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First of four public seminars will be Sept. 19 in Antigo:

“Taking Masonry to the People” Seminars Announced by Grand Master Campbell

By William L. Stonecipher, Editor
The Wisconsin Masonic Journal

Daring to go where no Grand Master has gone before in reaching out to men who are not Masons, Grand Master Craig S. Campbell is extending an invitation to them to learn more about the Fraternity.

Under the name, “Taking Masonry to the People,” the Grand Master is using the latest in Internet technology to introduce Freemasonry to thousands of men who are not now members.

As he said in his installation address to representatives at the Annual Communication in Madison on June 6, he will be sending an invitation by e-mail to approximately 45,000 men aged 18-55.

The list of e-mails, by the way, cost just two cents per name (under \$900) the Grand Master related to the editor in an interview at the Grand Masonic in mid-July, about two weeks before the first batch of e-mails were sent.

The e-mails, the Grand Master explained, are being sent in batches, the first of which was posted on or about August 1 and included Grand Lodge officers and responses to the e-mail began coming in almost immediately. Another batch was sent on August 12.

Included in the August 12 sending were all Masons whose e-mails are known and included a copy of the same message that was sent to the general public. It also carried a personal request from the Grand Master that the invitation e-mail be forwarded to the recipient's entire address book. “We want as many people to know about these seminars as possible,” the Grand Master explained.

“It is my hope that this will multiply our outreach

many-fold,” said the Grand Master. He added that if 5,000 Masons forwarded the e-mail they received to their entire address list, the number of persons who would get this e-mail could easily swell to 500,000.

Four Seminars Planned

Four public seminars are planned: the first will be held in three weeks in Antigo on Sept. 19. Others are planned for Eau Claire on Oct. 3, the Madison area and in the Milwaukee area, both in early 2010.

Not knowing how many interested non-Masons to expect, the Grand Master said, “I’m anticipating about 100 guests per seminar — If we had 300, I’ll be on cloud nine.”

He also explained that if any Mason wants to stop by and look in they’re welcome to do so. However, the Grand Master shared a concern that because the venues were mostly conference rooms in hotels, seating would be limited to approximately 125.

As a result, the Grand Master has requested that if present members do wish to attend (acting as a host for a guest or for several friends, or family members) that they please register so that it is known how many will be attending.

Seminars born of a desire to share Masonry

“You know,” the Grand Master explained, “the impetus behind holding these public seminars is the fact that in Freemasonry we have such a rich history and such a proud story to tell, that inevitably, when we are in conversation with people who are not Masons, it just pours out of us. It’s not hard to start telling people about this rich history and this proud tradition of ours.”

“Unfortunately, relatively few people in the general

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Masonic Promo Video

The Public Seminars’ page on the Grand Lodge website at www.wisc-freemasonry.org carries a link to the Masonic Public Seminars promotional video hosted on YouTube.

The Grand Master’s Message:

By Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin
Brother Craig S. Campbell

Brethren:

I am immensely impressed with the number of lodges opting to continue meeting in July and August because of the large number of degrees they are conferring. Most of these lodges would have been dark, but almost none of them will be going dark because of the large number of petitions they are dealing with and the number of degrees they need to do. This presents us with a very ripe opportunity.

One of the concerns over the years has been new member retention. How do we get these new guys to regularly come back to lodge? Answer: Involvement. Actually, meaningful involvement.

When a new brother is immediately asked to contribute to the well-being of the lodge, it reinforces the fellowship for which he joined. So what can he be asked to do that is meaningful to him and to the lodge, where he recognizes that his contribution is of value? Posting.

Masters and Wardens, I urge you to encourage the most recently made Master Mason to be assigned as the poster for the next candidate. Who else knows the posting better than the last guy to just go through it? It gets him involved, it gets him coming back, it acquaints him with more lodge members, it further immerses him into our lessons and, most importantly, it gives him a sense of fulfillment that his contribution to the lodge is valued. That is the key. If he sees no value to his participation, believe me, he’ll find other things to do with his time.

When should this posting be worked on? During stated communications. While the lodge officers are handling the business portion of the meeting, the poster, the candidate(s), and the counselor should be outside in the lounge area preparing the candidate(s) for their upcoming examinations. Not only does this get the newly made Master Mason coming back to lodge regularly, it also establishes the expectation for the new candidate that he should begin the habit of routinely attending lodge on meeting nights.

As a footnote, I received a dispensation request from a lodge to allow them to conduct business on the Entered Apprentice Degree. The principle

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Craig S. Campbell
Grand Master



Grand Master’s Benevolent Activities Humanitarian Award recipient Ernest Borgnine (right) registered his pleasure and surprise as Grand Master Craig S. Campbell (left) presented him with the coveted Three Pillars award at the Wisconsin Masonic Charities Donor Appreciation event held Sunday, July 11 at the Village on the Square on the Three Pillars campus in Dousman. Masonic Charities Director of Development Bill Barnes (center) helped with the presentation. Brother Borgnine was in Milwaukee to participate as Grand Marshal in the Great Circus Parade held July 12. - Photo by Wm. Stonecipher

Island City Masons turn metal scrap into cash to fund lodge operations

By William L. Stonecipher, Editor
The Wisconsin Masonic Journal

MINOCQUA – When Bro. Al Jurgens, a Past Master of Island City Lodge No. 330, sent the Wisconsin Masonic Journal an e-mail that he had a great idea for a lodge fund raiser that he’d like to share with Masons across Wisconsin, he wasn’t kidding.

In fact, how does raising \$8,300 for the first two years sound? And that doesn’t count the amount that will be raised from this year’s effort, which ended August 1.

So, exactly what is it that Island City Lodge is doing? Why, they’re collecting scrap metal, selling it to a scrap dealer and banking the proceeds. What a great idea!

What makes this project even more worthwhile is that it is also performing a welcome and valuable public service for town residents as well as the town government by collecting and disposing of unwanted scrap metal, Bro. Jurgens explained.

Disposal Fees Prompt Dumping

In describing the need for what the lodge does, Bro. Jurgens related that in Minocqua, as in many other small or rural communities, residents have to pay to dispose of discarded household items like old refrigerators, stoves, air conditioners, vehicles and the like.

Years ago residents were able to take these items to the dump and just drop them off, Bro. Jurgens explained, but not any more. Town dumps are a thing of the past. Transfer stations have replaced them and

residents who use them pay by the bag for garbage disposal.

Too often, however, rather than take their junk to the transfer station and paying fees for the privilege, residents dump their old stuff in the woods or behind the garage, along roads or in woodlots bordering fields. There the stuff just sits, an eyesore and blight on the landscape. This is where the Island City recycling idea comes into play.

A Lodge-wide Effort

“We provide a service to the Town, service to the community and service to ourselves,” Past Master Jurgens said.

“Everyone gets behind this one,” he added, describing the way the lodge has embraced the scrap metal collection program that began in 2007 as a way to raise the cash necessary to retire the mortgage and maintain the building. “We have sign-up sheets for volunteers — it’s really a lodge-wide effort.”

“We just put a new roof on the lodge and we’re looking into painting or putting siding on the exterior,” Bro. Jurgens said. “It’s sure nice to have the cash to keep our heads above water.”

The first effort in 2007 raised a modest \$2,500 due mainly to the timing of the collection for late summer, Bro. Jurgens said. “This was too late in the year for many summer residents who had their minds on other things. In 2008 we moved the collection dates to May

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On Our Cover...Soccer Camp Coach Hayden Knight talked to All-Star soccer players on Friday, July 24 at Marian University in Fond du Lac about the importance of working with younger players as red-shirted participants in the first Masonic All-Star Games Youth Soccer Camp finished their drills for the day. The Youth Soccer Camp program is now the designated charitable activity of the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation-sponsored Wisconsin High School All-Star Soccer Games. Please turn to page 7 for more. – Photos by Wm. Stonecipher

Budget reductions bring change to your Masonic Journal

DOUSMAN – The Wisconsin Masonic Journal will see a few changes as a result of the reduction in funding for the publication in the 2009-2010 Grand Lodge fiscal year budget.

At the most recent meeting of your Wisconsin Masonic Journal Board of Directors held on July 15 at the Grand Masonic Center in Dousman, Board President Keith Chamberlain, PGM, welcomed three new members to the board. Two of them, Brothers Milt Helmer and John Donaldson, were elected to three-year terms on the board by representatives at the Annual Communication

in June, and one, Brother Lowell Scott, was appointed to fill the remainder of the term of Brother James E. Walsh, who passed-on on May 28.

The first and most obvious change is in the quality of the paper. We are now printing on 30 lb. standard newsprint. Picture reproduction will not be as good as it was previously, but be assured that we are working closely with our printer to see that the quality is as good as it can be.

Another change is that the number of pages will be limited to 12 for each issue. This is a reduction of four pages for nine of our 11 issues. Two issues per year have usually been published as 12-pagers.

Unfortunately, what this means is that there will be less space available

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pal justification for their request was predicated on the notion that it gets the new candidate into the habit of coming to lodge regularly since he would be able to sit in on the meeting. I rejected the request.

Additionally, I find this notion to be folly. Perhaps the biggest complaint of most of our membership over the years is the mundane nature of our lodge business meetings. If we were to subject our EAs and FCs to those business meetings, it could be argued that they might never go on to become Master Masons! They may just reach the conclusion that if this is all there is to Masonry, then why go on to the next degree?

There is a better thing for them to do on lodge nights—posting. The Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts should indeed be coming to lodge on stated meeting nights, but not to sit in on the business meeting. They should be there to work on their examination preparation; and their mentor and poster should be the most recently raised Master Mason and the Counselor, at the conclusion of which they become eligible for immediate recognition by earning the Ashlar Award. Implement this as a practice in your lodge. I am confident it will pay immediate dividends.

Fraternally,
Craig S. Campbell, Grand Master

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populace ever hear that," the Grand Master continued.

"And for the very reason that up until now we have not made ourselves available to the public, we need to counter that and literally go out and reach out to them," the Grand Master said.

"The whole reason behind the Taking Masonry to the People seminar idea is that it has so long been the position of members of this fraternity that we would not advertise, if you will," he added.

"It's crying shame that we had that attitude because, you know what? When we had the opportunity on a one-to-one basis we would begin to tell the story. And ultimately it would just exude from us why we were so proud to be a member of this fraternity and so desirous of having the general populace at large join us in this fraternity."

"They should, and frankly, I think they would want to join us if they knew exactly what it is we stand for and attempt to practice."

"I believe that they would find everything in Freemasonry consistent with the values that they already consider important in their own lives, and will want to be a part of it."

Why the seminar method?

The Grand Master went on to explain that in his occupation at TSR Solutions, Inc., a corporate communications technology firm located in Germantown, the company obtains the majority of their business through seminars.

"It takes up 90 minutes, at a minimum, for us to really convey what

we want those attending to know about a new technology or service," he said. "In that respect it is the same with what we have to communicate about Freemasonry—in fact it's identical."

"For us to really, truly educate someone about Freemasonry it takes more than just a two-second sound-bite," he added. "You just can't do it."

"For them not to misconstrue what we've said, it requires that we have their attention for a 30-minute period, minimum."

The Grand Master said he will talk for between 30 to 40 minutes and that Past Grand Master Van Hollen will talk for about 15 minutes. Then there will be a 30-minute question and answer period. Thus the 90-minute length.

"That's exactly what I'm looking for."

To illustrate his point that if more men really knew what we stood for, they'd want to join us, the Grand Master related how he was sitting in his office at Grand Lodge earlier this summer when a call came in. Cheryl took the call and said it was a man from Illinois calling, wanting to become a Mason.

