



Wisconsin Masonic Calendar

JULY

11 Job's Daughters Statewide picnic - Terry Andre State Park

17 Wilmot Lodge No. 241 will be host a motorcycle rally touring the scenic southeastern Wisconsin countryside from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to benefit The Sharing Center of Salem, Wis. Wilmot Masonic center is located at 30702 Fox River Rd., Wilmot. Please e-mail Brother Mike Wood at mike1tree@yahoo.com or phone 224-627-6731 with any questions. See story on page 4.

17 Blue Hills Lodge No. 234 will host a Masonic Car Show Saturday, July 17 at 225 W. South St. in Rice Lake. The show runs from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m. Contact Harlan Dodge 715-434-7199 e-mail hkdodge@charter.net. See ad on page 4.

19 Madison Scottish Rite Steak Fry at Middleton-Ionic Lodge No. 180, for Masons, prospective Masons and their Ladies. 5:00 p.m. Call 608-256-2351. See ad on page 2.

19 8th Annual Lake Country Masonic Golf Outing to benefit the "Pay it Forward" campaign of Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge No. 42. Held at the Legend at Brandybrook in Wales, Wisconsin. Registration/Lunch at 10:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at Noon. Limited to 144 players. Contact Tom Ewald 262-201-4036, Jack Holtz 414-322-1995 or Michael Radichel 414-861-6003.

22-24 Masonic Soccer Activities begin on Thursday, July 22, with youth camp registration. All-Star registration will be Friday, July 23. The All-Star recognition banquet and games will be on Saturday, July 24. The girls' game begins at 11:00 a.m. followed by the boys' game at approximately 1:00 p.m. Additional information is available at www.masonicsoccer.org or call Bro. David Tainter at 262-689-2848. See story on page 4.

24 Road Rally, 10:00 a.m. beginning at the Zor Shrine Temple, 575 Zor Shrine Place, Madison. For all Masons and Shriners, families and friends to meet and have a fun day. No charge. Laid out by road rally team of Bros. Russ Hunt and John MacKenzie. Contact John MacKenzie at 608-215-4366.

28 2010 EAA AirVenture Master Mason Degree, Grand Lodge Officer Degree Team, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 opening, Oshkosh Lodge No. 27.

AUGUST

1 Cornerstone Ceremony for Rehabilitation and Wellness Center Expansion, 11:00 a.m., 4th Annual Three Pillars Friends & Family Festival, Noon- 3 p.m., 410 North main St., Dousman. Contacts: 800-848-5306 or www.threepillars.org.

9 Teddy Bear Classic Golf Outing, Muskego Lakes Country Club to benefit Milwaukee's Children's Learning Center. Call Tom Kohl 262-241-7070 to sign up your foursome.

16 Madison Scottish Rite Steak Fry at Mineral Point Lodge No.

1, for Masons, prospective Masons and their Ladies. 5:00 p.m. Call 608-256-2351. See ad on page 2.

20-22 Job's Daughters Jamboree at Green Lake Wisconsin

21 Racine Chapter #45, OES, Spaghetti Dinner, Noon - 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Racine Masonic Center's, Charles Kopecky Memorial Dining Room, 1012 Main St, Racine. Spaghetti, bread, dessert, salad, milk and coffee. There will also be tours of the historic Henry Durand Mansion.

22 Racine Chapter #45, OES, Pancake Fest, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Racine Masonic Center's, Charles Kopecky Memorial Dining Room. All you can eat Pancakes and Sausage. There will also be tours of the historic Henry Durand Mansion.

28 Masonic Lodge Sportsmen's Shoot sponsored by Camp Douglas Lodge No. 272. For more information call Charles Huffman, 608-315-0056 or 608-378-3325. See ad on page 7.

SEPTEMBER

19 5K Walk/Fun Run to Help Children with Dyslexia, The Milwaukee Yacht Club, 12:00 Noon. Call Marcia Christensen 262-376-8868.

25-26 Grand Bethel Exemplification in La Crosse

OCTOBER

2 Wisconsin DeMolay Honors Day, West Bend Masonic Center, 3:30 Court of Chevaliers, 4:30 Legion of Honor, 5:30 Social, 6:00 Dinner, 7:00 Honors Presentations.



Bros. Bruce Klubertanz, Scott Hiser and Keith Williams of La Crosse Lodge No. 190 march in the 2010 Memorial Day parade in downtown La Crosse on Monday May 31.

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Rite Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White, Jr. and Most Worshipful Grand Master Joseph B. Harker prepare to close the 166th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin.

166 Lodges Represented at the 166th Annual Communication

The 166th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin was opened in the Madison Masonic Center Auditorium at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 4 by Grand Master Craig S. Campbell's home lodge, Lincoln Lodge No. 183, Menomonee Falls. Worshipful Master Terrence Tracy opened the Lodge assisted by Senior Warden James Broich, Junior Warden Michael Allen, Treasurer Wayne Billings, Secretary Roger Wetterau, Chaplain Daniel Stujenske, Senior Deacon Kenneth Heitman, Junior Deacon Lowell Mueller, Senior Steward Albert Wegner, Junior Steward Lawrence Wegner and Tiler Robert Hein.

The Grand Lodge Officers entered and Deputy Grand Master Joseph B. Harker and Grand Master Craig S. Campbell were received through an "arch of steel" formation by the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar of Wisconsin and the Waukesha Commandery. The Knights Templar presented the Flag of the United States. The Pledge of Allegiance was given followed by the singing of our National Anthem.

The preliminary report of the credentials committee confirmed 166 lodges out of 189 had registered.

Twenty-six Past Grand Masters were introduced followed by a response on their behalf by PGM Michael A. DeWolf.

Fourteen members of other Grand Jurisdictions were introduced including Grand Master Kenneth E. Willis, Jr. of Indiana; Grand Master Craig C. Hummel of Iowa; Grand Master Joseph H. Rival, Jr. of New Jersey; and Deputy Grand Master Earl M. Thomas III of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. Grand Master Craig C. Hummel spoke on behalf of the visiting grand jurisdictions and Deputy Grand Master Earl M. Thomas III brought the greetings of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Wisconsin and Grand Master Frank Humphrey. Deputy Grand Master Thomas reflected on the great fellowship enjoyed at the combined table lodges held each year during the month of March.



Grand Master Craig S. Campbell presents the Mark Twain Award to Worshipful Master Matthew Walters of Waverly Lodge No 51, Appleton.

Reports from the Resolutions and Jurisprudence Committees – PGM George A. Wallinger gave the report from the Resolutions Committee and PGM James H. Olson reported on behalf of the Jurisprudence Committee that 15 resolutions had been received prior to the deadline. Numbers 9, 10 and 15 were not approved. The complete report will be printed in the final proceedings.

Resolution No. 3 to provide for the Annual

Communication in June of 2012 to be held in the City of Madison, Wis. was presented by Junior Grand Warden Dennis Siewert. The resolution passed with no discussion.

Junior Grand Wardens Report – Junior Grand Warden Dennis Siewert gave his report noting that the Masonic Code of Wisconsin (57.03B) states in part that the Junior Warden of each lodge shall make periodic reports to the Junior Grand Warden regarding activities of any related youth groups. The Junior Grand Warden only received reports from the Junior Wardens of five lodges: Cassia No. 167, Sun Prairie No. 143, Burlington No. 28, Theodore Roosevelt No. 322 and George Washington 1776 No. 337.



District Lecturer J. Patrick Storrs (left) and Bro. William L. Stonecipher were the 2010 recipients of the Grand Master's Meritorious Masonic Service Awards.

The Secretary of the Year Award was presented by our Grand Lodge ladies, Jan Gorgen, Alicia Darr and Cheryl Martin. (see story on page 5).

Grand Master Craig S. Campbell gave the Grand Master's Report as follows:

Brethren,
A year ago I stated several objectives that I hoped to accomplish as Grand Master. I am pleased now to report to you on those objectives, my activities as Grand Master and to report to you on the state of the craft.

One of the objectives I had was to hold seminars on Freemasonry for the Public. A program I called "Taking Masonry to the People." Originally, we had four dates scheduled, and these were assisted by our MWPGM J.B. Van Hollen. Thanks again, JB. you were terrific. A fifth date was added after a Fraternal Relations meeting with Prince Hall, where I was accompanied by the MW Bro. Frank J. Humphrey, Grand Master of the MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Wis.

These seminars were promoted through an e-mail campaign and the Grand Lodge website. An initial e-mailing of 45,000 was sent to a demographic audience of Wisconsin residents age 18-45. Subsequent e-mails of 5,000 to 10,000 were sent to subsets based on local geography, for a total of 88,000 e-mails sent. Of those sent, about half reached the recipients and about half bounced. Even so, it represents perhaps the strongest effort to date to get Freemasonry in the eyes of the public.

All total we had 230 attend at the five seminars, about half of whom were already Masons. And, of course my primary objective for holding them was to inspire people to want to become a member. I am pleased to report to you that I averaged better than five petitions per seminar. See **ANNUAL COMMUNICATION** on page 6 . . .

The Grand Master's Message:

By Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin Brother Joseph B. Harker

My brothers, I am deeply humbled but honored by having been elected and installed as your Grand Master. I want to congratulate and thank all of the Grand Lodge Officers that have been elected or appointed and installed to serve you this next Grand Lodge year. We all thank you for your support and confidence. We pledge to you our support in all of your endeavors.

We also pledge our support to York Rite, Scottish Rite, and Shrine and other appendent bodies as well as our youth organizations. Your work is important and appreciated by all those whom you serve. Your Grand Lodge Officers want you to know that we are a team that is in place to serve the brothers, lodges and all Masonic affiliates of this great jurisdiction.

I want you to know that I will do my very best to uphold the duties of the office to which I have been elected and installed. I know that our other officers will do the same.

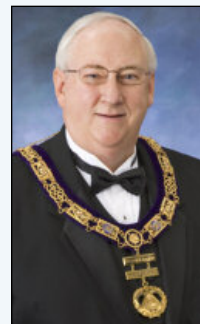
I have been asked repeatedly by many of you if I thought that I would be ready to be your next Grand Master. As a team of Grand Lodge officers that have been working very well together there are many things we are aware of that must be handled and I am sure there are many more that we are not aware of that will require our attention. Your executive officers will be meeting this year once each month or more often as required to address issues that are brought to our attention. So to answer that most frequently asked question. I may not know all the answers but with the assistance of the team assembled, I/we will provide the answers and/or information that you deserve and expect. I strongly believe in team work. A team will accomplish much more than any one individual can accomplish by himself.

We must thank all of our Past Grand Masters for their excellent leadership and foresight to set the direction that this jurisdiction has taken in the past. We know that we can count on each of them for guidance. Thank you Past Grand Masters.

Your Grand Lodge office staff is ready to assist you and your lodges when you need them. The young ladies at your Grand Lodge office have the experience and knowledge to address your many concerns and needs. I would ask that you be polite and courteous, providing adequate time for our staff to produce the certificates, forms, materials you need.

You have provided me with the opportunity the past two years to travel to the North American Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries. There I have had the chance to talk with many Grand Lodge officers from various Jurisdictions. When time allowed, I sat in on portions of the Grand Secretary's sessions and it is very apparent that we are so very lucky to have Most Worshipful Michael A. DeWolf, P.G.M., as Grand Secretary serving our jurisdiction. Most Worshipful Brother Mike along with our Grand Treasurer, Right Worshipful Brother John Benedict, spent a considerable amount of time and

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Joseph B. Harker
Grand Master



Grand Master's Pin
2010-2011

Grand Master's Edict

28 June 2010

To: All Constituent Lodges and Members

On June 4, 2010, the Grand Lodge passed a resolution to increase the per capita tax from \$31.00 to \$37.00.

Since this is a substantial increase and realizing that this increase took effect immediately upon the conclusion of Grand Lodge Annual Communication, and seeing an opportunity for many members to become Perpetual Members of their respective lodges, I have therefore decided to issue this edict:

"To permit the members of their respective Wisconsin Lodges to purchase a PMP membership at the per capita rate of \$31.00 times the respective age factor, and that the applications must be received by the Grand Lodge Office on or before November 30, 2010. This Edict will cover single payment PMP applications only, not installment payments. The new per capita amount would then take effect on January 1, 2011, for the PMP Program."

Your regular dues notices will be sent out in October with the new per capita amount of \$37.00 included. You will be required, if an application has been sent to the Grand Lodge Office prior to the deadline date, to work with your secretary of your respective lodges to ensure the proper crediting of your dues.

It is requested that you refer to the Wisconsin Masonic Code for the proper filing of the Perpetual Membership Program, Chapter 94. Forms are available from your Lodge secretary or available by calling the Grand Lodge Office or from the Grand Lodge web site.

Joseph B. Harker
M. W. Grand Master

ATTEST:
Michael A. DeWolf
Grand Secretary

On Our Cover

Grand Lodge Officers for 2010-2011. Front row (left to right): Grand Treasurer John A. Benedict, Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White, Jr., Grand Master Joseph B. Harker, Senior Grand Deacon Dennis V. Siewert, Junior Grand Warden Daniel L. Slavik and Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM. Second row: District 1 Deputy Travis L. Hand, Senior Grand Deacon William Beetcher, Senior Grand Steward Donald W. Hensiak, Grand Chaplain Donald F. Iliff, Grand Lecturer Kenneth C. Gorgen, Grand Tiler Frank J. Mayer, Grand Marshal John W. Krinke, Junior Grand Steward L. Arby Humphrey, Junior Grand Deacon Franklin J. Struble and District 12 Deputy Robert Strader. Third row: District 2 Deputy H. Scott Paulson, District 5 Deputy Mark D. Jerdee, District 4 Deputy Christopher J. Hirthe, District 3 Deputy John C. Tilley, District 6 Deputy Travis J. Lehrer, District 7 Deputy David C. Bomkamp, District 8 Deputy Scott E. Pedley, District 9 Deputy Ralph L. Behlke, District 10 Deputy David E. Tainter and District 11 Deputy John P. Marra.

