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Gold team goal keeper Jessica Ori (gloved hands on ball), Kenosha Tremper High School, made a crucial save during the girl's Mason-sponsored High School All-Star Soccer Game at Carthage College's Art Keller Field last July. This year's games take place there on Saturday, July 28. —File Photo

Soccer all-stars take the field July 28:

Carthage College is Site of 16th Masonic All-Star Event

By Wm. Stonecipher, Editor
Wisconsin Masonic Journal

KENOSHA – The 16th annual Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation-sponsored High School All-Stars Soccer Camp & Games will take place July 26-28 at Carthage College in Kenosha. Co-sponsor of the event is the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association.

With the motto, "Our Goals Are For Charity," the Masonic All-Star Soccer Games enters its 16th year known by the soccer community as "Wisconsin's Best Soccer Games."

2007 All-Star Schedule

The soccer camp and games will be held for the second year on the campus of Kenosha's Carthage College. Soccer all-stars will stay in campus dorms, with food service, recreational and practice facilities located within easy walking distance of one another on-campus. The camp and game schedule is as follows:

July 26, Thursday

12 Noon – Arrival, Check In, Room Assignments, Tarble Center, Parking Lot Level

1 p.m. Photos in Uniforms for Players, Coaches, Staff. Team Meetings with Coaches follow.

3 p.m. Team Building, Tarble Center Lower Level

4 p.m. Who are the Masons & What do they Do? Keller Field

5:30 p.m. – Cookout hosted by Kenosha Masons from Kenosha, Sunrise and Unity Lodges.

7 p.m. Professional Soccer Clinic Milwaukee Wave, Keller Field

July 27, Friday

8 a.m. Practice with Coaches

11 a.m. Learning about Shriner's Hospital for Children, Hedburg Library – Lower Level

1:30 p.m. Practice with Coaches

4:30 p.m. Scrimmage Game

6 p.m. Pizza Party Meal

July 28, All-Star Game Day

8 a.m. Awards and Recognition Brunch, Jockey Club A & B, Wehr Building

10:45 a.m. Opening Ceremonies Keller Field Stadium

11 a.m. Kick Off – Ladies Game

1 p.m. Kick Off – Mens Game

All-Star Soccer Background
The first Wisconsin Masonic All-Star High School Soccer Games

were held at West Bend High School's Carl Pick Field on August 1, 1992. The games have since been held in West Bend, Franklin, Neenah, Madison, Glendale and now Kenosha.

"In future, perhaps next year or the year after, we'll be looking for another location for the games because this is a statewide event," said Nancy Storrs, the present Soccer Foundation Chair, in a recent interview with the editor. "Maybe La Crosse, Eau Claire or Green Bay—where there is a strong Masonic presence in the area."

She also pointed out that the all-star soccer games today remain true to the original concept of the event's founders.

As Nancy explained, "The games continue to provide a social outlet for Masons and their families; an opportunity to do something positive in the community; to help define the Fraternity in easy to understand terms and feel proud about what it is doing for others; to increase public awareness of the Fraternity; and to sponsor a statewide activity with a charitable motivation—one that all Masonic organizations could rally around and of which they could be proud, and I think we're doing that."

As an example of the latter, she mentioned the excellent coverage the soccer games received in the daily Kenosha newspaper before and during the games.

Youth Recognition Events By Lodges Still Vital

One thing that soccer foundation chair Storrs wanted to emphasize was the continuing importance of youth recognition events to individual lodges.

"Such recognition events by lodges offers a perfect opportunity to recognize the soccer all-stars from their area, along with their families, at a lodge event. This helps the soccer players and their families put a face on the Masonic Fraternity."

This goes hand-in-hand with one of the core concepts underlying the all-star soccer game effort — to create public awareness, understanding and appreciation of the Masonic Fraternity in the minds of the public.

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Five of 13 Proposed Resolutions Adopted at 163rd Annual GL Communication

By Michael A. DeWolf,
P.G.M. Grand Secretary

The 163rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin was held at the Madison Masonic Center, 301 Wisconsin Avenue in Madison, on June 1-2, 2007. The Representatives Banquet and the Installation of Grand Lodge officers were also held at the Madison Masonic Center. One hundred seventy five (175) of 189 constituent lodges were represented and one lodge was excused.

All Grand Lodge Officers were in attendance except for Grand Tiler James Wetzel and District 11 Deputy James Jante. All Past Grand Masters were in attendance except Jack Allord, Robert Billings, Richard Black, Keith Chamberlain, Bruce Christianson, Beecher Daniels, Stanley Jagow, Donald Krueger, Roger Magoon, Perry Risberg, and James Zimmermann.

Grand Master Rodney A. Paulsen opened and presided over the entire communication, including the banquets. The following officers were elected, appointed and installed.

Elected were J. B. Van Hollen, Grand Master; Dr. John W. Wilke, Deputy Grand Master; Craig S. Campbell, Senior Grand Warden; Joseph B. Harker, Junior Grand Warden; Richard A. Vande Sande, Grand Treasurer; Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, Grand Secretary.

Appointed were David R. Ritchie, Grand Chaplain; Ronald H. Glauert, Grand Lecturer; Davey L. White, Jr., Senior Grand Deacon; Dennis V. Siewert, Junior Grand Deacon; Daniel L. Slavik, Senior Grand Steward; William Beetcher, Junior Grand Steward; J. Patrick Storrs, Grand Marshal; Robert C. Strader, Grand Orator; John C. Met-

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The Grand Master's Message:

By Brother J. B. Van Hollen
Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin

CORE VALUES

Greetings everyone! As the new Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin it will be an honor to address you in this and the next ten issues of this magnificent publication.

As I am also the recently elected Attorney General for the State of Wisconsin, many have asked, and I'm sure many more wonder, how I will manage these two demanding positions at the same time?

This is a fair question, and based upon the reactions I received to my comments at Annual Communication, I believe I have a fair answer.

My glib answer has been that compared to the 120 hours per week I spent for 22 months on the campaign, fulfilling my obligations to these two jobs will be a cake walk.

More sincerely, I hope to be a different kind of leader as Grand Master than many others (who) may have preceded me. We have had many great Grand Masters in this state's history, so to do things like them and compare myself to them would perhaps set this year up to be a disappointing one.

Junior Past Grand Master Rod Paulsen, for instance, traveled considerably and was a source of inspiration to all of us. I could not hope to compete with that example he set. Thank you Brother Rod! I will certainly not travel as much as others have in the past. I hope this reduction of ceremony in Masonry, based on offices held and other such things, will put more emphasis on what I have been hoping to do all along. We need to simplify things and get back to basics, our CORE VALUES.

We have, perhaps, rested on our laurels for too long in this craft. We have relied on our great lessons and our great history to sell themselves and be self-perpetuating. We have spent much time, shown up at endless gatherings in all our regalia, accepted congratulations and reminisced about Brothers Washington, Franklin and others as if they just passed on yesterday. We have perhaps focused too much on quantity over quality and tried to build the numbers of our members by saying, "Who wouldn't want to be a member of an organization that can, more than any other, take credit for the formation of this great nation?"

"If you build it they will come." This line from the "Field of Dreams" film is certainly a familiar slogan for even casual movie goers. In that movie, Shoeless Joe Jackson and the rest of the Black Sox certainly could have come back to play a few games in any number of venerable old ball parks, the places of legends, the places that made baseball great. They didn't. They wanted to connect the great history of baseball with something new, to connect the great history of baseball with a more recent era. Baseball wasn't just great then but remains so today, for all the same reasons. While we don't want to forget Ty Cobb, we also must celebrate Cal Ripkin, Jr., and what he more recently brought to the same old game.

We too, in Masonry, should not forget about the great lessons and history of our craft. We should not rely solely on those things to maintain or restore our greatness as an organization. It has been said that we are now

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J. B. Van Hollen,
Grand Master of
Masons in Wisconsin



Top LEA Award Winners

The top-scoring three lodges in the first year of the Lodge Excellence Award received their plaques from Grand Master Rodney Paulsen Friday, June 1, during the 163rd Grand Lodge Annual Communication. Winner of the Gold Award, a scholarship of \$500, was Island City Lodge No. 330, Minocqua, Worshipful Master Al Jurgens (left) accepting; winner of the Silver Award, a \$300 scholarship, was Waukesha Lodge No. 37, Waukesha, Worshipful Master John Krinke (center) accepting; achieving the Bronze Award, a scholarship of \$200, was Tomah Lodge No. 132, Tomah, Worshipful Master Chaz Calhoun (right) accepting. Grand Master Paulsen (second from right) initiated the LEA this year as a replacement for the Grand Master's Achievement Award. Other lodges awarded LEAs are listed on page 7.

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drinking from wells that we did not dig and eating the fruit of trees that we did not plant. We are living on the greatness of Freemasonry created by others and just trying to coast. When you coast, you slow down, and eventually stop. Let's dig some of our own wells, plant some of our own trees and create some of our own greatness.

IF WE LIVE IT THEY WILL COME!

Let's take those venerable lessons from time immemorial and live them in today's world, celebrating the Fraternity today and the great and famous Freemasons of today.

Let's make masonry appealing and attractive to the men of today who are so inundated with things to do that they will only join if we show them that we have something meaningful to offer them. History proves that we do, we have to show it to them in today's terms.

It is time to spend less effort trying to increase numbers of members and more time and effort making Masons. In my case, going to church did not make me a Christian, and even becoming a member of my church did not make me a Christian. My faith in God made me a Christian and it started to be evident in my thoughts, words and deeds. Similarly, joining the Masons does not make you a Mason, and going to lodge does not make you a Mason. True Masons are evident by their thoughts, words and deeds.

Over the course of this year, I plan to use this column to discuss the important characteristics of a Mason straight out of our time-honored Masonic degrees, so we can perhaps do as Benjamin Franklin did and spend a month focusing on each concept in an effort to make it a more integral part of our lives. I am not pretending to know any more about these subjects than many of you do. Nor do I assume I am a better man or Mason than any of you. I only offer you my thoughts and my conclusions, through my experience and study, to make us all think and perhaps try a little harder, to be a little better. If we do, we will live it and they will come.

God bless,
J.B.