"I could tell by the sound of his voice that he was a young guy," the Grand Master recalled. The caller said he didn't know what it takes to become a Mason.

"I said, well I'll tell you what it takes to become a Mason. Number one, you've got to fill out a petition, which is like an application, because you're going to be joining a lodge, for membership in that lodge."

"But what (else) it takes is you've

got to believe in The Almighty as the father of us all, and you have to be willing to dedicate your life to the principles contained in the Holy Writings. That's what it takes to become a Mason."

"And his response to me was, 'That's exactly what I'm looking for.' I thought that was pretty cool."

"I asked him if he knew of a lodge near him, and he said no, but there's a building just down the road that says Lafayette Royal Arch No. 2 on the sign outside."

"And I said that there's probably a Masonic Lodge that meets in that building, so you've found the place you're looking for."

The Grand Master routed the caller's request to Grand Secretary DeWolf so that he could forward the request to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Illinois for further action on his request on their part.

Public Ignorant, not hostile

As the Grand Master put it, "I'm perfectly convinced that the general populace is rather ignorant to Freemasonry. It's not that they harbor any negative attitude towards the Fraternity anymore. I think that naively most of us Masons thought that, when we see the books that come out and anti-Masonic sentiments expressed—that kind of thing."

"We were led to believe that there's a tide of sentiment in the public not favorable toward the Fraternity and in fact that is not true. For the most part they're flat ignorant to it."

"The proof is in the pudding. Go to any Shrine Circus, talk to the people that are there, and ask them if they knew that every Shriner they see is a Mason—they don't have a clue. That's really poor public relations on our part."

"The general populace is just flat ignorant to Freemasonry, and I'm convinced that if they understood it the way we understand it, they would want to be a part of it," the Grand Master said.

"And I believe that understanding existed shortly after World War Two, for example. They called that the Age of Fraternalism, of course, but still, you had hundreds of thousands of soldiers coming back still seeking that bond of brotherhood that was so strongly impressed upon them during their military service, and they sought membership in these institutions."

"I found it kind of interesting that in this state back in 1843 they founded the Grand Lodge five years before they founded the state. So in other words, it was more important that they have a structure to practice their faith before they had to have a struc-

ture to administer the government."

"It was pretty much the same people who made both happen: Byron Kilbourn and Solomon Juneau. I just find that rather interesting. And the reason why is because they understood the Fraternity and what it represented at that time far better than our general populace does today."

"Again," the Grand Master emphasized, "with that conviction in my heart and mind, that our general populace would be attracted to want to be a part of this fraternity if they were educated about it."

"What I want to do in these seminars is to tell them who we are and what we are about, perfectly convinced that if they understand it, hearing it from the top dog, they'll want to be a part of it, too."

If they knew what we stand for, they'd want to join us.

To further illustrate his point that the general public really knows very little about the Fraternity, the Grand Master related an experience he and his wife Mary had at a church choir picnic earlier this summer.

"One of the guys there had overheard in conversation that I had recently taken over as head of the Masons in Wisconsin, and he teasingly ribbed me about this 'secret thing' I belonged to."

"He said, 'You guys have to go huddle and whisper all of your secrets to each other,' and stuff like that."

"He was needling me on purpose but that was his impression of it because his uncle and his uncle's brother were all Masons, and every time they'd come over to the house they'd sneak away and do Masonic stuff, and nobody else could have any part of it nor would they talk about it. They wouldn't say a thing. And so he asked me, 'What are you guys all about, anyway?'"

"My reply was very simple: We're a faith-based organization and it's an inter-faith fraternity because we share the common thread among all faiths and denominations, and chiefly we focus on the principles that define a human character such as friendship, morality and brotherly love—and when you think of it in different terms like compassion and forgiveness, and kindness and love—there are the principles really that are inculcated and nurtured in your churches, so if you had a desire to commit your life to the principles in the Holy Writings, then you'd be welcome among those of us who are already in this fraternity striving to be of service to our fellow creatures."

"He looked at me and said, 'You know what? If I understood it that way I probably would have joined

the Fraternity.'"

"How sad that his uncles wouldn't have told him. It's just so silly that we had one generation, or in reality two, that had that mindset."

Taking Masonry to The People

Grand Master Campbell is using his core message that because this fraternity is founded upon principles such as Friendship, Morality, Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth, Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, Justice, Equality, Fidelity and Circumspection in thought word and deed—that focus on a man's character, and that if men who are not Masons knew this is what we were all about, they would want to join us.

The Grand Lodge web site carries information of the four seminars planned. Click on the Public Seminars tab located on the left just below that for the Grand Master.

By clicking on the picture box located to the right of the message will take viewers to the YouTube promotional video, which is essentially the same one shown to representatives at Grand Lodge.

Persons wishing to attend will register on-line via the Grand Lodge web site for one of the four seminars. Even though the seminars are free, it is necessary to register so that "we know you're coming." All seminars begin at 10 a.m. and end at noon.

• The first seminar will be in Antigo on Sat., Sept. 19 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 535 Center Street.

• The second will be in Eau Claire on Saturday, Oct. 3 at the Quality Inn, 809 W Clairmont Avenue.

• Seminar three will be held in the Madison area on Sat., Jan. 9, 2010, at the Comfort Inn & Suites, 5025 County V in the Village of DeForest.

• The fourth seminar will be in the Waukesha area on Sat., Feb. 27, 2010, at the Country Springs Hotel & Resort, 2810 Golf Rd. between County T and G in Pewaukee.

Masonic Video Access Temporarily Interrupted

A minor hiccup in viewing the promotional video on the Public Seminars' page on the Grand Lodge web site occurred when the video link feature was removed temporarily because of a copyright issue with the original musical selection used. The video now uses the song, "Brotherhood of Men," from album, "The Temple of Humanity," by Free-Stone, whose producer, Harm Timmerman, gave permission to use the music. Brother Timmerman is a professor of music at Stenden University

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NOTES FROM THE GRAND LECTURER
By Brother Kenneth C. Gorgen

My Brothers,

Suppose that we are traveling along in a car and you are driving. As we reach a very busy intersection, I turn to you, and in a very monotone voice I say, "Please pause the maneuvering of this means of transportation. If you look toward the southern meridian, you will observe that there is an entity navigating toward and bearing down in our direction at a unique velocity."



Kenneth C. Gorgen
Grand Lecturer

Your response, before the crash might be, "What did you say?" and after we both woke up in the hospital, you would wonder why I just didn't say, "Stop! Look out for that car on the left. It is going to hit us."

The preceding story makes a comparison to what might be happening in our lodges during degree work. Are we getting our message across?

Getting the Message Across

When your lodge confers a degree, are the officers and members getting the message of the ritual across to the candidate, or are they just standing in front of him and orating, monotone or not?

Does the candidate walk out of the Lodge thinking, "WOW, what an experience!" or does he say, "What in the world are they talking about?" Please think about these two observations below:

1. The ritual is probably not the reason that a new candidate petitioned the Lodge, but it is one of the first things in Masonry that he experiences.

2. A new candidate probably joined because of a friendship, encouragement from a family member, curiosity, business reasons, or to network among members of the community.

My guess is that you answered "yes" to both items. Let's not kid ourselves; most new members did not submit their petition because they wanted to experience the ritual, but when they start their Masonic journey, being flooded with the lessons of the ritual is what they get. It is this experience that will help them grow within Masonry, and in the end, help the Lodge grow.

It does not matter as to the reasons that new candidate decided to spend his time and money to become a Mason. The fact is that we have him and now it is time for us to show him our stuff. As Nike says in its advertising, "Just do it!" So, let's do it in the best manner possible.

Meaningfully delivering the message is what will keep them coming back for all the other benefits of membership. But being able to deliver the message meaningfully is not an easy thing, and cannot be done without preparation.

The ritual is made up of allegories and metaphors that are not readily understood, and sometimes the words sound so unusual to us that even reading them can be a challenge. Roman Catholic Cardinal John Henry Newman once said, "Thought and speech are inseparable from each other." In other words, you need to think about and understand what you are communicating.

Preparation and Understanding Essential

As an example, some lodges will read the charge to the candidate, and do this "off the cuff" without taking time to review and understand it. As a sideline, more often than I would like, I see brothers going through the motions of giving the charge, and it almost appears that the charge is being given because we have to because it is part of the degree — and therefore we give it.

The brother giving the charge reads it or recites it and now it is done, and let's move on. Unfortunately, the brother giving it was so involved in delivering it and getting over with that I wonder if he noticed the candidate's eyes were glassing over.

I won't deny that communication is a two-way street. There is a speaker and a listener, and the listener must have the desire to listen and absorb. But common sense tells us that when the listener does not understand what we are saying, his mind will wander and our communication will be lost. The responsibility lies with the communicator.

As a wrap up to our thoughts, let's look at a section of the Master Mason charge. I quote from the ritual: "Your virtue, honor, and reputation are concerned in supporting with dignity the character you now bear." Wow, what a statement!

We just charged our newest Master Mason with a reminder that his own self-respect and the respect of others will be supported or founded by how he is viewed inside or outside the lodge. From this point forward his make up or personality as a Mason will be a reflection of his manner of living, his principles, and his status in life.

The next sentence tells him how to achieve this by saying, "Let no motive, therefore, make you swerve from your duties, violate your vows, or betray your trust..." Our job is to make sure the candidate understands this — not only during the degree. It should also be covered and reinforced in the posting.

I have one final thought or admonition. Take time to look up any unfamiliar words that you do not understand. How can we get our message across, if we don't know what the words mean?

So here's a start: the word "inculcate" means to instill or to indoctrinate; "unsullied" means unblemished. So now, when you hear the statement, "To preserve the reputation of the fraternity unsullied must be your constant care; . . .", it makes sense.

Do not let the Masonic metaphors throw you. Think about what is being communicated and understand. What you are saying will then be delivered with clarity and we can only hope that the candidate receives it with interest.

My brothers, I wish you much success in your degree work. I am looking forward to visiting your Lodges. Keep hammering away at proficiency and you will be able to successfully inculcate the new candidates in the ritual. Then we will all see more Light.

Feedback and questions are always welcome. Contact Grand Lecturer Gorgen by e-mail at <jkgorgen@att.net> or by phone at (262) 691-0859.



CASH FOR SCRAP..from page 1 and June, and it was highly successful—we raised about \$5,800."

"This year the price of scrap is down and we can't guess at the numbers yet. The scrap dealer began loading scrap on August 13.

"He's really done us a big favor," Bro. Jurgens said. "The scrap dealer comes from Antigo, and he is one of the few who doesn't charge to accept appliances, refrigerators and freezers. He reduced what he pays us a bit but didn't charge us. We had a larger volume this year and extended our collections over a much wider area. He uses a State certified scale and brings us the sales receipts."

Island City Lodge got the word out about their collection service by using announcements on local radio and television stations, with some notices in the Lakeland Times, the area newspaper, plus Town of Minocqua public notices.

"Originally we went to the Town

Board to tell them what we wanted to do. They gave us the go-ahead and permission to us to use the old town dump, now covered over and gated, with locked access." This is where the lodge stores items they collect during the week and where the public can drop items off on Fridays and Saturdays.

"We don't pick up from everybody—they've got to be in some kind of need for us to make a pickup," Bro. Jurgens noted.

This year the lodge manned the drop-off and collections during June and July. The scrap dealer began making pickups in mid-August.

"The scrap drive has been very good to us," Bro. Jurgens said. "Routinely we hear, 'Boy, are we glad you're here!'"

