March 2021

13  H.S. Baird No. 174, 186th Annual Steamboat Dinner, 31 S. 3rd Ave, Sturgeon Bay – drive up take out only this year! $16.00 - Roast beef, turkey, baked beans, coleslaw, pie. Proceeds to help with N.E.W. community outreach. Contact Bro. Tom Pinney at tompinney@charter.net or 920-493-3727 for tickets or more information.

13  Freemasonry 101 Live: A Masonic Primer. Open to all Masons EA and up via Zoom. See page 16.

13  Chetek Lodge, St. Patrick’s Day Irish Dinner, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., $15. Contact Tom Nicolaides at 715-642-1061 or tom.nicolaides@gmail.com for tickets and information. See page 5.

14  Washburn No. 145, Chef Ruth Atwood’s Annual Corned Beef Dinner, from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 8102 199th Ave, Bristol. Will have limited seating for dining as well as takeout and curbside services. $13.00 adults/ $9.00 children 12 and under. Includes corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, soda bread, and dessert.

19  31st Annual Scimitar Sportsman’s Night, Tripoli Shrine Center. VIP Entry 4 p.m., Doors open at 5 p.m., Dinner at 7:15 p.m. See page 12.

20  Quincy Adams Dedication and Consecration, 1 p.m., 210 Main Street, Friendship.

31  17th Annual Combined Table Lodge between the Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Wisconsin and The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Wisconsin, Inc., Tripoli Shrine Center. See page 17.

April 2021

23-25  Spring Staff Meeting and Grand Master’s Testimonial.

29  District 12 Spring Meeting, 6 p.m. cocktails and 7 p.m. start. Every Mason in attendance will receive the new, never before distributed D12 Masonic Coin. Open to spouses and significant others. Meyer’s Restaurant and Banquet Hall, 4260 S. 76th St., Greenfield. Register at Eventbrite, link coming out soon.

June 2021

4-5  177th Annual Communication, Wisconsin Masonic Center.

July 2021

12  Lake Country Freemasons Lodge No. 42, 18th Annual “Pay It Forward” Golf Outing at The Legend at Brandonbrook in Waukesha.

August 2021

29  Brewers-Twins Baseball Sunday, Target Field, Minneapolis.

October 2021

30  Readsburg Lodge No. 78, Shed Lodge. Fellowship starts at 4 p.m., dinner at 5 p.m.

February 2022

“Freemasonry 101 Live: A Masonic Primer” via Zoom on March 13

By District 11 Deputy Grand Master Christopher M. Luedke

Remember when you went through your initiation? How much did you actually remember from that night? You were hooded, walked around, there were gavels, kneeling, some prodding and you were possibly embarrassed when asked for something metal. Typically, after throwing lectures and experiences at the candidate we send them home, probably with more questions than answers. Freemasonry 101 Live will fill in those gaps in a series of short talks aimed at all Masons from the youngest EA to the grizzled Past Master.

On Saturday, March 13, we will be presenting a series of 10-15 minute talks live on a Zoom webinar. These talks will cover mentoring, lodge organization, going to your first meeting, the EA Degree, the roll of ritual in Freemasonry and what it means to be a Mason. Each speaker will take questions in this last-paced examination of Freemasonry.

EA’s will see the degree with new eyes, picking up on nuances they may have missed. Older members will be reminded of their passion for the fraternity, and everyone will find useful concrete take-aways that can improve their Masonic experience.

Speakers will include the Grand Orator WBro. Jerry A. Reich, the Grand Lecturer WBro. Patrick D. Chokde as well as members of the Grand Lodge Education Committee.

This presentation is also the first step toward developing the new Online Masonic College with the goal of creating content that can be used at the lodge. District or State level, no matter the level of technology available to the presenter. We will provide all the tools so anyone at any level can explore or present Masonic Education appropriate to the audience and useful no matter the time constraints. More on the Masonic College and the new Lodge Education Committee will be presented at the Freemasonry 101 Live presentation on March 13 at 8 a.m.

Bro. Cramer is a 70 year Mason

Bro. Cal Cramer and his Lady Pat recently received a visit from his Brothers Dave Dickson and Rich Campbell of Sauk Prairie Lodge No. 113. Bro. Cramer was presented a beautiful hand crafted plaque made by Bro. Campbell in honor of his 70 years as a Mason. Bro. Cramer was raised on Sept. 18, 1950 in Sauk Prairie Lodge. He is also a member of Lodl Valley Lodge No. 99 where he has served several years as Secretary and also Treasurer.

Register now for the 17th Annual Combined Table Lodge March 31

The 17th Annual Combined Table Lodge between the Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Wis., and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Wis., Inc. will be held on Thursday, March 31, 2021.

This year’s event will be hosted by the Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Wisconsin. The festivities will be held at the Tripli Mosque at 3000 West Wisconsin Ave., in Milwaukee.

The evening will begin with fellowship and cocktails at 5 p.m. The official opening will be at 6:00 p.m. followed by “The Ceremony of Seven Toasts” along with a dinner buffet (wine and non-alcoholic wine will be offered). Bring your apron and toasting canteens. The event will be conducted in the Entered Apprentice Degree and is therefore open to all Masons. Appropriate dress for the evening is a sport coat, shirt and tie or business suit. Grand Lodge Officers will be in tuxedos. This event will sell out! Walk-ins unfortunately will not be permitted.

The cost of this event is $50 per person and there is a link to register on the Wisconsin Grand Lodge website at www.wisconsinfreemasonry.org. Reservations close by March 20, or sooner if filled.