Photo by J. D. Photography

Grand Master Joseph B. Harker Makes First Official Visit as GM to Mineral Point Lodge No. 1

Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin Joseph B. Harker made his first official visit as Grand Master to his home Lodge, Mineral Point No. 1 on Monday evening June 7. He was accorded the Grand Honors of Masonry by members of the Mineral Point Lodge and several visiting lodges.

Grand Master Harker is the fifth Grand Master to come from Mineral Point Lodge No. 1. Previous Grand Masters were: William R. Smith, 1849 and 1850; H. M. Billings, 1854 and 1855; R. D. Pulford 1873; and Harry A. Speich, 1955.

Lodge Secretary Bill Buckingham presented the Grand Master's Masonic history and read the minutes of the meeting when he was raised.

The Grand Master received his three degrees in Mineral Point Lodge. He was initiated an Entered Apprentice by members of the Zor Camel Patrol, of which his father Jack was a member, on September 27, 1969, he was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on April 8, 1970 and raised a Master Mason on November 7, 1970 by a group from the Allen-Bradley Company where he was employed.

Grand Master Harker thanked the brethren of Mineral Point Lodge for helping him get his start in



Grand Master Joseph B. Harker addresses the Brethren of his home Lodge.

Freemasonry and reflected back on joining the Lodge at age 21 and doing his posting in his uncle's barn while carrying milk.

In closing the Grand Master reminded the brethren to always remember how we meet, act and part.

In photo at right: Secretary Bill Buckingham reads the minutes of the meeting when the Grand Master was raised.

Story and Photos by Rich Rygh



EAA AirVenture Master Mason Degree July 28

For many years it was the tradition of Oshkosh Lodge No. 26 to perform the Master Mason Degree during the annual EAA Fly-in. Literally hundreds of brothers from all over the world attended these magnificent events. It has not been done now for over a decade and many of those brothers who remember how good it used to be have requested it happen again. Grand Master Joseph B. Harker has consented to the formation of a Grand Lodge Officer Degree Team to confer a Master Mason degree for our visiting brothers.

The AirVenture Master Mason Degree will take place on Wednesday, July 28. Oshkosh Lodge will provide a light dinner at 6:00 and the degree is scheduled to commence at 7:00.

E-mail your submissions to wmjeditor@wisc-freemasonry.org.

Perspectives on Faith

By Reverend Don Iliff, Grand Chaplain

Grand Chaplain Don Iliff is in the process of moving to a new home this month. His message will return in our next issue.

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energy negotiating excellent coverage at very competitive rates for our insurance protection. I am sure that nearly all of you experienced a decrease in insurance premiums. These two Brothers were also tasked with the rollout of the new Government regulations. These two items required considerable time and effort. My brothers you do not know how fortunate you and I are to have a staff so capable and knowledgeable.

Our Grand Secretary will be conducting secretary training sessions again this year. A portion of that training will be MORI (The Masonic Online Registry Interface) tool. It is a tool that all lodges must master. MORI is a complete web based membership management application for use by constituent Lodges integrating The Grand Lodge Office, subordinate body, and fundraising functions into a unified system. MORI can help us to eliminate errors, improve mailings, enforce our Constitution, and lower our operating expenses. I want you all to know that it has become impossible to maintain the BLIS (Blue Lodge Information System). BLIS was on a platform that does not make sense to utilize any longer. Face it my brothers, BLIS is a thing of the past. If you are still using it, set a goal to transfer to MORI over the summer. While the Lodge would benefit if the Lodge secretary were your local MORI expert, it does not have to be the secretary, it may be another member of your Lodge. I attended one of the early MORI training classes a few years ago and more recently have taken the online training session. It is not difficult my brothers. I encourage those Lodges that are not registered to do so now. I have looked at the usage statistics, there are 13 Lodges who have as yet not registered. There are Lodges that have accessed the program a dozen times or so and there are Lodges that have accessed the program hundreds of times and one Lodge that has accessed it nearly 1,000 times. Our Grand Lodge Officers want to see you utilize this program. Please provide input in each of the data fields for each member. I found this past fall and winter while trying to fill Grand Lodge officer, board and committee positions that the occupation category wasn't completed or stated retired. This lack of information makes it difficult in identifying individuals to serve our fraternity. If retired please state the profession or occupation from which our member retired, followed by (retired) in parentheses.

We have good programs in place and we believe that it is not necessary to start new programs, but rather improve those that we already have in place. Our planning committee this past year has been working on identifying "Centers of Excellence" or in other words Lodges that have been successful using the programs that exist. These Lodges have been identified and are willing to assist other lodges that would like to improve in certain areas. The Districts Deputies will have this information.

Membership continues to be an area in which we must concentrate our efforts. Grand Master Campbell is to be commended on his initiative to hold several public seminars that are continuing to generate new members for some of our Lodges. We can do nothing about our members that pass on to the lodge above, there is however, an area where we must, at the Lodge level, do a better job. That is communicating with our brothers, especially those whom for whatever reason choose

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- ☐ Mineral Point No. 1 • Monday, August 16th 5:00

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1. Clip and mail this form indicating which Steak Fry you are attending along with your check to: Scottish Rite Office, 301 Wisconsin Ave., Madison, WI 53703.
2. Call 608.256.2351 and send this form with your check to the Scottish Rite Office.
3. Email madsrite301@charterinternet.com and send this form with your check to the Scottish Rite Office.

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____ Total \$: _____

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Hartford Lodge Sesquicentennial



District Deputy David Tainter holds up the keystone as it is dedicated by Grand Master Joseph B. Harker.

The 150th Anniversary celebration of Hartford Lodge No. 120 got underway at 1:00 p.m. on June 13 in the Pikes Peak Room of the Schauer Center in Hartford.

The West Bend Order of DeMolay presented the Bible and Schoolbooks followed by a public opening by Worshipful Master Robert Schulz, Senior Warden John Orth and Junior Warden James Oestreich.

The Commandery of Wisconsin correlated by Bro. James Myhrum presented the flag followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The First United Methodist Church Choir under the direction of Edward Johnson sang "God Bless America" along with other songs during the program.

Grand Master Joseph B. Harker was escorted into the room by Bro. Andrew Schulz followed by his officers. The Grand Master approached the East under an arch of steel by the Wisconsin Commandery.

Bro. John Luy introduced special guests followed by a welcome by Worshipful Master Robert Schulz.

An official proclamation was read by City of Hartford Mayor Joseph Dautermann proclaiming the week of June 13 as a week of celebration for the 150th Anniversary of Hartford Lodge. James Core, city alderperson and county supervisor congratulated the Lodge on its 150 years. State Representative Donald Pridemore presented a plaque to the Lodge from the State of Wisconsin in commemoration of its

anniversary and advised that a future session of the assembly will be dedicated in honor of Hartford Lodge No. 120.

An audio visual presentation was viewed on the history of the Lodge and its many different homes in the community.

Grand Master Joseph B. Harker and Grand Lodge Officers rededicated the Lodge and dedicated a special keystone donated to the Lodge by the P. H. Gehl Memorial Company.

President of the Schauer Center Board Dr. Mark Lindborg thanked the Lodge for their help in making the Schauer Center the fine facility it is today. Dr. Lindborg also extended his sincere appreciation to Bro. Kenneth R. Pike and his late wife Janet for their generous contribution to the Schauer Center for the creation of the banquet room in which we were assembled – hence the name Pikes Peak. Bro. Ken is a descendant of American explorer and soldier Zebulon Pike. He has been a silent philanthropist for the Lodge on many occasions, he is also a co-sponsor of the Artie Shaw concert following the anniversary program.

The Grand Master presented Bro. Ken Pike with his certificate for 60 years of service to Masonry. Bro. Pike was raised a Master Mason in Hartford Lodge on April 22, 1950. He served his Lodge as Master in 1956.

Before closing the Lodge, Jobs Daughters from Menomonee Falls and West Bend gave their "Living Cross" presentation.

The anniversary program was followed by hors d'oeuvres and refreshments in the banquet room before the Artie Shaw Orchestra performance.

See more photos on Page 15 of our online edition at www.wisc-freemasonry.org

Story and Photos by Rich Rygh



Bro. Kenneth Pike honored for 60 Years

Bro. Ken Pike was honored at the 150 Anniversary Celebration of Hartford Lodge for his 60 years of service to the craft by Grand Master Joseph B. Harker.

Attend and Support Your Lodge!

NOTES FROM THE GRAND LECTURER

By Brother Kenneth C. Gorgen

My Brothers,

As I did last year, I am going to introduce you to your new District Lecturers that were installed at the 166th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. These guys are the movers and shakers when it comes to anything that touches the ritual and I want you to make use of them with questions and to give you help with degree work (listed by district):

- 1 Brother Scott Larson
- 2 Brother Harold Christensen
- 3 Brother Don Schmidt
- 4 Brother Moses Adams
- 5 Brother Michael Barreyro
- 6 Brother Roger Magoon
- 7 Brother Harold Carpenter
- 9 Brother Henry Pynakker
- 10 Brother Pat Storrs
- 11 Brother Shane Beecraft
- 12 Brother Frank Mayer

There is also another Degree Competition on the horizon this year. It will be in the Fellowcraft degree, and I'm looking forward to having more lodges involved.

The District Lecturers will be contacting the lodges to set up the Schools of Instruction for the next year. The schools are an important part of Masonic education and should be included on every Master's calendar. It is important to get new Master Masons at the schools to learn. Try to remember that the School of Instruction is for learning and not for testing ritual proficiency. We need the new guys there to learn as much as they can.

Your lecturer will list the parts that he wants to cover at a school in his schedule, but there are two items that will be mandatory for every school and I thought I would give you a heads up on these so it will not be a surprise. One will be the proper way to give the due guard and signs. I think you would all agree with me that the due guards and signs are given in so many different ways that at times it looks like a third base coach giving signals to a batter.

The other mandatory topic will be the floor work of the Fellowcrafts during the second section of the Master Mason degree. It still amazes me that this important position in the degree is usually filled in at the last minute by grabbing volunteers from the sideline, and it almost never fails that these poor guys are wandering around the lodge room without having a clue where to go. We need to get this fixed by filling those positions ahead of time and having a practice just for that. Please don't wait for the school to learn this. Let's get a head start and learn it now.

When I reviewed the district lecturer reports from last year, it was inspiring to see the progress made in the lodges at becoming ritual practitioners. I encourage you to continue on that route. Our ritual is the foundation and a valuable treasure for us. All Masons must pass through this process, and when they do the bonds are in place that can form lasting friendships in the lodge. The ritual is the base of the pyramid that gives support to the whole structure.

The new Masonic year is upon us with a mixture of new and old District Lecturers that make up our Esoteric team, but the vision has not changed. We will continue to be in place so that we can "Help the Lodges become independent artisans of the ritual".

And as believers in this vision, there are a few straightforward goals or actions in place to support the vision and guide us to success:

- We demonstrate our prowess by being able to open and close in all degrees without a cipher.
- We will understand the mechanics of the ritual by being able to ballot without hesitation, and perform the due guards and signs properly.
- Introducing guests, the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers will be second nature to our lodge.
- We will work to increase the number of members that can perform the lectures.
- We will work to advance the number of Masons holding a ritualist or proficiency card.

Please take time to think about the vision and the goals. My hope is that you make these part of your lodge educational programs.

As always, I wish you much success in your degree work. Become unrelenting at learning the work and performing it proficiently. Your lodge will be proud of your accomplishment, and you will have the self-satisfaction of being able to teach the ritual to the new candidates. Then we will all see more Light

Feedback and questions are always welcome. Contact Grand Lecturer Ken Gorgen at jkgorgen@att.net or 262-691-0859



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Wisconsin Masonic All-Star Soccer Games for 2010 to be Televised

**By David E. Tainter,
Chairman – Masonic Soccer Program**

The 2010 Masonic Soccer Activities begin on Thursday, July 22 with the youth camp registration. All-Star registration will be Friday, July 23. The All-Star recognition banquet and games will be held on Saturday, July 24.

The Wisconsin Masonic All-Star Soccer games will be televised by Time Warner Sports. The games will be recorded for replay on future dates to be announced. DVD's of the games will also be available.

Be a part of your Masonic Charities. Attend the 19th annual Wisconsin Masonic All-Star Soccer Games Saturday, July 24. Games

start at 11:00 a.m., at Marian University's Smith Field in Fond du Lac. See www.masonicsoccer.org for players from your area. Tickets will be available at the games.

The teams are looking to be some of the best ever and should make for some outstanding Soccer.



District Deputy John Mara visits Florida lodge

District Deputy John Mara recently shared a fraternal visit with the Brethren of Gulf Beach Lodge No. 291 located in Madeira Beach, Fla. He was given a warm Masonic welcome and enjoyed sharing Masonic fellowship with our Brothers of this Florida lodge. Worshipful Bro. Mara was given an annual visitors welcome card for use on future visits and was presented with a gold commemorative coin recognizing the 60th Anniversary of Gulf Beach Lodge. He presented the Master and his officers with Grand Master's pins from the State of Wisconsin. Bro. Mara is in the center of the photo, wearing officers aprons (from left) are: Senior Warden Joe Finocchiro, Worshipful Master Tom Willmot and Junior Warden Fernando Salazar.

Submitted by District Deputy John Mara

Wilmot Lodge Motorcycle Tour To Support Sharing Center

By Bro. Mike Wood

Wilmot Lodge No. 241 will be hosting a motorcycle rally on Saturday, July 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to benefit The Sharing Center of Salem, Wis.

The highlight of the event is a

motorcycle tour of the scenic southeastern Wisconsin countryside, with live entertainment and a barbecue featuring hamburgers, bratwurst, hotdogs, and soda or water included in the admission.

The Wilmot Masonic Center is located at 30702 Fox River Rd., Wilmot, Wis. Contact Brother Mike Wood, e-mail at mike1tree@yahoo.com. or phone 224-627-6731 with any questions.

For more information see the June issue of the Wisconsin Masonic Journal.

Blue Hills Lodge Car Show July 17

Blue Hills Lodge No. 234 will host a Masonic Car Show Saturday, July 17, at 225 W. South St. in Rice Lake. The show runs from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Dash plaques and trophies will be presented. Bring any car you would like to show. There is an entry fee of \$5.00 per car. Food will be served. All proceeds will go toward charities.