Bro. Jurgens has invited lodges that think this might work for them to give him a call. He can be reached at 715-358-3655. Perhaps your lodge too can turn scrap into cash. **wmj**



Scrap Metal of All Sorts Worth Cold Cash

Old autos, steel-shelled appliances of all sorts, all sorts of aluminum items, and even old batteries, all have value to a scrap metal dealer. Unfortunately, land owners in rural areas would rather use out of the way places to discard their "junk" rather than pay disposal fees at recycling centers that in some instances top \$20 per item. This offers an opportunity for Masonic Lodges in some areas to benefit financially from the collection and resale of such items. Minocqua's Island City Lodge has earned in excess of \$8,300 from just two years of collection, enough to pay for a new roof for the lodge. The Town of Minocqua gave the lodge permission to store their collected metal scrap in the now closed town dump. Island City Lodge contracted with a scrap dealer from Antigo to handle the transfer and sale of the metal collected. The dealer uses a State certified scale and gives them the receipts.

Scrap Into Cash

Island City Lodge members Dick Hanson, Master, Brooks Elitzer, Jr. Warden and John Monday, Past Master, retrieved discarded metal from the woods and loaded it into a trailer for collection by the recycler the lodge has hired to collect and sell the scrap. The collected metal is stored in the former Town of Minocqua dump, now closed, but secured by a fence and locked gate. This year's collection effort ran through June and July. The collection area was open on Fridays and Saturdays to accept drop-offs. Pickups were scheduled during the week. - Bro. Al Jurgens Photos

"Friends, motivation is not an outside force applied, it is an inside force released, and it is our faith that turns the key to our motivational drive."

- Craig S. Campbell
Grand Master of Masons
in Wisconsin



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Seymour Ball Team AED Donation

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Players at Seymour Ball Club Park now protected by Eau Claire Mason-funded AED

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Safety at Seymour Ball Park is the first concern. Being prepared for lightning strikes, adults suffering from sudden cardiac death and trauma to the chest of a young athlete are cases where AEDs save lives.

Seymour Ball Club has now put into service a new AED with specific child treatment capabilities that can help protect athletes against Commotio Cordis (Fibrillation of the heart from a blow to the chest).

A generous grant from Eau Claire Masonic Charities provided the Seymour Ball Club with a new Philips FRx Automated External Defibrillator that is now in service.

In January of 2004, a Mason-funded AED saved the life of Eau Claire North High School Coach Dan Sippel who suffered a heart attack at Chippewa Falls High School.

Freemasons in Wisconsin have provided approximately \$1.4 million funding nearly 650 AEDS for Wisconsin Communities in the past ten years. Locally, according to Larry Ganske, Masonic AED Community Coordinator, "Masonic Lodges in Eau Claire, Chippewa Falls and Menomonie have assisted in funding over 40 AEDS for area schools, community centers and EMS agencies."



Grand Masonic Center AED Ready for Use

Staff members of the Grand Masonic Center in Dousman on Tuesday, July 21 received AED training from Karen Smith, a Physician's Assistant in the Pewaukee School District, and Debra Klich, Project ADAM Coordinator from Children's Hospital in Wauwatosa. Morning and afternoon training sessions were held. Staff from the York Rite Office, Order of the Eastern Star Office, Masonic Charities and our Grand Lodge office received instruction from Pictured at left are Grand Lodge Office Manager Jan Gorgen (top left), Masonic Charities Development Office Assistant Erika Miller (center) and Grand Masonic Center Receptionist Cheryl Martin. The Grand Masonic Center received an AED as a gift from PGM John W. Wilke's corps of Grand Lodge Officers during his year as Grand Master. The AED is in a case in the first floor hallway. Let's all hope that it never has to be used.

— Submitted by Bro. Bill Barnes, Development Director, Wisconsin Masonic Charities

— Final Notice to Lodges —
The annual Foundation-Lodge scholarship recipient pictures will be published in the November issue. This is the last call for pictures to be included. Please send pictures of your recipients along with the name of the scholarship, the school the recipient will attend and their major field of study to Ms. Erika Miller, Wisconsin Masonic Charities, 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 53118

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Bro. Jim Nestingen leaves bequest to Wisconsin Masonic Foundation

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

Brother James Nestingen remembered the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation with a generous bequest when he passed to the Lodge Eternal recently.

Jim's estate included an interesting \$80. As the family donated his personal effects they found a belt with a zipper on the inside. They opened it to find \$80 in cash.

Jim could give you the name of about any tree, shrub or flower. He entered college intending to become an engineer and left with a Master's Degree in journalism. With a love of math, and he spent a career editing text

books for the University of Wisconsin Extension.

In 1962, Jim and his father, Dr. Aksel Nestingen, a Madison dentist, had the honor of becoming Scottish Rite Masons together at the Valley of Madison. Both were members of Hiram Lodge No. 50 in Madison.

Jim remembered the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation in his will, providing in excess of \$50,000. He also made gifts to other charities and supported the Children's Learning Center.

Brother Nestingen will be remembered as a kind, and generous individual. He will be missed by his loving first cousin Joann Brunzell and his Masonic brothers.



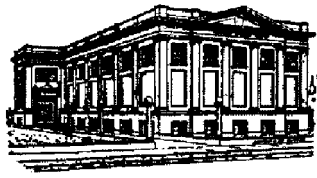
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Sauk Prairie Lodge No. 113 Proudly Celebrates 150th Year

Sauk Prairie Lodge No. 113 members present for the 150th anniversary rededication proceedings on Sunday, July 26, 2009, gathered for a group picture with Grand Master Craig S. Campbell following the program. Sauk Prairie Worshipful Master Larry Hinyup holds the framed 150th anniversary certificate presented to the Lodge by Grand Master Campbell. A brief lodge history was presented by Past Grand Master (1971) Denman G. Kramer (right), a member of Sauk Prairie Lodge. Master of Ceremonies for the program was Bro. Robert J. Ott, District 8, Area 4 Administrator, of Reedsburg. The officers of Sauk Prairie Lodge are: Larry Hinyup, Worshipful Master; Richard Campbell, Sr. Warden; David Dixon, Jr. Warden; Tom Hankins, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer; John Bowman, Sr. Deacon; Tom Hankins, Sr., Jr. Deacon; Denman Kramer, PGM, Chaplain; Larry Knight, Sr. Steward; Aaron Conant, the lodge's newest Master Mason, Jr. Steward; and Martin Scott, Tiler. The lodge was chartered on June 14, 1859.



Sauk Prairie Lodge No. 113 Master Larry Hinyup holds the framed 150th anniversary certificate presented to the Lodge by Grand Master Craig S. Campbell following the anniversary program on Sunday, July 26.



Past Grand Master and Sauk Prairie Lodge member Denman Kramer presented a brief history of the lodge. Sauk Prairie began life as Eureka Lodge, then merged with Sauk City Lodge and in 1966 took the name it bears today.



Veteran Sauk Prairie member Robert Enge and his lady Dorothy have been together for 68 years. Brother Enge, at 95, is the elder member of the lodge. He really is 95, too!



Sauk Prairie Lodge has occupied this building since 1971. The lodge room is in the upper level, the kitchen and fellowship area is on the lower level. The cornerstone was dedicated while lodge member Denman Kramer was Grand Master. The building was built in 1921 by the Bank of Prairie du Sac, now known as the Sauk Bank.



A cake almost too pretty to eat was carved for refreshment following the anniversary program.

Sauk Prairie Lodge No. 113 Turned 150 on July 26: Began Life as Eureka Lodge in Prairie du Sac

PRAIRIE DU SAC – Sauk Prairie Lodge No. 113 celebrated its 150th year in Masonry on Sunday, July 26.

According to "Forward Freemasonry" Vol. I, what we now know as Sauk Prairie Lodge No. 113 was originally formed as Eureka Lodge No. 113 in Prairie du Sac, and it was under this name that seven Masons from the Wisconsin River Valley area communities of Prairie du Sac and Sauk City petitioned Grand Lodge to form a lodge.

Dispensation was given in January 1859 and six months later a charter was issued. The first Master was Smith Wilkinson, who served as a Wisconsin legislator. Brother J. Stephen Tripp, Senior Warden, a lawyer and banker, went on to become the lodge's second Master. He, too, served in the Wisconsin Legislature. Tripp Hall on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus bears his name. Eureka Lodge had one other well known member, Bro. Lee Sherman Dreyfus, Sr., who went on to become Governor.

Brother Denman Kramer, Past Grand Master, presented a brief history of the lodge, drawing attention to the roles various lodge members played over the years in guiding Sauk Prairie Lodge through its formative years and up to the present day.

Something not included in the Forward Freemasonry account of the lodge's early years was that from 1884-1971, the lodge occupied a building that originally was home to a buggy business and implement shop. Past Grand Master Kramer pointed out that the lodge first met in a room

above the Odd Fellows hall.

In 1922 several members of Eureka Lodge living in Sauk City petitioned Grand Lodge to form a lodge there. In 1923 Sauk City Lodge No. 328 was chartered. In 1966 these two lodges combined to form what is now Sauk Prairie Lodge No. 113.

Sauk Prairie Lodge has occupied its present building since 1971. The cornerstone of the new home was dedicated while Bro. Denman Kramer was Grand Master. This building was built in 1921 by the Bank of Prairie du Sac, now the Sauk Bank.

When the bank decided to build a new edifice in 1970 in another location, the bank president (a member of the lodge) offered the building to the lodge at a price that was far less than its value, PGM Kramer explained during his presentation. The lodge room occupies the upper level, the kitchen and fellowship areas are in the lower level.

Past Grand Master Kramer observed that Sauk Prairie Lodge was the first lodge to open Grand Lodge, a privilege afforded the lodge of the presiding Grand Master, a practice that continues today.

Grand Lodge officers present for the rededication were: Grand Master Craig Campbell, Deputy Grand Master Joe Harker, Sr. Grand Warden Davey White Jr., Jr. Grand Warden Dennis Siewert, Sr. Grand Deacon Dan Slavik, Sr. Grand Steward Frank Struble, Grand Lecturer Ken Gorgen, Grand Marshal John Krinke, Grand Tiler Pat Stors, District 5 Deputy Mark Jerdee, District 8 Deputy Scott Pedley and District 12 Deputy Bob Strader.

The Gavel Locator

Gavel, Gavel, Who's Got Your District's Traveling Gavel?

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- District 10**
Cassia Lodge No. 167
- District 11**
Wilmot Lodge No. 241
- District 12**
West Allis Lodge No. 291

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



The Flag was presented by Bro. Mark Steiber, District 8, Area 3 Administrator, a member of Sauk Prairie Lodge. Escorting the Flag were Ringling DeMolay Chapter members Nick Moore (left) and Eric Ott (right). Twelve Grand Lodge officers awaited their introduction.



Ladies of Sauk Prairie Lodge, members and friends waited for 50th anniversary festivities to begin. Eileen Hayes, Shirley Knight, Navoro Hinyup, Beatrice Woodruff, Stan and Audrey Pash and Don and Gloria Koller were among those shown.



Gold Team All-Stars outscored their Blue Team counterparts 3-0 in the women's All-Star soccer game on Saturday, July 25 at Marian University's soccer field in Fond du Lac. Above: Gold Team forward Anna Strehlow (second from right) tips a header towards the Blue Team goal in this first-half action. Anna, who graduated from Homestead High, scored one goal and assisted on another (8 at right). She was selected to receive the Bucyrus International MVP Award for the women. Men's Gold Team goal keeper Matt Mikisell of Waukesha (far right during the shootout) earned the Men's Bucyrus International MVP Award.



MVP Anna Strehlow in setting up the second Gold Team score.