The Grand Master’s Message:

By Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin Kenneth C. Gorgen

“The true tragedy in most people’s lives is that they are far better than they imagine themselves to be and, as a result, end up being much less than they might be.” – Earl R. Smith II

Greetings My Brothers,

The quote from Earl Smith above is a reminder to all of us that we have many great Masons in our jurisdiction destined to be leaders of our Fraternity and we have many new men being initiated that can very well be our key to growth and education. The problem is that they might not know it yet.

Last month I shared with you some thoughts from Albert Mackey basically stating that our Lodges and Temples must also be resorts for speculative and philosophical thoughts else it could lead to the disconnection of traditional brethren from social clubs or benefit societies. In this day and age Mackey’s thinking might be blunt and prolonged, but his message points to growth in education and mentoring.

Recently in a conversation with one of my lodge brothers, he shared his reasons for petitioning the Fraternity. It is based on the four points listed below. As he was naming each particular reason, he realized he was defining the tenets of our profession. How uncanny that when he petitioned, without realizing what he was getting into, his clear purpose for joining was a quest for that deep philosophical reason which defines our existence as Masons.

• “Love for each other.” (Brotherly Love)
• “Care for each other.” (Relief)
• “Support for each other.” (Truth)
• “Fun with each other.” (All of the above.)

Many men who come knocking on the door of the lodge have a specific reason for joining. It might not be as well thought out as this Brother, but I am sure many men do come to Masonry looking for fellowship and the opportunity to be part of something bigger in their life. The prospective candidate might not have as clear a vision, but he has come to the point in his life that he feels there is more for him to experience than an everyday routine. I guess he might be asking himself, “Is that all there is?” As Ezeremada Santiago explained, “Tell me who you walk with, and I’ll tell you who you are.”

This is our opportunity to take a good man and make him better, and what better place to find out that there is more to life in developing relationships with like minded men in the Masonic Lodge. It might just be what this new brother is seeking.

During this time of pandemic, many of the lodges have continued to initiate and mentor in new members. 41 since November 2020 to be exact. Now that may not feel like a tremendous feat but consider the exterminating circumstances our lodges overcome to do this. I say, “Well done my Brothers!”

There is a golden opportunity before us. Now is the time, and I use an expression that was recently said to me, to bring them onboard and make sure we have our mentoring program active so that we begin to generate excitement in the lodge and in the candidate. Convince him and his family that he made a good decision. Have that mentor assigned immediately before the degree. When I joined the lodge, one of the most challenging tasks for me was walking into an unfamiliar environment filled with unfamiliar guys. Even though I went through the interview process and sat in front of a Master’s Board, I did not have much contact with many members. Assigning a mentor to a prospective candidate will provide the needed lodge relationships to bring them onboard. Mentors can help the new man through the unknown stuff and introduce him to members of the lodge. Mentors can also help with the kind of conduct needed lodge relationships to bring them onboard. Mentors can help with the kind of conduct needed lodge relationships to bring them onboard.

On Our Cover

Nathan Hale Lodge No. 350 hosted a dinner on February 18 to make charitable donations to three groups. Four AEDs were presented to the Milwaukee Public School System and checks for $1,000 each to EmBank Wisconsin and Southern Waukesha County Canine Search and Rescue. Ladies from EmBank Wisconsin provide information on their organization. See photos on page 19.

New email address for The Wisconsin Masonic Journal

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Thoughts for the Journey
By Reverend David O. Leistra, Grand Chaplain

Greetings Brothers,

Living in Wisconsin I am always glad to see March 1 show-up on the calendar. I know it means that Spring is near. It was the second Sunday in March 2020 that my church stopped having our building open for public worship and other activities. At the time we all thought that we ought to be able to reopen in time for Easter Sunday, that did not happen. Then we thought we would surely have the start of the school year, again that did not happen. Finally, I said I just do not know how we can stay closed for Christmas Eve, none-the-less we stayed closed. Now I am fairly sure that we won’t open our building, even to serve call numbers of people, until after Easter this year.

The reason our church building is closed, while some others are opened, has to do with the nature of our facilities and is not in anyway because some outside governmental or religious authority told us we had to, it was because our local church leaders and I decided it was the best way to “Do No Harm,” a basic tenant of my denomination. Perhaps some of your lodges remained closed for the same reason. Some people have referred to our church as being closed even though it is only the building that is not open.

We have had to make a decision about what really matters in life. I hope what it taught us is not lost in our daily lives. The church community comes right after family in my hierarchy of importance. It is at such times in life as those we are now living in that we have to make a decision about what we can not live without.

Thoughts for the Journey

As our lodges start to meet again, I hope the Lessons learned during this pandemic are not forgotten. Our lives are lived in community which includes God, church, family both nuclear and extended, fraternal brothers, and other friends and neighbors. It is our own unique community that allows us to make sense of our life and enriches it. It is at such times in life as those we are now living in that we see just how important our community is to us. We are coming out of this pandemic, and in some part, perhaps even that Summer, we will begin to put it behind us by restoring those things that have been lost to us. Let your relationship with your church and lodge family be one of the first places that you begin.

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86th Annual Steamboat Dinner is March 13 in Sturgeon Bay

By Bro. Ed Klein

The 86th Annual Steamboat Dinner, hosted by Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174, and organized by Bro. Tony Henney, is coming up on March 13. Because of COVID-19 concerns, this year the dinner will NOT include table service; all meals will be service via the drive thru tent or walk up take out. Last year 1225 meals were served, with a record 663 of the meals being purchased by Brothers and friends of the Lodge and donated to needy people in the community identified by Door County Social Services. Meals were delivered to 766 shut-ins and area seniors.