Happy 150th Anniversary to Five Badger State Lodges

No less than five lodges are celebrating their 150th year in Masonry in 2007. Grand Master Paulsen posed with representatives from the lodges following the presentation of their certificates. Pictured from left to right: representing Independence Lodge, West Allis, were David Frey, WM, Earl Swartwoudt, PM, and Bob Tumi, Secretary. Representing LaBelle Lodge, Viroqua, were Junior Warden Sean Young; Worshipful Master Ernest Kramer, and Brother Byron Lawrence. Representing Reedsburg Lodge, Reedsburg, was Robert Ott, Worshipful Master. Accepting for Des Peres Lodge, DePere was Sr. Warden Scott Heintz. Representing Manawa Lodge, Manawa, was Tom Squires, Worshipful Master. Grand Master Rodney Paulsen is to the left of Robert Ott.

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calf, Grand Tiler.

Appointed to serve as District Deputies: L. Arby Humphrey, District 1; Franklin Struble, District 2; Frank J. Dennee, District 3; Guy K. Gooding, District 4; Ramon (Ray) C. Kline, District 5; Jeffrey Marquardt, District 6; Richard M. Trailer, District 7; Emmett J. Reilly, District 8; Paul S. Huber, District 9; David E. Tainter, District 10; Kenneth C. Gorgen, District 11; Donald W. Hensiak, District 12.

Robert C. Gorsuch was elected to a five-year term as Trustee of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin. Donald W. Hensiak and Lawrence L. Myers, P.G.M., were each elected to three-year terms on the Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board and David R. Ritchie was elected to a one-year term. Keith H. Hamon and James E. Walsh were elected to a three-year term on the Wisconsin Masonic Journal Board.

Disposition of Resolutions

Thirteen Resolutions were presented, five were adopted, five were defeated, two were not considered and one was not approved as to form and function by the Jurisprudence Committee.

Resolution No. 1-07: To adopt the annual budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, calling for expenditures of \$678,161.00, was adopted.

Resolution No. 2-07: To provide for per capita tax was adopted.

Resolution No. 3-07: To designate the place of holding Annual Communication in June 2009 in the City of Madison was adopted.

Resolution No. 4-07: To modify the fine assessed a lodge for failure to attend Grand Lodge was defeated.

Resolution No. 5-07: To require candidates to learn the entire obligation of each degree was defeated.

Resolution No. 6-07: To remove the ban on liquor in Masonic lodges was defeated.

Resolution No. 7-07: To fix the time before suspension of a brother for non-payment of dues at eleven months was adopted as amended.

Resolution No. 8-07: To remove the per diem allocation from the Wisconsin Masonic Code was defeated.

Resolution No. 9-07: To formalize the composition of the Committee on Youth Funding, its Chairman, and its purpose was adopted as amended.

Resolution No. 10-07: To fix the time before suspension of a Brother for non-payment of dues at eleven months was not considered.

Resolution No. 11-07: To allow for alcohol to be consumed in Masonic Lodge buildings was not considered.

Resolution No. 12-07: To unify calendars so that the Constituent Lodge year, Grand Lodge year and the Grand Lodge financial fiscal year will coincide, thereby changing both the Grand Lodge and Constituent Lodge years to run From May 1 to April 30 was not approved to form and legality by the Jurisprudence Committee.

Resolution No. 7-06: To clarify action of the SD when applying a shp ist was defeated.

Those resolutions adopted at the Annual Communication became in force and effect at the time of their adoption.

The 164th Grand Lodge Annual Communication will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 6-7, 2008, in Madison, Wisconsin. **wmj**



District Masons of the Year Recognized

A new award initiated by Grand Master Paulsen during his year in office was the District Mason of the Year award. Twelve worthy brother Master Masons, one from each district, were selected by their respective District Deputy to receive recognition. Pictured are the District Mason of the Year award recipients who were present at the Saturday, June 2 Annual Communication session when the awards were announced. From the left: Harold Swanson, District 1; Jason Risberg, District 5; Edward Thomsen, District 6 (accepting for him was Eugene Kuhnwald, Adams Lodge Master); Grand Master Paulsen; Dan Slavik, District 7; and Jerry Potter, District 8. Others not present were Dan Walters, District 2; Marlin (Bud)Werner, District 3; Jay Herbst, District 4; William Broeg, Sr., District 9; Wayne Hendrick, District 10; Gary Ebert, District 11; and Gary Van Deluyster, District 12. Each District Mason of the Year received (or will receive) a certificate in recognition of the honor.

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How All-Stars Are Selected

Member coaches of the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association nominate up to two graduating male and female soccer players from high school throughout the state who are known to be exceptional athletes as well as first-rate students who are recognized as youth leaders in their respective schools or communities. The soccer association's board then selects the 36 boys and 36 girls who will be invited to play, as well as a number of alternates.

No Cost to Players – A Funding Success Story

It is important to note that there is no cost to players participating in the Masonic High School All-Star Soccer Games. All lodging, meals, uniforms, coaching and clinic programs are funded by donors who underwrite the expense of the games. They do this by donations, sales of promotional program ads, program ad sales by the players themselves, and from the sale of raffle tickets and gate receipts on game day.

Foundation Chair Storrs said that income from last year's event exceeded expenses, making it possible to make a solid \$5,000 contribution to the designated charity, the Shriner's Children's Hospital in Chicago, and put \$1,000 towards this year's games.

Masons are reminded that over the past 16 years literally thousands of hours have gone into the planning and execution of this event by volunteers, nearly all of them members of the Masonic Fraternity. No one is paid for their services said Storrs.

Proceeds from the 2007 All-Star Games will again support the Shriner's Hospital for Children in Chicago. During the soccer camp Friday morning, the all-stars will be introduced to philanthropy as one of the values to which Freemasons are committed. They will also learn about the Shriner's Hospitals.

Players are also told that some of the finest people in Wisconsin are Masons, including some they might recognize, including Tommy Thompson, Scott McCallum, Lee S. Dreyfus, all former Wisconsin Governors, and J.B. Van Hollen, Wisconsin's Attorney General.

Honoring All-Star Soccer Athletes

West Bend Lodge No. 138 recently honored two of the all-stars from the West Bend high schools who will be playing July 28. West Bend Lodge Jr. Warden Tom Wagner, right, presented certificates of recognition to Paul Fossum, a defender from West Bend East, and Mikhail Buczkiewicz, a mid-fielder from the same school. Ethan Matter, a keeper from Kettle Moraine Lutheran was not present. Masonic Soccer Foundation Chair Nancy Storrs, left, was also present. The presentations were made during the Youth Appreciation Program May 24 at the lodge.



"Buy In" Asked

This year there is a greater emphasis on encouraging each player to sell advertising for the soccer game program book each soccer player receives upon being nominated to participate in the event, sell raffle tickets, or game tickets to help offset expenses and provide a sense of "buy in" to the soccer game event.

"If each player sells just \$100 in advertising," Foundation Chair Storrs said, "we offset the entire cost of lodging for the athletes and we can then donate more to charity." The athlete selling the most in advertising is given special recognition at the awards brunch.

Civic-minded partners that participate in and sponsor this event have included names that everyone in Wisconsin recognizes: Aurora Health Care/Aurora Sports Medicine, Green Bay Packers, Milwaukee Brewers, Milwaukee Wave, Jelly Belly Manufacturing, Code Four Athletics and many other businesses and organizations.

The annual Masonic High School All-Star Soccer Games provide recognition and sporting excellence for the players. Previous participants have gone on to excellence with NCAA collegiate teams and MLS (Major League Soccer) teams.

Soccer Committee Members 2K7

John and Sharon Wilke (John Wilke is Deputy Grand Master); Russ and Linda Staley (Russ is a team coordinator); Richard Breitzmann; Tom and Dottie Dowman (Tom is the game announcer); Erika Miller, Wisconsin Masonic Charities Development Office Coordinator; David Tainter and Emmett Reilly (District 10 & 8 Deputies, respectively — David is food coordinator and Emmett is a team coordinator); Terry Donini, Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association Representative; Greg Winkler; Bryce Ulmer, DeMolay State Master Councilor; Matt Beemsterboer, DeMolay State Marshal; Brother James Wenzler; J. Patrick and Nancy Storrs. Pat is Grand Marshal and Soccer Foundation Secretary, and Nancy is Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation Chair.

The Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association is an integral part of identifying the athletes and is a resource for the soccer games committee. They provide assistance with officials, coaches and developing programs for the athletes while at the All-Star Soccer Camp.

J.B. Van Hollen, Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin 2007-2008, will be represented at the All-Star Games by Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden Joe Harker.

Recognition Breakfast Speaker

Keynote Recognition Breakfast speaker this year is Mike Lafferty, Chief Operating Officer of the Milwaukee Wave professional soccer team. The breakfast program for family, players and friends will begin Saturday morning, July 28, at 8 a.m. sharp!

Mike Lafferty was named Wave COO in May of 2004. Lafferty, who was born in Monroe, Wisconsin, has had a lifelong interest in soccer since his formative days as a youth growing up in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Lafferty spent several years in the airline industry before becoming Office Services Manager for the National Hockey League (NHL) in 1987. In addition to his duties with the Wave organization, Mike has also served as Board President of Easter Seals of Southeastern Wisconsin, as well as the Milwaukee Kickers organization, one of Wisconsin's foremost soccer clubs.

One member of each team will be nominated by their teammates to speak for a few minutes at the award's breakfast. They will offer their thoughts on the soccer camp experience.

Game & Raffle Tickets Still Available

Game tickets may be pre-ordered or purchased at the gate on game day. Admission is \$10 for both games.

Raffle Tickets can also be purchased in advance, or at the gate. They are priced at \$5 each or \$20 for 5. Items received so far include an autographed Packer Football (Brett, too); an autographed Milwaukee Bucks Cap, 4 club-level Milwaukee Brewers tickets valued at \$35 each; and a number of tee shirts, sport shirts and gift certificates from generous Wisconsin and Kenosha-area businesses. Persons need not be present to win.

Again, the ladies play at 11 a.m., and the men will take the field at 1 p.m. Last year, with temperatures on the field in the 90s, the games were shortened out of consideration for the players.

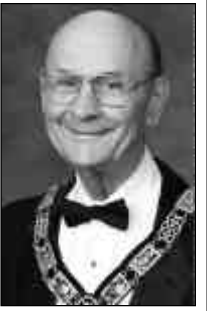
This All-Star Soccer Games event is sponsored by the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation, a 501(c)3 tax exempt charitable organization, specifically to provide a means whereby individual lodges with players from high schools in their community or area may gain positive public recognition for the Fraternity. *wmj*

Notes From The Grand Lecturer

By Brother Ronald H. Glauert

Part of Your Masonic Tool Box

The Grand Lodge year 2007-2008 has begun and with it the schedule for Schools of Instruction for lodges will soon be assigned. This task is accomplished through the teamwork of the District Deputy and the District Lecturer.



