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The Grand Master's Message:

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

The Work

As we move along our path in Freemasonry, we strive to become more actively involved. First as a member of our lodge, helping with fund raising dinners, lodge clean-up, posting new candidates and creating new friendships along with other activities concerning the business of our gentle craft.

Many years ago, when an officer of the Lodge learned a part, he would premier his work before his fellow officers and brothers, visiting brethren and especially the new candidate during a degree. The conferring lodge would then inform surrounding lodges of the brother giving the lecture or part for the first time.

When the night of the degree arrived, the Lodge experienced many visitors as well as Past Masters of the conferring lodge who attended out of interest in the progress of the brother giving the part or lecture and to lend their support.

This interest created enthusiasm, resulting in the desire to learn any new part by brothers not only of the home lodge, but surrounding lodges as well. It brought about friendly competition between those who could best work and best agree, thus spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection.

Today, while "learning the work" is less emphasized within the Craft, the lessons it teaches the brother taking the time and initiative to memorize it are no less important than they have been since time immemorial.

When simply hearing a lecture, up to eighty-five percent of the material may be remembered inaccurately or forgotten within hours and nearly lost within days. With regular lodge attendance coupled with close attention to the repetition of our ritual, the work is re-enforced within our minds and we retain more each time we hear it. Memorization of the work etches the words into the cortex of the brain and subconscious. Once memorized, it is always there.

In this way, we as Freemasons are able to incorporate the "work" into the daily activities of life. The "work" becomes a part of what we are — our character!

My brothers, I ask that each of you take the time to learn a new part of our ritual, one you have never done. If necessary take a year to learn it well. After all, Freemasonry is a lifelong journey.

When you are comfortable in your ability to present your newfound skill, ask to be part of your lodge's next degree. If no degree work is planned, ask to show your "work" before your Master in Lodge.

Through this simple act you can take pride in the knowledge that through your efforts, you have not only learned to assist in the performance of degrees in your lodge but, more importantly, have taken yet another step in making yourself a better man and Mason.



John W. Wilke
Grand Master



Supreme Guardian Janine Coley Meets Bucky "B"

Wisconsin's Janine Coley, Outgoing Supreme Guardian of Job's Daughters International was greeted by the one and only Bucky Badger, UW-Madison mascot, at a pep rally before the supreme session's opening ceremony on Wednesday, July 30 in Middleton. An estimated 1500 adult advisors and young ladies from 25 states, 4 Provinces of Canada, and Australia and Brazil attended the week-long series of meetings and programs. — WLS WMJ Photo

All-Star High School Soccer Games begin Stay at Fondy's Marian University

By Wm. Stonecipher, Editor
Wisconsin Masonic Journal

FOND DU LAC — The 2008 Wisconsin Masonic All-Star High School Soccer Games sponsored by the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation took place at Marion University in Fond du Lac.

As Wisconsin's only all-star soccer game event for male and female soccer players who have completed their high school education and athletic careers—31 young men and 32 young ladies, the best of the best in Wisconsin—played in this year's 17th annual games, providing a unique "all-star" format showcase for their talents.

All were nominated by their coaches, with the final selection being made by representatives of the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association.

The lead-off game-day event was a breakfast buffet and recognition program for parents and players that began bright and early on Saturday morning, July 26 in Marian's Naber Hall. Guest speaker for the program was our Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, Brother John W. Wilke, accompanied by his lady, Sharon.

The program began immediately so that players had ample time to eat and prepare for the games. The women's game began at 11 a.m.

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Job's Daughters International Comes to Madison for Supreme Session

By Mary Callaway
IOJD News Correspondent

MIDDLETON — The 88th annual session of the Supreme Guardian Council Job's Daughters International is now history, but the 1500-plus Job's Daughters and adults in attendance for this "Capital Session 2008" held July 30 thru August 2 at the Marriott Conference Center in Middleton, will long remember it as a most enthusiastic, fun and inspiring session conducted by Wisconsin's own Mrs. Janine Coley, Supreme Guardian 2007-2008 from Mukwonago.

Hundreds of Job's Daughters and adults from the United States, Canada, Brazil, Australia and the Philippines, dressed in red and white participated in the welcome "pep rally" on Wednesday afternoon in the Marriott atrium. "Bucky Badger" was present to join in the singing, cheering, dancing and celebration. The rally ended with hundreds of red and white balloons being released from the balcony of the atrium.

The formal opening on Wednesday evening included worldwide dignitaries as well as our own Mom Doris Angelroth, who served as Supreme Guardian in 1968 and now resides at Three Pillars. We were honored to have Wisconsin's Most Worshipful Grand Master John W. Wilke, Deputy Grand Master Craig S. Campbell and Junior Grand Warden Davey L. White, Jr., for the

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To be used with Wisconsin Program:

Ashlar Award to encourage mentoring of new Masons

DOUSMAN — Lodges in Wisconsin now have a new tool to use in mentoring new Master Masons and speeding their inclusion in the life of their lodge, Grand Lodge Officers learned August 2-3 at their summer staff meeting in Pewaukee.

Brother Don Hensiak, District 12 Deputy and coordinator of the District Deputy-effort to develop the new mentoring program, reported that the new program is to be used in conjunction with our existing Wisconsin Program.

The Ashlar Award Program, as the new new-member mentoring initiative is known, has been developed

by our twelve District Deputies at the direction of Grand Master John W. Wilke, and shares some characteristics with the Grand Lodge of Iowa's Ashlar Award Program.

The Ashlar Award was conceived to encourage lodges and particularly new Master Masons to properly mentor new candidates and to more swiftly involve new Master Masons in lodge activity.

By serving as a mentor, the new Master Mason will develop a stronger bond with the lodge as well as with the new candidate.

It is recommended that the activity

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Grand Lodge Plans Four Masonic Ed. Seminars — First is Oct. 4 in Eau Claire

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

There will be two this fall and two in the spring of 2009. The two this fall will be held on Saturday, Octo-

ber 4 in Eau Claire at the Eau Claire Masonic Center, and Saturday, November 1 in Waukesha at Waukesha Lodge No. 37.

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

Please use registration form on page 10 to enroll for the two seminars this fall. Covered during the

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Silent auction at 2009 A/C also planned: Grand Master's Lady Sharon Wilke to Focus on Scottish Rite Learning Centers for Annual Fund Appeal

By Sharon Wilke
The Grand Master's Lady

DOUSMAN — This year's appeal by Most Worshipful Grand Master John W. Wilke's lady Sharon will be designated to support the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children in Wisconsin.

To raise funds for this important Masonic philanthropy, the Grand Master's lady will be offering for purchase "My Favorite Recipes from the Wild," a wild-foods cookbook published by the Grand Master's mother, Helen R. Wilke, and personally signed by the Grand Master.

For many years John's mother taught identification, harvest, preparation and storage of wild edibles. She shared with and received knowledge from Euell Gibbons — noted author and speaker on wild foods — and George Bachay, former outdoor writer for the Janesville Gazette, both experts in this field.

There are several ways to obtain this fascinating book on wild food and edibles preparation. Please see the ad on the charity page of this issue of the Masonic Journal and simply complete, clip and mail the coupon to Sharon Wilke. You may also contact any of the Grand Lodge officers' ladies, or call the Masonic Charities Development Office in Dousman.

Additionally, a silent auction will be held at the 2009 Annual Communication. If you or someone you know is willing to donate an item or items to the silent auction, please con-

tact Sharon Wilke or one of the Grand Lodge officers' ladies. We are looking for items with a minimum starting bid of \$100 and will limit the auction to 25 items.

Our membership is made up of many Masons who have extraordinary talent in woodworking, leather

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My Favorite Recipes from the Wild



by Helen R. Wilke

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of completing the Ashlar Award Program be conducted by a three member team. The team will consist of an experienced Master Mason (Past Master, Counselor or other member), a new (or relatively new) Master Mason and a new candidate. It is intended that the new Master Mason is the actual leader and mentor and that the experienced Mason assists and serves as a resource.

Earning the Ashlar Award consists of completing a flow chart of activities designed to encourage proper completion of the Wisconsin Program, as well as returning the new Master Mason to lodge for participation in lodge events and activities.

It is hoped that this program will help both the newest candidate and the newly raised Master Mason become active participants in their lodge and make them feel welcome as integral members of the lodge.

The "target" of the Ashlar Award is the newly raised Master Mason. The award consists of a certificate and a "Perfect Ashlar" pin that is earned by the new Master Mason for serving as a mentor. The experienced Master Mason assisting on the team is also entitled to the award if he has not received one. The award can only be earned once. The new candidate who is being mentored does not receive the award. It is hoped that after he is raised and examined in the Master Mason posting that he will be part of a team that mentors the next candidate.

The Ashlar Award Program materials include a flow chart of activities and requires that the Master sign and date the award application form when each of the eight required activities have been completed.

First, the Ashlar Award "Team" is identified. This team will include an experienced Mason (Past Master, Counselor, top-line signer or other experienced Master Mason), the Ashlar Award Mentor (new, or relatively new Master Mason) and the new candidate.

It is the Ashlar Award Mentor who will be the recipient of this Ashlar Award. The "Experienced Mason" member of the team may receive the award also if he has never previously received one. The new candidate does not receive the award. It is hoped that the new Mason will return to serve as a mentor for another after completion of his Master Mason exam in open lodge.

Activity Two - Introduces the first Wisconsin Program Lecture booklet and Posting Key, Seeking Light in

Masonry.

This is where the Ashlar Award dovetails with our present Wisconsin Program. At this stage in the process the Ashlar Award Team will present the new candidate with the "Seeking Light in Masonry" portion of the Wisconsin Program.

To qualify for the Ashlar Award, mentors and the candidate will participate in a proper discussion of the pamphlet, with the entire team participating. Other Masons are welcome to join the discussion (as they are in all future such discussions).

Activity Three - "Light in Masonry" calls for the team to present the new candidate with the Light in Masonry portion of the Wisconsin Program. As before, they will conduct a proper discussion of the pamphlet with the entire team participating. The Entered Apprentice Posting Exam must be completed in open lodge to complete this activity.