The dinner originated 86 years ago when a large number of the Masonic Brethren sailed on the Great Lakes. Their families wanted to have a special send-off meal to gather in March before they left for the upcoming season on the steamboats. It began quite simply with a free meal in one of the Brethren’s homes and grew to where they needed to use the Lodge building to have room for all the people. Eventually the dinner was opened up to the public.

Today, the dinner provides money for the Lodge’s community outreach programs which provides meals for local projects. Last year the Lodge’s donation to the food pantries of Door and Kewaunee Counties doubled thanks to the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation’s matching grant from the “Acts of Kindness” program. The Lodge also decided to double what it had made a special COVID-19 absence donation to five area school districts.

In the last 25 years the members and friends of Henry S. Baird Lodge have paid for and donated to Social Services, Lake Shore Cap and the Sunshine House near 10,000 meals. Including in November, the Lodge provides a similar Holiday turkey meal to area shut-ins and social services. 100% of this holiday meal is deeded to the recipients and is free of charge.

Last year 77 people, consisting of members of OES Honor Chapter #1, Brethren and friends were involved with preparing, dispensing and delivering the dinners.

The dinner will be served via a drive thru in front of the Masonic Center in Sturgeon Bay, 31 S. 3rd Ave. This will be the 8th year that dinner will be served from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets are $16 for adults, with children under 14 free. Vet erans and active duty/reserve per sonnel receive a $1 discount. For advance tickets go to www.steamboattri dien.com or call 920-737-3166.

Prince Hall - Black Freemason and Civil Rights Activist

Born in Bridgetown, Barbados, Prince Hall died in Boston in 1786 at age seventeen, having worked in exchange for passage on a vessel bound for America. Living in colonial Medford, MA, Hall married Sarah Mitchell, a slave who died soon after the marriage. At age 25, after many years of making a living as a peddler and leatherworker, Hall owned land, paid taxes and was eligible to vote. He was one of the Free Blacks who joined the Continental Army and fought at the siege of New York.

Although a Free Black, Prince Hall faced a daily life of discrimination and oppression. Denied membership in the White Masonic lodges in the new nation, despite its ideals of preaching brotherhood across all races, classes and skills, Hall along with fourteen other Free Blacks joined the Grand Lodge of Ireland, attached to the British forces stationed at Castle William now Fort Independence island in Boston Harbor in 1775. Although their power within the lodge was limited, this made them the only men of color made Masons in America. For his service to the military lodges left Boston, Hall founded African Lodge #1. Unable to create a charter, Hall petitioned the Grand Lodge in England and was granted a charter in 1784 as the African Lodge #659. In 1787, the African Lodge of Freemasons declared itself the African Grand Lodge #1. Prince Hall established the first African American institution in the United States.

An early civil rights activist, Hall continuously challenged the government to stand by its principals of freedom for all. A petition to the General Court as early as 1777 requested that slaves be given their freedom and held the government accountable for taki ng Africans from their homeland. He fought for the abolishment of slavery years before the abolitionist movement took root in New England. In his efforts to obtain freedom for slaves, Prince Hall is credited for helping Bellinda Sutton with her petition for repatriation.

In 1807 Prince Hall died, leaving a legacy as the founder of the African American institution in America, a champion of education and tireless advocate for the abolition of slavery. In 1847, the Grand Lodge of England and was made Grand Master and founding father of black freemasonry. Hall is buried in Copp’s Hill Cemetery in Boston, MA.

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Prince Hall
1748-1807

African Lodge #1 changed its name to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge in honor of their first Grand Master and founding father of black freemasonry. Hall is buried in Copp’s Hill Cemetery in Boston, MA.

Sources: Medford Historical Society

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Greetings Brethren,

I have received a lot of questions related to the Grand Master’s edict that went into effect on January 1, 2021 permitting lodges to confer the Fellow Craft Degree. The questions have been largely prompted by Grand Lecturer warnings that some business was conducted without proper conduct of rituals and consideration of protocol. I would like to take this opportunity to respond to the question as to what the edict means.

There is a statement in the Grand Master’s edict that reads: “A Special Communication made open and published for the purpose of examining and/or performing the Fellow Craft Degree in a Lodge where a lodge can be opened in the Entered Apprentice degree and then ‘closed in the Entered Apprentice degree to be opened in the Fellow Craft Degree as provided in the Multiple-Letter Cipher on page 188 of the 2018 edition.” The edict was clear in its effect that a lodge of Fellow Crafts must be opened as a special communication in the Fellow Craft Degree to be able to confer the degree.

For a longer answer, you need to remember that the closing from degree to degree must include collars and sashes and resume portion of the ritual was written with 65.04 of the Wisconsin Masonic Code in mind which states that stated communications are to be held in the Master Mason degree. Next, we need to consider the note at the beginning of the ‘Closing from EA to Open FC’ section on page 188 of the cipher which says: “This procedure is ONE way to be used in a STA TED communication when there is an examination and/or a degree in a lower tower. The Lodge must then ‘close and open in the future’.” Together, these two statements refer to the fact that closing in one degree to open another can only be done when the Lodge has been opened in Master Mason degree and not in one of the lower degrees when a Lodge has been opened in the Master Mason or any degree, and not every jurisdiction has adopted similar procedures. Their purpose seems to be to ensure that lodges do not move between degrees. When a Lodge is opened on the highest degree of Master Mason, having this flexibility is important. While I cannot give an example of how this practice would be conducted in a lodge that is already in existence, there are a few things to note in this regard, at the Baltimore Masonic Convention in 1843 where, among other things, the contingency decided that stated communications were to be conducted only in the Master Mason degree. It seems clear to me that this decision made the need to quickly move between degrees much more necessary than necessary when business was conducted in the Entered Apprentice Degree.