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Dells Lodge No. 124 Celebrates 150 Years

Worshipful Master Gary Henningsen opened Dells Lodge No. 124 with the public opening at 1:00 p.m. June 12 assisted by Senior Warden Mike Karas and Junior Warden Jason Herzer in celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Lodge.

The Commandery presented the flag which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Master welcomed all present and gave a history of the Lodge going back to the beginning of Kilbourn City (former name of Wisconsin Dells) and Lake Delton.

Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin Joseph B. Harker entered the Lodge room accompanied by his officers for the purpose of rededicating the Lodge. Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White, Jr. stated the several compartments of the hall have met with the approval of the Grand Lodge and declared them ready for rededication.

At the direction of the Grand Master the Lodge was uncovered by the Grand Stewards and after

invoking the blessings of deity the Grand Master proceeded with the rededication.

Following the rededication Wisconsin Dells Mayor Eric Helland congratulated the Lodge on its long 150 year history and said he found in his research the founding fathers of the lodge were many of the same men instrumental in the founding of Lake Delton and Kilbourn City.

Brother Ryan Ott answered the question of why Masons wear aprons by presenting an apron address and Senior Warden Mike Karas identified and explained the working tools of a Master Mason.

The Lodge was closed followed by fellowship and refreshment downstairs.

See more photos and a Lodge history on Page 14 of our online edition at www.wisc-freemasonry.org

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Most Worshipful Grand Master Joseph B. Harker and his officers perform the rededication ceremony of Dells Lodge No. 124 in celebration of their 150th Anniversary. From left: District Deputy David Bomkamp; Dells Lodge Worshipful Master Gary Henningsen; Junior Grand Deacon Frank Struble; Most Worshipful Master Joseph B. Harker; Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White, Jr.; Senior Grand Warden Dennis Siewert; and Grand Marshal John Krinke.

Keystone Lodge Honors Bro. John Sigafus, Sr.



Bro. John Sigafus, Sr., proudly displays his award. From left: PGM Kingman Loomis, Bro. Sigafus, Senior Grand Deacon William Beetcher and District #1 Deputy Travis Hand.

By Kevin Fischer

Keystone Lodge No. 263, Hayward, honored Grand Lodge "Secretary of the Year 2009 Award" recipient Brother John Sigafus, Sr. on June 10 with a dinner prior to their meeting. Brother Kevin Fischer accepted the award at the Annual Communication on Bro. John's behalf.

This is Grand Lodge Office Manager Jan Gorgen's presentation at the Annual Communication: Good morning everyone,

I am sure that you can all relate to the fact that every lodge has at least one individual that you can count on to be there when you need him. He's the guy that is there for set up before, and will be there for clean up after. He helps with the events, and sells the most tickets for those events. He never says no, and may even get into trouble at home because of it, but when he commits to do something, you can be sure that he will follow through on those good intentions.

There are three kinds of people in this world. Those that make things happen, those that watch things happen, and those that ask, "What happened?"

At the Grand Lodge office we have the pleasure of dealing first hand with many members of this fraternity, but it is always easy to pick out the ones that are the doers. These doers are always the

people that make things happen, and through courtesy, kindness, patience, and willingness, put forth that extra effort in dealing with the Grand Lodge office staff. It is this type of Secretary that is our choice for the 2009 Secretary of the Year.

Our candidate for this highly coveted award is an active member of three lodges. He is a Past Master of one of his plural lodges, and has served his primary lodge as Trustee, Senior Warden and Secretary, which he has been since 2001. Besides rarely missing a meeting even in his plural lodges, he also finds time to be active in Eastern Star, York Rite, and the Grand Lodge where he served as a District Deputy from 1995-1998. I have been told by several members of his lodge that he is the kind of person who exemplifies what a Mason is all about and they are proud to call him a Brother.

Therefore, by a unanimous vote of the Ladies of the Grand Lodge office staff, we are presenting this award to John F. Sigafus, Sr., secretary of Keystone Lodge No. 263 in Hayward, Wis. because he did distinguish himself by performing his duties with promptness, accuracy and fidelity and because he is patient, thorough, and considerate of the Grand Lodge office staff. This has earned him our respect and the honor of this esteemed award.

Grand Master and Officers Begin New Year

Grand Master Joseph B. Harker got right to work organizing and planning our year with meetings beginning immediately after the close of the Annual Communication on Saturday, June 5.

In the first meeting the Grand Master and the entire Grand Lodge staff met to introduce new members and plan the year ahead. The district teams met and later broke into groups of Area Administrators, District Lecturers and District Chaplains to compare notes and talk with Grand Master Harker.

In the second meeting the Grand Master emphasized the importance of teamwork and everyone working to support each other in order to strengthen the craft. Our goal is to strengthen and improve the programs we now have in place rather than to introduce new ones.

Worshipful Bro. Scott Pedley was appointed chairman of the District Deputies by the Grand Master.

All officers present reported on what was happening in their respective offices and during their visits around the state.

District Deputies reported on how Lodges were performing in their districts, establishing websites for better communication, the big increase in degree work and how the inspections were progressing.

Senior Grand Warden Dennis Siewert reported on his recent visit to New York and stated he was very impressed with the high esteem held in other jurisdictions for our Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf.

Grand Lecturer Ken Gorgen reported the schools of instruction this year will be focusing on the signs and also the movements of



Grand Master Joseph B. Harker meets with Grand Lecturer Ken Gorgen and the District Lecturers during the staff meeting on June 5.

the fellowcrafts in the second section of the Master Mason Degree.

The "Lodge Excellence Awards" were presented to 105 lodges this year and Grand Master Harker set a goal of 120 for next year.

The Grand Master thanked everyone for serving with him this year and reminded everyone the Annual Communication will be held in Madison next year on June 10 and 11, one week later than usual.

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Director of Development William Barnes presents Grand Master Craig S. Campbell a plaque commemorating a donation made in his and his wife Mary's name to the "Caring to Grow" campaign by his officers for all they have done for Freemasonry. Junior Grand Warden Dennis Siewert looks on. The GL Officers also presented a banner and candles for meetings and ceremonies to the West Bend DeMolay in the name of Grand Master Craig and Mary Campbell.

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A total of 27 petitions were handed to me directly, which I was extremely pleased to be able to distribute to 15 different lodges. And from what I was told at least that same number of petitions flowed into lodges in the several weeks following the seminars. So, in all, the five seminars resulted in over 50 petitions into our lodges. While I would have liked that number to be even higher, I believe this has to be considered a success.

And judging by the degree work happening in our lodges, I believe it will be paying dividends for many months if not years to come. While we have not yet produced a net increase in membership, we are very, very close. I believe this will happen in the next 1 to 3 years, and just think how we will all feel when we can once again say we belong to this growing organization called Freemasonry.

Another objective I had was to resurrect the Degree Competition. When men who are performing degrees practice to be the absolute best there is, it attracts. Everybody wants to be associated with things that are perceived to be high quality.

I feel that periodically, perhaps every four years like the Olympics, every lodge should have an opportunity to put themselves up against every other lodge in the state and earn recognition for performing our ritual at its highest level. If your lodge is the best. I think you should have the chance to prove it.

I am extremely pleased to report that for the first time in 14 years, Degree Competition was back. A huge thank you goes out to our Grand Lecturer, Bro. Ken Gorgen, for all his hard work at coordinating all the details. A total of seven lodges had pre-registered, and a total of four actually competed. The results will be announced tomorrow.

As your incoming Grand Master, I declared that no lodge consolidations would occur during my term. We've all seen it time and time again. A lodge on the decline or perhaps even dormant for 10, 20, and even 30 years all of a sudden blossoms back to vibrance because of one key new member. One guy really can turn a lodge around. I am extremely pleased to report to you that we started the year with 182 degree-conferring lodges, and we ended the year with 182 degree-conferring lodges.

In fact, I'd go so far as to say that we have held steady or actually strengthened every lodge in the state except one. That one will be receiving special attention in the ensuing year, but there were three lodges who were in the process of closing or consolidating who are now all in the process of conferring degrees on multiple candidates.

I issued two decisions and one edict. My first decision was to formalize a position on proper disposal of a white leathern apron found after a brother's interment. I felt that an apron such as this should be treated with the same veneration given to a retired U.S. Flag, whose proper disposal is to be incinerated. My second decision was to formalize a process for lodges to comply with Sarbanes-Oxley legislation. My edict was to have all lodges share in the liability portion of the blanket insurance policy, and thanks to the grueling work done by our Grand Secretary in evaluating different carriers and different policies, I believe that almost each of the lodges here enjoyed a decrease in their rate as a result.

I had the unfortunate responsibility of issuing six suspensions during my term. Four were 60-day suspensions for negligence in complying with the Masonic Code, and two were indefinite suspensions for committing crimes against society.

A great deal of time and energy went into solidifying the relationship between the management of the Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc. and the management of the fraternity. The construction of the Rehab Center and the kick-off of the "Caring to Grow" Campaign gave us a unique opportunity. We worked out a consent fee based on the land under lease that will result in additional revenues to the Grand Lodge to support future operations, and through the Benevolent Activities Board, we amended the By-Laws of the Home to assure that the Grand Master and the Grand Trustees would participate in future decisions related to the properties managed by the charity.

This is consistent with a pledge I made entering this term when I asserted to you that I would do everything I could to keep MasonWoods in the fraternity as well as to save Van Brunt Hall. As far as MasonWoods, I firmly believe it is a vital component to our charitable outreach to the community and not only should continue to be supported, but augmented; perhaps with a pilot of an emerging home-based healthcare component. As far as Van Brunt Hall we made some serious progress this year.

Under the capable direction of MWPGM Bill Day who chaired

the Ad-hoc Committee for Van Brunt Hall Restoration, and with an incredible contribution from our Grand Trustee Bruce Lasko, we completed the necessary pro-forma projections on entering into a business relationship with the owners of the Delafield Brewhaus in converting Van Brunt Hall into a Banquet Hall and restaurant. Significant hurdles still need to be overcome. We still don't have the finances needed to complete the building's renovation and the Grand Trustees still need to reach agreements regarding the lease and title to the property. I do hope that those details can be worked out and that in the end, we find a new use for Van Brunt Hall.

In supporting our charities, I accompanied our Development Director, Bill Barnes, in trips to Florida, Arizona, and Texas, in each location giving a briefing of Masonry in Wisconsin and requesting financial assistance to support the charities and the Caring to Grow campaign.

As Grand Master I put 42,000 miles on the car this year and made 216 dates. I participated in 78 degrees and made 106 official lodge visits to 76 different lodges. I had the privilege of presiding over the installations of 26 lodges, twice installing four lodges at a time.

The 34 Area Administrators I appointed made over 320 lodge meetings, often participating in the degrees and staying until the very end to even help clean up. I hope we achieved something that I did not even intend going into the year. I hope we have made it very clear to each and every lodge that the Grand Lodge Officers are truly here to help you in any way we can. This is, not and never has been a we and them business. We are all in the boat rowing the same direction and as an officer of the Grand Lodge, we desire to enhance your success in every way possible.

And this desire goes beyond the Grand Lodge Officers, it extends to the staff in the office. There is no way this fraternity could run without the willing and pleasant assistance of Cheryl, Jan, and Alicia; and also Erika in the Charities office. They really will do just about anything for you guys.

There are two others who need to be mentioned here. Our Grand Treasurer, John Benedict, and our Grand Secretary Mike DeWolf. John had to learn a new software program this year as well as conform to a revised structure for our financial statements. Mike deserves far more credit for his contributions than we could possibly give him. I don't mind saying that I don't believe anybody could do this job as Grand Master without him. He spends countless numbers of hours on the phone, manages the Grand Lodge Office, handles the Grand Lodge website, and provides sage and timely advice on a continual basis to the Grand Master. Mike we are truly in your debt.

Finally, I want to leave you with this thought. Freemasonry is a spiritual order that serves to reinforce a man's faith. I have had many occasions to discuss Masonry with people and the one thing I tell them that I have come to recognize as the strongest pull we have to attract them to this fraternity is this message. When they understand that everything we do, all the time we give and all the charitable outreach to our communities is because of a calling felt deeply in our hearts, it rings consistent with the very values they hold in their hearts, and they want to be a part of it. For far too long we have shied away from proudly stating that this is who we are. I hope to encourage you to



PGM Keith Chamberlain, Chairman of the Board of the Wisconsin Masonic Journal presents Grand Master Craig S. Campbell with a hard bound copy of the Wisconsin Masonic Journals published during his year as Grand Master.

ed to a five year term as Trustee.

Resolution No. 13 requiring every master Mason to pay \$1.00 toward the George Washington Masonic Memorial the amount to be collected by the Grand Lodge with the per capita tax was presented by Bro. Richard Peters Waupun Lodge No. 48. PGM J. B. Van Hollen spoke in favor of this resolution, not as a member of the board or PGM, but as a Brother. He stated he encouraged support of this incredible foundation whose primary purpose was to build a monument to act as a beacon of Freemasonry as well as honor George Washington. The resolution passed.

Grand Secretary's Report – Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf gave his report highlighting the improvements in insurance coverage and lower costs. When he took over as Grand Secretary in 2004 insurance costs were \$338,594. This year the cost was \$125,800. The deductible has also been reduced from \$5,000 to \$1,000. There is also a directors and officers liability insurance available to the lodges through Spectrum Insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000 for a cost of \$150.00 per year. The Grand Secretary closed in saying this had been a tough year and said the cards and letters sent to him and his wife were deeply appreciated.

Grand Treasurer's Report – Grand Treasurer John A. Benedict gave his report in which he noted a point of concern is the drop in per capita tax in the last three years of over \$50,000.

Resolution No. 2 provides for a per capita tax of \$37.00. Senior Grand Deacon Dan Slavik addressed the brethren stating that in 1970 the per capita tax was \$8.55. To bring that forward in keeping up with inflation that would equal \$48.00 today. The resolution passed.

