are primarily all small towns in the southwest corner of the state. I have lived in this area most of my life and in Darlington for roughly 20 years. There I share a small farm with my lady, Barb and our two Sons, Ben, 19 (and a Master Mason) and Grant, 16. Barb is an Occupational Therapist. Ben is a junior at UW-Platteville and Grant is a sophomore in high school.

I was educated in Kenosha, attending both UW-Parkside and Carthage College, receiving degrees in horticulture, ag. marketing, English and education. It took me two full turns through the higher educational system to finish.

I enjoy cooking and canning, love being outdoors and am an avid hunter and fisherman. When time allows I enjoy spending time with my "boys" of which I have three sets. My sons Ben and Grant. My dogs George and Fred (Golden Retrievers) and Mark and Bob my horses (a matched team of Percherons.)

I feel that I have been blessed by the Grand Architect of the Universe has to be placed in this beautiful part of the country, blessed with family, faith, and friendship. I look forward to serving you, my brothers, in whatever way I can. I hope that I may honor and help memorialize the brethren who are our history and our foundation. I hope to be of service strengthening the bonds of brotherly love and adding to our fraternity today, and I hope always to lay the foundation for that Mason not yet born — he is our future. I look forward to getting to know so many of you in this next year.

Fraternally at your service,
Brother David R. Ritchie, Grand Chaplain



AED at Rendezvous Promises to Save Lives

Brother Tom Struebing, a member of Perseverance 1836 Lodge, displays a special flag at Annual Communication which will fly at rendezvous, marking the location of an AED that will accompany lodge members when in attendance. The defibrillator will be a welcome addition to the rendezvous scene attended by Perseverance 1836. Brother Struebing is dressed in period dress typical of buckskinner rendezvous aficionados who preserve a way of life dating to the early 1800s.

What Designs Are On Your Lodge Trestleboard?

Does your Lodge Master have the year's activities planned?
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By: Brother James Tresner

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This STB gives some basic information on the purpose of Freemasonry and a brief history of our ritual and obligations.

The Quest: A Search for Meaning

The Quest is as old as recorded human experience. It is reflected in the paintings on cave walls and echoed in the earliest records we have.

The Quest is as modern and contemporary as today. It forms the bases of such movies as the "Star Wars" series, "The Matrix" and the "Lord of the Ring" movies, and will almost certainly be reflected in at least one movie made next year whatever year that may be.

For the Quest is the very core of mankind. It seeks the answer to that most fundamental question: What does it mean to be a man, and how do I achieve manhood?

The Quest symbol changes. It can be the Grail, as in the stories of King Arthur. It may be a ring, as it is both in the "Niebelungen" and "Lord of the Rings." It may be a flower granting immortality, as it is in the "Epic of Gilgamesh" or a stone with the same properties, as it is in many of the allegories of the alchemists.

It may be food for the Hero's people, as in many Egyptian, African, and Native American myths. The Quest may be for fire, or for Light, as in the Mysteries of Greece, the myths of Prometheus, Freemasonry, and the Native American tradition. Or it may be for freedom, as in the "Star Wars" films.

Whatever the Quest objective, the story generally has the same elements. The hero becomes aware of a need. In order to meet that need, he must initiate a course of action (which is a primary reason the joining process is called an "initiation"), leave home and go on a journey, usually with the aid of companions.

He meets and learns from individuals on the journey. Sometimes they give him magical or mystical objects, needed for success in the Quest, sometimes knowledge, sometimes both.

He also meets a guide, who will lead him at least a part of the way. The initiatory journey generally involves a descent (symbolic of becoming aware of his own innermost thoughts and feelings), an ascent (symbolic of higher levels of consciousness) or both.

At the climax of the journey, he finds himself at "the heart of the mystery," often either in an underground cavern or on a mountain peak. Here he often meets a character who represents his father, and from whom he learns important information and receives a blessing or a conferral of power (or who, in some traditions, he overcomes in combat).

He may not achieve the original goal of the Quest, but he has been changed in important ways. Sometimes that change includes physical appearance. But he is further down the path of claiming his own manhood, has left childhood

behind, and has started to claim the powers which are his by right of being a man.