Top right: Men's All-Stars Kurt Knolle (Gold 6) of Muskego and Josh Parkinson (Blue 12) of Wisconsin Rapids-Lincoln fought for the ball during their game. The men's teams were tied 3-3 at the end of regulation play. The Blue Team won in a shootout. Each team took kicks from 12 yards out. The Blue Team scored 4 to 1 miss, the Gold Team scored 3 to 2 misses. Above right: MVP Mikisell tried to block the final Blue score. Above center: Cassandra Blatz, New Holstein (2), and Alissa Scalzo, Kenosha Bradford (3), fought to control the ball.



Above: Youth Soccer Campers (red shirts) worked on ball-handling skills with All-Star Soccer players on Friday, July 24. Below: Youth Soccer Campers (left) played with All-Stars (right) during drills supervised by Coach Hayden Knight (see cover). All-Star players worked well with the campers.

Youth Soccer Campers Marizia "Ronaldinina" Mendoza (right) and "Dangerous Dan" (left) (their chosen soccer names) were recognized as most determined and most skilled. Chosen as Soccer Camper of the Year was Miss Mendoza. Soccer Committee Chairman Tainter presented the awards.



The Flag was presented by members of the Knights Templars of Wisconsin. Grand Lodge officers and Masonic Soccer Committee members opened the Wisconsin High School All-Star Soccer Games on Saturday, July 25. The 18th annual soccer event was held at Marian University in Fond du Lac. Shown are Sir Knights Jim Myrhum, Bill Van Zile, Leroy Kifer, Richard Reilly and Michael Meyer. Grand Commander Leland Burlison (not shown) presided. The National Anthem was sung by Bro. Jim Campbell. Grand Lodge officers present were Bob Strader, District 12 Deputy; Dave Tainter, District 10 Deputy and Soccer Committee Chair; Pat Storrs, Grand Tiler and Soccer Committee Vice Chair; Dennis Siewert, Jr. Grand Warden; Joe Harker, Deputy Grand Master and Craig Campbell, Grand Master.

Masonic High School All-Star Games and Youth Soccer Camp "Hits the Bull's-eye"

By Bro. Dave Tainter, Chairman
Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Committee, and
Wm. Stonecipher, Editor

The Mason's of Wisconsin have every right to be very proud of their fraternity's All-Star Soccer Program. For 18 years now we have held the All-Star Soccer Camp and Games for the graduating high school soccer players from throughout the state of Wisconsin, always maintaining the level of quality that is expected for Wisconsin Masonry.

The Masonic Youth Soccer Camp for underprivileged middle school-aged children is the latest development in the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Program and it hit the mark with the All-Stars, their families, friends, and most importantly, with the youth campers themselves. The camp presented a wonderful opportunity for us to show them what Freemasonry is all about — Friendship without any consideration of race, brotherly love toward all people, charity in giving the kids a chance to get away from the everyday issues of life, and so much more.

We had seven middle school-aged youth attend our 2009 Masonic Youth Soccer Camp. This number might seem small, and it is. However, it is one huge first step. Expansion is planned for the 2010 Youth Soccer Camp. We will invite 14-16 youths between the ages of 11-13 to join us next summer.

We also have every reason to be proud of the young men and women who we have invited to be involved in the All-Star Soccer Games. They really stepped up and helped with the youth camp at every opportunity. The Masonic All-Stars are more than just great soccer players: they are great young adults.

The Masonic Soccer Committee has received a number of thank you notes from the families of the All-Stars. They all stated how much their children enjoyed being at the camp. Many also talked about how much fun they had working with the Youth Soccer Campers. Some even offered to contribute financially to the future of our Masonic Soccer Program.

In the past we have received contributions from Masons and their families that have kept us in the black financially. Please consider supporting the Masonic Soccer Program in the future by making a contribution to the Masonic Soccer Fund.

Do not hesitate to contact the chairman of the Masonic Soccer Committee, Brother David Tainter, District 10 Deputy, with any questions or requests for information about how you can contribute or be a

part of the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Program. You can also view our information at <www.Masonicsoccer.org>.

Wisconsin Freemasonry has hit a bull's-eye with the Youth Soccer Camp. It is as an ideal compliment to the highly regarded High School All-Star Soccer Games sponsored by the Masons of Wisconsin in conjunction with the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association.

Let's all enjoy our Youth Soccer Program, grow through it, and help others grow with us. Our youth soccer program truly is on-target to score another bull's-eye next year.

This year's volunteer officials were Tim Klueker of Manitowoc; Lucas Nett from Fond du Lac; and Josh Puls of Oshkosh. They worked hard to help keep the games safe.

Assisting our very own voice of the Wisconsin All-Star Soccer Games, Bro. Tom Dowman, along with his wife Dottie, was Greg Winkler, Soccer Committee representative for the Wisconsin High School Soccer Coaches Association.

Committee members not previously mentioned, without whom the games would not be possible, are: Mike Olsen, Secretary and player coordinator; Brian Leach, player coordinator; Rick Breitzmann, accounting; Nancy Stoms and Anthony Mestek, public relations; Bryce Ulmer, program book coordinator; Scott Bond, web site and concessions; Russ Staley and Emmett Reilly, Masonic player representatives; John Ziperski, Chris Martinelli and Greg Winkler, the soccer coaches association; and Hayden Knight, Masonic Youth Soccer Camp Coordinator.

See you at the games next year!



Soccer Chairman Dave Tainter with men's MVP recipient Matt Mikisell. Anna Strehlow received the women's MVP award. Both awards were sponsored by Bucyrus International, Bro. Tainter's employer.

Perspectives on Faith

By Reverend Don Liff, Grand Chaplain

Morality, a Key to Building Character

In our posting exam, the first question asked is, "Why does Freemasonry exist?"

The first of the three-part response tells us that we are to promote personal development through moral principles. In the Master Mason Degree, the charge that is given to a new brother admonishes him to live a life of moral integrity.

Our Trestleboard, the Holy Writings, is filled with examples of ordinary people who, when faced with challenging decisions, used moral principles as their guide. Their experiences serve to guide and direct our daily relationships with God and one another.

A recent article published in the La Crosse Tribune suggested that ethics and morality are at the heart of all religions. The Talmud says that when a person goes up to heaven and gives an accounting of himself, that the very first question the Almighty asks is whether he conducted his business affairs with integrity and honesty. When our personal decisions are guided by integrity, and we make every effort to stand tall in our dealings with others, our business ventures are "above board" and our moral example is evidenced.

The Ten Commandments, one of the first recorded sets of religious and moral rules, were delivered by Moses to the Hebrew people as guidelines for their daily interaction with God and each other. The Old Testament prophet Micah reminds us that the religious and moral guideline for life is to, "act justly, love mercy, and to walk with humility before God."

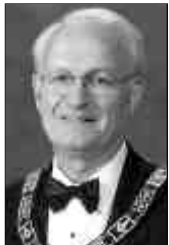
George Washington, a lifelong Mason, once said, "Happiness and moral duty are inseparably connected." As Masons, we are instructed to strive always to live lives that demonstrate knowledge of right and wrong.

A story is told of a boy who knocks on the door of a house and asks the housewife if she would like to buy some berries he has just picked. She is pleased to have the opportunity to purchase berries from the boy, but only needed one quart. Taking the box of berries from the boy, she starts for the kitchen. Realizing that he is not following her, she says, "Aren't you coming along? How do you know that I won't cheat you?" The boy wisely replies, "I am not worried. You would get the worst of it." His response puzzles the housewife, and she asks, "What do you mean that I would get the worst of it?" The boy replies, "Why, ma'am, I would lose only a few berries, but you would lose your integrity by making yourself a thief."

Morality guides our relationships with one another and shapes how we order our personal lives. As Masons we believe that all persons are of sacred worth. When the way we live our lives is based on honesty, compassion, forgiveness, and justice, we are demonstrating moral values.

The Grand Master's theme this year urges each of us to work on building character. Our Obligation as Masons directs us to live upright lives. We can set an example of morality by respecting our colleagues, our customers, and yes, even our competitors, knowing that our business practices are part of our spiritual practice of helping everyone with whom we come in contact.

Grand Chaplain Liff welcomes reader comments and suggestions. He may be reached by e-mail at <donliff@centurytel.net>.



Rev. Don Liff
Grand Chaplain



Hartford Lodge Raises Two

On Saturday, May 30, Hartford Lodge No. 120 raised two as Master Masons, the first of four raised this summer. Pictured with Hartford Worshipful Master Robert Schulz after the day of degrees were new Master Masons Nicholas Greif (left center) and Carl Hoy (center). What made the day extra special for newly raised Brother Carl was that his father, Gerald Hoy, and his brother, Eric Hoy, came from afar to be present for his raising. His father, Gerald, is a 50-year member of DeSmeet Lodge No. 55 A. F. & A. M. of South Dakota came all the way from Idaho, where he now resides. His brother Eric is Sr. Deacon in Friendship-Tuscan Lodge No. 145 A. F. & A. M. of Connecticut.

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125 N. 3 St. • 262-495-4887
Meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark January & February
- Park Falls**
Park Falls Lodge No. 300
521 N. 2nd Ave. • 715-762-4043
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August
- Pewaukee**
Pewaukee Lodge No. 246
126 Main St. • 262-367-4816 (WM)
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August
- Phillips**
Phillips Lodge No. 225
137 N. Lake Ave. • 715-339-3785
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August
- Platteville**
Melody Lodge No. 2
783 Enterprise Drive • 608-349-6021
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August
- Plymouth**
Cassia Lodge No. 167
441 Smith St. • 608-892-6336
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August
- Portage**
Fort Winnebago Lodge No. 33
111 W. Conant Street • 608-742-6468
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Meet 2nd Tues. July/Aug. Dark Jan/Feb
- Port Washington**
Ozaukee Lodge No. 17
504 W. Grand Ave. • 262-284-9978
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August
- Potosi**
Warren Lodge No. 4
112 S. Main St. • 608-763-2719 (Sec)
Meets 1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year
- Poynette**
Poynette Lodge No. 173
Poynette City Hall, 106 Main, 608-635-4503
(Sec) • Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August
- Prairie du Chien**
Prairie du Chien Lodge No. 8
105-1/2 E. Blackhawk Avenue
608-326-4640 (Sec) • Meet 1st & 3rd Wed.,
7:30 p.m. • Dark July & Aug.
- Prairie du Sac**
Sauk Prairie Lodge No. 113
580 Water St. • 608-544-2491 (WM)
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July, August & 1st Mon. in Sept.
- Prescott**
Northwestern Lodge No. 105
132 N. Court St. • 715-262-5478 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
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- Racine**
Racine-Belle City Lodge No. 18
1012 Main St. • 262-633-6658
Meets 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year
- Reedsburg**
Reedsburg Lodge No. 79
213 E. Main St. • 608-524-2625
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August
- Rhineland**
Rhineland Lodge No. 242
23 E. Davenport St. • 715-277-2692 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark January & February
- Rice Lake**
Blue Hills Lodge No. 234
225 W. South St. • 715-234-1888
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year
- Richland Center**
Richland Lodge No. 66
290 W. Union St. • 608-647-4487 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year
- River Falls**
River Falls Lodge No. 109
122 E. Walnut St. • 715-425-2333
Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Dark July & August
- Shawano**
Shawano Lodge No. 170
201-1/2 S. Main St. • 715-526-3920
Meets 1 & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark January & February
- Sheboygan**
Sheboygan Lodge No. 11
411 St. Clair Ave. • 920-457-3111
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m.
Meets All Year
- Shell Lake**
Shell Lake/Spooner Lodge No. 221
28 Doboy Drive • 715-468-2251 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year
- Shullsburg**
Amicitia Lodge No. 25
127-1/2 Water St. • 608-965-3414 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m.
Dark July & August
- South Milwaukee**
South Shore Lodge No. 3
1327 Marshall Ave • 414-294-9332 (Sec.)
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 pm
Dark July & August
- Sparta**
Valley Lodge No. 60
603 N. Court St. • 608-269-2616
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August
- Star Prairie**
North Star Lodge No. 187
Bridge St. • 715-248-3279
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July August
- Stevens Point**
Evergreen Lodge No. 93
2854 Church Street • 715-344-2447
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August
- Stoughton**
Kegonsa Lodge No. 73
125 S. 5th St. • 608-873-9204
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August
- Sturgeon Bay**
Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174
31 S. 3rd Ave. • 920-493-3727
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August
- Sun Prairie**
Sun Prairie Lodge No. 143
152 N. Bird St. • 608-825-3925
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August
- Superior**
Acacia-Itasca Lodge No. 329
3117 N. 21 St. • 715-392-4984
Meet 1st & 3rd Fridays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August
- Superior**
Superior Lodge No. 236
1503 Bellanap St. • 715-392-1398 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August
- Sussex**
Lincoln Lodge No. 183
N64 W23624 Main St. • 262-251-3840
Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August
- Tomah**
Tomah Lodge No. 132
520 E. Saratoga Street • 608-372-5507
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August
- Union Grove**
Union Grove Lodge No. 288
1021 - 11th Ave. • 262-878-9938
Meet 2nd Saturday, 8:30 a.m.
Meets All Year
- Viroqua**
La Belle Lodge No. 84
118-1/2 S. Main • 608-637-7581 • Meet 1st &
3rd Wed., 7:30 p.m.; Meet 1st Wed. July, August
& Dec. • Dark January & February
- Waterloo**
Waterloo Lodge No. 63
300 Hendricks Street • 920-478-2048 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year
- Waukesha**
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CHANGES...from page 1
 for editorial use, such as for News of the Lodges and special features of interest to lodges and Masons statewide. This presents quite a challenge. How do we continue to publish the volume of News of the Lodges submissions lodges have come to expect? What about submissions from our Masonic News Hawks? Well, we can't, at least not in the 12-page printed version of the Journal.