Resolution No. 1 provides for the adoption of a budget proposed by the expenditures committee. The Grand Treasurer presented a budget of \$828,700, a 4 1/2% increase over last year. Some of the reasons for the increase were: funding for the Wisconsin Masonic Journal, better quality paper and postage increases; Grand Lodge building improvements; 2.7% wage increase for staff; salary for the Grand Secretary to cover his more than full time position; and increases in health care costs. After little discussion the motion passed.

Van Brundt Hall Ad Hoc Committee – PGM William E. Day chairman of the ad hoc committee for Van Brundt Hall reported on their progress in turning Van Brundt Hall from a liability to an asset. They are talking with a family interested in turning the hall into a 150 seat restaurant with a bar and 300 seat banquet hall.

Meritorious Service Awards – Grand Master Craig S. Campbell presented the Grand Master's Meritorious Service Awards to Bros. William L. Stonecipher and J. Patrick Storrs. Bro. Stonecipher is a Past Master and Past Trustee of West Bend Lodge No. 138, is the lodge photographer and very active in the life of his Lodge. He is also a Past Master and current Trustee of

Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of Research No. 1843. Bro. Stonecipher is an active member of both the York Rite and Scottish Rite Bodies and served as editor of The Wisconsin Masonic Journal for 17 years. He also organized the "Tour de Lodge" bicycle tours for the 150th Anniversary Annual Communication in Oshkosh in 1994. Bro. J. Patrick Storrs is the current District 10 Lecturer and is a Past Master of West Bend Lodge No. 138 and Silas H. Shepard Lodge of Research No. 1843. He is a member of Omro Lodge No. 168 and a charter member of Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 83. Bro. Storrs is active in both the York Rite and Scottish Rite Bodies and is a member of Tripoli Shrine. He is a chapter advisor for the West Bend Chapter of DeMolay and a member of the National Sojourners. The list of boards, committees and foundations he has served on will fill pages and he has served the Grand Lodge as Area Administrator, Grand Tiler, District Deputy, District Lecturer and Grand Marshal. He is responsible for the design and construction of the Fond du Lac Masonic Center and he has participated in countless meetings with lodges regarding temple plans and financing.

The Grand Master thanked Bros. Curt Campagna and Pat Miltzer for their excellent job handling the sound system.

Friday afternoon the Brethren attended the several breakout sessions held at the Madison Masonic Center and Concourse Hotel. The following sessions were held: Posting "The Right Way", Senior Grand Warden Davey White; Temple Plans and Temple Plans & Finance Committee, Grand Tiler Pat Storrs; See **COMMUNICATION** on page 8.



The top three lodges in the point standings on the LED Award applications were (from left): first place, Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 322, Green Bay, Barry Siewert, Master; third place, Warren Lodge No. 4, Potosi, Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White, Jr., Past Master; and second place, Waukesha Lodge No. 37, Dale Hartung, Master.

never hesitate again to tell them exactly who we are as Masons. We are a spiritual order that serves to reinforce a man's faith.

The corps of Grand Lodge Officers who will continue to direct the affairs of this Grand Lodge in the coming years are some of the finest men possibly assembled, and I look forward to the progress they will continue to make. Brethren, you have given me the privilege of shaping the attitudes and influencing the opinions regarding this fraternity throughout this state. It is a privilege that has been given to so few, I want you to know that I will be eternally grateful. Hopefully you feel that I have represented you well.

Keep doing the Lord's work – because you really are doing so. And may God bless each and every one of you.

Thank you very much.
Craig S. Campbell Grand Master 2009-2010

Grand Lodge election results were as follows: Elected for the 2010-11 Masonic year were Joseph B. Harker, Grand Master; Davey L. White, Jr., Deputy Grand Master; Dennis V. Siewert, Senior Grand Warden; and Daniel L. Slavik, Junior Grand Warden. Returned to the office of Secretary was PGM Michael A. DeWolf and John A. Benedict was re-elected as Treasurer. PGM Keith D. Chamberlain and Lowell H. Scott were returned to three year terms on the Wisconsin Masonic Journal Board and Senior Grand Steward Donald W. Hensiak was re-elected to a three year term on the Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board. PGM Lawrence L. Myers was elect-

New Grand Lodge Officers are Installed



Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin Joseph B. Harker takes his oath on a Bible which belonged to his father.

The Installation of Grand Lodge Officers for the 2010-2011 began with a welcome and public opening by Worshipful Master Thomas Curtis, II and his officers of Freemasons Lodge No. 363.

The Grand Lodge officers made their entrance followed by Grand

Master elect Joseph B. Harker escorted by his daughters Amy Wolman and Michelle Harker. The Three Great Lights of Masonry were placed on the altar by grandsons Justin, Jarrett and Aaron Wolman.

The flag was presented by Grand

Commander Leland Burlison and the Wisconsin Grand Commandery followed by a toast to the flag and Pledge of Allegiance by Bro. Robert W. Roth. Bro Jon Grinde led in the singing of our National Anthem.

The following installing officers were introduced: PGM Michael A. DeWolf, Installing Grand Master; PGM Kingman D. Loomis, Installing Grand Chaplain; and PGM Lawrence L. Myers, Installing Grand Marshal. The installing officers took their respective stations and the 2010-2011 Grand Lodge Officers were installed.

Grand Master Joseph B. Harker took his oath on a bible belonging to his late father Bro. Jack Harker, after which he was escorted to the East by the Installing Grand Marshal under an "arch of steel" presented by the Wisconsin Grand Commandery. The gavel was turned over to the Grand Master by Installing Grand Master Michael A. DeWolf.

Marjorie Detroy was escorted to the East to present Grand Master Joseph B. Harker a hat for him to wear during his year as the Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin.

The hat was worn by Marjorie's late husband Past Grand Master Benjamin F. Detroy when he was Grand Master in 1991-1992. Grand Master Benjamin F. Detroy chartered Freemasons Lodge No. 363 during his year as Grand Master and in 2000 he installed Grand Master Harker as Master of that lodge. PGM Michael A. DeWolf appointed Grand Master Joseph B. Harker to the Grand Lodge line as Junior Steward in 2003. PGM Detroy, shortly before he passed away, contacted then Junior Grand Steward Joseph B. Harker and said he and his wife Marjorie wanted him to have the hat he wore as Grand Master. About a month after PGM Detroy passed away, Marjorie contacted Grand Master Harker and asked him to stop by her house where she gave him the hat. Upon accepting the hat he promised to take good care of it and he asked Marjorie if she would present it to him on the day of his installation.

An emotional Grand Master Joseph B. Harker returned to the podium during an applause from Brethren, relatives and friends and his first remarks were "What a moment."

The Grand Master received gifts



Marjorie Detroy presents Grand Master Joseph B. Harker with a hat worn by her husband the late PGM Benjamin F. Detroy when he was Grand Master in 1991-1992 as PGM Lawrence L. Myers and Mary Harker assist.



Bro. Jim Stirmel honored for 50 years

Bro. Jim Stirmel, Secretary of Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12, Delavan, recently received his 50 year pin and certificate. Bro. Stirmel was raised on June 2, 1960 in Walworth Lodge No. 286. He is also a Past Master. Walworth Lodge consolidated with Delavan-Darien Lodge No. 12 and Elkhorn Lodge No. 77 to form Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12 on May 7, 2004. Pictured (from Left): Andy Willett, Master; Jim Stirmel; and District Deputy John Marra.

Submitted by Bro. Andy Willett, Master



Rhineland Lodge Raises \$6000 to Fight Cancer

By Dave Imlah

On Saturday, June 18, a check in the amount of \$6,000.00 was presented to representatives of the Rhineland Relay for Life. The proceeds for this donation came directly from Rhineland Lodge's 1st Annual Walk for a Cure. The event was created to raise money

from his family and a Grand Master's fez and a gift from Zor Potentate Joe Thompson and his wife Julie.

The Grand Master thanked everyone for the honor of serving as Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin and gave a special thank you to his home lodge Mineral Point Lodge No. 1, where he got his start.

See more installation photos on page 16 of our online edition at www.wisc-freemasonry.org

Story and Photos by Rich Rygh

for the American Cancer Society and their fight against cancer. The Walk was just that, a 60 mile walk beginning at the Rhineland Masonic Center and ending at the Wausau Masonic Center. The initial goal was to raise at least \$5,000.00, but thanks to the generosity and deep caring of many individuals, groups, and businesses that goal was surpassed.

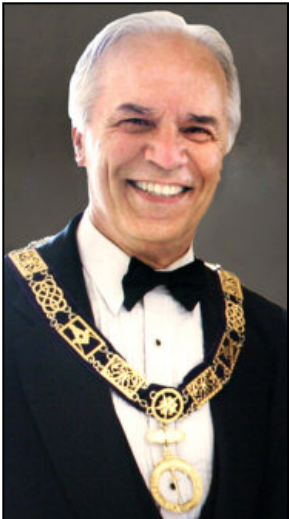
Part of the money raised will go to the relief of people and families of those afflicted with this disease. The money also goes to research in hopes for a cure. The members of Rhineland Masonic Lodge No. 242 would like to thank everyone who made this win possible. The 2nd Annual Walk for a Cure has been set for Saturday, May 21, 2011. Pictured from left: Kadie VanCleve, Community Relations ACS; Dave Imlah Co-Chairman of Walk for a Cure; and Tracy Packman and Deb Crass with the Rhineland Relay for Life.

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Worshipful Brother
Frank J. Mayer
Grand Tiler



All Wisconsin Brethren are invited to join in a celebration banquet of this event on the evening of September 29 at the Humphrey Scottish Rite Center in Milwaukee.

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Communication from page 6. Membership Retention, Junior Grand Steward Don Hensiak; Symbolism, Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research; and MORI for Secretaries, Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf.

The second day of the Annual Communication began at 8:30 a.m. The Grand Master's gavel was somewhat worse for wear after Friday evening's installation of Grand Lodge Officers, but with the help of a little duct tape it was ready for another day.

Grand Trustees Report – PGM James H. Olson gave the report of the Grand Trustees which will be

printed in full in the final proceedings. At the beginning of the fiscal year, May 1, 2009, the Grand Lodge marketable securities investments were \$7,008,693. On April 30, 2010, the end of the Grand Lodge fiscal year, the assets had a value of \$8,763,577. The Grand Trustees transferred cash of \$200,000 during the fiscal year to the Grand Lodge checking account for operations. The total return for the Grand Lodge investments for the fiscal year was 29.8%. The equity portion had a total return of 42.3%, while the fixed income total return was 6.8%. The total return was 2/10th of 1% less

than the 30% target goal of the Grand Trustees. This small difference was attributable to the fact that the actual asset allocation to equity investments was slightly less than the target.

The Report of the Service and Assistance Committee was presented by PGM Keith Chamberlain. He read a very touching letter of appreciation from a Brother who had received assistance.

The Wisconsin Masonic Journal Board Report was given by PGM Keith Chamberlain. He introduced Bro. Richard Rygh, the new editor and also had the pleasure of presenting Grand Master Craig S. Campbell with a hard bound copy of the Wisconsin Masonic Journals published during his year as Grand Master.

The Report of the Masonic Service Association was given by PGM Beecher Daniels. He encouraged Brethren to visit the veterans in the VA Hospitals. PGM Daniels said, "If the veteran is a Mason or not he needs visits and companionship." The Masonic Service Association has representatives in all four VA hospitals. PGM Daniels presented Grand Master Craig S. Campbell with a plaque in appreciation for his strong support of the MSA.

The Foreign Relations Committee Report was presented by PGM Allan E. Ilding recommending the recognition of the Grand Lodges of Lithuania, Macedonia and Moldavia. The report was adopted.

Necrology Report – Grand Chaplain Donald F. Ilding presented the Necrology Report and a moment of silence was observed for our departed Brethren who have given of themselves to the Craft.

Resolution No. 8 which would require that before a Master or Warden could be installed he must take and pass the Wisconsin Masonic Correspondence Course offered by the Grand Lodge unless he is a Past Master or has dispensation from the Grand Master was presented Bro. Gary Corey, immediate Past Master of Doric Lodge No. 356. Bro.

Charles Carroll spoke in favor of the resolution but felt there should be no exclusions. The Jurisprudence Committee recommends against the resolution as it would be difficult to enforce. Grand Master Craig S. Campbell stated he felt it was a bad law that could not be enforced and may interfere with installations. The resolution was defeated.

Resolution No. 12 to permit the Master, after opening the Lodge in the Master Mason Degree, to call down to a lower degree for the transaction of business was presented by Morning Star Lodge No. 10. There was discussion regarding allowing Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts to be included in the business portion of lodge meetings. a Brother as well as Grand Master Craig S. Campbell spoke suggesting the time the EAs and FCs would spend in the business meeting could be put to better use learning the posting. The motion was defeated.

PGM James H. Olson spoke on behalf of the Jurisprudence Committees stating after the defeat of Resolution 12 that resolutions number 4, 5, 6 and 7 could no longer be entertained, as subject matter can only be addressed once.

Resolution No. 14 to remove the word "Deity" from the Wisconsin masonic Code and replace it with "Supreme Being" was presented by Phillips Lodge No. 225. After much discussion on the meaning of the word "Deity" the resolution was defeated.

The Mark Twain Award was presented by the Grand Master to Waverly Lodge No 51 of Appleton and was accepted by Worshipful Master Matthew Walters.

Sesquicentennial Plaques were presented by the Grand Master Craig S. Campbell to Dodgeville Lodge No. 119, Waupaca Lodge No. 123, Hartford Lodge No. 120, Dells Lodge No. 124 and Salem Lodge No. 125. The Lodges were congratulated on their 150 years by the Grand Master.

Degree Competition – Grand Lecturer Kenneth Gorgen and Grand

Master Campbell recognized the Lodges participating in the Degree Competition in May. First place went to Washington Lodge No. 21, Green Bay, second place went to Waukesha Lodge No. 37 and third place went Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 322, Green Bay. The Grand Master complimented the Lodges on their fine work.

Bro. Curt Campagna representing the Wisconsin Grand Chapter of Widows Sons, presented dues cards to Grand Master Craig S. Campbell and Deputy Grand Master Joseph B. Harker. Widows Sons is an association for Masons riding motorcycles and represents the Craft in the motorcycle community.