In terms of the edicts examinations in the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Crafts Degrees, there is another option to opening a lodge in that degree. Chapter 74.06 of the Wisconsin Masonic Code notes that an emergent communication may be opened and closed on a different date by the Grand Master. However, there is a specific procedure for opening and closing emergent communications where an examination and/or a degree in a lower degree is involved. The notes at the beginning of the cipher say: “This procedure is important to note that no business can be conducted or degrees conferred in an emergent communication. This interpretation of the code was confirmed by the Grand Master. I hope this answers some of your questions related to this. While I am sure I will raise other questions, by no means do I mean to discourage you from asking them. I am always happy to help. Please remember that if you need help getting the required officers to open a Lodge of Entered Apprentices or Fellow Crafts, or if you have questions about the ritual or would like to schedule a practice, please reach out to your District Lecturer or myself.

Fraternally,

Patrick Cholka – Grand Lecturer

Get Tickets for Camp Douglas Hunter’s Raffle

Hunters and friends can still take advantage of the special offers of Camp Douglas Lodge No. 272’s gun raffles even with the COVID-19 restrictions. This year’s Camp Douglas Night has been cancelled but the lodge will be selling tickets for a gun safe, a rifle, a shotgun and two handguns. There will be 500 tickets sold at $20 each. Tickets are on sale now.

The drawing will be June 1, 2021 at the Camp Douglas Elementary schools, high school scholarships will be granted with proceeds going to the Camp Douglas Elementary school. More information will be com ing in upcoming Wisconsin Masonic Journal.

Contact Bro. Wade Parker at 608-343-0592 or Bro. Chuck Huffman at 608-315-0506.
Grand Master Visits Florida

Group meeting in Sarasota, Florida. From the left: Bro. Jan Talaga; Lady Jill Uzell; Bro. Al Krueger; Lady Jan Gorgen; Grand Master Kenneth C. Gorgen; Bro. Hugh Wyatt; Bro. Steven Kopp; Lady Lynnetta Kopp; Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM; Lady Therese Rocque; and Bro. Tom Rocque.

Grand Master Kenneth C. Gorgen and his Lady Jan and Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, and his Lady Annie recently visited our Brothers and their ladies in Florida. They visited Sarasota on Feb. 3 and Lakeland on Feb. 4.

A total of eighteen Masons and non-Masons and ladies attended at the Sahib Shriners Mosque in Sarasota, Florida and the Hilton Garden Inn in Lake Wales. Grand Master Kenneth C. Gorgen spoke on the changes for lodge meetings in the EA degree because of COVID and the value of the lodges using their Wellness committees during this period. He also presented two videos to the groups on the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation and the Grand Master’s Appeal. The Grand Master said was a pleasure to see our members from the South and some Northern Brothers that were vacationing.


After reading the Grand Master’s January article in the Masonic Journal which talked a little about the Grand Master’s golf game, Bro. Al Krueger decided he needed something to improve his game. At the Sarasota meeting Bro Al presented him with a beautiful putter he made by hand, (pictured to the left). Bro. Al is a 60-year member and an avid award-winning wine maker and a skilled craftsman in wood. The club is hand made with various hardwoods, Square and Compasses carving, and a hard bronze sole plate. The different types of woods are all piled. It is a work of art. Bro. Al explained that some of the wood was so hard, it was difficult to cut and finish.

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The Gentleman in the Room

By Junior Grand Warden David R. Ritchie

Remember that dumb thing you did in 3rd grade? Remember the look on that persons face when you insulted them in high school? Remember the look on your Mom’s face when you unintentionally hurt her feelings? Remember the lady you flipped off in traffic today, even though she was obviously lost? We all remember the stupid and hurtful things we have done. It is part of what makes us human. These are the things that haunt us at 3 or in the morning when sitting contemplating alone. It is called guilt. Don’t you wish you could change the things you’ve done?

Remember the lady you helped on the playground in 3rd grade that became your best friend? Remember the shine that came to that girls face when you complimented her junior year? Remember the look on your parents face when they saw evidence of the good and kind person you were becoming? Remember letting that old man ahead of you in line this afternoon? For some reason we don’t tend to remember the good we do as vividly as the hurt. We seldom have these instances pop back into our heads. Have you ever regretted kindness?

We live in a society that makes good money off of our insecurities, our guilt. We are told our smile isn’t white enough so we use our product. We aren’t doing enough for our kids so come to our restaurant. We need to lose weight so buy our magazine or eat our food. We are bombarded by negative messages every day. I guess it doesn’t sell much to say, “You are fine the way you are.” Add to this the social uncertainties of today, “Did I insult the vegan by calling him a vegetarian?” and doubt and guilt creep in. It becomes hard to look at the man in the mirror. Guilt and anger can become a way of life. “I feel this way then why should I care about others?”

Is civility relevant today? Will civility make one bit of difference? With so much invidiousness in the world will the tide ever turn? I have never laid awake at 3 a.m. regretting being civil. I have never regretted sitting alone and thinking about being kind or gentlemanly. I have never regretted a conversation where I heard both sides and replied with logic keeping my passions within due bounds.

Masonry offers something almost unique in this world. A chance to see yourself positively while refining your faults away. We see a rough stone with all of its flaws and blemishes. Masonry teaches us that if we apply the tools, within that stone lies a pillar, maybe of beauty, or wisdom, or strength. I am seeing many Brothers today turn to wood working. Taking great pride in taking a piece of wood they felled themselves, drying it, sawing it, shaping it and turning it into something beautiful. A log becoming a firethong board or a table or A Master’s gavel, all looking nothing like the original tree with its knots and splits.