Activity Four - More Light in Masonry. As previously described, The team will present the new candidate with the "More Light in Masonry" portion of the Wisconsin Program, conduct a proper discussion of the pamphlet with the entire team participating (other Masons are welcome to join the discussion, as before). The Fellowcraft Posting Exam must be completed in open lodge to complete this activity.

Activity Five - Further Light in Masonry. Again, the Ashlar mentor team will present the new candidate with the "Seeking Light in Masonry" portion of the Wisconsin Program, conduct a proper discussion of the pamphlet with the entire team participating. As always, other Masons are welcome to join the discussion.

The Master Mason Posting Exam must be completed in open lodge to complete this activity.

The Worshipful Master is required to sign off on each activity as it is completed.

Activity Six - There will be a Team "Lunch" or Project. As a team, prepare a "lunch" or refreshments after a meeting. In lieu of preparing a meal, the team may participate in any other worthwhile lodge project. The entire three-man team must participate.

Activity Seven - Attend a stated or special meeting as a team.

Activity Eight - Participate in a degree or exemplification as a team. Participation includes any spoken degree parts, or serving in a rod-work capacity as a steward or deacon. The entire three-man team must participate.

III Pillars Friends & Family Gathering



Friends & Family Fun

Above: A table full of Masons, OES members and friends took advantage of the splendid weather to enjoy chicken dinners and other delights at the second annual Friends & Family Festival at Three Pillars on Sunday, August 3. Pictured left to right around the table are Jan Day, Al Berg (Humphrey Lodge Secretary), Bonnie Morris, Bill Day (PGM and Grand Trustee), Doris Morris, and Sally and Dick Berg (Al's brother) visiting from Florida. **Far right:** Lynne Bialk (Mrs. Jeff Bialk) wheeled her mother, Irene Wisniewski, a Masonic Health and Rehab Center resident, along the path to take in the sights during the picnic. **Center, right:** Compass Point residents Gerald Beier and Shirley DeCaluwe headed for the serving tent for their Friends & Family Festival lunch. The annual event is held on the first Sunday in August.

- Photos by WMJ Editor William Stonecipher



Hello to Three Pillars' Friends

Brother Pat Phinney, longtime President of the Wisconsin Masonic Home Service Club, former sponsor of the Chicken BBQ, recalled times gone by with Neva McWhorter (left) and Arleen Esch. Neva is a 12-year resident of Village on the Square. Arleen recently moved there from Minocqua.

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Comedy Cabaret Night comes to George Washington 1776 this Oct. 7

Features Music by Nightwatch, Humor by Mark Twain

WHITEFISH BAY – George Washington 1776 Lodge No. 337 will hold a Comedy Cabaret at 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 in the Silver Spring Masonic Center at 817 E. Beaumont Ave in Whitefish Bay.

Admission is free and open to the public. The Comedy Cabaret features a visit from Mark Twain and the musical comedy of Nightwatch. Refreshments follow in Stegner Hall downstairs. Come and enjoy laughter and good times with your family and friends.

Though many know Mark Twain by the name of Samuel Clemens, we will also know him also as Tom Gilding. Kurt Vonnegut said, "Mark Twain was one of the most popular performers of his time," but we will see that he lives on at the masterful recreation by Tom Gilding, who has performed as Mark Twain from Las Vegas to Hilton Head, South Carolina and all over the Midwest.

Entertaining the lodge in song and merriment will be the acclaimed quartet, Nightwatch. They will perform their "Too Long on Broadway" set that won last year's Harmony Sweepstakes in Chicago. Nightwatch recreates comic scenes from down and out cast members of Broadway Plays, including Phantom of the Opera, Cats, Spam-A-Lot, and Wicked. The group has won the Harmony Sweepstakes Regional in Chicago (2007 and 2003) and also is the 2001 Champion of the Buckeye Invitational Funny Bone Comedy Quartet.

Put October 7th on your calendar for our memorable Comedy Cabaret at GW 1776 Lodge. **wmj**

"Williams Lodge" Workshop at West Allis Lodge on 9/13

WEST ALLIS – A "Williams Lodge" workshop will be held this September at West Allis Lodge No. 291, it has been announced by West Allis Lodge Sr. Warden William Krohn.

"Through this we are hoping to help better prepare the Senior Wardens of the lodges and to give other officers as well as those wishing to become officers the proper tools with which to accomplish this task."

The workshop will take place Saturday September 13 at West Allis Lodge No. 291 on W. National Avenue. Masons wishing to attend may contact Sr. Warden Krohn at 414-303-8657 to register or with any questions they might have.

Coffee and rolls are at 8:30 a.m. and the program begins at 9.

Senior Wardens can earn points toward their Lodge Excellence Award by participating in the Williams Lodge Program. This is a fun and lively program that any aspiring officer should consider attending. All brothers are welcome – but especially Senior Wardens!

Imagine that an emergency situation has arisen and your Worshipful Master has been called out of the country on urgent business. You are the Senior Warden and receive the news that you are going to have to step up and finish the year! How would you handle the situation? This program is a workshop. You'll receive copies of notes, calendars, requests and concerns. You'll have a chance to write out recommendations and ideas, afterwards there will be a discussion of the issues and best ways to handle them.

This program is being hosted by Worshipful Master Leland Schams and Senior Warden William Krohn of West Allis Lodge. The workshop will be conducted by District 12 Deputy Donald Hensiak.

Remember – any aspiring officers can attend, even Past Masters. **wmj**



Waverly Lodge Rededicated by Grand Lodge Officers

On Tuesday, May 20, then Grand Master J. B. Van Hollen and other Grand Lodge Officers performed the Ceremony of Reconsecration for the members of Waverly Lodge No. 51 in Appleton. This ceremony is also conducted for the laying of a cornerstone and can only be performed by officers of the Grand Lodge. Also present were representatives from Oshkosh and Twin Cities Lodges. This was done in response to the recent remodeling of Waverly's lodge room. Seated are Senior Deacon for the evening, Waverly Past Master Rob Wood (at far left), Waverly Master Jonathan Foster in the East, and at the Secretary's desk, Bro. Jim Lintner. Uncovering the Symbolic Lodge and reconsecration corn, wine and oil were present Senior Grand Warden Dennis Siewert (left) and Grand Orator Bob Strader (right). Past Grand Master Van Hollen presided (standing, at lectern). Grand Chaplain Dave Ritchie and District 6 Deputy Jeff Marquardt stood at right. – Submitted by Bro. Jonathan Foster, Waverly Worshipful Master



Wisconsin Secretary of the Year is Tom Strong

Theodore Roosevelt No. 322 Lodge Secretary Tom Strong has been named "Lodge Secretary of the Year" by the Grand Lodge Office ladies. Tom has been an early adopter of the MORI Blue Lodge information system. With the number of new Master Masons being raised in Roosevelt Lodge, Tom has certainly had his work cut out for him lately. Congratulations to Tom on behalf of Roosevelt Lodge. We are all very proud of him for being recognized and receiving this special award. – Submitted by Bro. Gerald Brebner, Roosevelt Lodge MNH

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and the men's game began at 1 p.m.

Coach and player introductions commenced soon after most had been served. Introductions moved rapidly to Grand Master Wilke, who began his portion of the program by explaining the basic tenets of Freemasonry, especially friendship, morality and brotherly love, and how they positively influenced not only the lives of Masons but also how they can impact their own lives as they continue their educational and vocational pursuits.

Drawing special attention to three tenets, the Grand Master called upon the players to "...have faith in your ability, hope that your team will play well, and charity in their conduct towards your fellow all-stars during the games." Keeping his remarks brief, he concluded by calling on the players "to spread the cement of brotherly love through your play on the soccer fields."

Master of ceremonies for the recognition program was Brother David Tainter. He moved the program along as coaches introduced their respective teams, and as they came forward, each all-star player received a commemorative medallion from the Grand Master.

Nancy Storrs, coordinator of this year's games and outgoing chair of the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation, alerted the editor that one men's all-star Gold Team player, Kevin Brown, a Racine Park High School graduate had placed an ad in the game program dedicating his performance to the memory of his grandfather, Harley S. Brown, who was a Master Mason and member of Racine-Belle City Lodge No. 18. Kevin will be attending Valparaiso University this fall.

Another fraternal connection came to light when it was learned that Brother Peter Gunderson, a member of Commonwealth Lodge in Madison, was on hand to watch his daughter Lauren, a keeper on the ladies Blue Team who had graduated from Middleton High and is planning on attending UW-Madison and playing this fall. Lauren is the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association Player of the Year, an All-Conference player and First Team All-State.

Coaches of the women's Gold Team were Luis Sayavedra, Oshkosh, and Bob Williams of Milwaukee's Pius XI. Ladies Blue Team

coaches were John Ziperski, Belleville, and Vince Padilla, Lodi. For the men's teams, Gold coaches were Jim Schmitt, Campbellsport, and John Berst, Kewaskum. Men's Blue Team coaches were Jim Rasmussen, Slinger, and John Von Klopp, Fort Atkinson.

During the recognition breakfast, Team Coordinator Russ Staley had this to say about the move from Carthage College in Kenosha to Marian University in Fond du Lac: "The Staff (here) has really bent over backwards for us. They really seem to want us here. This is one of the best camps we've ever had."

Commented Nancy Storrs: "The people here have been very accommodating. The athletic director has the field grass cut short so it should be a fast field."

Coaches also spoke favorably of the quality of the soccer games' organization. Girl's Blue Team coach Luis Sayavedra, who also coached the Blue Team ladies at last year's games, had this to say: "After seeing how organized the games were, I didn't hesitate (to volunteer again) to coach this year." He voiced similar sentiments for the players: "It has been a real pleasure to work with these fine student athletes."

Officials who volunteered were Josh Poole, Mauricio Marin and Al Sprague. Another valued service was provided by athletic trainer Ange Krohn of The Aurora Sports Medicine Institute.

In the end it was the men's Blue Team that bested the Gold 4-3. The ladies Gold Team beat the Blue 4-2.