Background of The Fraternity

Freemasonry is a vast topic. With the exception of religion and the history of nations, more books have been written about Freemasonry than any other single topic. Estimates vary between 75,000 and 110,000 different titles.

We do not know when the Fraternity began. Almost certainly it evolved from the guild lodges of the stonemasons of the Middle Ages, who were working on the great cathedrals and castles. Possibly, the organization was influenced by the addition of members of the crusading order the Knights Templar or, more formally, the Poor Fellow Soldier of the House of the Temple of Solomon. When the Order was suppressed in the early 1300s and members perforce went into hiding, some of them may have joined the Masons Guilds with whom they had had a long professional relationship (the Templars commissioned more buildings in the 1100s and 1200s than any other organization including the church).

The oldest clearly Masonic document found to date is known both as the Regius Poem and the Halliwell Manuscript. Experts have dated it to the year 1390, although there are indications that it is a copy of an even earlier document. (Editor's note: Search the Internet using Regius Poem or Halliwell Manuscript as the search topic to access several websites on this subject.)

Masonry existed as a series of independent Lodges until the year 1717, when the Grand Lodge of England was formed and a formal structure was given to the government of the Fraternity.

According to historians, Freemasonry was a major source of the spread of the Enlightenment in Europe and was the source of many elements which were finally incorporated into the Constitution of the United States, including such things as civil rights, elected representative government, and the right of self-determination.

Essentially, Freemasonry is a fraternity which stresses self development of the individual's intellectual and spiritual nature. It teaches self-control and the development of insight. It teaches primarily through the use of symbols and allegory.

It is the tradition in the fraternity that no one may speak officially for Masonry so far as its meanings and interpretations are concerned. Each man interprets the symbols for himself, although Masonic scholars write books tracing the history of the Craft and providing such interpretation of the symbols and lessons as they can. Still, that is opinion, and not to be considered, in any sense, official.

It, like any of the systems of initiation from ancient Mesopotamia to the present, is a quest in which the candidate seeks self-awareness and self-understanding. Its rituals and ceremonies are designed to further that quest.

The Evolution of The Ritual

It is impossible to say when the ritual of Freemasonry began. Very recent scholarship suggests that Conte del Graal or Story of the Grail written by Chretien de Troyes in the late 1190s [the book which first told

the story of the Holy Grail and the quests of the Knights of King Arthur] may actually have been written as a sort of fraternal proto-ritual or teaching legend. Our ritual origins may possibly lie there. The earliest rituals we have date from the 1600s. At that time, there was only one Degree in Masonry, the Degree of Apprentice, although there was a very short additional ceremony, known as the "Fellow's Part" which would later evolve into the Fellow Craft Degree. The Master Mason Degree came into existence sometime between 1720 and 1730.

Originally the Degrees were conferred in the preparation room rather than the Lodge room. They were very short, consisting primarily of a series of questions and answers which would fill less than one page of type. The lectures and other language which are now so much a part of Masonry came into being during the 1800s when some famous Masonic teachers developed additional language and taught it as a part of the work.

Most of the Masonic ritual used in the United States is part of the "Preston-Webb" work, named for two of the early teachers who contributed most to its development. The ritual of Masonry has been the result of a slow evolution over many, many years.

Obligations & Penalties

Few topics give rise to so much confusion in new Masons as the Obligations and Penalties. Because they are, in many ways, the ethical and symbolic heart of the Fraternity, it's important to understand them.

THE OBLIGATIONS ARE THE THINGS WE PROMISE TO DO OR NOT TO DO, THE PENALTIES ARE THE CONSEQUENCES WE OFFER TO UNDERGO IF WE BREAK OUR OBLIGATIONS.

The Obligations are real, literal, and more than literal. The Penalties are symbolic, not real. The Obligations are promises made to God and all the Brethren of the Fraternity, not just your Lodge, and are made in the name and presence of God and the presence of the Brethren.

The Penalties are acknowledgments of the shame and pain any true man should feel at the thought he had broken his word, as well as a reminder that the decision to become a Mason is a decision to live at more than an animal level.

The Obligations become more extensive and demanding with each Degree. The assumption is that the candidate is growing and developing

in the process, leaving a primitive and unsophisticated understanding and becoming progressively more aware and comprehending.