News of the Lodges "Online"
 What we can do, however, in recognition of the important role communication plays within the Fraternity, is publish pictures, captions, and stories that won't fit in the print version as part of our online Internet version which is presently available on the Grand Lodge website. We will be adding extra pages to the Internet version to accommodate the overflow. These pages may not be formatted in the same manner as pages in our print version but at least the pictures, captions and stories will be viewable, readable and printable. For those readers who are unfamiliar with how to access the online version of the Wisconsin Masonic Journal, it can be viewed at <www.wisc-freemasonry.org> under the Masonic Journal heading. Click on the month of publication (September 2009, for instance) and the edition will appear on your computer monitor just as it does in print. Viewing the online version requires the use of the Adobe Acrobat Reader program which is available as a free download. If desired, viewers can print a hard copy on their own printer.

Rendered in Greyscale Rather Than Color
 At least for the present, these pictures, captions and stories will appear in greyscale (BW) rather than color (RGB). This is because some submissions are of insufficient quality to reproduce in color but some may be published in color. Generally this decision will be made based on technical image quality considerations, and so pictures will most often appear in greyscale, and those of highest quality may appear in color, just as has been the practice for the print version. We will continue to make every effort to include the best of the News of the Lodges submissions in our print version.

- Summary of What's Online**
 Here is a menu of News of the Lodge submissions that will be viewable in the Wisconsin Masonic Journal online at <www.wisc-freemasonry.org>.
- Benjamin Franklin Lodge Raises Master Masons
 - Chetek Lodge Grand Master's Visit
 - Circus Parade Volunteer DGM Joe Harker
 - Collins-Spring Valley Master Mason Degree
 - Dousman Lodge Raise Two
 - Landmark Lodge 70-year Member
 - Geneva Lodge Benefit Participation
 - Glenn L. Humphrey Lodge 50-year Member
 - Hancock Lodge Fishing Contest Winners
 - La Crosse Lodge Host Ladies Event
 - La Crosse Lodge Steak Fry
 - Laffin-St. James Lodge 50-year Member
 - Neosho-Mayville-Horicon Oldest & Newest MMs
 - Neosho-Mayville-Horicon Lodge 150th
 - Neosho-Mayville-Horicon Lodge Outdoor Degrees
 - Oconomowoc Lodge 7th Annual Golf Outing
 - Richland Lodge Scholarship Fundraiser
 - Waupun Lodge Fishing Event
 - West Allis Lodge 2009 Officers
 - West Bend Lodge Master Mason Degree
 - Wilmot Lodge Fundraiser

Wisconsin Masonic Calendar
 To conserve space, we will most often be limiting entries for the Wisconsin Masonic Calendar on the back page to the current month. At the same time we will be more selective in the type of listings we publish and their length. We will use the balance of the back page for News of the Lodges or perhaps advertising. Lodges wishing to maximize the publication potential of the resources available are urged to forward their calendar requests to Grand Secretary Michael DeWolf for possible inclusion in the Events Calendar on the Grand Lodge web page.
 At least for now, this is the best compromise we can find for keeping the fraternal channels of communication our readers have come to expect open. We'll see how this goes.
 Readers without Internet access who are unable to view the WMJ online are urged to ask fellow lodge members who do, to print and post items of interest to their lodge in the lodge for all to see. Let us know your thoughts. *wmj*

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Friends and Family Festival

If you were unable to make our Friends and Family Festival, you missed a wonderful time. We could not have asked for more perfect weather. The food was delicious, entertainment was enjoyable and most of all, the friends and families had a great time. I have a few people I would like to thank publicly. The Delvoblay young men did a terrific job again with helping guests park their cars and catching the ride to the picnic area. Volunteers from Job's Daughters were here to play games with the younger children and the Rainbow Girls did face painting. They all mentioned they were ready to come back next year. Dousman Lodge #315 helped again with fishing in our pond and I heard they were so busy, they ran out of worms. Many thanks to the officers of Grand Lodge and OES Grand Chapter who helped to serve the meals, and I cannot forget the Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge #42 who manned the refreshments. Needless to say we could not have done this without the help of volunteers from these Masonic groups. THANK YOU, AGAIN.



Check out our pictures and you can see why we have had so many wonderful comments about our picnic. Mark Sunday, August 1, 2010 on your calendar and plan to join us next year.



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See you next year on Sunday, August 1, 2010

Waukesha County Fair



Pictured from left to right are: Adyle Whisen, Virginia Gallo way, George Fitzpatrick, Jane Tiryman, Ruth Paulsen, and Carol Whisen.

Six residents from Three Pillars Village on the Square entered items into the Cultural Arts Senior Division at the Waukesha County Fair and all received ribbons.

MASONWOODS



The price for admission to a Mason Woods resident Steak Fry was a non-transferable food item for the food pantry. Members of Mason Woods Lodge 366 provided the table and residents brought a dish to pass.

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OES Sister Installed As Supreme Royal Matron of Amaranth

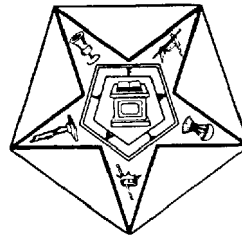


On July 1, 2009, Honored Lady Barbara Lee Overton was installed as Supreme Royal Matron of Supreme Council, Order of the Amaranth, Inc. in a ceremony performed in Atlanta, Georgia at the Amaranth's annual Supreme Assembly. Her counterpart is Sir Knight Dwight D. Cosgrove, Supreme Royal Patron. S.K. Dwight lives in Virginia.

Sister Barbara Lee is a member of Melody Chapter, Middleton. She is also a Former Appointed Grand Officer and served as a District Deputy for 10 years. She started the FAGO club at Sister Sonja Long's and Brother Ed Falk's Session.

A picnic reception was held on July 11, 2009, at the Fond du Lac Masonic Center in order for Wisconsin members and other friends who could not attend Supreme Council to honor Barbara Lee.

The Order of the Amaranth is a social, fraternal and charitable organization open to Master Masons and their female relatives. Since 1972, Amaranth's charitable project is the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation Trust. All funds, with no expenses deducted, are directed towards research grants that will aid in finding a cure for diabetes. A donation of \$641,900 plus was given to the American Diabetes Association Research Foundation in Atlanta during the informal Opening of Supreme Assembly. Pictured above are Supreme Royal Matron Barbara Lee Overton and Supreme Royal Patron Dwight D. Cosgrove after the Coronation Ceremony.



Order of Eastern Star

Message From The WGM & WGP



Bobbi Jo Oyen

Worthy Grand Matron of Wisconsin

Jim Sedall

Worthy Grand Patron of Wisconsin

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Wisconsin Grand Chapter,

The summer days are gone but the school days are ahead of us. We hope that all of you are getting your school supplies and getting ready to meet your teacher. Our District Deputies are ready and excited to come to each of your chapters to teach our work. These

should be fun night of learning.

If the district deputies are coming in to teach, this also means Grand Officer Visits are just around the corner. You will be receiving your information from the Grand Officer regarding the visit closer to your date. We do want these Grand Officer Visits to also be an evening to have some fun. We realize that we all do get nervous but, enjoy the evening of getting to know your grand officer. Good Luck and we know all we go fine.

We would like to thank all of the members that came out and supported us at one of our exemplifications. We really appreciated you taking the time and hope that you were able to take something away from the exemplification. We especially want to thank Ruth Chapter, LaCrosse, Acadia Chapter, Brookfield and River Falls Chapter, River Falls for opening their doors and welcoming us in for the day.

We would love to have join us on the bus to Tulsa. General Grand Chapter is just around the corner. Please contact Nick Schultz for more information on the trip.

Making Ripples,
Bobbi Jo and Jim

Dates For Grand Officer Parties Announced

Please mark your calendar for the following Grand Officer Parties to honor the Ripples of Joy Appointed Grand Officers:

October 10 - Maureen Wise, Jenna Gapinski and Deb Glessner will be honored.

October 11 - Carolyn Heatwole, Janet Dorsey and Judy Bishop will be honored.

November 15 - Michele Behlke and LaVeme Storkson will be honored.

January 30 - Jerry Bristol will be honored.

Places and times for each party will be announced at a later date.

Grand Officer Initiations

The grand officers will be exemplifying the initiatory work on October 17 at Shawano Chapter, Shawano and November 14 at Melody Chapter, Middleton. Each will start at 7:00 p.m.

If your chapter has a candidate(s), please contact Past Grand Matron Marty Swanson or Worthy Grand Matron Bobbi Jo Oyen.

Ellsworth Chapter Keep Up Tradition of Community Involvement



Ellsworth Eastern Star Chapter #116 Order of the Eastern Star is keeping up a long standing tradition of community involvement with the forming of the Singing Stars.

The Singing Stars were organized by Sister Noreen Falde to bring some music to sisters and brothers who could not make it to Chapter meetings. The group of volunteer singers even have their own T-shirts and perform around the area.

Their most recent visits included to Sister Audrey Hoesser, Emma Stafford, Dorothy Thompson, Ev Young and brother Richard Carpenter.