Lodge Excellence Awards were earned by 105 lodges this year. Because of the large number Grand Secretary Michael DeWolf read the names of the lodges and the District Deputies came forward to receive the awards for their respective districts. The top three lodges in the point standings on the LED Award applications were: first place, Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 322, Green Bay; second place, Waukesha Lodge No. 37; and third place, Warren Lodge No. 4, Potosi.

Retiring GL Officers – Grand Master Craig S. Campbell presented plaques of appreciation to all retiring Grand Lodge Officers, thanking them for their many hours of service to the Craft.

The final report of the Credentials Committee by Grand Secretary showed 166 lodges present and one lodge excused out of 189 lodges.

Their being no further business Grand Master Campbell declared the Lodge informal for the new officers to assume their stations.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Joseph B. Harker and his officers assumed their respective stations to begin their new year.

See the Grand Master's message on page one for his address to the Craft.

The Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

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Brother Jack Stears Honored by Mason-Woods Lodge for 70 Years



Brother Jack Stears, a resident of Mason Woods was recently honored at a public dinner and reception by Mason-Woods Lodge No. 368 on achieving his 70th anniversary as a Mason. He looks forward to each Lodge meeting and activity. Bro. Stears is also a member of Frontier-Badger Lodge No. 45, La Crosse. He was raised on May 8, 1940 in Pellston Lodge No. 440, Pellston, Michigan. Pictures (from left): District 4 Deputy Christopher Hirthe, Bro. Stears and William Cole, Master, Mason-Woods Lodge No. 368. Submitted by Bro. Hugo Peters

Grand Masters Message from page 2

to resign or simply stop paying dues. I can not tell you how many former brothers have told me they are too embarrassed to request to be reinstated. The Worshipful Master and/or Wardens must be contacting these brothers before they are suspended. Maintain contact with brothers that live both locally and outside what you would normally list as your boundaries. A suggestion may be with a birthday card or Masonic anniversary card sent annually.

Your expenditures committee and Progressive Line Officers spent a great deal of time and effort working to understand our operating expenses. We have reviewed the way our annual budget was developed only to determine our budgets were based on the previous year's budgets and not the actual expenditures. We found that for the past several years the actual expenditures exceed the budgets in several categories and we were over budgeted in other categories. As a result the true actual expenses did not equate to the budget. There were expenses that did not make sense being categorized the way they were. We have prepared a budget that is based upon what our actual expenses have been for the past 3-4 years and a projection for the year just completed. Those records will be audited by September and we will know where we will need to control our expenses in an effort to stay within budget.

We have added additional funding to the Masonic Journal to improve the paper stock that is used in your printed publication. How many of you have gone to the Grand Lodge Web site to see the Masonic Journal? Did you realize that there are additional pages showing more pictures and stories? We have also budgeted to make some necessary repairs to your Grand Lodge Office building and provide our staff with raises this year. Benefit costs have also increased. We have made our Grand Secretary position a paid position.

It is now necessary that we meet additional government and IRS requirements. This has meant that our Grand Secretary must study and implement procedures to comply and stay current with these regulations. Some of you may think that your Grand Lodge is being too forceful in requesting timely filing of reports. Let me assure you that our government is insisting on this, it is not your Grand Lodge office trying to make it difficult on the Lodges.

We are not in favor of consolidations. Once a Lodge no longer exists in a community it is doubtful that it will ever reopen. There is one Lodge that we are watching because they tell us that this may just happen. There have been lodges the past couple of years that wanted to consolidate but didn't and are now once again doing degree work like they did 20 to 40 years ago.

While a lodge that I am a member of has used the one day "Man to Mason" program several times very successfully, I want you all to know that I am not a fan of this method of raising a brother or group of brothers.

We are seeing a couple of our Lodges working on re-establishing youth organizations in their Lodges. We offer encouragement to those Lodges and would ask other Lodges to consider reforming or starting a youth organization. It is proven that youth exposed to Masonry will directly or indirectly add to your membership. Additionally, I have experienced many Lodges where the youth groups provide services to the Lodge during Lodge functions. This is a win win opportunity for your Lodge. Your Grand Lodge through our investments and those of your Wisconsin Masonic Foundation continue to support Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters and DeMolay.

I encourage all lodges to plan well in advance of the day of installation of Lodge officers. Your Grand Lodge Officers enjoy participating in your installations. Ask them early before their calendars fill up. We work cheap. Spend some time planning your lodge's year. The budget is most important. Understand your expenses and activities and prepare your budget well in advance of your elections.

The Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc., Three Pillars Campus has undertaken the needed construction of a 17,000 square foot expansion for a new Rehabilitation and Wellness Center in Dousman. This will provide 14 private room beds for private therapy and continuing wellness programs. The "Caring to Grow" Capital Campaign is currently soliciting lodges and individuals for donations. Please consider a generous gift to this effort.

We continue to be concerned with our Van Brunt Building. We also continue to keep close watch over the Mason Woods facility. We soon hope to have a solid direction on the path forward for these two properties.

My brothers this is "our" fraternity. This is "our" year. It is not my year. For my brothers as stated in the installation ceremony: "a Grand Master should be ever mindful that though elevated for the time being above his fellows, that he was elevated by them and to them he will shortly return".

My brothers pictured on page one of this issue is the lapel pin representative of our year. As we close our lodges you will hear from our Senior Wardens "On the Level". Those simple three little words have meant a great deal to me all these years I have been attending lodge meetings. When you open your mind to it there are any number of meanings in this little statement. In the closings there are questions asked by the Worshipful Master and you will hear them said a lot this coming year. I expect each and every member to respond. Let's try it! How do we meet? How do we act? And how to we part? Never forget our obligation and always remember that we meet on the Level, act by the Plumb and part upon the Square. Thank you and may God Bless!!!

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Masonic Center for Health & Rehab | Riverside Lodge
Village on the Square | Mason Woods | Compass Point

410 North Main Street

Dousman, Wisconsin 53118

800.848.5306 / www.threepillars.org



A Message from Mary Millard -
Director of Fraternal Relations

LIFESTYLE
you deserve

VALUE  **people you can TRUST**
you demand

PLANS

Three Pillars is in a busy state of planning. We have many upcoming events such as our summer Concerts in the Park, our August 1st Friends and Family Festival, and our Lunch and Learn programs. On an individual basis, we even hope to plan some vacation time. What would our lives be without doing some planning? Chaotic, no doubt.

I ask you to think about doing some planning. What would you do if suddenly you had major changes in your life and could not remain in your home? Do you have a plan? I invite you to plan a trip to one of the Three Pillars facilities to see what is offered on our campuses. You will be surprised to see how many services we have; it is not like the "ole" days!

We do our best when an appointment has been made, and we can give you our undivided attention. Call 1-800-848-5306 and plan to make a trip to Dousman. For our Mason Woods campus, the number is 1-800-959-6637.

P.S. Our plans are to have you enjoy the Concerts in the Park and the Friends and Family Festival. Do **PLAN** to attend.

Cornerstone Ceremony for Rehabilitation and Wellness



Center Expansion



Sunday, August 1 at 11:00 a.m.

4TH ANNUAL THREE PILLARS

FRIENDS & FAMILY FESTIVAL

to follow: 12 - 3 p.m.

Food, fun, and live entertainment for the whole family!

Enjoy a chicken dinner, hamburgers, hotdogs, roasted corn,
soda, beer, and much more.



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visit our website for updated information

www.threepillars.org or call 800.848.5306

410 North Main Street / Dousman, Wisconsin

Living Memorial Park Gardens

We are so grateful for volunteers like Rebecca Wisniewski who with her helpers have taken on the task of working in the Living Memorial Park Gardens. She and her volunteers have cut down bushes, cleaned out weeds, and planted new plants.

It is beginning to look like a flower garden again.

Her helpers in the picture are Jon Boyer and Village on the Square residents, Duane and Kay Bunting and Marc and Gail Momsen.



Roof is on and the
windows are in!

MasonWoods

At MasonWoods summer is in full swing (or should I say flight?) The summer started off with a Kite Festival. The Kiter's Club from the Shawano area was invited to MasonWoods to fly some of their large spectacular show kites. Grandchildren and friends of the residents were invited to attend. A potluck lunch of great food followed the festivities.

It is also strawberry season so what better way to enjoy this tasty little fruit than to have a Strawberry Fest. The sweet berries are hand picked by some of our residents from a local farm and made into delicious strawberry shortcake treats, sundaes, and schaum tortes to be enjoyed by all.

Stop in to see us at MasonWoods, you never know what we'll be up to next!

Concerts in the Park

*July 18th- The Big Top Brass Band

*August 22nd- A Little Bit of Heaven

All concerts are from **1:30-3:00 p.m.**
in the picnic pavilion behind the
Wisconsin Masonic Home in Dousman

Visit our website www.threepillars.org to see what is happening with our
Rehabilitation and Wellness Center Expansion Project.

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



Take Your Dog for a Car Ride



We have fourteen Corgis that are just twitching their tails and wanting to go for a car ride. We hope you will have an opportunity to have one of these quiet and well behaved dogs for awhile.

They each come with a Pedigree, their names are: Rosebud, Flutter, Harley, Jet, Star, Muggins, Birdie, Thor, Barney, Homer, Duke, Brandy, Bucky and Scooter.

The rules are simple:

- 1. The dogs were placed randomly throughout the State.
- 2. The Chapter gets to keep the dog until another Chapter brings three people to visit.
- 3. The Chapter that brings the most visitors (at least three) gets to take one dog home. In case of a tie, the Chapter that travelled the

farthest gets the dog.

4. If the Chapter has more than one corgi, they can only lose one dog in an evening.

5. Each time a Chapter gets a dog, they sign the Chapter's name and date on the attached pedigree. Sign every time you have the dog.

6. Dual members only count in one of the Chapters they belong. They need to decide ahead of time.

7. If it is getting close to your recess months, three people can then take the corgi for a ride to another Chapter.

Remember:

- walk slow, these dogs have short legs
- they may need a boost into your car
- don't tie their leash to the car door, you might forget them
- don't let them hang their head out the window, might get bugs in their teeth
- they like to eat "Dark Chocolate"

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The Order of the Eastern Star Perpetual Membership Plan

By making a one-time payment, you obtain a Perpetual Membership in your chapter and no further dues or per capita need be paid. Your monies are invested by the Grand Trustees who then make annual payment to your chapter for your dues, with the per capita for living perpetual members being paid directly to the Grand Secretary by the Grand Trustees. Payments by the Grand Trustees continue in perpetuity and thus become an endowment for the further benefit of your Chapter.

The one-time payment is determined by the member's age and Chapter dues (including Grand Chapter per capita tax) multiplied by the factor below:

Member's Age	Factor	49-54.....17
18-33.....20		55-60.....16
34-41.....19		61-74.....15
42-48.....18		75+.....10

WGM/WGP and Chapter Calendar

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

July 2010

- 1 -Sou'Wester's at Alpha Chapter, Argyle, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting
- 17 -Bowling Fundraiser for the WGM/WGP Project, 12:30 p.m. Viking Lanes, Stoughton, Dinner and Reception for WGM Rosie Fiscus and WGP George Winget, 4:00 p.m. Social, 5:30 p.m. Dinner, Viking Bowl, Stoughton
- 24 -Star Cruisers at Sturgeon Bay
- 30 -Exemplification, Baraboo, 7:00 p.m.
- 31 -Exemplification, Ellsworth, 5:30 p.m.

August 2010

- 1 -Three Pillars Friends and Family Picnic, Dousman
- 3 -Grand Representative reception, Queen of Sheba, Reedsburg for Rodney Seamans, GR of Idaho.
- 7 -Exemplification, Rhinelander, 1:30 p.m.
- 9 -Grand Representative reception, Martha, Jefferson for Lois Hutchins, GR of Vermont
- 13-15 -Amana Colonies Adventure. Nine state event and motor coach trip, reservations due in full by July 15.
- 27-29 -Camping weekend, detail TBD

September 2010

- 16 -Light the Night Walk O'Donnell Park Milwaukee
- TBD -Light the Night Walk Lambeau Field Green Bay
- 30 -Light the Night Walk Olin Turville Park-Madison

They will be auctioned off at Grand Chapter in May with the money going to our project. Keep the Corgi's happy, take them for lots of car rides.

WGM/WGP Reception

Oregon Chapter No. 49, OES and Union Grove Chapter No. 71, OES
Cordially Invite You and Your Escort to a Dinner and Reception Honoring Rosie Fiscus, Worthy Grand Matron and George Winget, Worthy Grand Patron of Wisconsin
Saturday July 17, 2010
Viking Bowl
1410 US Highway 51
Stoughton, WI
Social Hour: 4:00 p.m.
Dinner and Program: 5:30 p.m.
More Information on our website.

Grand Representative Appointments

- Doug Kuhlka, Rainbow Chapter, Wisconsin Rapids - Ohio.
- Lydia Mattox, Burlington Chapter, Burlington & Bristol Chapter, Bristol - British Columbia & Yukon Territory.

SISTERS & BROTHERS

We would like to hear from you about your chapter's special events, 50-year members or chatter about your chapter. Please send your information to Sister Jane Blackwood, stormkat@sbcglobal.net or 937 Euclid Avenue, Beloit, WI 53511-6006.

ATTENTION CHAPTER SECRETARIES:

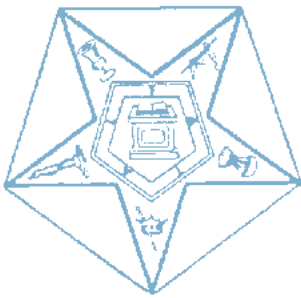
Please send me a copy your chapter's 2010-11 calendar so that your special nights may be listed in the OES Calendar. Please send your calendar to Sister Jane Blackwood, stormkat@sbcglobal.net or 937 Euclid Avenue, Beloit, WI 53511-6006.

WISCONSIN EASTERN STAR WEBSITE:

http://www.wisconsinoes.org

Remember to send the webmaster information on your special events, e-mail: wisconsinoes@yahoo.com.