According to Masonic Charities Development Office Assistant Erika Miller (she handled the raffle fund raiser for the All-Star games) 100 raffle tickets were sold, realizing a \$500 profit. Prizes ranged from the Packer football, to Milwaukee Wave, Bucks, Timber Rattlers as well as a "relaxation" box, All-Star shirts and pins.

And who won the autographed Packer's team football? It was Vema Lese, grandmother of one of the female all-stars.

Proceeds from the soccer games beginning this year will be used to fund scholarships for youth involved in soccer, a move meant to make the soccer program more attractive to donors. The games will be held at Marian University through 2011.

Please turn to page 9 for more pictures. **wmj**

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5. Make a donation for a Charitable Gift Annuity and receive an income for life and a generous charitable tax deduction.
6. If you have a sizeable estate, a Charitable Lead Trust will pay an annual income to the Wisconsin Masonic Home for a period of years and then distribute the principal to your family. The income the Home receives will create a charitable tax deduction. This allows you to make a substantial gift and avoid some taxes.
7. Avoid the costs and hassle of selling your home, land, or cottage by making it a charitable gift to the Wisconsin Masonic Home.

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LADIES APPEAL...from page 1 work, etc., and whose wives construct beautiful quilts, afghans and various other works of art. We would like to utilize these talents to raise money for the Learning Centers also, with proceeds from the sale of the cookbooks and the silent auction going to the 32° Masonic Learning Centers in Madison and Milwaukee.

Learning Centers' Background

In 1994 Scottish Rite Masons joined forces with the world-renowned Massachusetts General Hospital in launching a major endeavor to ease the lifelong burden of dyslexia.

Since then, fifty-nine Learning Centers have been established and are in operation in the Northern Scottish Rite Jurisdiction. Opening in June of 1998, the first center established in Wisconsin was the Milwaukee 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children located in the Humphrey Scottish Rite Center in Milwaukee.

Following close behind in January 2001, the Madison 32° Masonic Learning Center opened

its doors at the Madison Masonic Center.

Over the years, both facilities have graduated an impressive num-

ber of students from the program. It is a rewarding experience to watch these children—many who entered the program were reading, writing and spelling below grade level—become successful readers, with a good number of them making the honor roll at their school. This work embraces the essence of Freemasonry while simultaneously providing an important service to the children of our communities.

The centers are funded entirely by individuals, corporations, businesses and foundations. The positive impact of early intervention on the lives of these children and their families is enormous, which inspires our commitment to this program.

One of Freemasonry's cornerstones is a serious commitment to volunteerism and support of important philanthropies. For this reason, your support of the Ladies Appeal for the Learning Centers in Wisconsin is earnestly sought.

Won't you please consider purchasing a copy of "My Favorite Recipes from the Wild," participating in the silent auction at Annual Communication in June 2009 or donating an item for the auction. Your generosity can have a profound effect on the young lives of our next generation. *wmj*



Grand Master John W. Wilke and His Lady Sharon Wilke

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A Coming Special Event In Rhinelander

October 21 Widows at the Table Lodge – Sponsored by Rhinelander Masonic Lodge No. 242 and the Wisconsin Masonic Charities, 5 p.m. Tuesday evening fellowship hour, dinner at 6 p.m. Contacts: Don Schroeder, Senior Warden (715) 362-2360; Jim Suffield, Worshipful Master (715) 362-5971; Don Riemenschneider, Past Master (715) 282-6146 <riemedeb@charter.net>; Bill Barnes & Erika Miller - Wisconsin Masonic Charities (800) 242-2307 <plannedgiving@gmail.com> or <erika@wisc-freemasonry.org>.

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

Freemasons Lodge Busy Crafting Fellowcrafts

By Bro. Tommy Baas
Freemasons Lodge No. 363

MILWAUKEE – Finishing up sometime after midnight, the young but ever-multiplying Freemasons Lodge No. 363, Milwaukee—with the help of a dedicated instructor in Lodge Counselor Bill DeLind, the articulate wisdom of Middle Chamber lectures by Mike Kugler, and a hardworking degree team gathered by the resourceful Past Master Bob Strader—managed to pass eight Fellowcrafts in one Wednesday evening, June 25.

Worshipful Master Bob Roth smiles proudly, while a bit exhausted, from beneath a black top hat and a silver mustache. Four more and we'd have that zodiacal number twelve Fellowcrafts needed to search the land for the Widow's Son.

But indeed the fun has yet to cease for our prolific and ever more proficient lodge that never sleeps. Though officially "dark" for the summer and with half of our officers out of town, we keep going. Fourteen more worthy gentlemen were in the wings to be conferred their Fellowcraft Passing on July 12.

Younger men seek us out particularly because they hear we have a lot of active youth in our lodge. We also have our share of white hats and older men with the memory skills to maintain the Mystery across generations with their learned instruction.

If Global Warming brought on another deluge upon this Wisconsin summer and only our lodge survived to pass on the greatest of ancient traditions and its accumulated guiding knowledge seeded in fertile symbols for the womb of civilization, we might prove a worthy Ark to our Noachite predecessors and make great grandpa Enoch smile.

While debate of national politics thankfully remains a "no-no" in tiled lodge and relegated to friendly e-mail lists in silly spam where perhaps such belongs, inter-Masonic politics must remain open game.

Within the great Craft, that citadel microcosm of a democratic republic that is a symbolic microcosm of the greater universe at large, there exists our own integral dichotomy between

progression and conservation of principals and resources at mercy and in response to this ever-changing world.

Many feel the stress sweated out by our officers in struggling to mint so many Masons into our lodge slowly and carefully, while following the Masonic Code so exactly, may not be the very best way to proceed.

I myself was raised by way of a Man-to-Mason program three years ago in a class of seventy-five. Since then I've endeavored to make up for that lack in personal and drawn out immediacy of direct instruction by proving up for each degree and inquiring to futile avail of my elders (the degree team's got enough new candidates to keep them busy!) if it would be possible for me to re-experience at least the Master Mason Degree firsthand the "slow way." But I may be one of the few among the Man-to-Mason group to yield to such dedicated and hungry ambition.

Perhaps a more important question than how quickly and how directly we are made Master Masons is the question of how we are actually raised and with what shared wisdom, work, and comradery.

If you couldn't tell by some of my playful esoteric allusions in that first paragraph, I'm one of those younger brothers anxious to bring more occult knowledge back into the ancient fraternity I had dreamed of joining.

Nothing against bureaucracy, networking, and fund raising golf outings, but it's the Wisdom, Morality, and Truth that we put into our symbols and rituals that the ever-multiplying (at whatever pace and volume) base of the brotherhood across the generations, will take out of them for to forge out the future fortitude of all Mankind from its fraternal foundation.

About the author: Brother Tommy Baas, 30, is Deputy Tiler and Trestleboard editor for Freemasons Lodge No. 363 which meets at the Humphrey Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Milwaukee, a teacher-in-training with the Milwaukee Valley's 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Children's Learning Center.



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Trio Raised in Ellsworth

Three members of Hancock Lodge were raised to the sublimed degree of the Master Mason on Tuesday, July 8, 2008. Brother Al Krause, left, presided in the East during the first section of the degree. Shown with him, left to right, are newly raised Master Masons Bruce Wigent, Dave Leonard and Mike Waltz. The second and third section of their degree was concluded at an outdoor ceremony on August 16 at Young's cabin in Red Wing, Minnesota.

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

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Doric Dedicated In Ample Form

Meeting on the level, Doric Lodge No. 356 dedicated its new home on Tuesday, June 17 with several Grand Lodge officers present, including Most Worshipful Grand Master John W. Wilke, to open a Symbolic Lodge and dedicate the building which is located on Madison's far east side. Pictured at the public opening are Robert Macoy Commandery color guard members Mike and Mark Nelson, Joseph Myren and Mike Heitke. Doric Worshipful Master Dale Holmen (left) presided at the opening. Chaplain Frederick Leidel stands next to Zor Shrine Pipers Virgil Houff and Jim Curley (left, center). It was estimated that 75 Masons, their ladies, officers and friends were present.



The Grand Master Presides

Brother John W. Wilke, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, accompanied by Jr. Grand Warden Davey L. White, Jr., Jr. Grand Deacon Dan Slavik, District 7 Deputy David Bomkamp, Sr. Grand Warden Joe Harker, Grand Chaplain David Ritchie, Deputy Grand Master Craig Campbell, Grand Marshal Tom Tourville, and Grand Tiler Dwight Redders opened the Symbolic Lodge and conducted the dedication ceremony. Doric Secretary Mitch Custer, Trustee Roy Holm and architect J. Patrick Storms were commended for their work in taking Doric's new facility from planning to reality. Readers are encouraged to refer to an in-depth article on the Doric project which was published in the December 2007 issue of the Wisconsin Masonic Journal. The renovation project was completed within seven months at a cost of under \$200,000.



Longtime Doric Lodge Members Honored

Brother Donald Tjugum (left), raised a Master Mason on March 2, 1957, was honored for 51 years in Masonry. Lodge Chaplain and Past Master Fred Leidel (right) was honored for 63 years of service to the Craft. Brother Leidel is 91 years young and, get this, rode his bicycle from his home to lodge. What a guy! (Note: the editor saw him leave after the program, astride his bike, vigorously pedaling away.)

Grand Ladies Support

Members of the Order of the Amaranth Grand Court and Rainbow for Girls Madison Assembly No. 5 (at left) prepared and served a sumptuous pre-dedication dinner for Doric Lodge. Pictured are Karen Albright, Betty Miller, Vicki Kuharske, Sally Acuff, Diana Kifer, Dora Rodgers, Marisa Rodgers, Gail Piper and Marlea Krueger. Represented at the dedication were representatives of Oregon Lodge, Social Lodge in Cambridge

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Owen Lodge Members Add Their Funds to \$5,000 Total Needed for Tour

Owen Lodge Secretary Leskie Craven (left) held the lodge's check for \$500 as Owen-Withee High School musician Chelsea Betz receives a certificate recognizing her achievement from Worshipful Master Anthony Ring as Senior Warden Paul Stasek and Senior Steward Frank Olszewski look on.