In Masonry as a rough asher we didn’t have our flaws pointed out but at first were asked, “Upon your honor”. My honor, the guy who did all those unkind, mean, and arrogant things. I may not have seen my honor or worth but my Brothers trusted in it. Later you are given something very special and are told not to dishonor it through any action of your own. With all my faults, with being as rough and unpolished as I am, they honor the pillar inside by giving it through any action of your own. With all my faults, with being as rough and unpolished as I am, they honor the pillar inside by giving it through any action of your own. With all my faults, with being as rough and unpolished as I am, they honor the pillar inside by giving it through any action of your own. With all my faults, with being as rough and unpolished as I am, they honor the pillar inside by giving it through any action of your own. With all my faults, with being as rough and unpolished as I am, they honor the pillar inside by giving it through any action of your own. With all my faults, with being as rough and unpolished as I am, they honor the pillar inside by giving it through any action of your own. With all my faults, with being as rough and unpolished as I am, they honor the pillar inside by giving it through any action of your own.

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Senior Grand Deacon Thomas W. Stevens and his Lady Laura.

Tom would be appointed Junior Deacon soon after being raised. Yet, Tom’s journey to the East and his career with Wipfli would become intertwined. He progressed through the chairs at Eau Claire to Senior Warden. He was then transferred to Oconomowoc where he joined Oconomowoc Heartland Lodge No. 432. Tom once again began through the chairs to the office of Junior Warden when Wipfli transferred him back to the Eau Claire area. He would settle in Chippewa Falls where he again joined the lodge. Chippewa Falls Lodge No. 176. Bro. Les Paulson thought he had enough and made sure Tom’s journey to the East was expediated. Tom has served Chippewa Lodge as Master, Treasurer and Secretary. He has served the Grand Lodge as an A.A. and DDGM before being appointed Junior Grand Steward.

Tom now owns and operates Drive Healthcare IT Services serving small to mid-sized healthcare facilities throughout the Midwest. Tom met his wife, Laura, while in school at Eau Claire. They were married at the Oconomowoc Lodge and would settle in Chippewa Falls with their three children, William, Hayna and Victoria. Their love of animals is shared throughout the family with two dogs, Mille and Turkey and three cats. The family relaxes by retreating to their lakeside cabin.

Tom tries to bring Masonic ideals and values into his business and instills them in his employ. According to Tom . . . “It just becomes something you do. A way of life. One big family.’’

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By Bro. Dave Ritchie

Bro. Tom Stevens is currently serving as Senior Grand Deacon for the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. On first glance, you see the mischievous grin and twinkle in his eyes and you know he is a man of easy laugh and lover of fun. After a few minutes of conversation, you realize that here is a man who values family, hard work, and the fraternity.

He was born in Stevens Point, Wisconsin and shortly after his family moved to Turtle Lake. Tom attended Turtle Lake High School. As a proud “Laker” Tom served as class president and earned letters in football (line- man), basketball, and baseball (pitcher and 3rd base). Tom’s love of sports, particularly baseball is another thing one discovers in a short conversation with Tom. Being raised in a rural community, Tom started at a young age with farm chores, picking rocks and helping at a bar and grill. He bused tables, washed dishes, became head cook, and rented cabins. He held this job throughout high school and college when he went on to UW Eau Claire. He studied Management Information Systems with an emphasis in Technology, Administration. He would graduate with an MBA.

He began his career with an IT internship with Wipfli, a regional accounting firm. This internship would lead to a job and much more. Tom would leave Wipfli to work as a Senior Network Administrator for an internet service but would still return to Wipfli. Tom would work in Eau Claire at Wipfli and transferred him back to the Eau Claire area. He would settle in Chippewa Falls where he again joined the lodge. Chippewa Falls Lodge No. 176. Bro. Les Paulson thought he had enough and made sure Tom’s journey to the East was expediated. Tom has served Chippewa Lodge as Master, Treasurer and Secretary. He has served the Grand Lodge as an A.A. and DDGM before being appointed Junior Grand Steward. Tom now owns and operates Drive Healthcare IT Services serving small to mid-sized healthcare facilities throughout the Midwest.

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EXPANDING OUR MASONIC KNOWLEDGE

By Grand Orator Jerry A. Reick

Greetings Brethren,

We sometime refer to ourselves as traveling men. I thought you might enjoy a little history of the traveling Mason from Albert Mackey’s, The Symbolism of Freemasonry.

The Travelling Freemasons of the Middle Ages.

The first of these points to which I refer is the establishment of a body of architects, widely disseminated throughout Europe during the middle ages under the aegis name of Travelling Freemasons. This association of workers, said to have been the descendants of the Temple Masons, may be traced by the massive monuments of their skill as early as the ninth century, if not the tenth century, although, according to the authority of Mr. Hope, who has written elaborately on the subject, some historians have found the evidence of their existence in the eighteenth century, since they have identified a peculiar masonic language in the reigns of Charlemagne of France and Alfred of England.

It is to be remembered, to their preeminence in architecture, and to their well organized system as a class of workmen, that the world is indebted for those magnificent edifices which sprang up in such undeciphering principles of architectural form during the middle ages.

"Wherever they came,” says Mr. Hope, “in the suite of missionaries, or were called by the natives, or arrived of their own accord, to seek employment, they appeared headed by a chief surveyor, who governed the whole troop, and named one man out of every ten, under the name of warden, to overlook the nine others, set themselves down at building temporary huts for their own habitation, and put the spot where the work was to be carried on, regularly organized their different departments, fell to work, sent for fresh supplies of their breathing air, and set about the object demanded, when all was finished, again raised their encampment, and went elsewhere to undertake other jobs.