Thus, in the Entered Apprentice Degree, you promise little more than to keep confidential those things which should be kept confidential. In the Fellow Craft Degree the promises are greater, as befits one who is now supposed to have his passions and animal drives under control and to be moving to a higher level of thinking, continuing on into the Master Mason Degree.

Are the promises real and literal? Yes. When you promise that you will help a poor and distressed Entered Apprentice, assuming that you find his need is real, we expect that you will do so, so far as you can without doing harm to yourself or your family. But, in a sense, they are more than literal. The Lodge is a symbol of the world. Thus, if you promise to do something for an Entered Apprentice who is a member of the Lodge, you are promising to do it for any person in the world, at least to some extent.

Most of us feel that we are required to go further in keeping obligations to a member of the Fraternity than we are to a non-Mason, simply because the Mason has bound himself to us by the same Obligations. But the Obligations should never be interpreted to suggest that we owe moral, ethical and charitable behavior ONLY toward those who are Masons.

The Penalties seem, at first glance, to be unbelievably cruel and heartless. It comes as a shock to learn that these were all penalties actually used by the legal systems in Europe during the 1500s, 1600s and early 1700s. Once again, in Masonry, the Penalties are symbolic, not real.

In order to understand the symbolism, it's useful to recall a few facts. In the days when the ritual of Masonry was developing, knowledge and understanding were thought to be in the heart, not the brain. We still speak of learning something by heart," or "knowing something by heart."

Intuition and emotional comprehension and sensitivity were thought to be in the intestines. Thus you will find many written references to the "bowels of mercy." And we still speak of a "gut reaction," or "a feeling in the gut," when we mean something that we know is true without knowing how we know - an intuitive reaction.

The classical world of Greece and Rome believed that the earth and the universe were made of five elements, four of which were physical and one of which was esoteric and seldom mentioned. The four physical elements were earth, air, fire, and water. The fifth or esoteric element (the quintessence) was the spiritual or ethereal,

It is impossible to discuss the Penal-

ties more specifically, as they are, in many Jurisdictions, esoteric, but with the information given above and your knowledge of the Degrees, consider the following statements.

• The Penalty for each Obligation involves the destruction of the part of the body which was abused or misused in the breaking of the Obligation (silence, knowledge, or insight and intuition).

• The Penalty for each Obligation involves two of the four classical physical elements (earth-water, earth-air, fire-air). It can be assumed that the spiritual or ethereal element is involved as well.

• The Penalty for each Obligation corresponds to the position of the cable tow for that Degree.

For those with the knowledge and inclination, it might also be interesting to consider the chakra points, the location of the points of the Penalties if the body is seen as the middle pillar of the Tree of Life, and alchemical processes of reduction, recombination, and purification.

The contents of this Short Talk Bulletin only hint at the vast Masonic experience. We urge you to read more on the subject.

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Kegonsa Lodge & OES Leaders Grace Parade

The leaders of Kegonsa Lodge No. 73 and Venus Chapter 61, Order of The Eastern Star took part in Stoughton's Syttende Mai parade this past May 20. Pictured in the convertible are Kegonsa Sr. Steward Joe Mitchell, driving, with Worshipful Master John MacKenzie in the front passenger seat. In the rear were Venus Chapter Worthy Matron Rae S. Ladd (with umbrella), Past Grand Matron, and Worthy Matron W. David Olson, Past Grand Patron. Brother Olson is also a Past Master of Kegonsa Lodge. Syttende Mai celebrates the May 17, 1814, signing of the Norwegian Constitution, an event of importance to Stoughton's large ethnic Norwegian population. This year the three-day celebration of Stoughton's Norwegian heritage was May 18-20. Syttende Mai was first observed in Stoughton in 1868.

- Submitted by Bro Bill Steaffens, Kegonsa Secretary



Three Pillars

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Three Pillars 1st Annual Friends & Family Festival



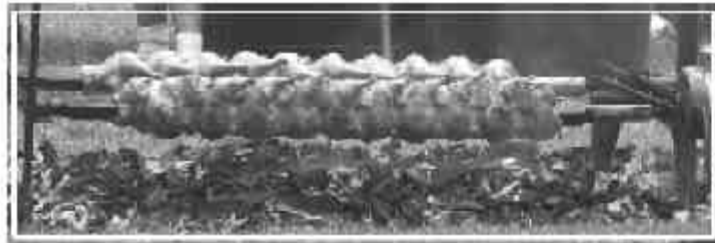
Discussed above is Mark Severson, CEO trying to say hey to the dark side.