Grand Chapter's e-mail address: wioes.@centurytel.net



Order of Eastern Star

Message From The WGM & WGP

The "Circle of Friendship" Session is the 120 year of Grand Chapter. We want to lead the State of Wisconsin with optimism, enthusiasm, and energy. Thank you for your support, encouragement and love. We look forward to serving the State of Wisconsin as your leaders this year and working for the good of the order. No one can do this job alone, we want to thank everyone who has agreed to serve on a committee, to be a Grand Officer and everyone who has helped us in any way; even if it was just a smile, a hug or a good thought sent our way.

We appreciate the attendance of the members who were able to attend our Installation. Your support is appreciated. Congratulations to the WM's and WP's who are or who will be installed this month. We hope you enjoy your year as a Rosebud and Courageous Corgi. Grand Chapter is here to help you in anyway we can.

For those who are reading this page or were not at Grand Chapter in Stevens Point, we want to inform you that this will be the last full page in the Masonic Journal. The reasons for this action include reduced overall budget decreases requested by the membership and finance committee, increased use of our expanding OES Starburst Journal, and, the increased use of our internet web site covering information for both members and non-members. Though we are not using the full page display, we ask that you watch for articles of general interest covering OES activities that will be placed in the Masonic Journal throughout the year; and that you visit our web page at: www.wisconsinoes.org for more information. Subscriptions are available to our Starburst Journal. The Starburst is published six times a year at a cost of \$14. It can be ordered through our circulation contact, Deb Morgenstern,



Rosie Fiscus

Worthy Grand Matron of Wisconsin

George Winget

Worthy Grand Patron of Wisconsin

150 Teddy Ave, Hartford WI 53027, phone 262.673.2074 or e-mail djmorgee00@nconnect.net.

Also for those who are reading this page and are not members of the Eastern Star, or are inactive in their chapters at this time, perhaps this is the time for you to consider membership or becoming active once again. Perhaps:

- the demands on your time with children's activities have changed,
- you need time away to share an evening with adult friends,
- you want to find a way to participate in some local, national and international charitable endeavors.

Well, Eastern Star could be your answer. Contact the Eastern Star chapter in your Masonic Center or one near you for information. You can also contact: Grand Chapter Office at 36275 Sunset Dr, Dousman, WI 53118-9349.

We would like to have you join or reactivate your membership and come "Link up with Us".

We are so fortunate for those of you who are "Links" in our "Circle of Friendship".

Butterfly Kisses & Corgi Smiles

Rosie & George

Circle of Trains

ALL ABOARD!! Please join Sister Rosie and Brother George as they travel South for four different train excursions: The French Lick Scenic Railway, Tennessee Valley Railroad Chickamauga Turn Excursion; Great Smokey Mountain Railway Excursion; Nantahala Gorge Excursion; and the Big South Fork Railway Excursion.

The trip also includes lunch at the Wildhorse Saloon, a visit to the Jack Daniels distillery and fun and fellowship.

The cost per person is: Double \$980, Triple \$878, Quad \$843 and Single \$1,399.

Check out the OES website for more information on where to put in your reservation.

First preference will be given to Eastern Star Members, if there is additional room; non-members

are invited to come along.

Contributions to the Wisconsin OES Foundation

- Acadia Chapter, Brookfield
- Arbutus Chapter, Stevens Point
- Columbia Chapter, Evansville
- LaBelle Chapter, Mukwonago
- 8 Lila B. Graser Chapter, Sussex
- Linden Chapter, Linden
- Loyalty Chapter, Plymouth
- Mary Ann Gray
- Phoenix Chapter, Beloit
- Rob Morris Chapter, Palmyra
- Union Grove Chapter, Union Grove
- Vega Chapter, Milwaukee
- West Allis Chapter, West Allis

What is Eastern Star?

Eastern Star is a fraternal organization for women and men offering social opportunities and a means to support a variety of state and local charities. We are not a religion but members must have a belief in a Supreme Being to join our Order, as well as have a Masonic affiliation. Our members learn, and live by, the lessons of charity, truth and loving kindness. We believe that by practicing these principles we will make our communities and the world better places in which to live.



Stated Communications

for the Traveling Mason in Wisconsin

A paid service by Masonic Lodges in Wisconsin

Adams

Adams Lodge No. 332
148 S. Grant • 608-339-2126 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark January & February

Albany

Albany Lodge No. 36
205 N. Water St. • 608-862-3227
(Sec) • Meet 1st & 3rd Wed., 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Antigo

Antigo Lodge No. 231
645 7th Ave.
Meet 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Appleton

Waverly Lodge No. 51
315 S. Bluemound Dr. • 920-738-9220
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June thru August

Ashland

Ancient Landmark No. 210
206 Sixth Ave. West • 715-682-
2906 (Sec) • Meet 1st Wed., 7 p.m.
ancientlandmarklodge210@gmail.com

Baldwin

Collins-Spring Valley Lodge 192
790 Main St. • 715-977-0872 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Baraboo

Baraboo Lodge No. 34
108 Second Ave. • 608-356-6739
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Barnes

Barnes Lodge No. 365
Cty. Hwy. N • 715-372-4957 (Sec)
Meet 2nd Tues. - 4th Tues. in June only
7 p.m. Dark Jan., Feb. & March

Barneveld

Barneveld Lodge No. 319
108 S. Jones St. • 608-445-0445 (Sec)
Meet 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Bayfield

Bayfield-Washburn Lodge No. 215
29 N. 2nd Street • 715-779-3174 (Sec)
Meets Monthly, 1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

Beaver Dam

Dodge County Lodge No. 72
Best Western Campus Inn, 815 Park
Ave. • 920-210-1412 • Meet 3rd
Monday 7 p.m. - Dark July & August

Beloit

Morning Star Lodge No. 10
229 W. Grand Ave. • 608-362-6073
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
1st Wed. only in July & August

Berlin

Berlin Lodge No. 38
124 E. Huron St. • 920-361-9774 (Sec)
Meets 7 p.m. 2nd & 4th Thurs. Jan.- Oct., and
at 7 p.m. 2nd Thursday only, Nov. & Dec.
Dark July & August

Black Earth

Crescent Valley Lodge No. 97
1020 Mills St. • 608-795-4484 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Black River Falls

Black River Lodge No. 74
314 Main Street • 715-284-5667
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Bloomer

Bloomer Lodge No. 281
2122 16th Ave. • 715-568-5152
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark January & February

Bristol

Washburn Lodge No. 145
8102 - 199th Ave. • 262-857-7801
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Brodhead

Bicknell Lodge No. 94
302 1st Center Ave. • 608-897-8069
Meets 2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Brookfield

Elmbrook Lodge No. 354
4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-549-0923
Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Brookfield

McKinley Lodge No. 307
4550 N. Pilgrim Rd. • 262-781-9907
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Brookfield

Myron Reed No. 297
4550 N Pilgrim Rd. • 262-780-0176
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July and August

Burlington

Burlington Lodge No. 28
325 N. Kane St. • 262-763-6290
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Cambridge

Social Lodge No. 245
105 S. Spring St. • 608-423-7081
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July, August

Camp Douglas

Camp Douglas Lodge No. 272
211 Main St. • 608-427-6542 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Cecil

Mason-Woods Lodge No. 368
N6446 Emery Ansonge Rd • 715-745-
2943 (Sec) • 1st & 3rd Tues., 10 a.m.
Dark January & February

Cedarburg

Victory Lodge No. 320
501 W. Grand Ave., Port Washington
262-375-2931 (Sec) • 2nd & 4th Mon.
6:30 p.m. • Dark June, July & August

Chetek

Chetek Lodge No. 277
216 Morrison St. • 715-924-4245 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Chippewa Falls

Chippewa Falls Lodge No. 176
650 Bridgewater Ave. • 715-723-6341
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Clear Lake

Clear Lake Lodge No. 230
411 Third Ave. • 715-263-3033
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Clintonville

Clintonville Lodge No. 197
N4435 Hwy D • 715-754-5250
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:00 p.m.
Dark January, February & March

Columbus

Columbus Lodge No. 75
318 N. Ludington St. • 920-296-3139
(Sec) • Meet 2nd Monday, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Crandon

Crandon Lodge No. 287
211 S. Lake Ave. • 715-473-2741 (Sec)
Meet 2nd Tues. Apr.-June & Sept.-Dec.
Meets 4th Mar.-May & July-Oct.

Crivitz

Tri-County Daylite Lodge No. 218
918 Louisa St. • 715-854-3088
Meet 2nd Wednesday 10 a.m.
Dark January & February

Darlington

Evening Star Lodge No. 64
433 Wells St. • 608-776-4213 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 8 p.m.
Dark July & August

Delavan

Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12
1007 S. Second St. • 262-728-6556 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Dodgeville

Dodgeville Lodge No. 119
200 W. Chapel St. • 608-935-3548
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Dousman

Dousman Lodge No. 315
214 N. Main St. • 262-490-2787 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Dousman

Glen L. Humphrey Lodge No. 364
375 Hwy. 67 • 262-965-7468
Meet 2nd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.
Dark June

Durand

Durand-Pepin Lodge No. 149
203 W. Main St. • 715-672-8052 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Eagle River

Eagle River Lodge No. 248
610 E. Division • 715-479-8646
Meet 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Eau Claire

Eau Claire Lodge No. 112
616 Graham Ave. • 415-832-7759 (Sec.)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Eau Claire

George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351
616 Graham Ave. • 715-563-0245
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Eau Claire

Sanctuary Lodge No. 347
616 Graham Ave. • 715-832-7759
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Edgerton

Fulton Lodge No. 69
312 W. Fulton St.
Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Ellsworth

Hancock Lodge No. 229
400 High Point Dr. • 715-273-4339
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Evansville

Union Lodge No. 32
104 W. Main St. • 608-882-6087 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Fennimore

Fennimore Lodge No. 216
1225 12th St. • 608-822-4129
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays
Dark January & February

Fond du Lac

Fond du Lac Lodge No. 26
500 W. Arndt St. • 920-922-6012
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July and August

Frederic

Landmark Lodge No. 244
109 United Way • 612-998-7901 (Sec).
Meets 2nd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Friendship

Quincy Lodge No. 71
210 Main St. • 608-853-1768 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Galesville

Decora Lodge No. 177
16794 S. Main St. • 608-582-4130 (Sec)
Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m.
Dark July & August, 1st Mon. Sept.

Grafton

Victory Lodge No. 320
1645 Highland Dr., #2 • 262-376-9619
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June -August

Green Bay

Des Peres Lodge No. 85
525 N. Taylor • 920-865-7637
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Green Bay

N.E.W. Daylite Lodge No. 360
535 N. Taylor St. • 920-499-7265
Meet 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m.
Dark July & August

Green Bay

Theodore Roosevelt Lodge 322
525 N. Taylor St. • 920-490-9777
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Green Bay

Washington Lodge No. 21
525 N. Taylor St. • 920-499-7265
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Hartford

Hartford Lodge No. 120
147 N. Rural St. • 262-673-4045
Meet 2nd Monday, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Hayward

Keystone Lodge No. 263
10629 Main St. • 715-634-8735 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Hudson

St. Croix Lodge No. 56
209 Locust Street • 715-377-0817
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Janesville

Janesville-Western Star No. 55
2322 E. Milwaukee St. • 608-754-2475
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Jefferson

Jefferson County Lodge No. 9
617 Masonic Blvd. • 920-674-6715
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Kenosha

Kenosha Lodge No. 47
807 - 61st St. • 262-657-7631
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Kenosha

Sunrise Lodge No. 359
807 61st St. • 262-694-7817
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 9:30 a.m.
Dark July & August

Kenosha

Unity Lodge No. 367
4320 Washington Rd. • 262-657-5575
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

La Crosse

Frontier-Badger Lodge No. 45
118 S. 8th St. • 608-782-1616
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

La Crosse

La Crosse Masonic Lodge No. 190
118 8th Street So. • 608-782-1616
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Ladysmith

Mystic Tie Lodge No. 280
705 E. 3rd St. N. • 715-532-7696 (Sec)
Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Lake Geneva

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

Linden

Linden Lodge No. 206
618 Main St. • 608-623-2143 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 8 p.m.
Dark July & August

Lodi

Lodi Valley Lodge No 99
114 First St. • 608-592-4820 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Lone Rock

Franklin Lodge No 16
237 S. Oak St. • 608-583-4303 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 8 p.m.
Meets All Year

Madison

Commonwealth Lodge No. 325
301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-358-8921
Travel 1st Wed.& Stated 3rd Wed., 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Madison

Doric Lodge No. 356
85 S. Stoughton Rd. • 608-224-0895
(Sec) • Meet 1st & 3rd Tues., 7 p.m.
Dark January & February

Madison

Four Lakes Daylite Lodge No. 362
301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-5734
Meets 1st Mondays, 10 a.m.
Meets All Year

Madison

Hiram Lodge No. 50
310 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-0793
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m
Dark 1st Mondays, June thru September

Madison

Madison Lodge No. 5
301 Wisconsin Ave. • 608-256-0793
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Meet 1st Thursday July & August

Manitowoc

Manitowoc Lodge No. 65
810 Chicago St. • 920-793-3473 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Marinette

Marinette Lodge No. 182
1610 Main St. • 715-735-3515
Meet 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Marshfield

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

Medford

Medford Lodge No. 217
150 S. Seventh St. • 715-748-6851 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark January & February

Menomonie

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

Mercer

Hurley Lodge No. 237
5179 N. Hwy. 51 • 715-475-2453
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark January, February & March

Merrill

Virginia Falls Lodge No. 226
916-1/2 E. Main Street • 715-675-8440
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Merrillan

Merrillan Lodge No. 279
103 S. Main Street • 715-333-2083 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark January, February & March

Middleton

Middleton-Ionic Lodge No. 180
7409 Franklin Ave. • 608-831-4418
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Milton

Milton Lodge No. 161
508 Vernal Avenue • 608-754-2464
Meets 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Milwaukee

Damascus Lodge No. 290
1235 E. Howard Ave. • 262-853-5631
(Sec) • Meet 2nd & 4th Tues., Dinner
6 p.m., Lodge at 7 • Dark July & August

Milwaukee

Day-lite

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Oshkosh
Oshkosh Lodge No. 27
204 Washington Ave. • 920-231-3410
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Owen
Owen Lodge No. 317
713 W. Third St. • 715-229-2832 (Sec.)
Meets 1st Monday at 7:30 p.m. & 3rd Mon. at 11 a.m. • Dark July & August

Palmyra
Palmyra Lodge No. 68
125 N. Third St. • 262-495-4887
Meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark January & February

Pewaukee
Pewaukee Lodge No. 246
126 Main St. • 262-367-4816 (WM)
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Phillips
Phillips Lodge No. 225
137 N. Lake Ave. • 715-339-3785
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Platteville
Melody Lodge No. 2
783 Enterprise Drive • 608-349-6021
Meet 1st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Meets All Year

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, Call Sec. for time
• 608-635-4503 Meets 1st Wednesday
Dark July & August

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

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

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

Racine
Racine-Belle City Lodge No. 18
1210 Main St. • 262-633-6658
Meets 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Reedsburg
Reedsburg Lodge No. 79
213 E. Main St. • 608-524-3281
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.
Dark January & February

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

Rice Lake
Blue Hills Lodge No. 234
225 W. South St. • 715-234-1888
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

Richland Center
Richland Lodge No. 66
209 W. Union St. • 608-538-3173 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

Ripon
Prairie View Lodge No. 95
W14188 Hwy KK. • 920-203-8075 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
Dark Jan. & Feb. – 2nd Tues. Nov. & Dec.