– Photo by Bro. Eldon Maine



Masons & Star Members Honored in Ellsworth

Members of Hancock Lodge No. 229 and Chapter No. 116 of the Order of the Eastern Star gathered together at the Ellsworth Masonic Center on June 14 to honor individuals for their contributions to the community and their respective organizations. The Mason of the Year award for 2007 was presented to Jerry Bristol (above, left) by Hancock Lodge Worshipful Master Dan Fischer (above, right). Sister Janice Heise received the Star Chapter's Eastern Star award (not pictured). – Submitted by Bro. Dennis Donath



MSA Volunteer Callaway Honored at Tomah VA

Jerry Molnar, Acting Medical Center Director of the Tomah VA Medical Center (right), congratulates Brother Martin Callaway, Masonic Service Association volunteer, on receiving his 1,000-hour award at the annual Volunteers' appreciation luncheon recently. Brother Martin's duties include distributing comfort items to all wards, making coffee, working at the golf shack and as a chapel escort. He has been a regularly scheduled volunteer since December 2002 and encourages all Masons to volunteer at a VA center closest to them. Try it, you'll like it.

Podcasts added to Grand Lodge website as new feature

DOUSMAN – Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, has announced that we are in the process of adding podcasts to the Grand Lodge website. These podcasts will feature interviews with many Masons from around Wisconsin.

The first podcast was with 2007-2008 Grand Master Van Hollen and the second one is with our present Grand Master John W. Wilke. In the interview he discusses some of his plans and how he has prepared for the office of Grand Master.

These podcasts are posted on the Grand Lodge Web Page at <www.wisc-freemasonry.org>. We are the second Grand Lodge in the world to have a podcast on their web site according to the Grand Secretary.

Being active in the life of your lodge is part of being a Mason.

Owen Masons Help Local Musician Fund "Sound of America" Concert Tour Role

By Bro. Frank Olszewski
Owen Masonic News Hawk

OWEN, JULY 10 – Owen Masonic Lodge No.317 was given the opportunity to financially help a young, very talented lady participate in a European Concert Tour held this summer. Only 100 were chosen from a field of 1,600 high school students that auditioned for this event.

The "Sound of America" organization will feature some of the most talented vocalist and instrumentalist in 17 concert performances throughout Europe and the US.

Each student is required to raise \$5,000 to cover expenses, so after sending out approximately 100 letters to various individuals and organizations, Ms. Chelsea Betz, with the \$500.00 donation from Owen Lodge, was able to meet this requirement. Chelsea Betz is the ONLY member of this group from the State of Wisconsin.

Ms. Betz will begin her senior year this fall at Owen-Withee High School. Upon graduation next spring, she plans to audition at the Julliard School of Music.



Fourth Generation Hooper Now A Master Mason in Manitowoc

On July 10, 2008, Past Master A. James Hooper (left) raised his son Emmanuel Hooper (right) to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Manitowoc Lodge No. 65. Brother "Manny" is the fourth generation of Hoopers to belong to Manitowoc Lodge. – Submitted by Bro. Wayne Hendrick, Manitowoc Sec.

NOTES FROM THE GRAND LECTURER

By Brother Kenneth C. Gorgen

Following the ritual path to "Light"

My Brothers:

What makes our organization different from most, if not every other fraternity in the world? The answer lies in the ritual.

Before petitioning McKinley Lodge to receive the degrees of Masonry, I was somewhat familiar with the organization. However, as a new petitioner, as well as any new perspective member, I did not have the slightest idea of what was in store for me.

The first clue that something would be different came during a visit from one of the lodge interviewers. We had a nice visit, but his final comment to me as he walked out the door is now remembered as my first exposure to the ritual. He apparently was satisfied with the visit and knew that he would be recommending me to receive the degrees. As we parted ways his last comment to me was, "You will see the Light."

What in the world did he mean by that statement? It was like someone offering a gift or surprise waiting to be unwrapped. From that point on, my anticipation and anxiousness to become a Mason and see whatever light he was talking about was on my mind until the night of the initiation. At the time, I was a non-Masonic member of the McKinley Lodge bowling league. When I announced to the team that I had petitioned the lodge, most of them kept after me to let them know when I would be initiated. It was apparent that the Fraternity was also special to them. What a great way to be introduced to this organization.

Let's not forget that it is the ritual which makes our Fraternity special. It educates us on being a Mason, and what it means to be a member of the Craft. Yet, in our struggles to keep our lodges alive, we seem to have slipped, at times, in recognizing this fact. If we are going to make men into Masons that understand the Fraternity, and if we are going to make their experience of seeing the Light exciting, then we must build using the ritual as a foundation. It will enable us to help new petitioners understand that they have joined a group of men that share a special bond, and who are excited about it.

My vision for this year is to help every lodge to get on the path of ritual recovery, and some lodges need more help than others. District Lecturers will be there to work with your lodge in becoming proficient through understanding. It is a lot easier to learn and remember something new or different when we know why it is being done the way it is. Schools of Instruction will be just that; schools. We will be encouraging the newer Masons to get up and take part. We all learn by doing, and I encourage all to ignore their shyness and fear, and get out on the floor to take part. Remember, you are among your friends and brothers.

Finally, I will work to make this spot in the Masonic Journal an open forum to answer questions and share knowledge; yours and mine. If the questions cannot be answered here, I will get back to you by different means. However, I will do my best to select the questions that I feel will provide the most benefit to all the lodges. If you have corrections in the cipher, please get them to your District Lecturer to pass on.

Next month will be a brief introduction to the cipher. Almost everything we need to know about the ritual is in that book. The cipher is the key that unlocks the door to Masonic education. Use it to your advantage, but use it for learning and not for performing ritual during a lodge meeting.

I am looking forward to this year with the same excitement that I had when I was told that I will see the Light. My brothers, I encourage you to become excited also, and maybe, this year, we will all see more Light.

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



Kenneth C. Gorgen
Grand Lecturer



Appleton 349 Honors Two for 110 Years Combined

Junior Grand Deacon Dan Slavic (right) presided over the recognition of 110 years of combined Masonic Service to the craft at Appleton Lodge No. 349. Worshipful Master of Appleton Lodge, Brother Donald Harris (left), assisted in the presentation of Grand Lodge Certificates and Service Pins. Honored for 60 years of service was Pennsylvanian Donald H. King (center, right), a member of Appleton Lodge. Brother King was raised a Master Mason on July 13, 1948, in Temple Lodge No. 412 in Tidioute, PA, moving to the Appleton area in 2001. He is currently 349's Tiler. Honored for 50 years was Brother Eugene A. Kolb (center, left), member of McKinley Lodge No. 307 which is located in Brookfield. He was raised a Master Mason on June 17, 1957. Brother Kolb moved the Appleton area in 1987 and has been active in the lodge, especially in identifying and assisting new brothers.

– Submitted by Bro. David Wade Past Master (News Hawk Pro Tem)

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Four Mark Fifty in Chippewa Falls 176

Chippewa Falls Lodge No. 176 Worshipful Master Richard Frazier (far right), shown with 50-year Mason James Cardinal. Others so honored are pictured above.



This is what Brothers and Sisters Do!

West Allis Lodge Senior Warden William Krohn (front, center) is surrounded by brethren and sisters who provided financial support, compassion and genuine Brotherly Love to one of their own in a time of crisis. Brother Krohn had suffered a stroke, then cancer. Pictured in the back row: Richard Blaha (Chaplain), Past Master Harold Trapp, Past Master Paul Twardy, Jr. Deacon Jason Schutta. Front row: Past OES Worthy Grand Matron Laurie Twardy, Todd Krohn, Jr. Warden; William Krohn, Sr. Warden; and Brother Richard Polivka.

What do Masons Do?

By Bro. William Krohn
West Allis Lodge Sr. Warden

I would like to share the story of a group of men whom I call brothers. They have supported me through some of the toughest times of my life and have brought me through it. I am obviously speaking of the members of my lodge, without whom I may not be where I am today, on the road to recovery with an excellent prognosis.

This past February I was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma and Thyroid Cancer. That news in itself could take a person off guard. But, getting that news only a couple years after suffering a minor stroke, well let's just say that at the age of 44, I thought the Great Architect was calling me to work sooner than I had anticipated.

This is where my pride in being a member of this fraternity comes in to view. When I had my stroke I had already petitioned and had been scheduled for my interview with the Master's committee. It took me a while to get there. In the meantime, men who I hadn't even met yet were sending me well wishes for a speedy recovery.

Then this year the diagnosis for the cancer came. I was not surprised, only because I had not felt well for some time. I was, however, dealing with a plethora of emotions for which I had not been prepared. Again, the brethren of my lodge showed me why we are called brothers. The calls, visits, cards, and well-

wishes were just the tip of the iceberg.

Members of my lodge from my Master on down had offered help in any way they could, from giving me rides to my treatments and helping me to get to lodge. The Master even said it would be okay for me to attend lodge in less than casual attire.

It is, however, the following example that has shown me why we are truly called brothers here. Past Master Paul Twardy, Sr., attending the Grand Chapter for Eastern Star, had set out a jug explaining what he was intending to do in his show of support for a brother who had fallen ill and raised nearly \$200 at this event.

What next transpired was, as they say, the icing on the cake. At our annual picnic at the end of June unbeknownst to me, Brother Paul had spoken with other members of our lodge and explained what he wanted to do in a show of support.

The above picture says it all. Several of the brethren had in their own way shown their support as well, from donating monies to shaving off their hair. The total monies ended up being over \$400 which, when given to me, put a tear in my eye and helped to catch up on some financial issues I had been having. But the real gift was the show of compassion from the brethren of my lodge.

In conclusion the doctors say that the chemo (therapy) appears to be working and the prognosis is favorable for a full recovery. So, thank you brothers, for helping me through a most trying ordeal. *umj*

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Thoughts for The Journey

By Grand Chaplain David Ritchie

Tolerance: key to maintaining harmony

"...harmony being the strength and support of all institutions, more especially of ours."