Residents, staff, family, friends, and the community took part in an afternoon of food, fun, and live entertainment. Three Pillars 1st Annual Friends and Family Festival took place on the Three Pillars campus in Dousman on Sunday, August 5th. Along with the famous chicken dinners, hamburgers, hotdogs, soda, beer, wine coolers, popcorn, roasted corn, ice cream, and cotton candy were also served. There were also lots of family fun activities including a dual lane slide, bouncelhouse, sno cone maker, tic tac toe, spin art, a dunk tank, fishing, and arts and crafts booths. Hope to see you next year!



Children trying to reach a big fish in the pool.



Guests enjoying their lunch.

a message from MARY MILLARD, DIRECTOR OF FRATERNAL RELATIONS

It's time to come and see the real thing!

I have visited many of your lodges and chapters throughout the years to tell you about what Three Pillars has to offer. Now I want to invite you to come and see the campus for yourself. I have selected these dates for you to plan your trip. (See below) Please make your reservations at 1-800-848-5306. You will be receiving a letter in early September giving you more details. Or if you have further questions, please call me at 262.965.7391.

COME TOUR THE THREE PILLARS CAMPUS!

*See what each facility has to offer
and experience the beauty of our campus.*

2007 TOUR DATES

Dousman Campus

Saturday, September 15th OR November 3rd

Mason Woods

Saturday, October 13th

All tours will start at 10:00am and lunch will be included.

Please RSVP to 1.800.848.5306

and state which date you will be coming.

Additional questions, please call Mary at 262.965.7391



Shawano Chapter 100th Anniversary Celebration at Mason Woods on Shawano Lake

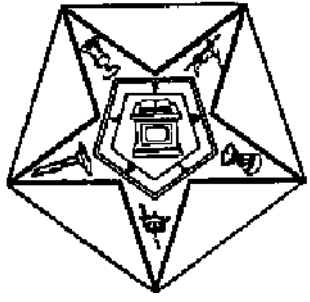
Festivities for Shawano Chapter's 100th Anniversary were held at Mason Woods located on beautiful Shawano Lake on August 12th with over eighty people in attendance.

Representing the Mayor, Charlene Helms read the City of Shawano's proclamation honoring the 100 years of dedicated community service given by Shawano Chapter No. 167

Pictured above are Associate Grand Matron Kris Engbring, WP Hugo Petters, W/M Lu Petters, Worthy Grand Matron Laurie Tweedy, Life members PM Virginia Cady and PP Lloyd Cady, and Worthy Grand Patron Ron Rasmussen stepped outside after Shawano Chapter's 100th Anniversary Celebration at Mason Woods to enjoy the peace and quiet of the Bird Sanctuary, a project of Past Grand Matron Carol Hauri during her "Wings of Harmony" Session in 1997.

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





Order of Eastern Star

From The Worthy Grand Matron

Dear Sisters and Brothers:
Happy Fall! The hot days of summer are behind us and the cool fall days are here.

The Grand Officers are looking forward to visiting your Chapters. I know they will be warmly welcomed. The ritual work of our Order is the one thing that sets us apart from other charitable/social organizations. No other organization teaches the lessons we teach, no other organization tells the stories we share, and no other organization has the beautiful floor work we do. Our ritual work is what defines us. Therefore, it is important that it is done correctly and well.

Uniformity in the work from one Chapter to another is also very important. We are fortunate that when a Chapter needs a pro tem officer, there is at least one sister or brother who is willing to help and fill a station. Because we have uniformity in our work, any sister or brother can fill positions in any chapter and the officers still work as a team. This is part of the reason for Grand Officer Visits.