Singing Stars visit Audrey Hoesser

The Ellsworth Chapter Singing Stars are shown with Audrey Hoesser following a performance especially for the Star Sister. Left to right, front row is: Audrey Samuel, Audrey Hoesser, and Janet Amdt. Back row left to right is: Vi Wilhelm, Noreen Falde, John O'Keefe and Jim Hines. - Photo by Kris Webster, WM

WGM/WGP and Chapter Calendar

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

September 2009

- 2 - Starlite, Madison - Chapter Birthday Nite
- Mabel, Rhinelander - Honor Secretaries & Marshals
- 8 - Phoenix, Beloit - Re-Obligation Night
- Everett, Marshfield - Honor Past Matrons/Past Patrons
- Sou'Westers Area Club - Miriam, Platteville
- 11 - Triwaukee Club Kickoff - Ozaukee, Port Washington
- 12 - Southeast Area Club - Bristol, Bristol
- Melody, Middleton - Rummage Sale
- 13 - Three Pillars, Dousman - Grand Officer Luau with residents
- 15 - Ellsworth, Ellsworth - Official Visit
- 16 - Starlite, Madison - Grand Officer (7:00 PM.)
- Mabel, Rhinelander - District Deputy School and Honor Warders & Sentinels
- 17 - Melody, Middleton - Star Point Night
- 19 - Madison Area Tychopera Area Club - Lodi
- 21 - Ladysmith, Ladysmith - Official Visit
- 22 - Rainbow, Wisconsin Rapids - Community Night
- West Allis, West Allis - Proud of our Pasts, PM/PP Night, Dinner and Entertainment
- 24 - Western Stars - Rainbow, Wisconsin Rapids
- 24-25 - Ladysmith, Ladysmith - Garage & Bake Sale w/Open House and Food Drive, 9 A.M.- 4 P.M.
- 28 - Fidelity, Appleton - Grand Officer Visit

SISTERS & 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, 937 Euclid Ave, Beloit, WI 53511-6006. By e-mail at:

<stormkat@sbcglobal.net>

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.

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WEB News

There is a new format for the calendar on the web. All chapters can now enter their own meeting calendar and special events. A brief summary is below, but a tutorial is on the web site.

New Interactive Calendar feature:

- Click on "calendar" link on OES home page (wisconsinoes.org)
 - Click on "tutorial" link for new feature and read thoroughly.
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 - This pdf can then be linked to a calendar event.
- Please read the tutorial carefully and review the tutorial for all the fancier features and contact the webmaster for any questions or comments.

Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

September 2009

- 15 Shell Lake-Spooner Lodge No. 221 Friends Night GM
- 19 First "Taking Masonry to the People" public seminar, Knights of Columbus Hall, 535 Center St., Antigo, 10 a.m.
- 19 Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843 Quarterly Mtg., at Richland Lodge No. 66, Richland Center. Gather for coffee at 9:30 a.m., Lodge opens at 10 a.m. Open to all MMVs.
- 20 WALK to Help Children with Dyslexia - Milwaukee Yacht Club for a 5K Walk/Fun Run & Picnic. Walk begins at 1 p.m. \$15 for adults, \$5 for students. Picnic to follow at \$5 each. Registration information at 262-376-8868.
- 26 "Williams Lodge" training session at West Allis Lodge. Seminar from 9 a.m. - 12 noon.
- 27 Job's Daughters Grand Guardian and Associate Grand Guardian Reception, Racine Masonic Center.

October 2009

- 3 Second "Taking Masonry to the People" Seminar, 10 a.m., Quality Inn, 809 W. Clairemont Avenue in Eau Claire. GM
- 3 DeMolay Honors Day, West Bend Lodge 6 p.m. GM

- 10 Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Wisconsin 150th Anniversary, 2:30 p.m. at the N.E.W. Masonic Center, Green Bay. Full-form opening, address & program. Open to the public. Banquet to follow at Beja Shrine at 6 p.m. Reservations to the Anniversary Committee at (262) 965-2200 or by e-mail at <pinatofore@prodigy.net>.
 - 17 District 6 Fall Meeting, 9 a.m. in new Manawa Lodge No. 82. Guest speaker will be MWPGM John Wilke.
 - 23 Scottish Rite Valley of Madison Fall Reunion, Madison Masonic Center
 - 31 District 4 Fall Meeting, Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Center in Green Bay. Start time: 9:30 a.m. with breakfast offering from 8 to 9. Wrap-up no later than 3 p.m.
 - 31 Blood Drive, Southern Lakes Lodge, Delavan, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Events listed here are drawn from the Grand Lodge Web Site and reader requests. To have events listed on the Grand Lodge Web Site please e-mail the date and a brief description to Grand Secretary Michael DeWolf at <grandsecretary@wisc-freemasonry.org>. To have announcements of your events listed in The Wisconsin Masonic Journal, please send them to Editor William Stonecipher at <wnjeditt@sbcglobal.net>.

Mineral Point Lodge No. 1

Annual Picnic

Masons and their families from Mineral Point Lodge No. 1 enjoyed their annual picnic on July 19. Everyone gathered for a group picture to commemorate the wonderful day.

Submitted by
 Masonic News Hawk
 Bill Buckingham

Note: Please see more News of the Lodges on the Grand Lodge web page under the Masonic Journal tab. Four extra pages of pictures and stories are available for view there.



News of the Lodges

Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin



Steak Fry Celebrates Summer in LaCrosse

Bro. Todd Wohlert, Master of La Crosse Lodge No. 190, oversees the grill as local lodges help to celebrate the arrival of summer with their annual steak fry on Wednesday June 17 at the La Crosse Masonic Center. Local lodge members from Decorah (Galesville) No. 177, La Belle (Viroqua) No. 84, La Crosse No. 45, La Crosse No. 190, West Salem No. 125 and Onalaska No. 214 attended their stated meeting followed by a great meal and fellowship.

— Submitted by News Hawk Chris Petersen, Onalaska Lodge



Hancock Lodge Fishing Contest Winners

Shown accepting their awards at the 2009 Falde fishing contest were, left to right front row, Mary Bristol and Carrie Hamm. Back row, left to right, are John Kelly, Terry Falde, Don Wilcox and John O'Keefe.

— Photo by Milt Helmer

Big winners announced in Hancock Lodge fish contest

ELLSWORTH — The brethren of Hancock Lodge and their ladies assemble each year to celebrate Wisconsin's Free Fishing Day with a fishing contest held at Terry and Noreen Falde's cozy cabin on White Ash Lake, just north of Amery, Wisconsin.

This year's contest was held under cool weather and clouds threatening rain, but the weather did not dampen anyone's spirits. After a delicious dinner of Faldes trade marked "garbage can ham" and all the fixin's, the Masons and their spouses got down to fishing. Gary Waltz was the official judge for the contest and announced winners in several categories.

Taking first place for the largest panfish fish was Don Wilcox from Hammond. First place for largest panfish for the ladies went to Carrie Hamm of Chetek. The prize for the biggest fish caught went to John Kelly of Bay City for his northern pike.

The "incognito award" went to John O'Keefe of Ellsworth, who kept a low profile all during the contest. Everyone suspected he was an undercover warden. The coveted Hancock Lodge traveling trophy went to the lady who caught the prettiest fish. The prize, a beautiful lure hanging on a silver chain, went to Mary Bristol of Ellsworth. Mary had not fished for 40 years and it appears she has now caught the fishing bug.

Dolores Waltz of Maiden Rock presented Terry Falde with a special award as the host of the event — a pair of bright red Coca Cola boxer shorts. It seems the Faldes are big fans of all Coca Cola product memorabilia and the judges felt the award was appropriate.

The Faldes accepted donations to the lodge scholarship fund.



Endeavor Masonic Heritage Honored

On July 19, 2009, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master John W. Wilke conducted in a Dedication Ceremony for the new Civic Center building in the Village of Endeavor. Pictured with PGM Wilke is Endeavor Police Chief Dominic Ferraro and the village mascot. — Submitted by Bro. Scott Statz



La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190 Hosts the Ladies

Worshipful Master Todd Wolhert exhibited his culinary skills as the members of La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190 held their annual "Ladies Night" at the La Crosse Masonic Center recently. After a very tasty meal, Bruce Williams, a local radio personality noted for his extraordinary memory, entertained the ladies. Each lady received a lovely flowering plant as a memento of the evening. Shown in the picture left to right in the front row are: Joan Johnson, Charlotte Paar, Marge Bush, Carol Winters, Rita Kowalke, Phyllis Branson, and Marion Baker. In the second row are Mary Callaway, Jean Hiser, Ruth Keilly, Marie Beissel, Nancy Loper, Carol Copsey, Geri Brown, Carol Brown, Norma Denny, Deloris Britt, and Lorraine Café. In the back row are WM Todd Wolhert, PM Keith Williams and JW Bruce Klubertanz. — Submitted by Bro. Martin Callaway, La Crosse Masonic Lodge News Hawk

Jalal Hussein Raised as Master Mason in Ben Franklin Lodge

MADISON — Bro. Jalal Hussein was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 83 in Madison on June 4. The ceremony



was performed at the Madison Club in the Emulation Ritual, and used antique working tools in the degree. After the lodge meeting a Festive Board was held in Brother Jalal's honor. Congratulations to Brother Jalal for attaining further light in Masonry! Pictured are Paul Gordon, Master and Jalal Hussein (right).

Brother Mark Forster Raised in Ben Franklin Lodge

Brother Mark Forster was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on June 10, 2009, in Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 83 at Madison. The degree work was performed in the Emulation Ritual. After the lodge meeting a Festive Board was held in Brother Mark's honor with a terrific meal, toasts, cannon fire and discussion. Pictured above left to right are: Brothers Gary Oien, Greg Ellis, James Anderson, Paul Gordon, WM, Mark Forster, Josef Pronnet, Patrick Blawat, Scott Statz, Dan Slavik, Pat Stors, Phil Ferris, and Joseph Howell.



Grand Master John Wilke Visits Chetek Lodge on Bib Overalls Night

The most worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, Brother John W. Wilke visited Chetek Lodge 277 on May 14, 2009. As it was "Bib Overall Night," you can see that most everyone was dressed appropriately, including the Grand Master. Pictured left to right in the front row are: Adam Hodges, Andy Hodges, Alton Hodges, Curt Harrison, Garver Brown, Charles Harrison, Bill Rhiger, Burt Hamm, Gene Buffington, and Bob Ameson. In the second row are: Jim Meacham, Jim Dunham, Sean Harrison, Jim Esswein, Tom Tourville, Grand Master Wilke, Scott Paulson, Frank Strubel, Charles White, Harlan Dodge, and Dave Giese. In the third row are: Dave Bowman, Harold Fredrickson, Dick Mitchell, Jim Sells, Dave Nelson, Larry Kreeb, and Tomas Wittelsbach. In the fourth row are: Doug Lund, Dan Walters, Paul Jacobs, Bob Unbehaun, and John Heppner. — Submitted by Masonic News Hawk Chuck Harrison

Village of Endeavor's New Civic Center Dedicated by Masons in to Honor Village's Masonic Heritage

ENDEAVOR — "We honor our history by planning for our Future," said Endeavor Village President, Kevin Broody at the Masonic Dedication Ceremony held July 19.

The dedication, which was presided over by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master John W. Wilke, contributed to the Masonic heritage of Endeavor.

Village President Broody has qualities of someone you would expect from a Mason and he has instilled those qualities in his extremely successful efforts toward revitalization of the Village of Endeavor. Ironically, he is not a Mason, however, but the son of a Brother.

Broody and the Village have recently completed their new Civic Center with a Masonic Dedication presided over by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Wilke and Grand Lodge Officers. PGM Wilke's ceremony was greatly appreciated by the community and the corn, wine and oil will be interred with the time capsule set by the Village.

The Civic Center includes a library, village offices, meal site, meeting rooms, and the Police Department. Brother Dominic Ferraro, Commonwealth No. 325, is the Chief of Police at Endeavor and has also been instrumental in building this family friendly community.

The Endeavor Police Department website has a page that explains the symbolism behind the EPD Shield that was designed by Chief Ferraro at <http://www.endeavorpd.com/The-Patch.php>.