Our Masonic forefathers had great wisdom and they knew that to embrace a single faith would not only create discord in the lodge, but would probably doom the Craft. Today, it is hard for many of us to envision a world of religious intolerance.

Sadly though, the early masons knew the results of intolerance all too well. Bloody civil and religious wars had swept back and forth across Europe for centuries. As one ruler replaced another, often the official (and thereby the only legal) faith or denomination would change. If you and your family failed to embrace the new, you would not be allowed to own a business or hold public office, and often your property would be seized—and far too often torture and death would follow.

One of the bloodiest of these religious/civil wars was fought between two factions whose main theological difference was whether the blessing should be given with three fingers erect or two. These wars and unrest were between Christian factions and speak nothing of the hostilities toward the members of other faiths than in Europe.

For our brother the operative mason, who traveled into foreign countries, it made good business sense not to ally themselves with one faction or another. (This may be the reason that early masons came under suspicion in many countries.)

For the early speculative mason this made sense, too. It made sense to our colonial forefathers also. Religious tolerance is one of the principals upon which our country was founded. If peace was to prevail, each man must have the right to worship the creator as he saw fit.

The other reason religious tolerance was so important was that the lodge was a place to share new ideas. A part of many meetings was set aside for the sharing of new theories or discoveries. As Masons, we are directed to improve ourselves in the sciences. Yet here the seeds of discord could be sown when science clashed with religious belief.

Lightning rods: interfering with God's Will?

A story is told that when Brother Ben Franklin invented the lightning rod, he offered to install them free on all the public buildings and houses of worship in Philadelphia.

Today, we know that the lightning rod has saved countless lives and prevented countless fires, but when Franklin made his offer it was turned down by many churches as heresy, the thought being that lightning was the hand of God used to strike down sinners. The lightning rod took that away—man was interfering with God's will!

There were countries that would have denied Franklin the chance to present his invention under penalty of the law and many organizations that would have thrown him out. In America and inside a Masonic Lodge Franklin had the freedom to tell the world about his invention.

By opening our doors to men of all faiths, we as a craft have become richer. The ideas and brotherhood we share know no boundaries. We often think of our craft as just our lodge or just as practiced in Wisconsin.

However, Masonry extends to all the far flung corners of the globe. Men the world over who know the importance of placing God in the center of their lives welcoming others who feel as strongly, but who approach it in a different fashion. Tolerance is not always easy but the rewards are well worth it. Each new Mason, however he approaches his creator, enriches us all.

My brothers we live in America where tolerance is the norm. We are free to worship as we see fit in whichever house of worship we chose. Once again, tolerance is not always easy, but I would ask you to keep in mind those brothers who practice our craft in countries where tolerance is not the norm. Brothers who risk prosecution for upholding the beliefs and customs of our craft. If you think tolerance is difficult, try living without it.

Our masonic forefathers knew that tolerance was one of the keys to peace, harmony, and brotherly love.

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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GLOW & OES Grand Chapter Officers at III Pillars

Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter OES officers toured our Three Pillars Senior Living Community in Dousman on Saturday, August 2 as part of the GLOW summer staff meeting held in Pewaukee. Here tour guide Dawn Jones (left), Three Pillars' Client Relations Assistant, leads Grand Master John Wilke and his lady Sharon (center, right) past the bench that was a gift by the Grand Lodge officers to Grand Master J. B. Van Hollen upon finishing his term in office. Barb and Kent Englund (Grand Martha and her escort), second from left and far right; Halina and John Marra (John is District 12 Deputy), center, left, looked on.



Waupun's Elmer Rigg Celebrates Twice

Brother Elmer E. Rigg celebrated 60 years in Masonry on June 8, 2008 and on July 13 celebrated his 102nd birthday. Elmer is a very dedicated Mason, having served 50 consecutive years as an officer at Waupun Lodge No. 48. When asked about being 102 years old, Elmer responded, "Well, I sleep a lot and eat in between naps." Elmer enjoys visitors as well as actively following the Brewers. He is shown holding a fruit basket presented in honor of the occasion. - Submitted by Bro. Richard Peters, Past Master



Superior Lodge Helps ID Kids at Duluth Air Show

Superior Lodge No. 236 participated in the Kids ID program at the Duluth Air Show in Duluth, Minnesota on July 17. Pictured left to right were Brother Aaren Petersen, Past Master, Brother Les Johnson and his son Dane. As you can see, the booth was very visibly marked and clearly identified with area Masons. - Submitted by Superior Lodge News Hawk Les Johnson

Gant Farm Is Scene of Master Mason Degree

The Gant family farm at Argyle enjoyed great weather on Saturday, July 19 as forty-eight Masons from twenty Wisconsin lodges and three members of an Illinois lodge (pictured below), with Grand Master John W. Wilke presiding, were present to witness and confer the Master Mason Degree. Brother Justin Schuber of Blanchardville (front row, center, at right) was duly raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The degree was performed out of doors on the Gant farm at 7411 County Line Road near Argyle.

- Submitted by Bro. Ted Symons, Janesville-Western Star Lodge



Three Pillars' Resident Leona Griffin Morbeck celebrates 94 years and a life filled with accomplishment with her son Lee Morbeck and his lady Barbara August 3 at the Masonic Health & Rehab Center in Dousman prior to attending the Three Pillars Friends & Family Festival.

Leona Morbeck Reflects on a Life Rich With Family and Fraternity

By Brother Lee Morbeck

Masonry runs in her family.

Her father, Leon R. Griffin, was a very active Mason who served as High Priest of Lake Chapter No. 86, Royal Arch Masons in 1918 (Lake Chapter met at Lake Lodge No. 189) in Milwaukee. He was also a member of Jeremiah M. Rusk Lodge No. 259 of South Milwaukee, a member of the Scottish Rite and Tripoli Shrine. As a teenager, Leona became a charter member of Bethel 6, Order of Job's Daughters, and served as Honored Queen in 1932.

On Leona's eighteenth birthday, her father gave her a petition to join Eastern Star and paid her membership fee. She was initiated into Vega Chapter No. 76 O.E.S. on September 16, 1932. She has remained a member for the past 76 years.

Leona served as president of Married Ladies of Vega and was secretary of the Women's Auxiliary of Tripoli Shrine. She became an officer at Vega Chapter in 1951, serving as Martha. She remained active and served as Esther in 1958. In 1959 she was Associate Conductress, 1960 Conductress, 1961 Associate Matron and in 1962 Worthy Matron. Her husband Walter served as Worthy Patron in 1961. She also served as Secretary of Vega Chapter for 13 years from 1980-1993. Her son Leon (pictured above) is married to Barbara (Cousins) Morbeck, a Past Honored Queen from Bethel 6 who is also a member of Vega Chapter. Leona is believed to be the oldest Past Honored Queen living in the state and is one of only a few PHQs who have also served as Worthy Matron in Eastern Star.

Leona married Walter F. Morbeck on July 22, 1933. Wally had served as Master Counselor of Bay View Chapter Order of DeMolay and soon became a Master Mason at Jeremiah M. Rusk Lodge. He also joined the Scottish Rite and Tripoli Shrine. Leona and Wally had two sons, Leon (Lee) born in December 1936 and Rudolf (Rudy) born in August 1941. Both sons became members of Bay View DeMolay, Master Masons at Rusk Lodge, members of the Scottish Rite and Shriners at Tripoli. Leona was widowed in 1976.

In 1982 Leona was honored at the Wisconsin State Fair as one of the ten most admired senior citizens, and in 1987 she received the Civic Service Award from the Inter-Organization Council of Bay View. She was the first woman to receive this award. Leona moved to the Three Pillars' campus in Dousman, Wisconsin, in February 1995. She moved to the Wisconsin Masonic Home because her father always told her that the Masons would take care of her. At Three Pillars, they have proved he was right. Leona turned 94 years of age on May 30, 2008. *wmj*

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17th Annual All-Star Soccer Games Take Center Stage in Fondy



Blue-Gold Boys Team Action

This first-half Gold Team penalty kick on the Blue Team goal was deflected but the Gold all-stars ended up outscoring the Blue's 4-3. Commenting on the particularly high level of play demonstrated by both mens and ladies teams, Girls Blue Team Coach Vince Padilla said, "There's not one kid here who doesn't have great ball handling skills." The Blue Team ladies scored two goals to four for the Gold Team. Nearly every player, male or female, was an all-conference or all-state selection. Many of these student athletes will be receiving scholarships to play college soccer. (Below: joining the Grand Lodge officers were Brittany Tainter and Sharon Wilke.)



Going, Going, Gone!

Auctioned off was this Green Bay Packer player-autographed football bearing the signature of a certain former Packer quarterback who now plays for the New York Jets. Verna Lese, grandmother of a player, won the ball.



Proud Mason Father and All-Star Daughter

Brother Peter Gunderson, a member of Commonwealth Lodge in Madison, was on hand to watch his daughter Lauren, a keeper on the ladies Blue Team who had graduated from Middleton High and is planning on attending UW-Madison and playing this fall. Lauren is the WSCA Player of the Year and first team All-State, plus All-Conference.



A Wonderful Event

Players and coaches alike expressed appreciation to the Masons for sponsoring the games. At left, games' chair Nancy Storrs poses with Men's Gold Team Coach Jim Schmitt and Blue Team player Corey Arno (he is her godfather).



Presenting the Colors

Commandery members Jim Myrhum, Leroy Kifer, Terry Libby and Richard Reilly, PGC, presented the flag during opening ceremonies. The National Anthem was sung by George Caldwell (striped shirt). Grand Lodge officers stood behind.

Fond du Lac Lodge Helpers

Brothers Ben Parkhurst, Scott Bond, Dave Olson, Burt Mayborne, Leroy Kifer and his son Jamison (a DeMolay member), and Kevin Sherman (not shown) manned the refreshment stand during the games on Saturday, July 26. The lodge also hosted a cookout for the players attending the soccer camp. Players arrived Friday afternoon, practiced, and played on Saturday.