This society continued to preserve the commingled features of operative and speculative masonry, as they had been practised at the temple of Solomon. Administrative community was not restricted to professional artisans, but men of eminence, and particularly ecclesiastics, were numbered among their members. These ‘latter,’ says Mr. Hope, “were especially anxious, themselves, to direct the improvement and erection of their churches and monas- teries, and to manage the expenses of the building, and, became members of an establishment which had so high and sacred a des- tination, so was entirely exempted from the rules and jurisdiction, ac-knowledged the pope alone as its direct chief, and only worked under his immediate authority, and thence we read of so many ex- ceptionally high rank—architects—their name of the great abbeys, adding additional weight and respectability on the order of Freemasonry by becoming its members—though not practising the designs and su- perintending the construction of their churches, and employing the manual labor of their own monks in the edification of them.

Thus in England, in the tenth century, the Masons are said to have received the special protection of King Athelstan; in the eleventh century, Edward the Confessor declared himself their patron, and in the twelfth, Henry I gave them his protection.

Into Scotland the Freemasons penetrated as early as the begin- ning of the twelfth century, and erected the Abbey of Aberdour, which afterwards became the cradle of Scottish Masonry under the government of King Robert Bruce.

Of the magnificent edifices which they erected, and of their ex- cellent condition under both ecclesiastical and lay patronage in other countries, it is not necessary to give a minute detail. It is sufficient to say that in every part of Europe evidences are to be found of the existence of Freemasonry, practised by an organized body of workmen, with whom none of learning were united, or, in other words, of a combined operative and speculative institution.

What the nature of this speculative science continued to be, we may learn from that very curious, if authentic, document, dated at Cologne, in the year 1535, and hence designated as the “Char- ter of Cologne.” In that instrument, which purports to have been issued by the heads of the order in nineteen different and important cities of Europe, and is addressed to their brethren as a defence against the calumnies of their enemies, it is announced that the order took its origin at a time “whenever a few adepts, distinguished by their life, their moral doctrine, and their sacred interpretation of the arcanic truths, withdrew themselves from the multitude in order more effectually to preserve uncontaminated the moral precepts of that religion which is implanted in the mind of man.”

We thus, then, have before us an aspect of Freemasonry as it existed in the middle ages, when it presented itself distinctly as both operative and speculative in its character. The operative element that had been introdosed into it by the operation of the arts of the artificers of Tyre, at the building of the Solomonic temple, was not yet dis- solved from the pure speculative element which had prevailed in it anterior to the period.

As always, I welcome your questions, suggestions, and thoughts. Please send them to me at: grand_orator@wimasons.org and look forward to hearing from you.

Most S&P,

Bro. Jerry

Feedback and questions are always welcome.

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Erika Miller, Development Officer
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Dear Brethren, Ladies, and Friends,
As we move toward spring I am excited about the work ahead at Three Pillars.
We continue to do all we can to keep our residents and staff safe. Thanks to a partnership with Walgreens Pharmacy we were able to offer vaccinations to all our residents and staff. This is an important milestone and another good sign that an end can be near if we continue to do the important things to keep each other safe.

We are extremely pleased to begin two construction projects starting this March: A renovation of a majority of our skilled nursing facility, MCHR, and an expansion of Riverside Lodge.

Riverside Lodge Expansion
At the same time, we will expand Riverside Lodge to add 52 new community-based residential facility (CBRF) Assisted living units. Once this addition is complete, our campus will be home to 69 higher level assisted living units with occupancy for 75 individuals. Riverside Lodge will continue serving our residents in memory care—offering 17 care suites, and Compass Point will continue to offer Catered Assisted Living in an apartment setting.

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On behalf of everyone at Three Pillars, thank you for your support and patience as we undergo this renovation and addition to improve our campus for our residents and the community.

Fraternally,

Mark Stratmann, President & CEO

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Three Pillars Residents Enjoy the Snow

Residents of Three Pillars Senior Living Communities take advantage of a nice winter day along the Bark River on the beautiful Three Pillars Campus to created a few “snowwomen”.

Submitted by Tom Sweetzer and Bro. Don Badgley

District 6 Zoom meeting provides an opportunity to share ideas

By Bro. Dave Ritchie

The recent District 6 meeting, held via Zoom, was filled with the sharing of ideas and Brotherly Love. District 6 Deputy Grand Master James R. Giese opened the meeting with a prayer and the “Pledge of Allegiance”. He brought the District up to speed on events happening with Grand Lodge and around the state. Junior Grand Warden David R. Ritchie spoke on “Civility” and how it starts with the individual. Bro. Chris Cochran, of Oshkosh Lodge No. 27 gave a presentation on the Executive Training Program being used by the Lodge. Deputy Grand Master Gary Stang closed the evening bringing greetings form Grand Master Kenneth C. Gorgen and giving a few comments.

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Lodge of Perfection

As we welcome March, we trust the coldest days of the winter season are behind us and look forward to milder days. The first day of spring on the March calendar indicates longer minutes/hours of daylight are on the way. We look forward to the revelation of rebirth and growth of God's wondrous creation.

As Masons we are familiar with Euclid's 47th problem or the Pythagorean Theorem and the importance of geometry. As a carpenter by trade, I probably used this geometry most every day in my (much younger) rough training tasks. Pythagoras is also credited with the discovery of the “golden rectangle”; sometimes referred to as the “golden ratio” or “golden proportion” which is determined by the irrational number known as “phi.” The golden ratio is represented by the Greek letter “phi” and has a value (approximation) of 1.618 as found by Italian, Leonardo Fibonacci. I will leave it to you own curiosity to look up the actual mathematics of the golden ratio. You will find the illustrated examples of the golden rectangle and golden spiral and Fibonacci’s mathematicallly numerical sequence.