Ronald H. Glauert
Grand Lecturer

This year the Grand Lecturer will suggest to the District Lecturers that they hold area schools, with a personal visit or school at each lodge not represented at their scheduled school.

In the past, some of the District Lecturers have held a school at each individual lodge. This year I will discourage this practice because of the cost to Grand Lodge (travel expenses). However, if a District Lecturer considers this system as the most effective way to instruct the most brethren and each trip to the lodges is a short distance, so be it.

Now that I have given you a brief synopsis of what this next year will bring for Schools of Instruction, what I really have to say to you is this.

The Grand Lecturer and the District Lecturers have accepted their positions knowing that they are to be of service to the Craft and to instruct the constituent lodges in the Wisconsin Masonic ritual.

We urge the Worshipful Masters to use this service. If additional instruction is needed by or wanted by your lodge, ask for it The Lecturer's service is for the asking. We want to be of service and are happy when invited to help your lodge.

The main reason for Schools of Instruction is to put Masonic instruction on a systematic basis. By this process we are assured that the brethren are given proper instruction of the ritual. However, if a lodge decides that it needs additional instruction to do better ritualistic work, or are unhappy about careless work, please feel free to contact the Grand Lecturer (myself) or your District Lecturer for additional instruction. Believe me, we will be more than happy to be of assistance!

Show me a lodge in which the ritualistic work is good and nine times out of ten I will show you a lodge that is doing well in every other way because the quality of mind which makes a good ritualist is pride. The quality of the work of a lodge is an evidence of the degree of pride possessed by the officers of that lodge.

In closing, use your District Lecturer and the Grand Lecturer. Invite them to your lodge to assist you with your ritualistic work. Allow them to help you be the best that you can be.

Have a great summer.

Fratemally, Ron Glauert
Grand Lecturer

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

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New Richmond Masons Provide AEDs for Public Schools

Thanks to a lot of help from friends in the community, the New Richmond Public School District was able to purchase six state-of-the-art automated external defibrillator (AED) units. Since 1999, in southeastern Wisconsin alone, 25 adolescents under the age of 16 have suffered cardiac arrest. Only eight of those students survived! "With the new AEDs we can now offer students and staff every chance to survive," said Joan Simpson, District School Nurse. New Richmond Lodge No. 195 and the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation provided \$10,700 to aid in the purchase of these life saving devices. Pictured are (left to right) Bob Peirson, Past Master, Mommie Veilleux; School District Administrator; Gene Bonnes, Worshipful Master, and Joan Simpson, District School Nurse.

- Submitted by New Richmond Master Gene Bonnes

MSA Seeks Funds to Aid Kansas Masons Hard-hit by Force 5 Tornado

SILVER SPRING, MD - In a news release dated May 10, Richard E. Fletcher, PGM, Executive Secretary, Masonic Service Association of North America, issued an appeal for funds to aid Masons and their families affected by the Force 5 tornado that completely destroyed the city of Greensburg, Kansas in early May. Destruction in that area has left utter devastation in the wake of the storm.

Please forward to the MSA such funds as you feel will be appropriate to help our devastated brethren there. Please make checks payable to the MSA Disaster Relief Fund and send to 8120 Fenton Street, Ste. 203, Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785. All monies received will go to the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

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Collins-Spring Valley Lodge Helps With KID ID Project
Collins-Spring Valley Lodge No. 192, Collins, conducted their annual fingerprinting of the first graders at Greenfield Elementary school on May 11, 2007. Pictured above are some of the used ink strips used to record the finger prints. Once completed, the kit is sent home with the children for the parents to keep in case of Emergency. Past Master Jay Custer, one of the Masons who helped fingerprint children, is shown.
- Submitted by Bro. Doug Henry



Roosevelt Lodge No. 322 Welcomes Newest MM
Brother James Stanton was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on May 29, 2007. Congratulating brother Stanton are the Wisconsin Senior Grand Steward Dennis V. Siewert and Worshipful Master Christian Hirthe. Roosevelt Lodge prides itself on doing good degree work and this night was no exception. Wisconsin Senior Grand Steward Dennis V. Siewert (who is also a Roosevelt lodge member) later praised the lodge officers for performing all its own degree work.
- Submitted by Bro. Gerald Brebner, Roosevelt Lodge

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Youth In Masonry



Badger Lodge Holds First Table Lodge: Job's Daughters Serve

Worshipful Master Jason Risberg, Badger Lodge No. 345, La Crosse, is pictured with Shana DeBoer, Kristen Tummire and Brooke Ruben, members of Bethel 27 Job's Daughters, who were pleased to serve the dinner for Dad Jason. Brother Risberg serves on the Council of Bethel 27 as Promoter of Fraternal Relations. The table lodge was a great success and eight of the area's lodges were present. Many of the brethren commented that this was their first table lodge but hoped it wouldn't be the last.

– Submitted by Bro. Martin Callaway



Brookfield Bethel Grows

For several years Bethel 7 Brookfield has been struggling, but patience and faith remained steadfast. Now their faith is rewarded and they are beginning to grow. Their reward came on April 21 when they initiated Emily Pavlik into their Bethel. Credit is given to Lillianne Tess who brought in Emily's petition. Lillianne joined March 17, 2001. This Bethel is proof that we should never give up because we are small. Instead we should keep working and share our beautiful Order with others. This is exactly what Bethel 7 is doing and they hope to initiate more girls soon. Picture: Top Row: J.J. Regnier, PHQ and Librarian, Abbey June Schwartz, PGBHQ, PHQ and 5th Messenger. Middle Row: Emily Pavlik, Katie Faraca, PHQ and HQ Bottom Row: Lillianne Tess, PHQ and 3rd Messenger.



Rainbow "World of Youth" Scholarships Awarded

Wisconsin Rainbow Girls (three of which are majority members) were awarded eight of the 17 World of Youth Scholarships given the Wisconsin Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star at their annual session in May at the Middleton Marriott. Pictured are Rachel Preuschl, Kathryn Shore, Brittny Blackwood and Jennifer Matzke. (Not present: Jennie Canfield, Melissa Jackson, Autumn Mayer and Annie Schumacher.)

– Submitted by Jane Blackwood

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Smejkal Honored

Brother James F. Smejkal, a Past Master of Washington Lodge No. 21 in Green Bay, left, has been named Mason-of-the-Year for McAllen Lodge there. To his right is fellow Past Master Jack White of Delaware. Smejkal received the Golden Trowel Award for the 2006-2007 year.

Washington Lodge PM Is Mason-of-the-Year for Texas Lodge

ALAMO, TX – Brother James F. Smejkal, a Past Master of Washington Lodge No. 21 in Green Bay who has been a permanent resident of Alamo, Texas for the last 8-plus years, has been named Mason-of-the-Year for McAllen Lodge No. 1110 there.

The former Badger State resident said of the award: "Imagine my surprise and the joy I felt when I was told (about the award)."

He has held many positions in McCallen Lodge since moving to Texas from Wisconsin, including Tiler, Junior and Senior Warden, and at present, Senior Deacon. He will be serving as Junior Warden for the ensuing year. The former Washington Lodge member also does the lectures for the EA and FC degrees, Bible presentation, and charges.

"I receive a good deal of kidding about using my Wisconsin work but they continue to ask me to do it," Brother Smejkal said.

"This last fall a group from Alamo Country Club, where I live, got together and put on a demonstration of the 1st section of the FC degree using the Wisconsin cipher to teach others their parts. It was well received and I will be working with these men again to show the opening and closing parts."

Brother Smejkal wanted Wisconsin Masons to know how well he is being treated in Texas.



Hurley Lodge Honors Erdman for 50 Years

Worshipful Master Al Lathrop of Hurley Lodge No. 237 in Mercer congratulates Past Master Jack Erdmann upon Bro. Erdmann's receiving his 50-Year Membership Pin and Certificate. Jack received his Master Mason Degree in his home Blue Lodge in West Allis, Wisconsin and transferred membership to Hurley Lodge when moving north upon retirement. – Submitted by Hurley Lodge Master Al Lathrop



La Crosse Masonic Lodge Raises Klubertanz "With A Little Help From Their Friends"

There was not a shortage of Worshipful Masters as La Crosse Masonic Lodge raised Brother Bruce Klubertanz to the sublime degree of Master Mason recently. Pictured with Brother Bruce are: Worshipful Masters Jason Risberg, Badger Lodge No. 345; Harry "Red" Hiser, Salem Lodge No. 125; John Brophy, Decorah Lodge No. 177; Bruce, Mark Raitzer, La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190; Richard Mati, Onalaska Lodge No. 214; and John Brewer, Frontier Lodge No. 45. Prior to the meeting the brethren enjoyed a soup and sandwich supper prepared by PM Rich Gray.

– Submitted by La Crosse News Hawk Martin Callaway



Ralph Peterson Honored for 60 Years as Mason

Brother Ralph C. Peterson (center), a member of Owen Lodge No. 317, Owen, was recently honored by members of the lodge for achieving the 60-year mark in his journey in Masonry. Lodge-mates Jack Vater, Senior Steward; Paul Stasek, Counselor; Les Himes, Senior Deacon; and Frank Olszewski, Junior Steward, were on hand (left to right) to present the award and celebratory cake to Bro. Peterson.

– Submitted by Owen News Hawk Frank Olszewski



Howard is Newest Dodge County Master Mason

Chad E. Howard was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on May 30, 2007, in Dodge County Lodge No. 72 located in Beaver Dam. The degree was performed at Waupun Lodge. He is pictured here being congratulated by Worshipful Master Brian Graff. Our new brother also attended Grand Lodge and voted as a proxy.

– Submitted by Richard Larson, Dodge County Lodge Secretary

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Needed: Masonic Mentors for DeMolay

Editor's Note: The following address from DeMolay State Master Councilor Bryce Ulmer, a member of Kenosha Lodge No. 47, were presented at the Grand Master's Banquet held on Thursday evening, May 31 at the Concourse Hotel in Madison.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, honored guests, brethren, and friends:

I stand before you as many State Master Councilors before me have, humbly addressing this Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. It was just a short year ago that Junior Past State Master Councilor Eric Gross addressed this body, stressing the nexus between Freemasonry and DeMolay.