Coaching Tips

Gold Team Coach Bob Williams, of Pius XI in Milwaukee, counsels one of his All-Star players during the second half. Above: one player found himself flat on his back after a near miss on the Gold goal.



Ladies' Action

At right, Laura Helleberg, Fond du Lac Springs, controls the ball as she passes Amanda Sue Trieloff of Fort Atkinson.



Thanks to Volunteers

Officials who volunteered were Mauricio Marin, Josh Poole and Al Sprague. The three ran nearly as far as many of the players as they kept up with the action keeping the games safe. Another valued service was provided by athletic trainer Ange Krohn (not pictured) of the Aurora Sports Medicine Institute.

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Dodgeville Lodge Honors Longtime Members

At Dodgeville Lodge No. 119's annual picnic June 19, several members were recognized for 50 and 60 years of membership. Pictured from left to right were Jim Jewell, District 8-1 Area Administrator; John C. Metcalf, Dodgeville Worshipful Master; Maurice Althaus, a 50-year member; Ernest Schweitzer, a 60-year member; John Martell, a 60-year member; and Robert Wepking, Sr., Secretary; and David Ritchie, Grand Chaplain.

— Submitted by Bro. Robert Wepking, Sr., Secretary



Grand Master Visits Roosevelt Lodge in Green Bay – Meets President Teddy Roosevelt

On Tuesday, July 15 Brother John W. Wilke, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, visited Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 322 in Green Bay. Worshipful Master John Sage welcomed Grand Master Wilke to Theodore Roosevelt Lodge by presenting to him a Masonic wristwatch, a gift from the lodge. Brother Leon Paterson (above, left) presented a custom buckle (with beehive design), which he made, to Grand Master Wilke. Grand Master Wilke also met newly made Master Masons Alex Morris & Jacob Pratt and Worshipful Master John Sage (top photo). Afterwards those present enjoyed a cake in the shape of a beehive, which is the symbol chosen by Grand Master Wilke as the symbol of his tenure, that was faithfully reproduced in cake and icing, complete with edible bees by Mrs. Christian Hirthe (not shown). During the visit by Grand Master Wilke met a truly unique visitor—none other than President Theodore Roosevelt (above, right)!

— Submitted by Roosevelt Lodge Masonic News Hawk Gerald Brebner



Green Bay Job's Daughters Win Supreme Honors

Bethel 32 Job's Daughters Olesya Keating, Amanda Sabah, Lyla Goerl, Ariel Goerl and Yulia Keating (left to right) earned first place in the Team – Story of Job ritual competition at the Supreme International Session in Middleton from July 30 thru August 3.

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evening and other events throughout the session. At the formal opening 15 deserving young ladies received scholarships from the Supreme Guardian Council totaling \$10,500.00.

Over 600 Job's Daughters from around the world participated in the Supreme Bethel meeting on Thursday. Wisconsin's Mom, Maureen Wise, served as Supreme Bethel Guardian for 2007-2008. The selection of the 2008-2009 Supreme officers and representatives was held.

Congratulations to Jenna Larson from Minnesota, who will serve as Supreme Bethel Honored Queen, and to all the daughters who will serve the Supreme Bethel as officers or representatives.

Nicole Kloet, Bethel 77 Kenosha was selected as Supreme Inner Guard and Annamarie Carlson, Bethel 19 West Allis, and Aerial Goerl, Bethel 32 Green Bay, were chosen to be Supreme Bethel Representatives.

Lyla Goerl, Bethel 32, Green Bay, served as the Installing Musician at the installation of the Supreme Bethel Officers and Representatives.

Alica Wahlen, Miss Wisconsin Job's Daughter 2007-2008 represented Wisconsin beautifully as she competed with 25 others for the Miss International Job's Daughters title. Miss Alberta, Megan Semaniuk was crowned the new Miss International 2008-2009.

Following a week of fun activities and competition for the girls, and many meetings of productive legislation, the week ended with the installation of the new Supreme Guardian Council 2008-2009, headed by Supreme Guardian Marilyn Olson of Wyoming.

Wisconsin can be proud of this outstanding Supreme Session. A special thank you to the many persons and Masonic Orders that assisted in making this a huge success. An extra big thanks to Past Grand Guardian Beverly Rasmussen, the event's General Chairperson. **umj**

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seminars will be our Masonic Code, Masonic Handbook (the Green Book) and the Lodge Excellence Award (LEA).

Masons attending these seminars are encouraged to take the two related Masonic Education Correspondence Courses (the MCCC for the Masonic Code of Wisconsin and the MECC for the Wisconsin Masonic Handbook) either before or after the seminars.

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

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

In order to receive LEA points and course completion recognition, the completed correspondence courses accompanied by a check for the correct fee (\$4.50 per person per course) are to be mailed to the Grand Lodge Office in Dous-

man. Those completing the courses and remitting the \$4.50 fee will receive a pin and certificate which will be returned by mail—and earn LEA points for your lodge.

Start times for all seminars are check-in from 8-9 a.m. Classes will begin promptly at 9 a.m. There will be a noontime break for lunch. The cost of the meal is not included in the \$10 entry fee. The seminars will conclude by 3 p.m.

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

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

Attending brethren will receive a CD of the material presented. The CD also will contain a copy of our ritual cipher. As a bonus the brethren attending will also receive a wealth of other educational and inspirational information. **umj**

26th US President Teddy Roosevelt Visits Namesake Lodge in Green Bay

GREEN BAY – President and Brother Theodore, alias Mr. Joe Wiegand entertained one and all with his delightful performance as the 26th President and the lodge's namesake.

Thanking the brethren of the lodge for all that Freemasons do and hold dear, the "president" regaled all with his fascinating stories of historical events in his "life."

How as a frail and sickly child his father challenged him to live "the vigorous life"—to build his body as a proper vessel for the mind.

As President, the sending of the "Great White Fleet" around the world on a mission of peace, the "Square Deal," the building of the Panama Canal and of course his famous "Big Stick" philosophy.

Mr. Wiegand is currently touring the United States as Theodore Roosevelt culminating in what would be President Roosevelt's 150th birthday on October 27, 2008. A video of his performance is available on the Theodore Roosevelt website at <http://www.roosevelt322.com>.

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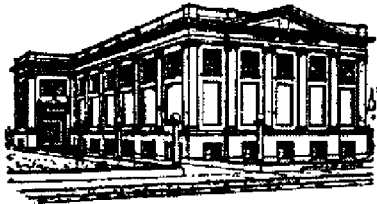
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Dark July & August

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Please call ahead before attending. The addresses listed are where the lodge meets and may not be correct for mail.



Quarry Notes

William L. Stonecipher, Editor

•Masonic News Hawk Alert – Attention to all brethren who are submitting pictures and stories for inclusion in the Wisconsin Masonic Journal. Whether you are Masonic News Hawks for your lodge or others making submissions such as Worshipful Masters or Secretaries, please go to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Web Site at <www.wisc-freemasonry.org> and read through the information contained in the **News Hawk Media Kit**. The News Hawk Media Kit, which is to be found under the Wisconsin Masonic Journal heading in the panel on the left side of the Grand Lodge home page contains a wealth of helpful information that will help you prepare and make submissions. The News Hawk Media Kit is a PDF file so downloading to your computer should only take a moment, even with a dial-up connection. If you have any questions or would like assistance, please do not hesitate to call. The Wisconsin Masonic Journal Editor can be reached at 262-334-1876 or by e-mail at <wmjedit@sbcglobal.net>.

•Theft of Masonic Jewels – On Sunday, June 22, between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m., the office of the Scottish Rite Valley of Chicago, along with several other offices located in the building that they are temporarily operating from until the development of a new headquarters is complete, was burglarized. During the burglary their secured vault was compromised, and as a result, many of the Valley's precious medals and historic jewels were taken. As a result of this burglary, a great deal of Masonic history has been compromised. Your assistance in helping recover that history is greatly appreciated.

Among those items removed from the vault include, but are not limited to: Past Presiding Officer Jewels of the Lodge of Perfection; Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Rose Croix; and Consistory; each inscribed "Property of AASR - Valley of Chicago" and properly numbered; 33° Member Jewels; Diamond Membership Pins; Dudley and Elgin Masonic Watches; Lapel Pins, Oriental Consistory; Past Presiding Officer Jewels from various Grand York Rite Bodies; Past Master Jewels from various Masonic Lodges; and other Masonic jewelry and historic medals.

Should you happen to come across any suspicious items on Ebay or other auction sites please contact Gregory R. Klemm, MSA, 33°, at (800) 774-3467, ext. 302, or at <gregoryklemm@aol.com>. Our thanks to Past Grand Master Rodney A. Paulsen for submitting this alert.

•District 7 Launches Weblog – Dave Bomkamp, District 7 Deputy, extends an invitation to visit the new District 7 "BLOG" at <<http://district7masons.blogspot.com>>. It is a forum for all Master Masons and hopefully for those who wish to become Masons! He welcomes feedback. District Deputy Bomkamp's e-mail is <davetam@charter.net>.

•Job's Daughters International Comes to Wisconsin – It's not every day that Job's Daughters International comes to Wisconsin, but for the second time one of our three Masonically affiliated organizations for youth visited the Badger State. Job's Daughters International Supreme Session first came to Wisconsin in 1990 when Ruth Duenk was Supreme Guardian. That event was held at MECCA in Milwaukee.

Because the adult leadership of Job's Daughters rotates from jurisdiction to jurisdiction throughout the years, it is the custom for the supreme session to be held in the home state of the Supreme Guardian. This year it was Janine Coley who headed up the worldwide organization for young ladies with Masonic affiliation.

Supreme Guardian Coley makes her home and teaches 4th grade in the Mukwonago Area Schools. She took a one-year leave of absence to fulfill the requirements of office. Janine traveled with Associate Supreme Guardian, Mike Hoglund from Maryland, and two Job's Daughters: Miss International IOJD Brittney Utley from Montana, and Supreme Bethel Honor Queen Jette Brownlee from Wyoming. During her trips to the various jurisdictions Janine said that she examines the records of state organizations as well as Bethels under Supreme jurisdiction where there is no state organization (such as two new Bethels each in Kentucky and New Mexico). Her husband Russ is a retired teacher but is not a Mason.