Endeavor Lodge merged with Fort Winnebago Lodge many years ago, however, several Brothers raised at Endeavor Lodge were present. Those in attendance were surprised to hear "so mote it be" from so many in the audience.

May the Lord, the giver of every good and perfect gift, bless the village of Endeavor, granting them an abundant supply of the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment and the oil of joy.

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Waupun Lodge Annual Fishing Outing

Waupun Lodge No. 48 again started the dark season with our annual fishing trip and picnic on Green Lake. The clouds opened and the sun brightly basked the fishermen. Fishing was good but the catching was slim. Special guest Past Grand Master Jim Olson, above left, was there for the catch. Special guest Bro. Joe Klein, above right, a double amputee, was the guest of honor at the Master's home for the traditional picnic.

—Submitted by Dick Peters, Master of Waupun No. 48



Geneva Lodge No. 44 Benefit Participation

Geneva Lodge No. 44 in Lake Geneva has donated a tabletop-sized replica of a Coney Island Carousel Steed valued at over \$500 to an auction to benefit SMILES, (Special Methods in Learning Equine Skills). SMILES has provided therapeutic horse riding for challenged children and adults for the past 25 years. All proceeds benefit SMILES and is to be held on Saturday, September 19 with doors opening at 4:30 p.m. and a reception starts at 6. The event takes place at The Grand Geneva, 7036 Grand Geneva Way in Lake Geneva in The Forum Convention Center. For more information, please go to www.horsingaroundtown.net.

—Submitted by Masonic News Hawk Dustin Jenks



Remembrance Luncheon at Landmark Lodge

Seven ladies and their families enjoyed a Remembrance Luncheon on Saturday, August 8 at Landmark Masonic Lodge in Frederic. Brother Arby Humphrey, Grand Orator, the guest speaker, spoke about how the ladies were the jewels of the Masonic Fraternity. Worshipful Master William Beetcher, Junior Grand Deacon, gave a touching memorial for each of the departed brothers and how each had touched our lives, just as their ladies have. Each lady was given an opportunity to give remarks about their husband or father and were presented a rose by the lodge brothers. Bro. Beetcher gave a presentation on the Masonic blue slipper, Ted Sandstrom, Senior Steward, read the poem, "The Masonic Blue Slipper" and the Master's lady, Pat Beetcher, and Luann Sandstrom presented each lady with a blue slipper pin. As no Masonic event is complete without a cup of coffee and desert, the afternoon ended with desert and enjoyable memories. Pictured in the back row are: Dave Randall, Treasurer; Arby Humphrey, Grand Orator; Neil Chapman, Secretary; Ted Sandstrom, Senior Steward; Greg Heine, Chaplain; and Bill Beetcher, WM. In the front row are: Maria Thompson, LaVema Peterson, Kathy Glunz, Arlene Growt, Velma Kending, and Violet Beckmark.



Dousman Lodge Raises Two

Brothers Roger Hacker (center left) and Michael Sobic (center right) were Raised at the May meeting of Dousman Lodge. Worshipful Master Terry Brown (right) conferred the degree on both candidates. At left is Henry Pynakker, PM. —Submitted by Dousman News Hawk Henry Pynakker



Dr. David Griffith Raised To Master Mason

The brothers of Collins-Spring Valley Lodge No. 192 raised a new Master Mason at their regular communication on Wednesday, May 20 in Baldwin. Pictured left to right are Bros. Scott Paulson, Area Administrator, of Hudson, Doug Henry, Worshipful Master of Collins-Spring Valley Lodge, Dr. David Griffith of Woodville, newly raised Master Mason, Dan Walters, Area Administrator from Eau Claire, James Karlson of Baldwin, who delivered the third section lecture and Bible address, and William Beetcher, Senior Grand Steward from Siren, Wisconsin. Also participating, but not pictured was Bro. John Larson of Baldwin, who served as Master during the second section. Dr. Griffith works at the Hudson office of Spinal Aid Centers of America.

—Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer



Outdoor Master Mason Degree Raises Two for Neosho-Mayville-Horicon Lodge

Neosho-Mayville-Horicon Lodge No. 108 conferred the Sublime Degree of Master Mason to Trevor Millikin and Wayne Uttke on Saturday, June 27, 2009, at Bro. Ernie Borchardt, Senior's residence in the Town of Ashippun. The proceedings went smoothly and Brother Ernie was a gracious host. The day was beautiful and the sidelines were full. Bros. Adolph Meinhardt of Aurora Lodge, Harold Johnston of Dodge County Lodge, Omar Youssef of West Bend Lodge, and Scott Millikin of Oconomowoc Lodge were among the attendees. Pictured in the photo above left for new Master Mason, Wayne Uttke, and Worshipful Master, Ernie Borchardt, Jr. Pictured above right is new Master Mason Trevor Millikin, and his father, Bro. Jeff Millikin, a former Area Administrator.

—Submitted by News Hawk John Christenson



70 Years & Going Strong for Bro. Ray Berklund

During the Frederic Masonic Lodge Friends Evening on July 11, 2009, M.W. Bro. Keith Chamberlain, PGM, had the privilege of presenting Bro. Ray Berklund, PM, with his 70-year pin and Grand Lodge certificate. Bro. Chamberlain stated that Bro. Berklund is well known for the service he has done for the community as well as the Masonic Fraternity. Lodge Master William Beetcher presented Bro. Berklund with a 70 year certificate signed by the lodge officers and stated that his 70 years of dedication and support has made a strong Masonic foundation for all brothers to follow. Bro. Berklund served as Master in 1959, 1974 through 1976 and Chaplain for many years. Pictured are Bro. Berklund receiving a special gavel and certificates for his years of service from Keith Chamberlain, PGM.

"Freemasonry is every church's best friend."

—Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin Craig S. Campbell



West Bend Raises Bro. Taha Youssef as Master Mason – Brother of Jr. Warden Omar Youssef

On Thursday, June 11, West Bend Lodge No. 138 Junior Warden Omar Youssef (right) had the pleasure of seeing his younger brother Taha (center) raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Worshipful Master Tom Wagner (right) presided. Brother Taha, whose name is the phonetic pronunciation in Arabic of the title of the 20th Surah of the Qur'an, the holy book of Islam. Bro. Youssef is studying Industrial Engineering at UW-Milwaukee.

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Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge Holds 7th Annual Golf Outing

On Monday, July 20, Oconomowoc Hartland Lodge No. 42 celebrated the 7th Annual Lake Country Masonic Golf Outing. The weather was sunny and warm and brought out over 114 Golfers. 140 people attended the evening banquet and auction dinner at the exclusive Legend at Brandybrook Golf Club in Wales, Wisconsin. The event raised money for the Lodge's "Pay it Forward" campaign. The golf event was an 18 hole scramble with hole prizes including a chance to win a new Ford Mustang and a chance to putt for \$5000 in cash. Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge has been an active pillar in the community since 1853 through charitable acts and developing good men of character. Special guests included Most Worshipful Grand Master Craig Campbell, and Deputy Worshipful Grand Master Joe Harker. Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker attended the dinner and was joined by Taylor Klaustermeier, Miss Southern Wisconsin. Event Gold Sponsors were Best Block, Baker Tilly Accounting, and Ewald Automotive Group. Silver Sponsor included The Next Bar. The event will be hosted again at the Legends on Monday July 19, 2010. Interested parties should contact co-chairs Tom Ewald, Jack Holtz, or Michael Radichel or visit www.lakecountrymasonicgolfouting.com.

– Submitted by News Hawk Jack Holtz



Raise The Roof Ride Fundraiser

Wilmot Lodge held their second annual "Raise The Roof Ride," a fundraiser for the lodge. It was a great day of fun and fraternal friendship featuring music, festivities, delicious food and raffles. Many of our bike riding Masonic Brothers from both Wisconsin and Illinois attended and it was a very successful and fun event. Pictured from left to right are: John P. Marra, District 11 Deputy; Worshipful Master and Area Administrator 11-1 Wayne Budwick of Unity Lodge No. 367; Worshipful Master Craig Wepprecht of Kenosha Lodge No. 47, and Worshipful Master Asa Worcester of Wilmot Lodge No. 241.

– Submitted by District 11 Deputy John P. Marra



Fundraising for Scholarships

Richland Lodge No. 66 recently held a two-day brat sale as a fundraiser for scholarships. Annually Richland Lodge awards at least two scholarships to high school graduates to help them with their tuition expenses. Pictured left to right are Lodge No. 66 members Larry Hallett, Master Brent Clausius, and Fuzz Spangler working their shift at the Brat Barn.

– Submitted by Bro. Brent Clausius, Richland Lodge Master



Deputy Grand Master Harker Volunteers for Great Circus Parade

Service to the community comes in many ways, and Sunday, July 12, found Deputy Grand Master Joe Harker, volunteering behind the scenes for "The Great Circus Parade." Prior to the parade Joe was assisting hitching the six beautiful Belgian horses of Schafer Belgian Farms to the "America" wagon. This spirit of quiet volunteerism exemplifies Masonry. There are many ways to give quietly back to the communities we live in, DGM Harker who recently retired from Rockwell International found an unusual one. Joe, and hundreds of other volunteers made it possible for hundreds of thousands of people to enjoy the "Miles of Smiles" Great Circus Parade, in person and broadcast nationally. The Great Circus Parade of 2009 had over 50 horse-drawn circus wagons and is the third largest parade in the country, behind Macy's and the Rose Bowl parades. Thank you Joe for contributing to the "Miles of Smiles!" Joe is pictured here carrying the horse reigns, which he then fed through their collars to the driver.

– Photo's by Bro. Bill DeLind



West Allis Lodge Officers for 2009

2009 officers for West Allis No. 291 are pictured above in the front row, left to right: Clarence Kienapple, Tiler; Patrick Phinney, PM, Treasurer; Todd Krohn, Senior Warden; William Krohn, Worshipful Master; William VanZile, PM, Secretary; Richard Blaha, Chaplain; and Dennis Miles, PM, Trustee. In the back row are: Michael Cornell, Junior Steward; Jason Schutta, Junior Deacon; Paul Twardy Sr., PM, Senior Deacon; Richard Policka, Senior Steward; and Leland Schams III, PM, Counselor.

– Submitted by Bro. William Krohn, West Allis Lodge News Hawk



Newest & Most Senior MMs at Neosho Lodge

Neosho-Mayville-Horicon Lodge No. 108 Raised Brother Mark Cameron (left) to the sublime degree of Master Mason at the June 2, 2009 meeting. Pictured with the newest Master Mason is the most senior member of 57 years, Past Master Bob Campbell.

– Submitted by News Hawk John Christenson



50-year Presentation to Brother Brown at Glenn L. Humphrey Lodge

On Tuesday 14 July, at Glenn L. Humphrey Lodge No. 364, Warren G. Brown received his 50-year award and pin. Pictured are W.M. Art Michelz, Warren G. Brown, and his son, Terry Brown, WM of Dousman Lodge No. 315, who had the honor of presenting the award to his father.

East Troy Mason Joe Key Receives 50-year Award

Joseph H. Key of East Troy was presented Sunday with an award recognizing his fifty years as a Freemason. Key became a Mason April 14, 1959, joining St. James Lodge No. 41 in East Troy, which merged in 2001 with Laffin Lodge No. 247, Mukwonago, to become Laffin-St. James Lodge No. 247. Richard B. Stevens, Worshipful Master, made the presentation at the Lodge's annual All-Masonic picnic to which members and friends were invited. Key said that he has had many positive experiences as a result of his having been a Mason. He was Worshipful Master of St. James Lodge in 1980.