Brother Gross pleaded with many of you to help Wisconsin DeMolay continue its upward climb. Well my brothers, your response has been heard loud and clear!

Because of your support, Wisconsin DeMolay reawakened chapters in Appleton and Green Bay, kindled interest in Oconomowoc, Mukwonago, Waukesha, Port Washington, LaCrosse and Madison and secured the third largest positive growth of any jurisdiction in the United States. Because of your support, young men throughout the state are learning not only of our Masonic heritage and values, but values that will mold them into fine men of the future. Because of your support, you are ensuring a future society filled with a myriad of better husbands, fathers, community leaders and better Master Masons.

Last August I petitioned Kenosha Lodge No. 47, received my Masonic degrees and took my first steps toward a better life. I wanted to buttress a claim Brother Gross made last year when he told you to believe that DeMolays do in fact become Masons. I am before you today to strengthen that message.

To ensure the future health and prosperity of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, we must ensure the future health and prosperity of Wisconsin DeMolay. Pulling from Masonic ideals, values and traditions, the Order of DeMolay draws young men's hearts and minds toward Freemasonry. DeMolays rely on the members of Lodges throughout the state for support both physically and financially; however, DeMolays also need something else from Masons: emotional mentors.

As I have grown older, I have begun to better understand the impact of my office on the lives of young men in DeMolay. The function I am speaking of is the position of mentor and role model. This role in the state and Chapter room is a role in which I feel we, as Master Masons, need to share. The impact we can make on any young man is an abiding one.

A recent pole in Newsweek stated that 40% of young men grow up without a father figure. The magazine went on further to conclude that "a young man without a father is like an explorer without a map."

Personally, I wish for no young man to walk the face of this planet without a compass, a direction which only a father figure can provide. If you feel that your duties end in the Lodge room, I urge you to take to heart the sentiment that "the best thing you can give your son is enthusiasm." We, as DeMolays, are inescapably your sons, and this is no more evident in the title of our advisers — "Dads."

Everyday of every week, year after year, we search for

quality men, willing to donate a portion of their day to support the Order of DeMolay as advisers. The same values of morality and fraternity that are the tenets of Freemasonry are also needed as examples in the DeMolay Chapter room.

To all of you in this room, the initials MM almost certainly stand for Master Mason; however, in my heart and mind, I truly believe these initials can also mean Masonic Mentor.

We are each taught by the 24-inch gauge that we need to divide our time wisely. My brothers, we are all given the same balance of time and we must decide how it is divided. I urge you to give your time to DeMolay. Imagine the impact a couple of hours once a week would have on the life of a DeMolay.

This is not a commercial for the Christian Children's Fund, and I am not asking you to change the world for every DeMolay. That's my job.

Rather, I am inviting you to transform the life of ONE DEMOLAY! A Masonic Mentor goes beyond the Lodge room and DeMolay Chapter. A Masonic Mentor actively seeks to make an impact in a young man's life. Ask him about sports, school, how life is treating him; heck, even ask him about how cute his girlfriend is.

When he answers these questions, you have reached him. All young men need mentors, and I am proud to say mine, Brother Phil Itzenhuiser, sits in this very room.

He helped me through every aspect of my life, whether it was DeMolay, Honors Physics or even asking a girl out on a date. Because of his presence, he influenced my life in unseen ways. This prototype is an enriching experience I want each of you to share.

For those of you who have witnessed the DeMolay "Ceremony of Light," a single line sums up what DeMolay is asking of you, our Masonic Mentors.

"In each of you there lies a flame, a beacon to guide you in the darkness. If you can let this light shine upon another, if you can reach into the inner most deeps of his soul and set his flame a fire, then therein lies the purpose of DeMolay and therein lies your purpose for living!"

My brothers, I want you to shine your light upon a DeMolay; I want you to reach into the inner most deeps of his soul and set his flame a fire. Become a beacon in the lives of our DeMolays. If you ever want to help make a difference in the lives of young men, contact myself, Dad Robert Lijewski or your Grand Lodge officers, but do not be surprised if we contact you first!

The Revolutionary War was not won in a single shot, nor were the rights of man created on the first attempt: it took time.

We have taken the first step, but we must not be satisfied. We must keep stepping forward, and perhaps we will eventually arrive where we set our minds to go.

Henry Ford once said, "Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal."

Do not lose sight of your goal. Take the time, become a mentor and make a difference. Do not follow a lethargic path, procrastinating until tomorrow, next week, or next month. Make a difference today and always remember a boy is still the only thing God can use to make a man.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryce M. Ulmer, State Master Councilor 2006-2007



Bob Janicki, Sr., Honored for 50 Years

Brother Bob Janicki, Sr., was honored on Saturday, June 16 as several of his Masonic brothers brought him his 50-year pin and certificate. District 1 Deputy Arby Humphrey performed a public opening assisted by Senior Warden Larry Ledin, Junior Warden John Conner and Don Miller as Chaplin. The 50-year certificate ceremony was then performed. Pictured are Brother Bob Janicki, Sr., seated; Senior Steward Lyle Kunert; Senior Warden John Conner; District 1 Deputy Arby Humphrey; Secretary Don Miller; Senior Warden Larry Ledin; and Brothers Bob Janicki, Jr., Dan Snyder and Erik Halvorson.

— Submitted by Bro. Don Miller, Acacia-Itasca Secretary

Adams Lodge Puts On Fellow Craft Degree for Visiting Kentucky Brethren

WISCONSIN DELLS – On about May 4, 2007, Worshipful Master Eugene Kuhnwald of the Adams Lodge received a phone call from Brother Edward Eugene Crady from Kentucky who was asking to attend a lodge meeting in the Dells area during the week of May 6-11. Brothers Crady and Marshall L. Geoghegan, were going to be on vacation in the Dells area and were interested in attending lodge.

Kuhnwald contacted WM Mike Karas of the Wisconsin Dells Lodge No. 124 and discussed with him the possibility of sharing the Dells Lodge on the evening of May 9 to hold a "Special" meeting of Adams Lodge for the purpose of conferring the Fellow Craft Degree for Brother Jason Hess.

Both WM's were in agreement that they would not let a traveler, who is looking for fellowship, go without.

On May 9, Dells Lodge hosted and Adams Lodge conferred the Degree of Fellow Craft so the Brethren from Kentucky would have the opportunity for fellowship and to see the Wisconsin ritual.

Several Brethren as well as a representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, Past Grand Master John Hein, turned out for this special meeting to meet the distinguished Brothers from Kentucky.

Brother Crady is with the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and he is on the Committee on Credentials. He is also a member of Pewee Valley Lodge No. 829 and Fortitude Lodge No. 47 in Kentucky.

Brother Marshall L. Geoghegan is the Worshipful Master of Harry R. Kendall Lodge No. 750 in Louisville, Kentucky. The visitors expressed their appreciation for the warmth of their brotherly reception.



Kentucky Visitors

Pictured in the back row is WM Mike Karas of Dells Lodge, WM Eugene Kuhnwald of Adams Lodge. In the front row is Bro. Marshall Geoghegan of Harry Kendall Lodge in Kentucky, PGM John Hein, New Fellow Craft Jason Hess, and MW Brother Ed Crady of the Grand Lodge in Kentucky.

The Gavel Locator

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

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Chetek Lodge No. 277

District 2

Northwestern Lodge No. 105

District 3

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District 4

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District 5

La Belle Lodge No. 84

District 6

Dells Lodge No. 124

District 7

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District 8

Barneveld Lodge No. 319

District 9

Columbus Lodge No. 75

District 10

Fond du Lac Lodge No. 26

District 11

Burlington Lodge No. 28

District 12

Lafayette Lodge No. 265

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

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Lodge Excellence Awards for 2006 by District

Note: The top-scoring three lodges received their plaques from Grand Master Rodney Paulsen during the 163rd Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Madison. Winner of the Gold Award scholarship of \$500 was Island City Lodge No. 330, Minocqua; recipient of the Silver Award scholarship of \$300 was Waukesha Lodge No. 37, Waukesha; receiving the Bronze Award level scholarship of \$200 was Tomah Lodge No. 132 in Tomah.

As announced by Grand Master Paulsen as he presented the top awards, District Deputies will be charged with the responsibility of distributing the LEAs to lodges within their districts at a time subsequent to the Annual Communication.

Gold Awards

- District 1
Superior Lodge #236
Acacia-Itasca Lodge #329
- District 2
Hancock Lodge #229
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- District 3
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- District 5
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- District 7
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District 9
Oconomowoc-Hartland #42
District 10
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Waupun Lodge #48
District 11
Waukesha Lodge #37
District 12
Lake Lodge #189

Silver Awards

- District 1
Shell Lake-Spooner Lodge #221
- District 2
Chetek Lodge # 277
Sanctuary Lodge #347
George B. Wheeler Lodge # 351
- District 3
Phillips Lodge # 225
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- District 1
Keystone Lodge #263
- District 2
New Richmond Lodge #195
- District 3
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Waupaca Lodge #123
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International Traveling Gavel comes to Wisconsin, then goes on to Italy



International Traveling Gavel Masonic Brotherhood Plaque Received - Passed On

Brother Ernest Kramer, LaBelle Lodge Master (above, left, with MWGM Paulsen) presented the International Traveling Gavel to our Grand Lodge after receiving it from a lodge in Canada in recognition of LaBelle's 150th year. Above right: Grand Master Paulsen in turn transferred custodianship of the gavel to Worshipful Brother Armando Stavole, Grand Representative of the Grand Orient of Italy for New Jersey. The International Traveling Gavel is covered with the signatures or engraved brass plates denoting the various lodges around the world that have received it and passed it on to others.

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EMASSAY NOTES

- JUNE 2007 -

FREEMASONRY: What was the first lodge in the United States?

The first duly constituted and chartered American lodge was St. John's Lodge of Boston, Massachusetts. Henry Price, Provincial Grand Master of New England, constituted eighteen brethren into a lodge on July 30, 1733.

They went by the name of "First Lodge" until February 7, 1783, when they changed their name to St. John's Lodge. Massachusetts lodges are not numbered, so while St. John's Lodge is the oldest chartered lodge, it does not have "No. 1" in its name.

Once we get past the requirement of being duly constituted, there is tantalizing evidence of earlier, unchartered lodges. The web page for St. John's Lodge says, "Contemporary accounts reveal that that a Masonic lodge had met in King's Chapel, Boston, as early as the 1720s (meeting according to the "old customs")."

Benjamin Franklin's "Pennsylvania Gazette" for December 8, 1730, says "There are several Lodges of Freemasons erected in this Province."