Masonry runs deep in the Coley family, however. Janine and Russ have two sons, both of whom were active in DeMolay. Son Russell was State Master Counselor for the Order of DeMolay in 2004-2005 is now a member of Laffin-St. James Lodge in Mukwonago. His brother Burt is a Past Master Counselor of Brookfield Chapter but has not gone further in the Fraternity.

Job's Daughters and adult representatives from 25 states, four Provinces of Canada, and from the countries of Australia and Brazil attended the week-long series of meetings and programs ceremonial proceedings in Middleton. Brazil, incidentally, is reported to have 30% of the membership of Job's Daughters internationally. Interestingly, though, one vibrant Job's Daughters movement from overseas went unrepresented at this supreme session: that of the Philippines. A knowledgeable source suggested that it was suspected that the Philippine government would not grant visas for travel to the US over worries that the girls and their families would not return. Whether or not this is the case, there were no Job's Daughters or their adult representatives from the Philippines present. **wmj**

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Not only do children get back to learning, but I encourage all of you to learn something new. Learning is for everyone and when we stop learning new things, life will begin to get dull. You have read about our DVD that Three Pillars has made to help you learn about new things on the Dousman campus. Many changes have occurred in the last five years. Each lodge and chapter will receive a DVD. Please show it in your meetings and also take the opportunity to show it to members that cannot attend meetings.

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Three Pillars Wins First Place

The Three Pillars float was awarded 1st Place recently at Derby Days Parade in Dousman. Heather Meunier and Wendy Kontowicz, Three Pillars staff, designed our float to represent the beautiful grounds that we have on our campus. With the help of our Maintenance Department, the pillars were painted, the fountain was running and all of the flowers on the float were collected from various places on campus.



Grand Master Visits Three Pillars

Worshipful Grand Master Dr. John W. Wilke and his Lady Sharon visited the Three Pillars campus on August 1st. His morning was spent visiting the residents at the Masonic Center for Health and Rehab and Riverside Lodge. The Masons were very pleased to receive

the Grand Master's pin of the beehive. In the afternoon he met with Village on the Square and Compass Point residents. They all enjoyed hearing why he selected the beehive as his pin. They were also entertained as he told about the recipes in a cookbook written by his mother using everyday plants or weeds.



Mason Woods Second Annual

Steak Fry - Sponsored by the Mason Woods Lodge #368 was held at the lake front on the Mason Woods grounds. Along with the Masons, the residents of Mason Woods were also invited to attend. Mason Herb Reichwald and resident Carol Mandel

grilled steaks for fifty-six guests. Besides the steak, guests enjoyed various salads, desserts and camaraderie while taking in the great view of beautiful Shawano Lake.

FRIENDS & FAMILY FESTIVAL

Friends and Family Festival had something for everyone. We first think of food and the food was at its BEST. The Order of Eastern Star Grand Family and Grand Lodge officers were kept busy serving food. Beverages were manned by Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge #42. We even had the youth groups involved; DeMolay helped with parking cars and the Jobs Daughters helped with the games.



Children had many choices of things to do. Many took the opportunity to try their hand at catching fish from our pond. Others enjoyed shooting baskets or going down the inflatable slide.



We anxiously awaited the opening of the time capsule from the Bark River Apartments cornerstone. Mark Strautman, President & CEO, held the time capsule as Grand Master Dr. John Wilke opened it and Wisconsin Masonic Home Board Chair, Robert Roth looked on.



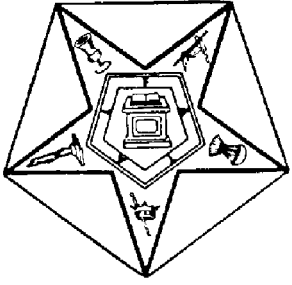
Some of the things contained in the Bark River Time Capsule were:

- Proceedings from the Grand Lodge authorizing the construction of the Dormitory building for employees.
- 1962-63 lists of the Grand Lodge officers, members of the Grand Trustees and members of the Masonic Home Board plus the list of all the Masters and Secretaries of 305 lodges.
- Operating budget for the Home and Farm.
- A brochure and application form for residency at the Home.
- A list of employees and residents
- "The American's Creed"
- Milwaukee Sentinel (June 5, '63) and Journal (June 4, '63) along with currency all dated 1963.

Friends and Family Festival is an annual event sponsored by Three Pillars and is held the first Sunday in August. We hope to see you there next year.

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





Order of Eastern Star

WGM/WGP and Chapter Calendar

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

September

- 2 - Dodgeville, Dodgeville – Hop into Fun Night
- Eagle, Eagle River – Grand Officer Visit (AGP)
- Frederic, Frederic – Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Electa)
- Queen of Sheba, Reedsburg – Grand Officer Visit (WGM)
- Trillium, Crivitz – Grand Officer Visit (AGC)
- 3 - Mabel, Rhinelander – Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Warder)
- 4 - Alpha, Argyle – Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Adah)
- Racine, Racine - Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Martha)
- Viroqua, Viroqua - Grand Officer Visit (AGC)
- 8 - Columbia, Evansville – Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Adah)
- Onalaska, Onalaska - Grand Officer Visit (GC)
- St. Omar, Monroe – Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Sentinel)
- Willow River, New Richmond - Grand Officer Visit (AGC)
- 9 - Everett, Marshfield – Honor Heroes
- Miriam, Platteville – Grand Officer Visit (AGM)
- Northwest, Clear Lake – Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Electa)
- Phoenix, Beloit – Grand Officer Visit (WGM)
- West Allis, West Allis – School daze, bring a picture from your school days.
- Sou'Wester's Area Club – Miriam Chapter Platteville
- 10 - Janesville, Janesville - Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Esther)
- New Holstein-Calumet, New Holstein - Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Chaplain)
- 11 - Kenosha, Kenosha – Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Sentinel)
- La Belle, Mukwonago – Ducks in a Row, NICHE Presentation
- Loyal, Star Prairie – Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Electa)
- 12 - Triwaukee Area Club – Kick-off at Ozaukee, Port Washington
- 13 - Southeast Area Club – Kick-off at Union Grove, Union Grove
- 15 - Kinnickinnic, River Falls - Grand Officer Visit (AC)
- Ladysmith, Ladysmith - Grand Officer Visit (AGP)
- Medford, Medford – Grand Officer Visit (AGC)
- Oregon, Oregon - Grand Officer Visit (AGM)
- Pike, Kenosha - Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Ruth)
- Star of Bethlehem, Portage – Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Marshal)
- 16 - Dodgeville, Dodgeville – Wild West Days
- Electa, Milwaukee - Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Esther)
- Ellsworth, Ellsworth - Grand Officer Visit (GC)
- Rob Morris, Palmyra - Grand Officer Visit (AGM)
- Ruth, LaCrosse – Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Electa)
- Tomah, Tomah – WGM/WGP Visit
- 17 - Chippewa, Chippewa Falls - Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Warder)
- Queen Esther, Lodi – Youth Night
- Starlite, Madison – Youth Night
- 18 - Baraboo, Baraboo - Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Martha)
- Edgerton-Milton, Edgerton - Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Sentinel)
- Union Grove, Union Grove - WGM/WGP Visit
- 19 - Vega, Milwaukee - Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Marshal)
- 20 - La Belle, Mukwonago - Fall Fest Soup & Salad Lunch
- Madison Area Club Kick-off – Janesville, Janesville
- Rainbow, Wisconsin Rapid – 2:30 p.m. - Reception for Carol McAllister, Grand Representative to Scotland
- 22 - Acadia, Brookfield - Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Sentinel)
- Lemonweir, Mauston - Grand Officer Visit (AGP)
- Martha, Jefferson - Grand Officer Visit (AGM)
- Martha Washington, Green Bay - Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Chaplain)
- Onalaska, Onalaska - WGM/WGP Visit
- 23 - Burlington, Burlington - Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Ruth)
- Everett, Marshfield – Grand Officer Visit (GC)
- Lac La Belle, Ashland - Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Warder)
- Oconomowoc-Hartland, Oconomowoc - Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Esther)
- Rainbow, Wisconsin Rapids - Grand Officer Visit (AGC)
- Twilight, Sun Prairie - Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Martha)
- West Allis, West Allis – Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Adah)
- 24 - Halcyon, Crandon - Grand Officer Visit (GC)
- Linden, Linden - Grand Officer Visit (AGM)
- Wauwatosa, Brookfield - Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Esther)
- 25 - Golden Rule, Wauwatosa - Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Ruth)
- Kenosha, Kenosha – Honor Warder & Sentinel
- Kilbourn, Wisconsin Dells - Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Martha)
- La Belle, Mukwonago – Grand Officer Visit (GC)
- Loyal, Star Prairie – WGM/WGP Visit
- 27 - Quad City Exchange, Austin, MN
- 29 - Fidelity, Appleton - Grand Officer Visit (AGP)
- Superior, Superior - Grand Officer Visit (AGM)

October

- 1 - Bristol, Bristol – Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Ruth)
- Mabel, Rhinelander - WGM/WGP Visit
- Queen Esther, Lodi – Cancer Education Program
- Starlite, Madison – Appointed Officer Night
- 2 - Alpha, Argyle – Pioneer Days and Game Night
- Dousman, Dousman - Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Ruth)
- Honor, Sturgeon Bay - Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Chaplain)
- Melody, Middleton – Grand Officer Visit (Gr. Adah)
- Sheboygan, Sheboygan - Grand Officer Visit (AGM)

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“Season for Blessings” Grand Officers 2008-2009

Grand Chapter officers pictured left to right in the back row are: Marla McFetridge, GO; Angela Pishion, GAdah; Laura Dessereau, GRuth; Rae-Ellen Preuss, GEsther; Barb Englund, GMartha; Al Jennerman, GW; George Winget, GSent; Carol Peterson, GElecta; Renee Campbell, GChap; Connie Skarvan, GMarshal. In the front row: Mary Rasmussen, AGC; Mary Olson, GT; Bobbi Jo Oyen, AGM; Ron Rasmussen, WGP; Kris Engbring, WGM; Jim Sedall, AGP; Sharon Swartwout, GSec; Rosemary Fiscus, GC; Karen Stauffer, GL

Proficiency Testing Station Certification

What a rewarding joy it is to visit a chapter and see so many of our dedicated members taking pride in their ability to do our beautiful ritualistic work. The Proficiency Committee would like to encourage all members to think about taking the Proficiency Test or a Station Certification Test. By passing these tests you will earn either a proficiency pin and card or a certification certificate.