The end of September is the big fundraising event for the WGM/WGP's Project. Brother Don Jensen and I will tour the state on his Harley. The schedule for the stops is listed here. We hope all of you will come out and greet us as we stop in your area. We also would appreciate your financial support for the ride. All proceeds will go to the WGM/WGP's Project. The Project will financially benefit the Arthritis Foundation of

Wisconsin and the Arthritis Institute at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Our website update is looking good. A current, up-to-date calendar of events is on the home page of the website. Check it out! Please e-mail any and all information for the website to Brother Dave Schreier, <drsmm@wi.rr.com>.

The Membership Committee is out there and working hard to increase participation and membership in Wisconsin. A number of Chapters have had initiations this summer. We applaud you! Please make sure to contact your area membership chairperson and let them know when you have an initiation scheduled. The Grand Officers and the Membership Chairpersons would like to attend. Each new sister and brother will receive a membership pin and each sister or brother who signed a petition will receive a lighthouse pin at the initiation. Does your Chapter have a membership event planned? If not, your membership committee needs to get busy! Your area chairperson can help you with ideas. Catch the Wave!

I look forward to seeing you all this fall as we are "Led By His Light."

Bug hugs, Laurie

Contributions to The Order of the Eastern Star Foundation

- Lac La Belle Chapter in memory of Lois Damgard
- Ellsworth Chapter in memory of Dale Remus
- Gerald & Mary Bristol in memory of Dale Remus

Chapter Calendar Dates

September

- 4 - Honor Martha - Trillium, Crivitz
- 6 - Grand Representative reception for John Albright, Grand Representative of (Oklahoma) at Melody, Middleton
- 8 - Southeast Area Club Kick off - Brat Stop
- 11 - Sou'Westers Club at Miriam, Platteville (no potluck)
- 13 - Honor Adah - Golden Rule, Wauwatosa
- 13 - Initiation - Kilbourn, Wisconsin Dells.
- 13 - Honor secretaries & treasurers - Kenosha, Kenosha
- 14 - Triwaukee Area Club Kick off - Acadia, Brookfield
- 15 - Madison Area Club Kick off - Phoenix, Beloit
- 16 - Grand Representative reception for Judith Wiskia, Grand Representative of (Massachusetts) and Sonia Nelson, Grand Representative of (Oregon), Janesville, Janesville
- 17 - Star Point Night - Pike, Kenosha
- 21 - Honor District Deputies and Program on Arthritis, Vega, Milwaukee
- 22 - Grand Representative Reception for Geneva Beals, Grand Representative of (Arizona), Lutheran Church of Peace, Platteville
- 24 - Initiation - Acadia, Brookfield
- 25 - Past Matron, Past Patron Night - West Allis, West Allis
- 26 - Western Stars - Tomah, Tomah
- 27 - "Fall" into Eastern Star Fun Night - Lila B. Graser, Sussex
- 27 - Honor Organist and Marshal, Stop 'n Go meeting - Golden Rule, Wauwatosa
- 28-30 Harley Ride Wisconsin - WGM/WGP Project

October

- 2 - Grand Representative reception for Mary Wesolowski, Grand Representative of (Nebraska) at Electa, Milwaukee
- 9 - Star Point Night - West Allis, West Allis
- 9 - Obligation Night - Venus, Stoughton

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SISTERS AND BROTHERS

If you would like to have your information about your chapter's special events, 50-year members or chatter about your chapter printed on this page please send your information to Sister Jane Blackwood, 937 Euclid Ave, Beloit, WI 53511-6006 or stormkat@sbcglobal.net. Please submit items by the 25th of the month, two months prior to the intended month of publication.

NOTE: Chapter Secretaries: please send me a copy of your 2007-2008 calendars so that your chapter's special dates may be listed.

Daytime Meetings at Twilight Chapter

Twilight Chapter, Sun Prairie, is interested in finding out if there is interest in having daytime O.E.S. meetings—either periodically or on a full time basis.

In order to help find if there is interest, we will be scheduling a Saturday meeting once a quarter. The first meeting was on Saturday, August 4. The second meeting will be on Saturday, October 13. There will be a light lunch at 12:30 p.m., followed by our meeting at 1:30.

We will be honoring life members and our program will be a presentation by Rita Dow on the Quilts of the Underground Railroad. Since quilts were women's work, no one paid attention to the patterns of quilts airing on the line. As a result, specific patterns became signals to escaping slaves on where to go or where there was a safe house. Rita's program will be open to all and she will start at about 2 p.m. If chapters would let us know the names and addresses of members who no longer want to attend meetings at night, we will send them invitations.