The Historical Society of Pennsylvania owns the unusual volume "Liber B," the account book of an unchartered Pennsylvania lodge. On June 24, 1731, Benjamin (Franklin) is entered as paying dues "five months back," implying lodge activity back to February 1731 or possibly December 1730, depending how you calculate five months back.

In 1734 Benjamin sent twenty-five copies of his edition of James Anderson's The Constitutions of the Free-Masons to South Carolina.

Franklin was too shrewd a businessman to send that many books on speculation, and this is a book that most appeals to active Masons. Thus

we can infer a lodge was meeting in South Carolina in 1734, but the first known lodge was Solomon's Lodge No.1, chartered in Charleston in 1735.

Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, Fredericksburg, Virginia, George Washington's mother lodge, didn't begin meeting until 1752. However, it began as a "time-immemorial" lodge and worked without a charter until 1758, when it accepted one from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Mother Kilwinning Lodge No. 0 of Scotland is the most famous time-immemorial lodge, predating the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the granting of charters. Mother Kilwinning still works without a charter today.

(Source: The Scottish Rite Journal, May/June 2007)

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DID YOU KNOW?

What is the meaning of the word "Passing" as we use it in the second degree? Has it something to do with the passing up the Winding Stair?"

After much searching through early lodge minutes, the first lodge record so far found which uses the words 'passing' and 'raising' in our modern sense, is in the Minutes of the Lodge Greenock Kilwinning (now No. 12 (SC). It was founded in 1728, eight years before the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Immediately after the election of the Master and appointment of officers at its first meeting, 27 December 1728, the Lodge made a rule as to the fees that would be payable for each degree:

"That each who shall be received Members of this Lodge shall pay into the Box when entered as Apprentices One pound ten shillings Scots, twelve shillings when passed Fellow-Craft, and twenty shillings Scots when raised Master Mason, besides paying the expenses of the night's entertainment..."

It is doubtful that the word "passing" in its original Masonic usage had anything to do with passing up a winding stair. At its first appearance in England it was certainly used more often in connection with the MM degree than with the FC, and it does not seem to have come into general use for the second degree until after the third. The "raising" had become general practice in all the English lodges, around the 1750's.

(The above abstracts are taken from Harry Carr's The Freemason at Work, Lewis Masonic, 1996)

(Source: ARS Quatuor Coronatorum, Vol. 118, 2005)

163rd Annual Communication Hi-lights



Wisconsin Lodge Secretary of the Year

Winfred (Win) Bodine, longtime Secretary of Lake Lodge No. 189, Milwaukee, was the unanimous choice for Wisconsin Lodge Secretary of the Year honors. The selection was made from 189 eligible secretaries by Grand Lodge Office staff members Alicia Darr, Bookkeeper (left), Cheryl Martin, Receptionist (center) and Jan Gorgen, Office Manager (right), based upon Brother Bodine's always courteous and considerate telephone manner when calling the office for information or assistance, and promptness in filing reports. Accepting on behalf of Bro. Bodine, who is 96 years of age, was Lake Lodge Master John Bugajski (at lectern). The award will be presented to Secretary Bodine in lodge at a later date. Escorts for the ladies were Grand Lodge officers Dan Slavik, Davey L. White, Jr., and Joe Harker. Win is a 60-year Mason and has been Lake Lodge Secretary for 33 years.



MORI Presentation

Grand Secretary DeWolf introduced brother Mark Menard, President of Vita Rara, designer of the Masonic Online Registry Interface system, at the breakout session June 1 about the new database system Grand Lodge is implementing. MORI is being beta tested by selected state lodges prior to general implementation during coming months. During the discussion it was learned that MORI will not accommodate non-lodge member addresses from combined organization mailing lists.



MSA Recognition

Both Grand Master Rodney Paulsen and his lady Virginia (above) were praised for the success of their respective fund appeals which were designated to aid veterans at the three VA Medical Centers in Madison, Milwaukee, Tomah, and the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King. Virginia's appeal brought in \$12,000 to purchase Operation Phone Home cards for military troops serving abroad, and the Grand Master's appeal netted over \$21,000 to provide selected media access services for residents and patients in the four veterans care facilities in the state.



Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 83 Receives Charter at Grand Lodge

The only new charter granted at the 163rd Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Madison went to representatives of Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 83. Surrounded by lodge members present for the occasion, Benjamin Franklin Lodge Worshipful Master Felix Geissler received the official charter from Grand Master Rodney Paulsen. The lodge is patterned upon a European model and works the Emulation Ritual.



W.A. 100th Anniversary

West Allis Lodge No. 291 Master Lyle Hubbard received a 100th Anniversary plaque from Grand Master Paulsen. Several other lodges will also mark 100 years this year.



Musical Interlude

Brother Howie Damron performed "Hiram's Call" Saturday during the morning Grand Lodge session. The entertainer is on a national Masonic Pride Hiram's Call tour.



A Matter of Heart

Grand Master Paulsen presented a check for donations for heart-health awareness wrist bands by attendees at the Grand Master's Banquet May 31. Also, in lieu of table gifts to guests, an additional gift was presented to the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. Accepting were David Schneeweiss, President, and Ronald Kamp, Development Dir.



GM Meritorious Service Awards Presented

Past Grand Master John W. Hein (above, left), Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, (above, right) and retiring Grand Chaplain Ray D. Heilborn (left) were presented with the Grand Master's Meritorious Service Award, the highest honor a Grand Master can bestow on a brother Mason in recognition of outstanding and dedicated service to the Fraternity.



Enjoying the Banquet

Wendy Struble (left), Lynn Van Hollen and daughter Maddy (center), and Jim and Margie Bacon (right) visited at the Representatives Banquet following installation of Grand Lodge officers June 1. Below, DGM Wilke and Stephen Willett, PGM, welcome Grand Master JB after the proclamation June 2.





Grand Master Van Hollen Began His Journey to Light in Masonry in 1985

Most Worshipful Grand Master J. B. Van Hollen was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 210 in Ashland Wisconsin on August 19, 1985. He went on to serve as Worshipful Master there from 1997-2000. In addition to being a perpetual member there, he is also a plural member of Shell Lake Lodge No. 221, and is a plural and perpetual member of Barnes Lodge No. 365 as well.

As a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Eau Claire, he received the Thirty Second Degree on April 26, 1986, and is a life member. He has been Degree Director of the 8th & 25th Degrees and is presently serving as 2nd Lt. Commander of Eau Claire Consistory. He has been elected to receive the 33rd Degree in Washington, D.C. in 2007.

The Grand Master's York Rite affiliation is with Ashland Chapter No. 58 RAM, Ashland; Spooner Council No. 46 R.&S.M., Spooner; Tancred Commandery No. 27 Knights Templar, Chippewa Falls. He is a member of Winnebago Chapter, Red Cross of Constantine.

As a member of The Order of The Eastern Star, Grand Master Van Hollen is a life member of Lac La Velle Chapter No. 24, Ashland.

In the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the Grand Master is a member of ZOR

Shrine Temple, Madison. He is a Past President of Chequamegon Shrine Club, Past Member Flambeau Shrine Clowns and a member of the International Shrine Clown Association.

Brother Van Hollen is also a member in perpetuity of the National Sojourners, Milwaukee Chapter No. 27.

At the Grand Lodge level, Grand Master Van Hollen was appointed Grand Sword Bearer in 1997 and served as District 1 Deputy in 1999. He was appointed Junior Grand Steward in 2000 and served progressively in appointed office until being elected Junior Grand Warden in 2004. In subsequent years he served progressively as Senior Grand Warden and then Deputy Grand Master until being elected Grand Master at this year's Annual Communication.

He also serves the Fraternity as Grand Lodge Representative to Michigan, is a member of the Appeals & Grievances Committee. He is a member and past Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

It should also be noted that while serving as Deputy Grand Master, Brother Van Hollen campaigned for and was subsequently elected to office as Attorney General of the State of Wisconsin.

Editor's note: Grand Master Van Hollen has requested that members of the Fraternity wishing to contact or communicate with him, by phone e-mail, or by letter, do so through the office of Grand Secretary, Michael A. DeWolf, PGM.

Presenting Your Grand Lodge Officers 2007-2008

Front and center is our Most Worshipful Grand Master, J.B. Van Hollen. Flanking the Grand Master to the left are Richard A. Vande Sande, Grand Treasurer, left, and John W. Wilke, Deputy Grand Master. To the Grand Master's right are Craig S. Campbell, Senior Grand Warden; Joseph B. Harker, Junior Grand Warden; and Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, Grand Secretary. In the second row, left to right, are Arby Humphrey, District 1 Deputy; Davey L. White, Jr., Senior Grand Deacon; Daniel L. Slavik, Senior Grand Steward; David R. Ritchie, Grand Chaplain; Ronald H. Glaunert, Grand Lecturer; John C. Metcalf, Grand Tiler; J. Patrick Storrs, Grand Marshal; Robert C. Strader, Grand Orator; William Beetcher, Junior Grand Steward; Franklin Struble, District 2 Deputy; Donald W. Hensiak, District 12 Deputy; and Dennis V. Siewert, Junior Grand Deacon. In the top row, left to right, are Franklin Struble, District 2 Deputy; Frank J. Dennee, District 3 Deputy; Guy K. Gooding, District 4 Deputy; Ramon (Ray) C. Kline, District 5 Deputy; Jeffrey Marquardt, District 6 Deputy; Richard M. Trailer, District 7 Deputy; Emmett J. Reilly, District 8 Deputy; Paul S. Huber, District 9 Deputy; David E. Tainter, District 10 Deputy; and Kenneth C. Gorgen, District 11 Deputy.

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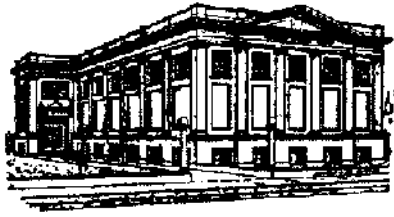
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Monday 7 p.m. - Dark July & August

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4840 • Meet 1st & 3rd Tues., 10 a.m.
Dark January & February

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Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

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Milwaukee

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Phillips

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

Platteville

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783 Enterprise Drive • 608-349-6021
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Plymouth

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

Portage

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

Port Washington

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

Potosi

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

Poynette

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

Prairie du Chien

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

Prairie du Sac

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580 Water St. • 608-544-2491 (WM)
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Dark July, August & 1st Mon. in Sept.