My intention is to show you how this golden ratio is naturally pleasing to our senses as it appears in geometry, art, architecture, music and most patterns found in nature. Buildings and architecture incorporating the golden ratio are more aesthetically pleasing; an example of which is the Parthenon and the great pyramids. In art, it is found in the Sistine Chapel ceiling and in Da Vinci’s Mona Lisa and The Last Supper. The photographer uses the rule of thirds in setting up his subject on his lens. It is using balance, proportion and symmetry to create visual harmony. In music it is a ratio of the frequencies of sound waves; an example above, whether intentionally or inadvertently worn, the public has formed many opinions good, bad and neutral. This entertainer has issued an apology and promised not to wear the item again on this talk show.

Others have said it in past much better than I can, so I’ll try to paraphrase. When you become a Mason and advance through the degrees, you’ve earned the privilege of what it means to wear that ring, pin, apron or badge. It distinguishes you as a person who also has earned the trust of his brothers – a person of certain moral standard. Perhaps, we as Masons have not been proud of how we publicize our accomplishments in his life. This Brother is Audie Murphy. I’d like to take this month’s article as an opportunity to introduce another Brother who many of our fraternity might not be familiar with but who had some amazing accomplishments in his life. This Brother is Audie Murphy.

As an avid reader, and even more so during the Covid lockdown, I make a point to switch genres of the books I read. A few weeks ago at 1400 (1:00) was a time for a historical piece. I was looking for something from World War II when I came across Audie Murphy. I was considered to be the most decorated soldier in World War II and 32 Degree Mason. He received every decoration of valor possible from the United States and several from foreign countries.

Murphy received the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions in WWII. His company was under heavy attack from more than one hundred Germans in France. After ordering his troops back, he climbed on a burning tank destroyer, which could blow at any moment, and used it’s .50 caliber machine gun to hold back the enemy for more than an hour, killing twenty enemy soldiers and saving his company. The book also tells of other selfless acts and his appreciation for his companions. One interesting tidbit was when he tried to get back into battle while suffering a 105 degree fever from malaria while in Sicily. Besides his accomplishments during WWII, Murphy was a successful author, actor, and navigator. His autobiography, titled To Hell and Back, which is what I ended up reading, was a bestseller, making him famous worldwide. He would also go on to star in the movie adaption of his book. From there he launched a career in film and print.

After receiving his 32nd degree in 1957, he re-
Help Us Identify Brothers Accomplishing Great Things

For generations Freemasonry has attracted the best men of their generation. We have had men of government, science and the arts. Men who have been explorers, warriors, and leaders. We have had Masons working in Universities, labs, and in the fields furthering the sciences. We have Brothers who have accomplished great things in sports. Our Brothers are published authors and talented musicians. Many men in our ranks have defended this country with military distinction. We do not hear of them because most are simply too humble to talk about themselves.

In future editions of the Wisconsin Masonic Journal we would like to highlight those men. These are men of exemplary feats outside of Masonry. Men we sit in lodge with, on the level, but have done or are doing great things. If you know of a Brother of great accomplishment, heroic stature, or just plain interesting please contact Dave Ritchie 608-482-3553 or dave.ritchie@wimasons.org.

Thanks. Let’s highlight these humble men amongst us.

Years of Service Presentations

Due to space limitations and the number of “years of service awards” presented by the lodges, the Wisconsin Masonic Journal is only able to publish photos of 50 year and over members. Exceptions can be made due to illness and special situations.

Camp Douglas Hunter’s Raffle

Hunters and friends can still take advantage of Camp Douglas Lodge No. 272’s gun raffles even with the COVID-19 restrictions.

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Photo by Bro. Bob Anderson

Mystic Tie Lodge wins Emily’s Smile

Mystic Tie Lodge No. 280, Ladysmith, was awarded the Emily’s Smile Award by the Brothers of Forest Lodge No. 130 of Wausau. The Brothers of Mystic Tie Lodge were chosen to win the 2020 Emily’s Smile Challenge which is sponsored by Forest Lodge. The award comes with a $500 check which is to be awarded to a charitable organization.

The Brothers of Mystic Tie Lodge chose the Rusk County Women With Courage Foundation to be their recipient of the $500. Women With Courage Foundation (WWCF) was organized in 2004. The Foundation offers financial support to cancer patients within Rusk County. Mystic Tie Lodge’s Master Doug Kueny presents the check to Leanne Burch, a board member of the Women With Courage Foundation.

Submitted by Bro. Bill Howard, Secretary/Treasurer

Travel into Foreign Countries

In the opening and closing of a Lodge the Senior Warden informs the Brethren that he travels into Foreign Countries. As a Master Mason we are to travel into Foreign Countries but have not been given the power to do so. We are bound to King Solomon working at the Temple and cannot travel into Foreign Countries. This is fully depicted with the degree presentation portion of the ruffians. They cannot leave. It applies to all.

How then can we travel into Foreign Countries to work and receive a Master’s wage? What must happen so we may make such a journey?

In the third degree of Royal Arch Masonry, the Most Excellent Master Degree, we find the answers to these questions. We receive the power to travel into Foreign Countries to work and receive a Master’s wage.

The Most Excellent Master Degree is conferred in a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters. All Master Masons should petition a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons to have a better understanding of Ancient Craft Freemasonry.