"Led By His Light" Grand Family

John Lawrence Grand Chaplain

I was raised to a Master Mason in September 1966 at the Janesville Masonic center, having received the first two degrees at the old temple on South Main Street in Janesville. I served as Worshipful Master of Western Star Lodge No. 14 in 1970-71 and again in 2003-2004 in Western Star Lodge No. 55 after the two Janesville lodges merged. I also served as a Grand Lodge Area Administrator. I served as Associate Guardian for Janesville's Job's Daughters in the early 1980s.

I was initiated into Janesville Chapter 69, in April of 1969 and was the courtesy candidate when my wife Barb was initiated into Eastern Star 25 years ago. I served on the arrangements committee for Sister Karen Carpenter and Brother W. David Olson's Grand Session and was appointed Grand Representative to New Brunswick by Worthy Grand Matron, Karen Stauffer and Worthy Grand Patron, Nick Schultz in 2004.

I have served as Worthy Patron eight times, six years at Janesville Chapter (two of my Worthy Matrons were Past Honor Queens) and two years at Footville Chapter where Barb and I were dual members. In 1995 with the closing of Footville we became dual member of Columbia Chapter, Evansville. At Columbia Chapter, I have served as Associate Patron and Chaplain. I am presently serving as Associate Patron at Janesville Chapter and Chaplain at Columbia Chapter.

My family consists of my wife, Barbara, daughter Kelly, married to Jeff Marotta, and son Mike, married to Cindy Marotta (Brother and Sister). We are blessed with four granddaughters, Autumn age 7 and Carly age 3 (parents Mike and Cindy) and Sarah age 2, and Grace age 1 (parents Kelly and Jeff). Kelly and Jeff also have a black lab who I walk and he is called my "grand dog" Buddy. As far as hobbies, I enjoy walking in the woods and for solitary reflection. I also enjoy traveling and visiting other chapters and meeting our sisters and brothers. I thank Laurie and Cal for this Grand appointment and hope I serve Eastern Star well.

Ervella (Val) Gallup Tollers Waugh Grand Esther

I joined Maple Chapter 121 in Berlin in 1956. In 1957 I was installed as Adah, which was my first office. In 1961, I was installed as Worthy Matron for the first time. My Worthy

WGM/WGP Joint Venture Project September 28-30, 2007

Members of the Order of the Eastern Star are getting revved-up for an exciting three-day event, during which our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Laurie Twardy will travel nearly 800 miles across the state of Wisconsin on a Harley Davidson motorcycle.

Sixteen city-stops have been designated to allow our Worthy Grand Matron to meet and greet members and to gather monetary donations and community service pledges for the Arthritis Foundation of Wisconsin and the Arthritis Research Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin. In return for contributions to the Joint Venture Project, Sister Laurie will provide a personal thank you, by tying navy-colored Arthritis Awareness ribbons around the wrists of members and friends at every designated city-stop.

Many of our subordinate chapters are planning special welcomes for the Worthy Grand Matron on her arrival, so we anticipate impressive turnouts at every stop along the way. We expect to hear songs and laughter, cheers and chortles for our "gang" as they roar into towns throughout the state. This is going to be a terrific three-day affair, with the possibility of local media coverage. So, come on out! Catch the wave of enthusiasm! Wear your OES colors and be prepared to cheer for our Worthy Grand Matron and the Order of the Eastern Star, "On the Road Again" to support arthritis research and to empower those who are afflicted with joint pain and associated disorders.

Our aim is to collect at least \$100 from each OES Chapter in Wisconsin. It is a very ambitious goal, but together we can do it! Please contact Tammie Otterstein at 608-592-5629 or <otterst2@charter.net> for additional information and/or a travel schedule for the WGM/WGP Joint Venture Project.

Grand Representative Receptions

September 6 - Melody Chapter, Middleton - Reception honoring **John Albright, Grand Representative of Oklahoma** to follow 7:30 p.m. stated meeting at the Middleton Masonic Center. RSVP to Jayne Storkson; W7653 Bohling; Poynette, 53935.