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Dark July & August

Racine

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Meets All Year

Reedsburg

Reedsburg Lodge No. 79
213 E. Main St. • 608-524-2625
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Dark July & August

Rhineland

Rhineland Lodge No. 242
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Dark January & February

Rice Lake

Blue Hills Lodge No. 234
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Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
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Richland Center

Richland Lodge No. 66
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Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
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River Falls

River Falls Lodge No. 109
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Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

Shullsburg

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Dark January & February

South Milwaukee

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Dark July & August

Sparta

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Star Prairie

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Dark July August

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Waukesha

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Dark June, July & August

Waupun

Waupun Lodge No. 48
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Forest Lodge No. 130
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Dark June, July & August

Wautoma

Wautoma Lodge No. 148
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Dark Jan. & Feb. - 4th Monday of Dec.

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Dark July & August

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Dark July & August

West Allis

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West Allis

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Meets All Year

West Salem

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Dark July & August

Whitefish Bay

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Dark July & August

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

Wilmot

Wilmot Lodge No. 241
30702 113th St. • 847-587-9596 (WM)
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Dark July & August

Winneconne

Winneconne Lodge No. 186
100 W. Main Street • 920-235-8034 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

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Quarry Notes

William L. Stonecipher, Editor

• **Good News for York Rite** – Adams Lodge No. 332, located in Adams, has sponsored what appears to be the newest addition to the York Rite family of Masonic organizations in Wisconsin: Adoniram Council No. 51 Royal & Select Masters. Adoniram Council was officially opened in ceremonies on May 12 at the lodge in Adams. Most Illustrious Grand Mater of the Grand Council Royal & Select Masters assisted by other Grand Council officers opened the new Council in a public ceremony. Adams Lodge is also the home of W. D. Niles/Elsa M. Chase Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. Congratulations, all!

• **Announcing "Parkview Place"** – As many of you know, the Grand Lodge owns a 12-unit apartment complex in New London, Wisconsin. Formerly known as the Temple Apartments, the thoroughly updated facility has been recently renamed "Parkview Place" to make it more inviting to potential tenants and thereby enhance its marketability to potential buyers.

The story of how Grand Lodge came to be the owners of this apartment building in 2000 can be found on pages 31-32 of the 2005 Grand Lodge Proceedings. Complicating the subsequent sale of this facility at terms favorable to Grand Lodge was the fact that the original tenants had been given life leases by New London Lodge, which Grand Lodge was obliged to continue to honor. These leases would remain in force until the apartments were vacated either by death of the occupants or their option to move out, and then they would be rented at commercially competitive rates. Because of these life-time leases rental income suffered, resulting in significant operating losses.

During the Grand Trustees Report presented at the 2007 Grand Lodge Annual Communication on Saturday morning, June 2, Grand Trustee Bill Day, PGM, reported that a buy out of the remaining residents' lifetime leases was just completed at a cost of \$180,000. He explained that residents had been paying only \$180 per month, for life, under the terms of the original leases residents were given by the former New London Lodge. Grand Trustee Day also said that rents under the newly negotiated agreement will be increased to \$450 per month (with all 12 units rented this would yield \$64,800 in rental income per year).

This income will go a long way towards putting the property on a profitable footing, but what the Grand Trustees seem to desire most is to find a buyer for the building. They would then decide whether such a sale will be in the best interest of the Grand Lodge and will not negatively impact Grand Lodge financial status.

To speed the rental process towards reaching full occupancy, Brother Art Pfitzinger, owner of Revere Realty, has been selected by the trustees to market the apartments and find a buyer. Thus the reason for the name change.

Parkview Place offers attractive, large two-bedroom apartments with bath, accessible facilities, elevator, garage and cable TV. They are very affordable senior living apartment at only \$450 per month. And get this: as an added enticement the first month is free, according to Bro. Pfitzinger. If this sounds like a sales pitch, it is. It's a terrific value! New London is located just a few miles northwest of the Fox Cities. Feel free to contact Art Pfitzinger, Revere Realty, at 920-474-3315 for more information.

• **Guest Speaker Offer** – We recently received a communication from Brother Bill Slate with an offer that is hard to refuse. If your lodge needs a speaker to attend one of your meetings and give a short half-hour to forty-five minute presentation, Brother Slate has offered to make himself available to travel to your lodge, on your meeting night, and present some interesting history and patriotic stories. There is no charge. His visit will be a courtesy call to your lodge to encourage membership attendance. In order to take advantage of this opportunity call: 920-398-2371 (this is a business phone number). The secretary that answers the phone will take your information and schedule the visit. We are unfamiliar with Bro. Slate's presentations so we cannot tell you more about them, other than to suggest that you might want to give him a call. Feedback would be most welcome.

• **Widow's Sons Come to Wisconsin** – Masons and motorcycles seem to go together like the square and compass according to our state's newest Masonry related group. During the 163rd Annual Communication held in Madison, the newly formed Widow's Sons Motorcycle Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, "Low Twelve," was presented to the assembled lodges by Grand Master Paulsen. Widow's Sons is a national sport motorcycling association. Members from Damascus Lodge No. 290, Lake Lodge No. 189, both from the Milwaukee area, and a brother from Dodge County Lodge No. 72, are founding members of this new group. The Widow's Sons riders are both Masons and non-Masons who ride motorcycles 500cc or larger (no designated brand) but with the founding principals being Masonic. The Low Twelve chapter anticipates interest from all around the state and, as the first chapter formed, they will be the point of contact as Grand Chapter, as designated by the Northern Jurisdiction of Widows Sons National. The main point of contact will be Past Master Curt Campagna of Damascus Lodge No. 290, e-mail: <counselor@dl290.com> who will be the First President of the Grand Chapter. Additional information can be obtained at the web site www.widowssonswi.com. Interested motorcyclists can join the Grand Chapter or obtain information in order to form their own local chapter. Submitted by Bro Don OKray, Sgt. at Arms, Widow's Sons Wisconsin Grand Chapter.



Widows Sons Presented at Grand Lodge

When asked to turn around so that their emblems could be photographed, they all turned, including the Grand Master. Pictured are Curt Compagna, Brian Graff, the Grand Master Paulsen, Mick Olson and Don OKray.

News of the Lodges

Activities and events in lodges throughout Wisconsin

Wisconsin Rapids Masons Honor State Firefighters



Wisconsin Rapids Lodge Donates Bench to Wisconsin State Firefighters Memorial Park

The brethren of Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128 hosted a "Silent Fireman's Parade" on October 7, 2006. At that time Lodge members served sandwiches and refreshments at the lodge to the many people who attended the event. They came from all over Wisconsin. The Lodge also purchased a bench with the Masonic Emblem on it that has been placed at the entrance of the Wisconsin State Firefighters Memorial Park located near the Lodge along the Wisconsin River. The Lodge has been invited to participate in the upcoming activities at the park later this year. We believe the exposure from these events is a benefit to all Masonic Lodges throughout Wisconsin.



Lodge Scholarship to Firefighter's Daughter

On May 15 Brother Earl Arndt from Wisconsin Rapids Lodge presented Kathryn Wolff, Green Bay, whose firefighter father was killed in a fire, with a scholarship to be used for her post-high school education. The presentation was made on the 9-month anniversary of her father's death.



Onalaska Lodge Holds "Old Timers" Event

Onalaska Lodge No. 214, Onalaska, held an Old Timers recognition dinner on May 10. The following anniversaries were recognized: 60 Years, Richard L. Braly and Cletus E. Prieur; 55 Years, Robert W. Sanders; 50 Years, Bronno J. DeBoer; 40 Years, David A. Gilster; 35 Years, Roy F. Marcus, Jr.; 30 Years, Gene A. Fisher and P. Tom Skogen. **Pictured:** Bronno J. DeBoer received his 50-year pin from his son Mike DeBoer. Both are Past Masters of Onalaska Lodge.

– Submitted by Richard O. Matl, Onalaska Lodge News Hawk



LaBelle Lodge Celebrates 150th With Table Lodge

VIROQUA – Saturday June 9, 2007, found the Viroqua Masonic Lodge full of members and guests celebrating the 150th anniversary of the signing of the charter.

Worshipful Master Ernest Kramer welcomed all for an evening of good food and friendship. Michael DeWolf, the Grand Lodge Secretary of Free and Accepted Masons in Wisconsin, was the keynote speaker.

The ceremony of the Ladies at the Table, with the toast of seven, was the foundation of the evening. John Wilke (Grand Senior Warden) and his lady Sharon brought congratulations from the Grand Master J.B. Van Hollen. The members toasted all manner of things using Mason jars with a non-alcoholic sparkling drink. The evening ended with coffee, cake and ice cream, and good fellowship.



Waukesha Lodge Donates 100 Pounds of Vidalia Onions to Local Food Pantry

Waukesha Masonic Lodge No. 37 recently donated 100 pounds of bagged Vidalia onions to the Waukesha Food Pantry recently. The donation was part of the Lodge's 2007 community outreach program. "It is not often the food pantry receives fresh produce, so it's especially well received by the people we serve," according to a Steve Hanson, a Waukesha Food Pantry volunteer. "We are always looking ways to give back to the community and what better way to do this than to make a donation to the local food pantry," said John Krinke, Worshipful Master of the Waukesha Lodge. Pictured in the photo (right to left) are: Delmar Berger, Past Master; Brother Bill Bloede; Eugene Johnson, Lodge Chaplin; and Steve Hanson, Waukesha Food Pantry.

– Submitted by Bro. Scott Cowan, Waukesha Lodge News Hawk



Landmark Lodge Welcomes Five New Members

On May 24, 2007, Landmark Masonic Lodge, Frederic recognized five new Brothers with a public Bible and Apron presentation along with a potluck dinner. Brother William Beetcher, District 2 Deputy, introduced Bro. Frank Struble who spoke on the beginnings of Masonry. Senior Warden Dean Daniels gave the Apron Presentation and District 2 Lecturer, Bro. Harold Christensen, gave the Bible Presentation. There were 64 members and guests present for this very unique and enjoyable evening. Pictured are the five new Brothers: Neil Chapman, John Henneman, Ed Collins, R.J. Severude, and Pete Johnson. – Submitted by Bro. Bill Beecher, Jr. Grand Steward

Fond du Lac Gifts Go to local Salvation Army, Free Spirit Riders

Fond du Lac Lodge No. 26 recently. On the left Past Master Gerald Schrankler. On the right, Lodge Treasurer Burt Maybome, representing Masonic charity for Fond du Lac Lodge; In the middle, a Salvation Army representative receives a check from Lodge. Another was given to the Free Spirit Riders of Fond du Lac, a group that has a program that uses horses as therapy for handicapped people.