River Falls
River Falls Lodge No. 109
122 E. Walnut St. • 715-425-2333
Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Shawano
Shawano Lodge No. 170
201-1/2 S. Main St. • 715-526-3920
Meets 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark January & February

Sheboygan
Sheboygan Lodge No. 11
411 St. Clair Ave. • 920-457-3111
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m.
Meets All Year

Shell Lake
Shell Lake /Spooners Lodge No. 221
28 Doboy Drive • 715-468-7004 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
July & August 3rd Tuesday only

Shullsburg
Amicitia Lodge No. 25
127-1/2 Water St. • 608-965-3414 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m.
Dark July & August

South Milwaukee
South Shore Lodge No. 3
1327 Marshall Ave • 414-294-9332 (Sec.)
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 pm
Dark July & August

Sparta
Valley Lodge No. 60
603 N. Court St. • 608-269-2616
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Not Available

Star Prairie
North Star Lodge No. 187
Bridge St. • 715-248-3279
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July August

Stevens Point
Evergreen Lodge No. 93
2854 Church Street • 715-345-1846
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark January & February

Stoughton
Kegonsa Lodge No. 73
125 S. 5th St. • 608-873-9204
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Sturgeon Bay
Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174
31 S. 3rd Ave. • 920-493-3727
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Sun Prairie
Sun Prairie Lodge No. 143
152 N. Bird St. • 608-825-3925
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Superior
Acacia-Itasca Lodge No. 329
3117 N. 21 St. • 715-392-1398
Meet 1st & 3rd Fridays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Superior
Superior Lodge No. 236
1503 Bellnap St. • 715- 392-1398 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Sussex
Lincoln Lodge No. 183
P.O Box 215, Menomonee Falls 53051 • 262-
250-0858 (Sec) • Meets at Sussex Lodge
2nd Tuesday,7 p.m. Dark July & August

Tomah
Tomah Lodge No. 132
520 E. Saratoga Street • 608-372-5507
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Union Grove
Union Grove Lodge No. 288
1021 – 11th Ave. • 262-878-9938
Meet 2nd Saturday, 8:30 a.m.
Meets All Year

Viroqua
La Belle Lodge No. 84
118-1/2 S. Main • 608-637-7581 • Meet 1st
& 3rd Wed., 7:30 p.m.; Meet 1st Wed. July,
August & Dec. • Dark January & February

Waterloo
Waterloo Lodge No. 63
300 Hendricks Street • 920-478-2048 (Sec)
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Web: www.waterloomasonry.com

Waukesha
Waukesha Lodge No. 37
317 South Street • 262-542-6753
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Waupaca
Waupaca Lodge No. 123
105-1/2 N. Main Street • 715-258-2208
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Waupun
Waupun Lodge No. 48
16 S. Madison St. • 920-324-3141
Meets 1st Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Wausau
Forest Lodge No. 130
130 First Street • 715-845-5198
Meet Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark June, July & August

Wautoma
Wautoma Lodge No. 148
203 S. Scott St. • 920-647-0201 (Sec.)
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark Jan. & Feb. - 4th Monday of Dec.

Wauwatosa
Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301
4315 N. 92nd St. • 414-771-5278
Meet 4th Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Wauwatosa
Wisconsin Lodge No. 13
4315 N. 92nd St. • 414-463-8390
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

West Allis
Day-Lite Lodge No. 358
7515 W. National Ave. • 414-257-9450
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 9 a.m.
Dark July & August

West Allis
Wauwatosa Lodge No. 267
7515 W. National Ave. • 262-250-1588
Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

West Allis
West Allis Lodge No. 291
7515 W. National Ave. • 414-257-9450
Meet 1st & 3rd Fridays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

West Bend
West Bend Lodge No. 138
301 N. University Dr. • 262-338-3112
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Meets All Year

West Salem
Salem Lodge No. 125
101 W. Hamilton St. • 608-786-0930 (Sec)
Meets 4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Whitefish Bay
Aurora Lodge No. 30
517 E. Beaumont Ave. • 414-964-4080
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Whitefish Bay
Geo. Washington 1776 Lodge No. 337
517 E. Beaumont Ave. • 414-964-4080
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Whitewater
St. John's Lodge No. 57
226 W. Main Street • 920-650-5406
Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Wilmot
Wilmot Lodge No. 241
30702 113th St. • 262-889-8181 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Winneconne
Winneconne Lodge No. 186
100 W. Main Street • 920-582-7815 (Sec)
Meet 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Wisconsin Dells
Dells Lodge No. 124
815 Oak St. • 608-254-8136
Meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Dark July & August

Wisconsin Rapids
Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 128
2321 2nd Ave. So. • 715-423-2770
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Dark July & August

Armistead-Bingham
Lodge No. 1862
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date & location g2minime@aol.com
Meets 5th Saturdays, 1 p.m.

To list your lodge contact
Ad Manager Diane Igl,
eieio@execpc.com
262-965-3979

New Master Masons



Bro. Stauner new Master Mason at River Falls

Bro. Pete Stauner of River Falls received his Master Mason degree at River Falls Lodge No. 109 on Tuesday, June 1. Shown congratulating Pete is Worshipful Master Steve Schwartz (right) who conferred the degree.

Photo by Bro.Milt Helmer



New Master Masons at Theodore Roosevelt Lodge

Bros. Paul M. Smith and Caleb J. Hoffarth were raised to the Master Mason Degree in Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 322, Green Bay, on May 18. Pictured front row (from left): Paul Gagan, Caleb Hoffarth, Michael Belongia, Paul Smith and William Sherry. Back row: Dennis Siewert, Senior Grand Warden; Barry Siewert, Master; Christian Hirthe; and Christopher Hirthe, District 4 Deputy.

Submitted by Bro. Gerry Brebner, Senior Deacon



Two new Mater Masons at Tomah Lodge

On May 27, Bros. Pearce Gilbert III and Donald Lawrence became Master Masons in Tomah Lodge No. 132, Tomah. Both Brothers are in the military and stationed at Fort McCoy. From left: Pearce Gilbert III, Worshipful Master Harry Smith and Donald Lawrence.

Submitted by Bro Steven Hanson, Counselor

E-mail your submissions to wmjeditor@wisc-freemasonry.org.

Traveling Gavel

District 1
Acacia-Itasca Lodge No. 329

District 2
Blue Hills Lodge No. 234

District 3
Rhineland Lodge No. 242

District 4
Theodore Roosevelt Lodge 322

District 5
Merrillan Lodge No. 279

District 6
Waupaca Lodge No. 123

District 7
Waterloo Lodge No. 63

District 8
Amicitia Lodge No. 25

District 9
Dousman Lodge No. 315

District 10
Hartford Lodge No. 120

District 11
Pewaukee No. 246

District 12
Day Lite Lodge No. 358

Please check with the Master of the lodge listed before scheduling a trip to claim the Traveling Gavel. It may already have been claimed by or delivered to another lodge.

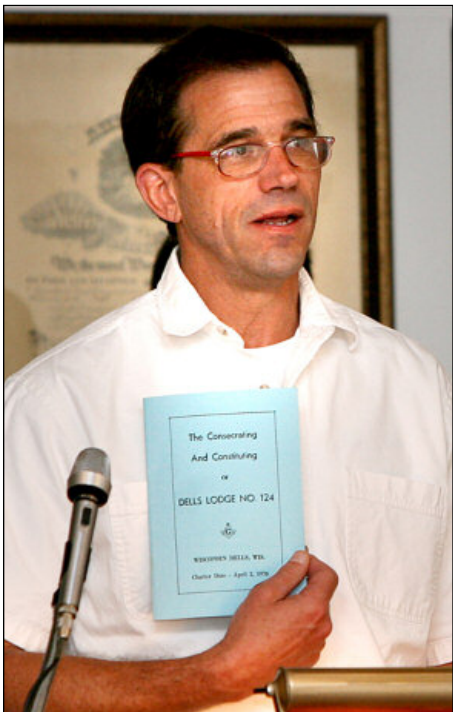
Dells Lodge No. 124 150th Anniversary



Commandery presents the flag under the Command of Michael Nelson.



Worshipful Master Gary Henningsen presents some of the history of Dells Lodge.



Wisconsin Dells Mayor Eric Helland congratulates the Lodge on reaching the 150 year milestone.



Bro. Ryan Ott answered the question of why masons wear aprons.

Photos by Rich Rygh



Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin Joseph B. Harker and his officers enter the Lodge room for the rededication.

A History of Dells Lodge

By Bros. Ryan J. Ott and Gary Henningson

No Lodge sesquicentennial celebration would be complete without a review of its history which may be preserved for future generations when records are lost or destroyed. Often the names of persons and places seem too routine to be worth noting at the time and succeeding generations search in vain. So it is with Columbia Lodge No. 124, F. & A. M., of Kilbourn City, now Wisconsin Dells, beginning operation under dispensation on March 14, 1860, and receiving a charter from the Grand Lodge on June 13 of that year.

The Lodge met in various locations before the purchase of the present building in 1926, and initiated many members, some of whom have been omitted from the minutes, some lost with the lodge records in a cataclysmic fire on March 14, 1866, which destroyed eleven business places and turned ten families out of doors; others have been lost in the shadowy mists of time in which too many of our brothers have been called from labor to rest and have passed down the valley one by one before anyone thought to ask so that their memories might be perpetuated. It is a sorry thought that the history of Columbia County must be relied upon for the Masonic information that by 1880 some ninety members had been initiated into Columbia Lodge No. 124 from an original membership of thirty-eight.

It might be interesting to note in passing that after the fire the next lodge meeting was held at the Tanner house which later became the Finch Hotel, now torn down and memorialized by a bronze plaque at the corner of the Chamber of Commerce building. The picture of John B. Tanner hangs in the lodge ante room, a prominent brother who was the grandfather of our late brother James F. Dixon. At that meeting it was decided to replace the paraphernalia lost in the fire with new aprons and working tools. They had been received by May 10 of that year at a cost of \$6.65. It was not until July of 1866 that the lodge received its present charter to replace that lost in the fire.

It has been the practice of the lodge to hang in the ante room the pictures of members and officers desiring to have them so placed. It is to be regretted that more have not done so, and that a short biographical sketch does not accompany the pictures of our elder brothers; some of whom are known only by name.

One such Brother has a prominent place in the history of our country in the War Between the States. He is General Joseph Bailey who with Jonathan Bowman created the village of Newport, and took his Fellowcraft degree in the year 1861, before leaving for service. He was noted for his organizing ability and ingenuity. Company D of the 4th Regiment was recruited at Kilbourn City with Joseph Bailey as its Captain and took part in the siege of Vicksburg. Reserves in the Army of the North were about to retreat from Alexandria about 200 miles north of Baton Rouge in Louisiana when the Red River fell trapping the whole supporting fleet of the Union Navy and requiring either surrender or destruction of the fleet. The blocking rapids were about 600 feet wide. Over the pessimistic objection of naval engineers, Bailey was permitted to exploit the experience of himself and the other northern Wisconsin lumberjacks to build a dam and sink the barges to make wing dams which raised the water to sufficient depths so when the dam was dynamited, the whole Union Fleet was swept to Safety. This was known as the incident of General Joseph Bailey and the Red River Dam. As a result Bailey was promoted from Lt. Col. to Brigadier General, and was presented with a beautiful sword with sheath and hilt of gold and an engraved solid silver punch bowl two feet high which is now in the State Historical Museum.

Other early Brothers, who later served as captains of Company D were: E.R. Herron; Guy C. Pierre, later promoted to Major; and A.C. Ketchum.

It was not long after the early fire that a new building was erected on Broadway by Dr. Geo. W. Jenkins, a prominent early local physician and brother who rented the second story for lodge rooms which were dedicated February 22, 1867, and continued to be used until the present temple was pur-

chased. The old lodge rooms were on the second floor in what is now the Borchert building occupied as a grocery store. Dissatisfied to continue renting quarters, the brothers had decided as soon as finances would permit a permanent temple should be acquired. This planning is shown by the lodge minutes beginning in 1923, when committees were appointed. This was a great event in the history of our Lodge. Financing was a great problem. In addition to a mortgage at a local bank, many of the brothers advanced money and took notes in return, many of which were later surrendered without compensation.

What was known as the G.A.R. Hall had been originally built by a theatrical company in 1868. It was used as a municipal hall, theatre and for lecture purposes. In later years the G.A.R. was in financial need and public dances were held. It was finally purchased by the local lodge and one of the highlights of local lodge history was the dedication on November 2, 1926.

For many years after its purchase, card parties and dancing were a large part of the outside social activities of the lodge members, but in recent years in communities of this size, interest has declined in such activities and in 1957 the beautiful hard maple floor of the Lodge was covered with carpeting and since has been used for only ritual work. The kitchen was redone and the social activities have since been limited to the basement.