September 16 - Janesville Chapter, Janesville and Columbia Chapter, Evansville - Reception honoring **Judy Wiskia, Grand Representative of Massachusetts and Sonia Nelson, Grand Representative of Oregon** at the Janesville Masonic Center. Program 2:00 p.m. RSVP to Patricia Shuler, 2203 Commons Avenue, Janesville 53548-8623, 608-305-0506

September 22 - Miriam Chapter, Platteville - Reception honoring **Geneva Beals, Grand Representative of Arizona**, The Lutheran Church of Peace, 1345 North Water Street, Platteville, Social Hour 1:00 p.m., Program 1:30 p.m. RSVP to Nancy Murdock, PO Box 326 Lancaster 53813 or email williams@chorus.net

October 2 - Electa Chapter, Milwaukee - Honoring **Mary Wesolowski** during 7:30 p.m. stated meeting with entertainment at Lake Lodge.

October 28 - Phoenix Chapter, Beloit - Reception honoring **James Schoville, Grand Representative of Florida** at the Beloit Masonic Center, Social hour 1:30 p.m., Program 2 p.m. RSVP to Peggy Allen 2601 Colley Road #101, Beloit, 53511, 608-364-4907, or e-mail <jimpeg4907@yahoo.com>

Grand Officer Parties

Everett Chapter 95, Marshfield

Cordially invites you and your escort to celebrate with a dinner and program honoring Ervella "Val" Waugh, Grand Esther of Wisconsin, Saturday, October 20, 2007. 5 p.m. Social Hour - 6 p.m. Dinner. Cost \$18 - Sorry, no refunds. Belvedere Supper Club, 329 State Hwy 97, Marshfield, WI (2.5 miles north of Marshfield). RSVP with remittance, name and title by October 10, 2007 to: Janet Singer, Secretary, 2322 S. Wallonnie Drive, Marshfield, WI 54449 (715)387-6606. Make checks payable to: Everett Chapter 95

Janesville Chapter 69, Janesville & Columbia Chapter 29, Evansville

Cordially invites you and your escort to a dinner and program honoring John Lawrence, Grand Chaplain of Wisconsin on Saturday, October 27, 2007, Pontiac Convention Center, 2809 N. Pontiac Dr., Janesville, WI. Social Hour - 5 p.m. Dinner - 6 p.m. Meal Choices: 8 oz. Ribeye - \$16 or Chicken Chardonay - \$15. Reservations with remittance and meal choice to: Patricia Shuler, 2203 Commons Avenue, Janesville, WI 53545.



Men's Gold Team players arrayed themselves in front of their goal to block a penalty kick by Blue Team defender Chris Reistad, a graduate of Milwaukee's Thomas Moore High School, during the 16th annual Masonic High School All-Star Men's Soccer Game held Saturday, July 28 at Carthage College in Kenosha. Though the defensive tactic worked, the Blue squad went on to outscore the Gold 4 goals to 2. In the lady's game the Gold Team outscored the Blue 4 to 1. More pictures and story are on page 8. - Wm. Stonecipher Photo

Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

August 2007

30 Southwestern York Rite Association Meeting hosted by New Glarus Chapter No. 108 Royal Arch Masons, New Glarus Masonic Center, 6 p.m. meal, 7 p.m. meeting.

September 2007

7 Grand Master's Tour of Middleton VA Hospital, Madison, 3 p.m. (GM)

7 MSA Volunteer (Madison) Recognition Dinner, Radisson (Westown) Madison 5 p.m. (GM)

8 Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843, Marinette Lodge No. 182, Marinette (Tentative)

9 Testimonial for John C. Meitcaif, Frank Lloyd Wright Visitor Center in Spring Green 4 p.m. (GM)

13 WMBAB Grand Masonic Center, Dousman, 3 p.m. (GM)

13 Grand Master's Tea, Masonic Center for Health & Rehabilitation, Three Pillars, Dousman, 9:30 a.m. (GM)

13 Grand Master's Tea, Holtz Pavilion at Compass Point RCAC, Dousman, 10:30 a.m. (GM)

13 GL Progressive Line Officer Meeting, Madison, 5:30 p.m.

15 Fraternal Relations Three Pillars-Dousman Open House Tours for the Fraternity, Lodges & individuals. Tours will begin at 10 a.m. Lodges or individuals wishing to attend are invited to call Mary Millard to make a reservation at her toll-free number, 800-848-5306.