A new brochure explaining the process for obtaining these documentations has been developed and made available through your chapter secretary packets. Please ask your chapter secretary for a copy of it. If you are interested, please contact Marty Swanson at bmswan@charter.net or 262-275-2991 or Bobbi Jo Oyen at 608-592-4778. or bobbioyen@yahoo.com

The Dates are:
 September 6, Appleton 9 a.m.
 October 4, Stevens Point 9 a.m.
 October 11, Burlington 12:30 p.m. (after SE Club)
 November 1, Dodgeville 9 a.m.
 November 7, Milwaukee - Lake Lodge 3:30 p.m.

New Sisters and Brothers

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

Everett, Marshfield
 Ladysmith (3)
 Martha Jefferson (2)
 Oconomowoc-Hartland,
 Oconomowoc (2)
 Oregon, Oregon
 Starlite, Madison (2)
 Viroqua, Viroqua

Contributions To The Wisconsin Eastern Star Foundation

- Arbutus Chapter, Stevens Point
- Baraboo Chapter, Baraboo
- Oconomowoc/Hartland, Oconomowoc
- Phoenix Chapter, Beloit
- West Allis Chapter, West Allis
- Ruth L. Severson - In Memory of Anna Marie Howard and Allen Limberg
- Audrey J. Pavlik - In Memory of Jan Balzar
- Lac La Belle Chapter, Ashland - In Memory of Ruth Giese and Don Frankie

Message From The WGM & WGP



Kristin K. Engbring

Worthy Grand Matron of Wisconsin

Ronald R. Rasmussen

Worthy Grand Patron of Wisconsin

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

The summer was very busy for the Season for Blessings Grand Family. We were pleased to be able to visit many Chapters during their installations in June and look forward to watching your plans and visions unfold. Let's keep charity, membership, and fellowship among our members in the forefront of our endeavors. Our WGM/WGP reception was in Madison on July 12 and it was a very enjoyable evening. Thanks to all who traveled to Madison to be with us, as well as to those who sent well wishes for the day. The Grand Officers held three exemplifications of the work this summer. We thank the host Chapters of Janesville, Martha Washington Green Bay and Ruth LaCrosse for their gracious hospitality, and to all of the Sisters and Brothers for spending an afternoon with us. Our ritualistic work helps define our Eastern Star, and our exemplifications are a wonderful transition into the Grand Officer visits that are now taking place in the Chapters. Please welcome your District Deputy and Grand Officer, and enjoy the time of learning and friendship that is extended to you.

Starting this month, we'd like to share some thoughts about a virtue of our Order. This month we've selected fidelity, and the story of Jephthah's daughter. From Adah we learn about a sense of duty. About keeping a vow. About waiting upon the Lord. Adah

recognized the vow made by her father to the Lord. And to honor her father, she upheld the vow. She believed it to be her duty, her obligation. Fidelity implies the unflinching fulfillment of one's duties and obligations and strict adherence to vows or promises. Adah's life is definitely an example of fidelity.

To quote Marcus Tullius Cicero: "Nothing is more noble, nothing more venerable than fidelity. Faithfulness and truth are the most sacred excellences and endowments of the human mind." This quote from the Roman statesman holds true today. Fidelity and truth are as important now as when Jephthah returned from battle.

While the world we live in continues to change, our dedication to truth, to fidelity, needs to remain constant. By taking the obligation of our Order, we have dedicated ourselves to the welfare of others. We must remember our sense of duty to our Sisters and Brothers, and keep the vows we assumed, so that we are faithful to convictions of right and duty. We encourage you to find inspiration in living a life devoted to fidelity.

Let us give thanks for the blessings of the summer season, and look forward to the different pace that fall will bring. In closing, we share this "Advice from a Bear": Live large. Climb beyond your limitations. Gather the sweetness of life. Live with the seasons. Make a good impression. Look after your honey. And get plenty of rest.

Blessings, Kris and Ron

Kangaroo Safari

The kangaroos are hopping! If your Chapter has one of the thirteen kangaroos that are traveling the state, please contact the webmaster at wisconsinoes@yahoo.com. We'd like to track their travels via our website at wisconsinoes.org. Keep the kangaroos moving from Chapter to Chapter, and remember to "Hop into Fun!"

SISTERS AND BROTHERS

We would like to hear from you about your chapter's special events, 50-year members or chatter about your chapter that you would like to have printed on this page. **Please send your information to Sister Jane Blackwood, stormkat@sbcglobal.net or 937 Euclid Ave, Beloit, WI 53511-6006** Please submit items by the 25th of the month two months prior to the intended month of publication. The summer issue for July and August is combined and will be published on July 2.

ATTENTION CHAPTER SECRETARIES:

Please send me a copy your chapter's 2008-09 calendar so that your special nights may be listed in the OES Calendar on this page. Please send your calendar to Sister Jane Blackwood at, stormkat@sbcglobal.net or 937 Euclid Ave, Beloit, WI 53511-6006



The occasion was the 2nd Annual Friends & Family Picnic at our Three Pillars Senior Living Community in Dousman, and many residents, family members and friends gathered in the wooded campus park for food and good fellowship. Pictured at left, Sr. Grand Deacon Dennis Siewert visited with Lincoln and Donna Smith and Charities Development Director Bill Barnes. Health screenings by Aurora Health Care took place under the blue tents.

Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

September 2008

- 5 Fish Boil to benefit "Possibility Playground" in Port Washington. To be held in upper Bluff Park in Port Washington. Call 262-689-2848 for tickets. Serving hours are 5 to 7:30 p.m.
- 7 Zoosafari Day at the Milwaukee Zoo sponsored by Valley of Milwaukee AASR. Cost is \$20 per family, or \$8 per individual adult and \$6 for children over 2. Includes parking, lunch (11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.) beer and soda. Send reservations and checks payable to: Wisconsin Scottish Rite Bodies, 790 N Van Buren, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Phone (414) 276-4744
- 13 Williams Lodge Seminar – Call West Allis Lodge Senior Warden Bill Krohn at 414-303-8657 to register. West Allis Lodge (76th & National) Refreshments at 8:30 a.m. Program at 9. All Senior Wardens & other officers welcome. Please see story on page 3.
- 20 District 6 Fall Meeting, Waverly Lodge No. 51, 9 a.m.
- 25 National Sojourners South Shore Yacht Club. Speaker Grand Master John Wilke, MIP #27. Ladies and Guests.
- 28 The Testimonial Banquet for the Grand York Rite leaders will be held at La Sures Banquet hall in Oshkosh, across from the E. A. A. Call Jack Hetcher for details at (715) 753-3772.
- 30 District 7 Fall Meeting, Fort Winnebago Lodge No. 33., Portage, 7 p.m.

October 2008

- 4 1st Masonic Education Seminar sponsored by your Grand Lodge Education Committee, Eau Claire Masonic Center. 8-9 a.m. arrival & refreshments. 9 a.m. seminar begins. Registration fee is \$10. Registration Deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 24. Please use the clip & mail registration coupon on page 10. Subjects covered will include Masonic Code, Wisconsin Masonic Handbook and Lodge Excellence Award, as well as other inspirational and motivational presentations. A second class is planned for Saturday, Nov. 1 at Waukesha Lodge No. 37, Waukesha. Two will be held in the spring, one in Green Bay and the other in Dodgeville. Dates and locations to be determined. Please look for upcoming information.
- 7 "Comedy Cabaret" – George Washington 1776 Lodge No. 337 will hold a Comedy Cabaret at 7-8:30 PM on Tuesday, October 7 in the Silver Spring Masonic Center at 817 E Beaumont Ave in Whitefish Bay. Admission is free and open to the public. Comedy Cabaret features a visit from Mark Twain and the musical comedy of Nightwatch. Come and enjoy laughter and good times with your family and friends.

- 17 Fall Reunion Valley of Madison Scottish Rite, Madison

18 The Grand Commander's Inspection will be held at Lake Masonic Center in Milwaukee. There will be a brunch in the morning and a banquet in the evening at 6 p.m. Inspection starts at 1 p.m. Contact Gary Parker for more information.

21 Widows at the Table Lodge – Sponsored by Rhinelander Masonic Lodge No. 242 and the Wisconsin Masonic Charities, 5 p.m. Tuesday evening fellowship hour, dinner at 6 p.m. Contacts: Don Schroeder, Senior Warden (715) 362-2360; Jim Suffield, Worshipful Master (715) 362-5971; Don Riemenschneider, Past Master (715) 282-6146 <riemedeb@charter.net>; Bill Barnes & Erika Miller-Wisconsin Masonic Charities (800) 242-2307 <plannedgiving@gmail.com> or <erika@wisc-freemasonry.org>. Grand Master John Wilke will be in attendance with his lady Sharon.

24-26 Grand Lodge Full Staff Meeting

November 2008

- 1 2nd Grand Lodge Masonic Education Seminar, Waukesha Lodge No. 37, Waukesha. Start time is 9 a.m. Registration Deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 22. Please use registration coupon.
- 1 District 4 Fall Meeting on Saturday, November 1 at Oconto Falls Lodge No. 293 in Oconto Falls. 10 a.m.
- 1 District 12 Fall Meeting at George Washington 1776 Lodge - 517 E. Beaumont Ave. in Whitefish Bay. Refreshments at 8:30 a.m., meeting/workshop begins at 9 a.m. ends by noon.

December 2008

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

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