Under the old rules of the Grand Lodge the Lodge rooms were limited to specific use of the Masonic Order and its affiliates. These rules were relaxed and since 1944 the Order of the Rainbow for girls whose membership is unlimited, has had access to the lodge rooms.

On June 4, 1970 Lake Delton Lodge No. 78 merged with Dells Lodge No. 124. Since then the lodge has helped the community in many ways. For example for the last 40 years the lodge has given out scholarships to local students for college and regularly contributes to the DARE program. Each year we financially assist many great and wonderful causes.

The sesquicentennial history Committee consisting on Ryan J. Ott and Gary Henningson respectfully submit the foregoing excerpts from our History as accurately as present records permit and with apologies to our absent or present brothers for any unintended omission or inaccuracies.

Editors Note: Dells Lodge No. 124, was the result of the consolidation of Dells Lodge No. 78, Lake Delton, and Columbia Lodge No. 124, Wisconsin Dells on April 2, 1970.



Senior Warden Mike Karas identified and explained the working tools of a Master Mason.

Hartford Lodge Celebrates Sesquicentennial



Grand Master Joseph B. Harker approached the East for the rededication of the Lodge and the dedication of the cornerstone under an arch of steel formed by the Wisconsin Commandery



Grand Master Joseph B. Harker orders the Lodge uncovered in preparation of the rededication ceremony. In the foreground District Lecturer J. Patrick Storrs and District Deputy David Tainter uncover the Lodge. Standing (from left): Worshipful Master Robert Schulz, District Deputy David Bomkamp, Grand Master Joseph B. Harker, Grand Lecturer Kenneth Gorgen and Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White, Jr.

Photos by Rich Rygh



The First United Methodist Church Choir under the direction of Edward Johnson sings “God Bless America” at the beginning of the program.



State Representative Donald Pridemore presents a plaque to Worshipful Master Robert Schulz from the State of Wisconsin Assembly in commemoration of the 150th Anniversary.



The Commandery of Wisconsin, Knights Templar under the command of Bro. James Myhrum presented the flag.

See story on page 3



Jobs Daughters from Menomonee Falls and West Bend present the “Living Cross”.

Grand Lodge Officers Installed for 2010-2011



Grand Master Joseph B. Harker is escorted to the East by Installing Grand Marshal Lawrence L. Myers, PGM, through the "arch of steel" presented by the Wisconsin Grand Commandery.



Installing Grand Master Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, installs the Grand Lodge Officers for 2010-2011.



The Wisconsin Grand Commandery presents the flag.



Grand Master Joseph B. Harker gives his remarks after being installed Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin.



Deputy Grand Master Davey L. White, Jr. receives his jewel from his daughter Dana.



Installing Grand Marshal Lawrence L. Myers, PGM, presents the District Deputies for installation.



Grand Master Joseph B. Harker's grandsons (center from left): Aaron, Jarrett and Justin Wolman place the Bible, Square and Compasses on the altar.



Grand Master Joseph B. Harker and his Lady Mary leave the auditorium after the installation.

See story on
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Photos by Rich Rygh



Over 400 people attended the banquet after the installation.

A Visit to Melita Lodge in Philadelphia

By Bro. Paul Gordon, Master, Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 83

The Philadelphia Masonic Temple is an elegant building erected in 1873 in the geographic center of "The City of Brotherly Love". On May 26 I had the pleasant opportunity to attend a Lodge meeting there as a guest of Melita Lodge No. 295. Melita is one of 30 different Blue Lodges that meet in the Temple, along with the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge and other Masonic appendant bodies. It has a wonderful Masonic museum with George Washington's Masonic Apron, Masonic books printed by Benjamin Franklin, Franklin's Grand Master's sash, and other Masonic artifacts. There is a nice collection of firing cannons as well as a Masonic library and a large banquet hall. Full larger than life size paintings of George Washington, Benjamin Franklin and other prominent Masons grace the hallways and common areas.

The Temple has seven different ornate Lodge rooms, each reflecting a different period or style of architecture. Melita meets in Egyptian Hall, the first Lodge room completed in the Temple and representative of the oldest building style there. The walls, panels, columns, ceiling and furnishings are all excellent and scholarly copies of existing originals in Egypt. They are considered so accurate that local Universities and Colleges have their art and architecture students come there to study the symbols, styles and construction. Fortunately, the May 26 Lodge meeting featured a special



The Philadelphia Masonic Temple has seven different ornate Lodge rooms.

fascinating program on the history of Egyptian Hall and the symbolism contained therein.

Other Lodge rooms are in the Ionic, Corinthian, Oriental, Renaissance, Gothic and Norman styles. There is at least one fault or imperfection built into each room.

The Lodges in Pennsylvania note that their ritual is different than most other states' and is supposed to be a very early working as in Colonial days. I was impressed at the similarities it has with the Emulation work used by Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 83. The Master's apron is very similar to the Master and Past Master apron in Emulation ritual. Officers wore Tuxedos and white gloves. Officer's jewels are on collars similar to Emulation. The business portion of the meeting covered topics that would be familiar to most Lodges, and there were some Masonic esoteric and symbolic addresses. Approximately 23 Masons were in attendance, with a total membership of 128.

The Brothers of Melita Lodge are very cordial. They enjoy dinner together before Lodge, and seek refreshment after Lodge.

The Lodge has organized Masonic educational activities, social gatherings, and works in the quarries of life.



Rhineland Lodge 1st Annual Walk for a Cure

Walkers wave on their 60 mile journey from the Rhineland Masonic Center to the Wausau Masonic Center on May 22 during the Rhineland Masonic Lodge 1st Annual Walk for a Cure. The Walk was to take place within 24 hours. Out of the 22 who began the walk only two were able to make the entire walk to Wausau. Barbara Menting of Eagle River and Jim Olson crossed the finish line shortly after 9:30 Sunday morning. See story on page 7.

Submitted by Mike England and Dave Imlah

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Erika Miller, Dev. Office Coordinator

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Job's Daughters Memorial Foundation Awards Scholarships

By Mary Callaway

The Job's Daughters Memorial Foundation of Wisconsin awarded \$9,000.00 in fifteen \$600.00 scholarships to deserving Wisconsin Job's Daughters at the 82nd Annual Session of the Grand Guardian Council Job's Daughters International of Wisconsin held at the Racine Masonic Center May 21-22-23. The recipients were:

- Annamarie Carlson, Bethel 19 West Allis
- Renee Simon, Bethel 29 Rhineland
- Megan Burczk, Bethel 64 Menomonee Falls
- Nicole Kloet, Bethel 77 Kenosha
- Alica Wahlen, Bethel 22 Racine
- Lyla Goerl, Bethel 32 Green Bay
- Ariel Goerl, Bethel 32 Green Bay
- Meghan Cigale, Bethel 6 Milwaukee
- Betsy Kievit, Bethel 35 Oconomowoc
- Sarah Workman, Bethel 22 Racine
- Sarah Stevens-Freuck, Bethel 2 Milwaukee
- Taelynn Feustal, Bethel 24 Appleton
- Kali Brokaw, Bethel 27 La Crosse
- Emily Campbell, Bethel 64 Menomonee Falls

The Grand Guardian Council awarded \$2500.00 in five \$500.00 to other deserving Wisconsin Job's Daughters. The recipients were:

- Caitlin Deal, Bethel 27 La Crosse
- Marla Binder, Bethel 64 Menomonee Falls
- Elizabeth Ganser Moe, Bethel 6 Milwaukee
- Kimberly Hillmer, Bethel 64 Menomonee Falls
- Jacquelynn Bazylewicz, Bethel 35 Oconomowoc
- Kaitlin Malwitz, Bethel 3 Fond du Lac

was a 2008-2009 scholarship recipient who did not receive her award at that time because she was on military duty in Iraq, received her scholarship at this Grand Session.

Haven't made it to lodge in awhile?
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McKenna Nerone Selected New Youth Coordinator for HIKE



McKenna Nerone (pictured on right), Junior Princess of Bethel 19 Job's Daughters International, West Allis, was selected to serve as the new Youth Coordinator for HIKE (Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment) for the 2010-2011 Job's Daughters year. Sarah Chipman (pictured on left), a Past Honored Queen and Majority Member of Bethel 53 Brookfield will serve as the adult advisor to McKenna from the Brand Guardian Council, Job's Daughters International in Wisconsin.

Submitted by Mary Callaway



Bro. Robert Schulz honored

Bro. Robert Schulz receives a plaque from PGM Stanley R. Jagow on behalf of the Brethren of Hartford Lodge No. 120 in appreciation for his many contributions to Freemasonry. The plaque was presented at the recent celebration of Hartford Lodge's 150 Anniversary.

Photo by Rich Rygh

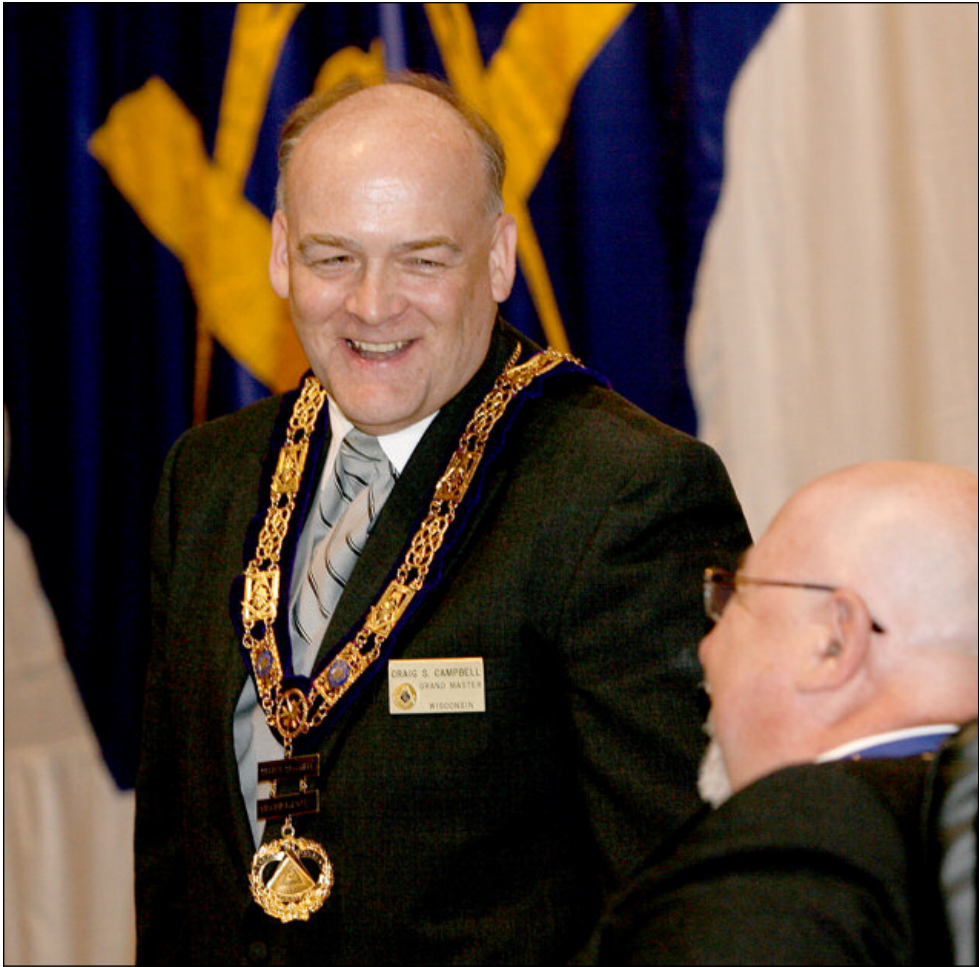


District Deputy inspects Northwestern Lodge

At the request of Grand Master Craig S. Campbell, District Deputies are making the rounds inspecting the lodges in all the districts in the state to assure that every lodge conforms to the Sarbanes-Oxley law and IRS requirements. District Deputy H. Scott Paulson examined the records of Northwestern Lodge No. 105, Prescott, during his visit on Wednesday, June 2. Harold Christensen (left), District Lecturer for District 2, is giving some helpful advice to Worshipful Master Dave Finley. District Deputy H. Scott Paulson is on the right.

Photo by Bro. Milt Helmer

Annual Communication 2010



Grand Master Craig S. Campbell takes a moment to confer with Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM.

See story on page 1.



Grand Treasurer John A. Benedict gives the Grand Treasurer's Report and presents Resolutions No. 2 and No. 1.



The Grand Master's gavel was somewhat worse for wear after Friday evening's installation of Grand Lodge Officers and the firm hand of Installing Grand Master Michael A. DeWolf, but with the help of a little duct tape it lasted to the end of the 166th Annual Communication.



Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM proudly holds a hand made copper mug presented to him by Brethren from Perseverance 1843 Lodge No. 366 in appreciation for all the help he gave them in getting started. From left: District Deputy Chris Hirthe; Wade Richard Liljegren, Junior Warden, Wauwatosa Lodge No. 267; Grand Secretary DeWolf; Richard Preston, Master; James Nowicki; Barry Maxfield; and District Deputy John Tilley.



PGM Beecher Daniels presents Grand Master Craig S. Campbell with a plaque in appreciation for his strong support of the Masonic Service Association.

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Bro. Curt Campagna representing the Wisconsin Grand Chapter of Widows Sons, presents a dues cards to Grand Master Craig S. Campbell. Widows Sons is an association for Masons riding motorcycles and represents the Craft in the motorcycle community.



Grand Master Craig S. Campbell presented Sesquicentennial Plaques to five lodges. Receiving the plaques (from Left): Orville Olson, Secretary and Mel Masters, Master, Dodgeville Lodge No. 119; Robert Schulz, Master, Hartford Lodge No. 120; Grand Master Campbell; Terry Loper, Salem Lodge No. 125; Roger Chase, Dells Lodge No. 124; and District Deputy Travis Lehrer, Waupaca Lodge No. 123. The Lodges were congratulated on their 150 years by the Grand Master.