– Submitted by Rev. Gerald Schrankler, Fond du Lac Chaplain

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

Waukesha Lodge Receives Twain Award at the 163rd Grand Lodge AC



George B. Wheeler Lodge Raises Mark Hink

The members of George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351, Eau Claire, raised their newest Master Mason, Mark Hink, on April 25. From left to right are Joe Vanderburg, Counselor; Brother Mark Hink; and Worshipful Master Todd Berg. – Submitted by Roger A. Bischoff, Wheeler Lodge News Hawk



Waukesha Lodge Presented Mark Twain Award by MIC's Richard Fletcher

Waukesha Lodge No. 37 was officially presented the Mark Twain Award at the 163rd Grand Lodge Annual Communication June 1 in Madison. Presenting the award were Grand Master Rodney A. Paulsen, left, and Masonic Information Center Executive Secretary Richard Fletcher, PGM. Receiving the new award, which is given in recognition for exemplary work in constructing a positive Masonic identity within the lodge and throughout the local community, were Past Master Gary Ebert, Worshipful Master John Krinke, Junior Warden Mark Fellman, and Senior Warden Robert McQuillan (left to right). The Mark Twain Award recognizes lodges that achieve the goals expressed in the report, "It's About Time; Moving Masonry into the 21st Century". In 2006 the opened our doors to a local church whose building was destroyed by fire and raised funds to help Masons in Mississippi replace bibles and aprons lost during Hurricane Katrina.

What Designs Are On Your Lodge Trestleboard?

Does your Lodge Master have the year's activities planned?
Do your lodge have a Friend's Night program planned?
How about a Prospective Member list? If not, why not?



Three Pillars

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Three Pillars Staff Receive Scholarships from Glenn L. Humphrey Lodge



The Glenn L. Humphrey Masonic Lodge #364 recently awarded four \$600 scholarships to Three Pillars staff members.

The scholarship is the outcome of gifts from residents, families, and the fraternal community in recognition of the outstanding service that the staff provide on a daily basis.

This year's recipients are: Brad Olk, Certified Nursing Assistant and Jessica Lindemann, Nursing Supervisor, both furthering their nursing education as RNs; as well as Dining Services staff Stephanie Paquin, studying to become a Physician's Assistant, and Liz Hobday, pursuing a Radiology degree.

Kathy Meyer, Director of Human Resources, commented, "We are proud of the high quality of care and services that our staff provide to all of our residents, and we recognize the benefits of their continuing education. So we cherish our partnership with the Glenn L. Humphrey Lodge in providing these scholarships to our staff."

Pictured from the left are James M. Earle, Jr., Master of Glenn L. Humphrey Lodge, staff members Jessica Lindemann, Nursing Supervisor; Stephanie Paquin, Dining Services; and Liz Hobday, Dining Services; Gerald Beier, and Al Berg also members of the Glenn L. Humphrey Lodge.

Also receiving a scholarship but not in attendance was Bradley Olk, Nursing Assistant.

a message from MARY MILLARD, DIRECTOR OF FRATERNAL RELATIONS

YOU ARE INVITED . . .

I had the opportunity of giving my presentation to many of the lodges and chapters throughout Wisconsin this past year. Even though I had many pictures of both of our campuses, they do not show the true beauty of what we have. When I suggested that you come and visit, many of you thought that would be a great idea. So I have set some dates so that you may be able to get a carload of your members to come and visit. I have scheduled two Saturdays, September 15th and November 3rd, for visits to our Three Pillars - Dousman campus and one Saturday, October 13th, for a visit to our MasonWoods on Shawano Lake. The tours would begin at 10am and a lunch will be served.

Your lodges and chapters will be receiving a letter from me in August with all the details regarding your visit. Start making plans to attend these tours.

join us for our second season of CONCERTS IN THE PARK

July 22nd - Bourbon Street Stompers
August 26th - Nick Contorno Quintet

All concerts are from 1:00 to 3:00pm in the picnic pavilion behind the Wisconsin Masonic Home

please visit our website www.threepillars.org for additional concert information or call Karen Straw at 262.965.7232



Three Pillars 1st Annual FRIENDS & FAMILY FESTIVAL



Sunday, August 5th from Noon to 4pm

Enjoy chicken dinner, hamburgers, hot dogs, soda, beer, wine coolers, popcorn, roasted corn, cotton candy, and family fun activities

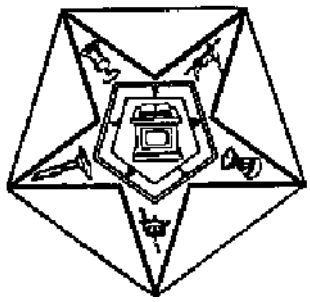


An afternoon of food, fun, and live entertainment for the whole family!

visit our website www.threepillars.org for updated information or call 800.848.5306

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





Order of Eastern Star

From The WGM

Dear Sisters, Brothers and Friends, Summer is here and the ladybugs are out!

The kickoff for our new membership program was at Grand Chapter. Did you get your "Ask Me about Eastern Star" button? If you need one, the Area Chair people have them. The Area Chair people are working with the chapters to determine goals for this year and to start planning membership programs for each chapter.

At Grand Chapter a resolution was passed to change introductions. The Grand Line Officers are here to help you and your chapter in making the transition to the new way of introducing guests in your chapter easy.

The Grand Conductresses will hold Conductress workshops throughout the state this summer. They will be sending a schedule out soon. Introductions will be exemplified at the five exemplifications this summer. Plan on attending at least one exemplification and see how easy the new introductions can be.

Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota will be visiting Wisconsin on August 25. Ruth Chapter, La Crosse, is hosting the Quad State Exchange. Ruth Chapter has a great dinner planned and there will be some fun entertainment. Plan on coming to La Crosse where you can share an enjoyable evening with Sisters and Brothers from our neighboring jurisdictions.

Light, the traveling sea otter, and Joy, the traveling ladybug, started their journey of visiting Wisconsin Eastern Star Chapters at Grand Chapter. Light went home with West Allis Chapter and Joy went to visit Viroqua Chapter. Where are they now? Remember all it takes is three people from your chapter to capture Light or Joy. Help them visit as many chapters as possible this year. Watch their travels on the O.E.S. website.

Many of our chapters do not recess in July and August; it's a great time to visit them.

Have a safe and wonderful summer.

Bug hugs, Laurie

Save Your Quarters for Upcoming Trip

Join Laurie & Cal
In Las Vegas

Our trip to Las Vegas will be the end of January. Details will be announced as soon as the travel agent has the information.

Worthy Grand Patron Reception

Viroqua & Sparta Chapters
Invite you to attend a
Dinner & Program Honoring
Brother Cal Wells

Worthy Grand Patron of Wisconsin
At the Colonial Bowling Center
1415 W. Wisconsin St.
Sparta, Wisconsin

Saturday, July 14
Social Honor: 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Entertainment: 3 p.m.
Program: 3:45 p.m.
Dinner: 4:30 p.m.
Cost \$18.00

R.S.V.P. to: Donna Sniff
3024 Marion Road South
LaCrosse, WI 54601

Reservation must be in by July 3
(No Refunds)

Catch The Wave

Wisconsin Eastern Star is pleased to announce a new Membership Program. This program is designed to both encourage inactive members to become active again, and to draw new members to our wonderful organization. Our dedication to charity, truth and loving kindness, as well as our enthusiasm for Eastern Star, should be shared with others.

To do this, we want to make sure that our meetings are interesting and fun, that we are effective in our communications with our members, and that we show that we truly care about each other. One of the things that I have always appreciated about Eastern Star is that no matter where we travel, we know we always have "family" nearby, even though we may not necessarily know each other yet.

Each chapter has or will soon receive a membership information packet which provides suggestions and ideas to accomplish our membership goals. Each chapter will have 1-2 enthusiastic Membership Committee contacts. These folks are here to assist each chapter in any way they can.

We are committed to the success of our beautiful Order for the future. We all benefit from new members who bring new ideas, talents and energy, we need to "toot our own horn" and let other people know about the service we perform, our support of various charities, how we aid our communities, and how much fun we have doing it! **CATCH THE WAVE!!**

Karen Schwarz
Membership Committee Chair

Contributions to Eastern Star Foundation

- Honor Chapter In Memory of Sister Dorothy Halvorson
- Lac La Bell Chapter In Memory of Sister Laura Popke
 - Lila B. Graser Chapter
 - Ozaukee Chapter
- New Holstein - Calumet Chapter
 - Betty Barnes in Memory of Marge Leidel and Millie & Chuck Foudry

Worthy Grand Matron Reception

West Allis & Acadia Chapters
Cordially invite you to a
Dinner & Reception Honoring
Sister Laurie Twardy
Worthy Grand Matron of Wisconsin
At the Western Racquet Club
1800 Highland Dr., Elm Grove, WI

Saturday, July 7
Social Honor: 5 p.m.
Entertainment: 6 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.
Cost \$25.00 with remittance to Acadia Chapter No. 269

R.S.V.P. to: Ramona Vyvyan
17350 Brooklawn Dr.
Brookfield, WI 53045
(262) 781-7435
Reservation by June 25
(No Refunds)

Open House at Arbutus Chapter in Stevens Point

Arbutus Chapter,
Stevens Point, OES,
Evergreen Lodge No. 93.
F.&A.M. and Stevens Point
Assembly No. 1,
Rainbow for Girls

Invite you to their OPEN HOUSE celebrating the new location of the Stevens Point Masonic Center on Sunday, July 22, 2007, from 1p.m. - 4 p.m., 2854 Church St. (Bus. 51) Stevens Point, WI 54481.

Wearing something to identify yourself as an OES (or other Masonic family organization member) is encouraged. Questions to Rae Canfield, 715-341-5597 or raeacanfield@yahoo.com

Collection for Homeless Veterans

Brother Don Carlson, Worthy Patron of Martha Chapter No. 66, Jefferson, had as his project for the past two years collecting good used clothing as well as personal hygiene items and monetary gifts for homeless veterans.

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Assistance Program is a program for homeless veterans and veterans at risk of becoming homeless. The program specialist of Veteran Affairs at Union Grove spoke to members of Martha Chapter explaining the need to help our veterans.