16 Milwaukee WALK 2007 to Help Children with Dyslexia, Veterans Memorial Park Lakefront Shelter 11 a.m.

16 Annual Masonic Charities Lake Country Golf Outing, Western Lakes Country Club, Pewaukee. Shotgun start at 12 noon. \$125 per person. Contact is John Werner at 262-510-5626. Featured charity is Compass Point Catered Living facility.

20 Visit by the Grand Master to Henry S. Baird Lodge in Sturgeon Bay to honor the men who have been both Attorney General and Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin. Event is open to the entire Masonic Family and their friends. The Door and Kewaunee Bar Association members will receive a special invitation. The event will be held on Thursday, Sept. 20 from 5:30-8 p.m. at Henry S. Baird Lodge, 31 S. Third Ave. in Sturgeon Bay. Dinner is at 6 p.m. Please see story in this month's issue for details.

22 Testimonial Dinner for Past Grand Chaplain Ray Heilborn in Shell Lake. Please see story on page 2.

22 Dells Lodge No. 124 Table Lodge, 6 p.m., Wis. Dells

29 Excelsior Lodge Outdoor Master Mason Degree at Three Pillars in Dousman. Degree begins at 10 a.m. All Brother Master Masons are invited. Please see story on page 7.

30 Wisconsin York Rite Testimonial Dinner at Shooters Restaurant in Plover. Wisconsin York Rite Association Meeting 9 a.m. Social hour 11:30 a.m. Dinner 12:30 p.m. \$20 each. Send prepaid reservations to Raymond Mielke, W529 Cty Road D, Fall River, 53932. Reservation deadline is September 10.

October 2007

3 Adams Lodge No. 332 Table Lodge, Adams, 6 p.m.

6 Grand Commander's Home Commandery Inspection at Platteville Commandery No. 35 plus a special observance at 9 a.m. commemorating the 700th anniversary of the arrest of the Knights Templar in Paris. Inspection time is 1 p.m., Platteville Masonic Center. For more information contact Larry Catellier 1465 Reddy Drive, Platteville, WI. 53818. Phone 608-348-7175.

10 Grand Master's Tour of the Tomah VA Center, 1 p.m. (GM)

10 AASR Awards Night (GM) Seven Bridges Restaurant - Onalaska, 6:30 p.m.

11 GL Progressive Line Officer Meeting, Madison, 5:30 p.m.

13 Fraternal Relations Three Pillars-Mason Woods Open House Tours for the Fraternity, Lodges & individuals. Tours will begin at 10 a.m. Lodges or individuals wishing to attend are invited to call Mary Millard to make a reservation at her toll-free number, 800-848-5306.

13 A reception for the Job's Daughters International Supreme Guardian Janine Coley, Supreme Chaplain Rick Miller and Supreme Bethel Guardian Maureen Wise will be held at Tripoli Shrine Temple in Milwaukee. Receiving line at 4 p.m., program at 5:30 and dinner is at 6:15 p.m. Reservations to: Dorothy Cigale, 3801 South Austin Street, Milwaukee, WI 53207 Phone 414-481-1194 <dcigale2935@tds.net>. Cost is \$25 per person. Make Checks Payable to: Supreme Arrangements 2008.

20 Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters 150th Anniversary Celebration & Super Excellent Master Degree, Madison Masonic Center. Degree at 1 p.m., Social hour at 4 p.m. and banquet at 5. Entertainment to follow. Make reservations with and checks payable to: Terry Loper. 9696 Jancing Ave., Sparta, WI 54656. Phone 608-269-4428 E-mail <loper@centurytel.net>.

23 District 5 Fall District Meeting, Frontier Lodge No. 45, La Crosse, 7 p.m.

November 2007

3 Tartan Ball, Tripoli Shrine Temple - Milwaukee, 6 p.m.

3 Fraternal Relations Three Pillars-Dousman Open House Tours. Tours will begin at 10 a.m. Lodges or individuals wishing to attend are invited to call Mary Millard to make a reservation at her toll-free number, 800-848-5306.