– Submitted by Masonic News Hawk Jim Truesdell



Bro. Joe Key



Neosho Lodge No. 108 Observes 150th

On June 13, 2009, Neosho-Mayville-Horicon Lodge No. 108 celebrated its 150th Anniversary in ceremonies at Woodlawn Park in Neosho. Bro. Steve Schamell catered the event. It was a beautiful 80 degree day at the park near the Neosho Pond. A good time was had by all. Grand Master Craig Campbell with other Grand Lodge officers and Neosho Jr. Warden, John Christenson, Worshipful Master, Ernie Borchardt Jr., and Sr. Warden Jim Lumsden participated in a rededication ceremony.

A Brief History of Neosho Lodge No. 108 F. & A. M.

By Bro. Bob Campbell
Neosho Lodge Past Master and Lodge Historian

As our worthy Brother Mark Twain said in his autobiography, "A historian who would convey the truth has got to lie. Often he must enlarge the truth by diameters; otherwise his listeners would lose interest."

Let me assure you, when talking about Neosho Lodge No. 108, I have faithfully related that history. - Bro. Bob Campbell, June 13, 2009

In 1844 settlement began in this area of Wisconsin, and in the following 15 years this corner of the world changed from being a wilderness with no roads or houses, to a community, though sparsely settled was growing and thriving. The settlers came and cleared land grew crops, built dams and raised families. In 15 years we find a community with two churches, a store, a harness maker, a flour mill and several other businesses.

Many of these settlers came with a background in the Masonic Fraternity and felt the need to organize a lodge. After several years of meeting together as Brothers and practicing those valuable tenets of Friendship, Morality and Brotherly love, this band of brothers became a chartered lodge with the Grand lodge of Masons in Wisconsin.

Neosho Lodge received its charter on the 14th day of June, 1859, exactly 150 years ago tomorrow, from The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. At that time the Grand lodge officers were:

Most worshipful Grand Master Luther M. Tracy
Right worshipful Grand Senior Warden L. M Stong
Right Worshipful Grand Jr. Warden Algernons Wood
Grand Secretary was John W Hunt

When we examine the charter members of Neosho Lodge No. 108, the names of the men suggest English, Scott, and Yankee descent.

The Charter Officers of Neosho Lodge were: Worshipful Master David D Davis, Senior Warden Nathan S. Conklin, Junior Warden Samuel Hays, Treasure D.W. Jones, Secretary Joseph Armitage, Senior Deacon C. A. Hawn, Junior Deacon, Joseph Person Jr., Stewards M. L. Sayles and Frederick Markworth, and Tiler, I.S. Hopkins. Other charter members who were Master Masons were: John C. Davis, Fredrick A. Davis and John Rumrill.

There were 13 Master Masons in all; 1 Fellowcraft, J.S. Hopkins; 4 Entered Apprentices: John P. Barney, W.W. Whitney, Silas Whittock, and Freeman Leonard, making a total of 21.

Hartford Lodge "Borrows" Neosho Entered Apprentice

I found this in the Hartford Lodge No. 120 centennial book, and I quote: "At our very first meeting (this would have been sometime in 1860) there was one visitor Bro. W. W. Whitney, an Entered Apprentice from Neosho. Members of the Hartford Lodge having a keen eye for good men admitted to having borrowed or stolen Bro. Whitney, who later became Secretary of Hartford Lodge. Thus at our first meeting began a warm, cordial, and intimate relationship that has always existed between

Hartford and Neosho Lodge."

By 1862, at the onset of the Civil War, the membership had grown to 28 Master Masons, 2 Fellowcrafts and 10 Entered Apprentices, making now a total of 40 brothers involved in the workings of the lodge.

The Civil War took its toll on Neosho lodge as at least 8 brothers answered the call of their country and served in various theaters of the great conflict. Of those 8 only 2 survived: they were Horace Day and Joseph Amatage, our charter Secretary. Lt. Sam Hays, our charter Jr. Warden, died of wounds suffered at the Battle of Parker's Crossroad; Sylvester Kern died as a prisoner of war in Texas; Bro. Samuel Hawkins died while serving on August 22, 1864. Lt. Henry Wood died while serving, as did Morris Green. Dan Ford and Jerome Hawn were G.A.R. veterans who joined the lodge after the war. Over the years many of our members have served in the military and we are very proud of them all.

After the war the lodge flourished, demonstrated by the fact that by 1899 membership had grown from the original 13 to 45 Master Masons in good standing.

The lodge had met for 40 years in a room above Brother Dennison Baker's Store on the SE corner of Highway 67 and highway NN in downtown Neosho.

On the night of October 29, 1899, Baker's Store burned to the ground. The fire taking with it the lodge rooms and most of the records of the lodge. All that remained were charred and twisted emblems of the officers' stations.

The lodge then met in the Good Templar Hall while arranging to replace their own building. The location of the Good Templar Hall at that time is unknown.

With financial aid from many of the lodges in the surrounding area and throughout Wisconsin the needy brothers of Neosho were able to purchase the site where Baker's store once stood and move the Good Templar hall, which was built in 1882, to its present location (the Good Templar organization faded away after the Civil War). It was reconstructed with brick veneer, with the lodge rooms above and a store below. It was dedicated on October 29, 1901, exactly 2 years to the day after the fire had destroyed the old lodge rooms. Officers at the time were W.M., Dr. Jesse A Clason; SW, J.W. Davis; and JW, Alex Darwood.

About this time a Master's Carpet was installed wall to wall in the lodge room. Made in Turkey before the turn of the century, it was woven with black and red wool. Woven into the carpet were signs and symbols of the Masonic tradition. The carpet was badly worn and was replaced when it was almost 100 years old. A preserved example can be seen in the Lodge room or at the Neosho museum.

In 1905 the Neosho State Bank replaced Brother Denison Baker's store on the first floor of the lodge building. Brother D.B. Green was the bank president, Bro. J.K. Douglass, cashier, and Bro. J.W. Martin, director. They were all members of Neosho Lodge, as well as were several of the stockholders.

Neosho Bank operated on this site for 71 years until they moved into their new building in 1989. The area on the first floor is now occupied by Brother Ollie Alberson's Archery Store.

Neosho's Very Own Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, Brother David Benjamin Green

Let us now turn our attention back to Brother Ben Green. David Benjamin Green was born in the town of Rubicon on Dec. 25, 1862. In 1886 when he was 24 years of age he petitioned Neosho Lodge. His place of residence was listed as Neosho, Wisconsin and his occupation was described as traveling salesman. Brother Green was initiated an Entered Apprentice Feb. 2, 1886, Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on April 17, and then raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 31, 1886. He was elected and served as Worshipful Master of Neosho Lodge 8 times, he also served as Secretary.

He eventually built a store across the street from the lodge, and when the building was completed he placed a representation of two brazen pillars, one on the left hand and the other on the right, at the front door of his store. The store and the pillars are still there for all to see.

In 1912, Bro. D. B. Green was elected Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin. Our records show nothing of his term as Grand Master, of his accomplishments, or his disappointments. We do know, however, that in his term Brother William Van Brunt, the Horicon farm machinery manufacturer, had in his great act of Masonic charity offered his farm of 800 acres near Dousman to the Wisconsin Consistory. The property was finally turned over to Grand Lodge in 1913. We can be assured that Grand Master Green was involved in the discussions and decisions that lead up to this great event.

Brother Green was grand lecturer from 1915 to 1924. You can imagine the type of work put forth in Neosho Lodge having their very own resident Grand Lecturer. Rumor has it that he was a stickler for the word perfect.

Brother Green was always active and supportive in his home lodge, Neosho — always in attendance, taking part in the work, and conducting burial services for departed brothers.

These words were in his obituary: "He was a good active, loyal and upright Mason up to the day he was summoned to that lodge eternal in the heavens." He died June 15, 1929, at the age of 67 years. He was buried with Masonic honors by the Grand Lodge of Masons in Wisconsin.

David Benjamin Green has been a roll model for all the Brothers of Neosho Lodge.

Lutefisk, Raccoon and Snapping Turtle

Neosho Lodge No. 108 was strong and active through the 20th Century. Scanning the Secretary books show from time to time aid to distressed brothers, their widows and orphans.

- Dues in 1901 were \$1.50.
- Dec. 5, 1905 - Meeting minutes show that an oyster supper was held in the M.E. church parlors.
- October 1908 - An order drawn on the treasure for lunch. (I think this is an indication that the members of lodge No. 108 like the fellow ship of breaking bread together. Over the years they have dined not only on oysters but venison, rabbit, snapping turtle, wild duck, raccoon, muskrat and even Lutefisk to mention only a few of the exotic cuisines.)
- December 1911 - At an open installation all members were presented with a lambskin apron.
- 1929 - Brother Sidney Randall died while serving in his 2nd term as Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 108
- 1935 - The lodge rooms were remodeled.
- May 5, 1941 - Fire did some damage to the lodge rooms
- May 1946 - Rent to the bank was raised to \$25.
- October 1946 - dues were raised from \$4.00 to \$5.00
- December 2, 1949 - Bro. James Campbell conducted a Masonic burial service for Bro. Herb Petch. Bro. Campbell would conduct more than 62 more burial services until 1975 when he himself journeyed to that "undiscovered country from whose boum no traveler returns."
- October 1959 - Neosho Lodge celebrated its Centennial. There were 10 Grand Lodge officers in attendance, with a dinner in the Neosho public school gymnasium. Two-hundred Masons, their wives and friends were present. I quote from the Masonic Tidings: "It was said that the festive board groaned with roast turkey mountains of fluffy mashed potatoes and turkey dressing to the taste of the most critical gourmet. There was hardly room for apple pie a la mode which was served with steaming cups of fine coffee." Officers at that time were Bob Christianson, Worshipful Master; Ernest Borchardt, Sr. Warden; and Oscar Voss, Jr. Warden.

• June 1963 - At a communication of Neosho Lodge it was agreed upon to change the configuration of the lodge room. The west became the east, and the kitchen was moved from the west to the east end of the building, an indoor stairway was constructed and we now have access to the restroom on the first floor. All this was done for \$900.99 and the labor of the members. Prior to this remodeling, access to the lodge was only by the outside stairway, a fire escape and the toilet facilities were, well, outdoors

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Neosho Lodge Welcomes the Brethren of Horicon lodge No. 40 and Mayville Lodge No. 62

Horicon lodge No. 40 and Mayville Lodge No. 62, down on their active membership to the point of not being able to fill the chairs with officers, merged with Neosho on Jan. 10, 1977, and on Feb. 27, 1997, respectively, giving up their charters: Neosho Lodge took them under their wing. It was heartbreaking to see these good old historic Lodges disappear. When these two lodges joined us we gained 26 active members, 9 have since passed away and 5 resigned. Nine are still active with us.

At the time of the merger Neosho Lodge had 35 active members. As of this day there are 53 active members, 2 Entered Apprentices and 1 candidate in waiting.

Neosho Lodge is still making history, continuing to aid distressed Brothers, their Widows and Orphans

- Sept 6, 1997 - Neosho Lodge donated the flagpole in the Veterans Park down by the millpond in Neosho.

Onward Into the 21st Century

Neosho Lodge has given scholarships to 36 high school seniors in Hartford, Oconomowoc, Hustisford, Mayville and Horicon schools.

Neosho Lodge has helped place 7 AEDs in local schools, churches, and fire and rescue organizations

Neosho lodge holds brat fries several times a year as their main fundraiser.

Neosho Lodge is alive, well, and more active than ever. This Band of Brothers continues to practice those valuable tenets of Masonry, Friendship, and Morality — and Brotherly Love.