This program offers job training, counseling and rehabilitative services needed to obtain employment, affordable housing and the skills to sustain a productive lifestyle. Martha Chapter collected enough clothes (both summer and winter) for two pickup truck loads.

The Veterans Affairs program was most appreciative and informed us that the things we forwarded to them were much needed and would be put to good use. Brother Carlson wishes to thank everyone who so generously donated to this project.



Eastern Star Friends Night hosted by Ellsworth

On April 17 Ellsworth Chapter No. 116 hosted a Friend's Night at the Masonic Center, with invitations to all of the surrounding chapters to join Ellsworth members for an evening of fellowship and entertainment. The response was overwhelming. Nearly 70 people were on hand, representing nine Wisconsin chapters and two from Minnesota. Dorothy Boleen was at the keyboard, playing a variety of music to the enjoyment of everyone. When she played several polkas, members of the audience joined Jerry and Mary Bristol, and Rick and Joyce Swan, out on the dance floor. At the conclusion of the short business meeting, Worthy Matron Mary Bristol presented 25 year membership awards to Karen Schumaker and Jean Krauss. Pictured left to right are: Mary Bristol, Worthy Matron, Karen Schumaker and Jean Krauss of Ellsworth Chapter.

Chapter Calendar Dates

July 2007

- 7 - WGM's Party Brookfield
- 8-11 - Grand Officer's School, Brookfield
- 14 - WGP's Party, Sparta
- 16 - Star of Bethlehem, Portage, Initiation
- 20 - Exemplification, Oregon, Oregon
- 21 - Twilight, Sun Prairie, 100th Anniversary Celebration
- 28 - Exemplification, Wauwatosa, Brookfield
- 29 - Grand Family Day at Dousman

August 2007

- 4 - Exemplification, Charles A Lawton, Green Bay
- 10 - Exemplification, Tomah, Tomah
- 11 - Exemplification, Ellsworth, Ellsworth
- 18 - Multijurisdictional Event, Lansing Michigan
- 25 - Iowa/Minnesota/South Dakota/Wisconsin Exchange, Ruth, LaCrosse
- 26 - Joyce Skogen's Grand Representative Reception - Tomah, Tomah

"Led By His Light" Grand Family Exemplifications

Join your Grand Family for fellowship, good work and some fun. We encourage every member to attend at least one exemplification. Attendance awards will be given out. Make sure your Chapter receives one.

July 20, 2007

Oregon Chapter, Oregon

Dinner 5:30 - Cost \$9.50
Exemplification of the Work 7 p.m.
RSVP Catherine Pryes, 2510
Canterburg Rd, Madison, WI 53711
608-271-9679

July 28, 2007

Wauwatosa Chapter, Brookfield

Exemplification of the Work 7 p.m.

August 4, 2007

Charles A. Lawton Chapter, Green Bay

Exemplification of the work
1:30 p.m.

August 10, 2007

Tomah Chapter, Tomah

Dinner at 5:30
(Cost to be determined)
Exemplification of the Work 7 p.m.
RSVP to Joyce Skogen,
201 View Street, Tomah, WI 54660
608-372-6307

August 11, 2007

Ellsworth Chapter, Ellsworth

Dinner at 5:30 (Cost \$7)
Exemplification of the Work 7 pm
RSVP to Vi Wilhelm,
PO Box 553, Ellsworth, WI 54011
715-273-4316

'World of Youth' Scholarships Presented

At the Tuesday evening session of Grand Chapter in Middleton the World of Youth Committee with Sister Kay Beix as chair were able to award 21 scholarships for a total of \$7,100 to our Masonic Youth.

\$500 Recipients were:

Sarah Brown, Jennie Canfield, Meling Chao, and Melissa Jackson.

\$300 Recipients were:

Rebecca Besler, Victoria Bialk, Brittny Blackwood, Caitlin Buck, Kathleen Faraca, Amanda Heintz, Adelle Housker, Haley Kordus, Leanna Kryszak, Natalie Machkovech, Jennifer Matzke, Autumn Mayer, Rachel Preuschl, Katlin Schneider, Annie Schumacher, Kathryn Shore and Beverly Thompson.

Those chapters and individuals who contributed \$250 or more to the World of Youth Scholarship fund were asked to assist in the presenting of the scholarships. Those chapters included: Arbutus (Stevens Point), Kenosha (Kenosha), Kilbourn (Wisconsin Dells), West Allis (West Allis), Wauwatosa (Brookfield), Starlite (Madison) and Pike (Kenosha).

SISTERS AND BROTHERS

If you would like to have your information about your chapter's special events, 50-year members or chatter about your chapter printed on this page please send your information to Sister Jane Blackwood, 937 Euclid Ave, Beloit, WI 53511-6006 or stormkat@sbcglobal.net.

Please submit items by the 25th of the month two months prior to the intended month of publication. The summer issue July and August is combined and will be published on July 2.

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

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Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

July 2007

- 21 Reedsburg Lodge 150th Dinner & Rededication 2 p.m., Reedsburg Lodge. Dinner is \$10 per person. RSVP by July 12 to WM Robert Ott by phone at 608-524-1390 or by e-mail at <drmnktt@rucis.net>.
- 21 Wisconsin Knights Templar-sponsored Leadership Development Seminar, Open to the public & all Masonic organizations & youth groups, Wausau Masonic Center, 9 a.m. registration, Lunch included. \$15 pre-registration and \$20 at the door. Keynote speaker is Rev. Jan L. Beaderstadt, KYGCH. For information and early registration contact: Larry Catellier at 608-348-7175 or e-mail at <lac@mmfwp.com >.
- 22 - York Rite Freemasonry Family Picnic, Everyone's Invited! Hosted by Plattville York Rite Bodies at Valley View Park on Gridley Ave next to the UW-Plattville Stadium. 3:30 to 8:30 p.m.. Brats and burgers provided, bring a dish to pass. Contact: Larry Catellier for directions or information at 608-348-7175.
- 26-28 Wisconsin High School All-Star Men's & Women's High School Soccer Games sponsored by the Wisconsin Masonic Soccer Foundation at Carthage College, Kenosha. Recognition breakfast and program is at 8 a.m. on Saturday, July 28. The women's game begins at 11:30 a.m. and the men's game begins at 2 p.m.
- 29 Milwaukee Chapter No. 27 National Sojourners Annual Picnic, Cedar Lake Yacht Club, West Bend.

August 2007

- 1 Appleton Shrine Club Spanfarkel, Riverside Park, Kaukauna, 6 p.m. \$10 per person. Res. to William H Frands, N1432 Star Dust Drive, Greenville, WI 54942.
- 4 Argyle Lodge open-air Master Mason Degree, 10 a.m., 7411 County Line Rd., Blanchardville. Lunch at noon, bring lawn chair. For information contact Karl Gant at 608-523-4714 or <kgyellowstone@tds.net>.
- 5 Three Pillars' First Annual FRIENDS & FAMILY FESTIVAL 12 noon to 4 p.m. on the Three Pillars Senior Living Communities Campus in Dousman. An afternoon of food, fun & live entertainment for the whole family. Enjoy a chicken dinner, hamburgers, hotdogs and much more. See page 14 for details.
- 11 Wisconsin Knights Templar-sponsored Leadership Development Seminar. Open to the public & all Masonic organizations & youth groups, Janesville Masonic Center, 9 a.m. Fees & registration same as for July 21 seminar.
- 13 Teddy Bear Classic III Golf Scramble to Benefit 32nd Degree Children's Learning Center in Milwaukee. Muskego Lakes Country Club. Entry is \$99.99 per golfer, banquet is \$29.99 per person. Credit cards accepted.

- Reservations to Kapke & Kapke Attorneys at Law, 2505 N. 124th St., Suite 106K, Brookfield, WI 53005. Reservations by July 31. For details call 414-276-4744.
- 16-18 Zor Shrine, Midwest Shrine Association Summer Session, Madison. Zor Shrine Parade, Capitol Square, Madison, 6:15 p.m.
- 17-19 Grand Lodge Summer Staff Mtg. Pewaukee
- 24 -25 Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Wisconsin, Full Summer Staff Meetings, Governor Dodge Hotel & Convention Center, Plattville.
- 30 Southwestern York Rite Association Meeting hosted by New Glarus Chapter No.108 Royal Arch Masons, New Glarus Masonic Center, 6 p.m. meal 7 p.m. meeting.

September 2007

- 8 Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843, Marinette Lodge No. 182, Marinette (Tentative)
- 13 WMBAB (GM) Grand Masonic Center 3 p.m.
- 13 Grand Master's Tea (GM) Masonic Center for Health & Rehabilitation 9:30 a.m.
- 13 Grand Master's Tea (GM) Holtz Pavilion at Compass Point 10:30 a.m.
- 16 Milwaukee WALK 2007 to Help Children with Dyslexia Veterans Memorial Park Lakefront Shelter 11 a.m.
- 20 Visit by the GM to Henry S. Baird Lodge in Sturgeon Bay to honor the men who have been both Attorney General and Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin. H.S. Baird was the first to be both GM and Wisconsin Attorney General. JB Van Hollen is the second.
- 30 Wisconsin York Rite Testimonial Dinner, Location at Shooters Restaurant in Plover. Wisconsin York Rite Association Meeting 9:00 a.m. Social Hour 11:30 a.m. Dinner 12:30 p.m. \$20.00 ea. Send prepaid reservations to Raymond Mielke, W529 Cty Road D, Fall River, 53932. Reservations deadline is September 10.

October 2007

- 6 Grand Commander's Home Commandery Inspection at Plattville Commandery No. 35. Knights Templar Annual Inspection plus a special observance at 9 a.m. commemorating three 700th anniversary of the arrest of the Knights Templar in Paris, France. Regular inspection time 1 p.m., Plattville Masonic Center.
- 10 Tour Tomah VA Center (GM) Tomah 1 p.m.
- 10 AASR Awards Night (GM) Seven Bridges Restaurant - Onalaska, 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters 150th Anniversary Celebration & Super Excellent Master Degree, Madison Masonic Center. Degree at 1 p.m.,

GRAND LODGE, F. & A. M. OF WISCONSIN
36275 SUNSET DRIVE,
DOUSMAN, WISCONSIN 53118

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16th Annual Masonic All-Star
Soccer Games are July 28



Brother J. B. Van Hollen was elected and installed as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin June 1 at the 163rd Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Madison. The Grand Master's home lodge is Ancient Landmark No. 210 in Ashland. -Photography by JD

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