Manawa Lodge Assists in COVID-19 Battle

Manawa Masonic Center located in the center of Waupaca County provides an excellent location for the vaccinations. From left: Margo Dieck, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator; Fred Zaug, Manawa Lodge Trustee; Andrew Carlin, Emergency Manager; Jed Wohlt, Waupaca County Health Officer, both men received a $500 cash prize which is to be awarded to a charitable organization. The award comes with the degree of King Solomon working at the Temple as a master craftman. A Master Mason was chosen to win the 2020 Emily’s Smile Challenge which is sponsored by Forest Lodge.

Submitted by Bro. Tony Jones, PM

Attend and Support Your Lodge!

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Lake Country Freemasons Lodge Supports Local Scout Troop

By Bro. Tom Ewald

Lake Country Freemasons Lodge No. 42 recently hosted the Summit Scout Troop #49’s Court of Honor awards banquet in their Lodge building on Jan. 17. The Troop and the Masons have been in collaboration for almost 6 months when the Scouts were asked to help with the Lodge’s Past Master’s Picnic this past summer. Since then, the Troop has been having their regular committee and scout meetings in the lower level of the building.

Bro. Tom Ewald Past Master and Chairman of the Trustees of the Lodge said, “When we were asked if Scout Troop #49 could use our Lodge for occasional meetings we thought it a perfect opportunity to support a community youth group. Troop #49 is special not only because they are in our backyard, but because they also have one of Southeast Wisconsin’s first all-female Scout groups, Troop 49G. All together there are 43 Scouts in the troop. We also have several of our Lodge members who have served as Scoutmasters, and local Council committee members over the years, so it was really an easy decision to make.” Bro. Tom added, “The exposure to all the families in the community is so beneficial for the Lodge and the Scouts. Recently, Lake Country Freemasons Lodge #42 conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on Bro. Matt Bohman a former member of Troop #49 who is also an Eagle Scout.”

Photos by Bro. Tom Ewald
Mineral Point Lodge Hosts Art Show

By Rich Rygh

People traveling to Mineral Point for the 6th annual Arts Mineral Point Member Art Show visited the historical Mineral Point Masonic Lodge Building. Mineral Point Lodge No. 1 hosted the show, running three consecutive weekends from Jan. 30 through Feb. 13, for the second straight year. Mineral Point is one of Wisconsin’s major tourist locations for history and art. It is the home of many art studios. Artwork was available for sale along with a gently used picture frame sale.

A visitor admires work by artist Kelsey Macaulay, art teacher at the Mineral Point Middle and High Schools.

Mary Bleakmore and Richard Jarman of Chicago enjoy the show.

Bro. Jim Davis welcomes visitors and sells refreshments.

“IT’s Grandmother’s Hat” by local artist Renee Kulfan.

Greg Trollop of Mineral Point examines the sculptures.

Photos by Rich Rygh

See Photos of New EAs in the online Wisconsin Masonic Journal at wisc-freemasonry.org

Attention Secretaries:

Please enter your Certificate of Election into MORI as soon as your officers are elected.

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Oshkosh Lodge Hosts 12th Annual Robert Burns Dinner

By Bro. Richard Yell

Those attending the 12th Annual Robert Burns Dinner hosted by Oshkosh Lodge No. 27 enjoyed some Irish tunes and a bit of Opera from Mozart and Handel before dinner was served. Gretchen Tucker and Dave Loda provided the entertainment at the Oshkosh Masonic Center on Jan. 22.

Brother Alex Rabe presented the haggis and gave the Address to the Haggis written by Bro. Robert Burns. A great meal was served that included chicken, beef tips, potatoes, salad and of course the haggis. There were several toasts throughout the evening.

A great time was had by all including the Grand Master and his Lady Jan. The evening ended with the singing of “Auld Lang Syne” that was led by Gretchen.

Grand Master Kenneth C. Gorgen and Lady Jan enjoy the festivities.

Gretchen Tucker entertains with some Irish tunes.

Bro. Alex Rabe presents Bro. Robert Burns’ poem “Address to a Haggis”.

Photos by Bro. Richard Yell

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Protect Your Lodge Building in Cold Weather

Hello Brethren and welcome to 2021. We are certainly off to an interesting start to the new year and I hope this message finds you all well.

Cold weather is a topic of stress to many and can be a cause of major damage to our Masonic lodge buildings. In order to help everyone protect their buildings, the following are a few tips that may be beneficial to keep freezing pipes at bay both in your lodges and at home. Please consider them and remember to check on lodge buildings frequently during the winter months especially to be sure all mechanicals are working properly.

- Set your thermostat to at least 55 degrees Fahrenheit. The lower the temperature of your lodge, the more likely your pipes will freeze.
- Insulate exposed pipes with insulation materials such as foam rubber or fiberglass sleeves.
- Open any cabinets that contain exposed pipes to allow warm air from the building to circulate around the pipes.
- Allow your water faucets to drip to help relieve pressure in the pipes and prevent them from bursting. The protection this provides toward avoiding extensive water damage will far outweigh the added cost of the water.
- Seal any cracks in the foundation or any outside walls to prevent cold air from seeping into the building.
- Locate all shut-off valves so, if a pipe were to burst, you can quickly turn off water to prevent water damage.

Above all, PLEASE check on your lodge buildings regularly; daily if possible when temperatures drop below zero. If you notice signs of freezing, turn the thermostat up and make sure water is able to run through all water lines freely.

Thank you all for assisting in keeping our cherished lodge buildings safe and secure.

Area Administrator
Jesse Furrer
Forest Lodge #130
Lodges Install Officers for 2021

Menomonic Lodge No. 164

Officers of Menomonic Lodge No. 164 for 2021 were installed on Feb. 9. From left: District 2 Deputy Grand Master Earl Gunderson, Bill Tice, Senior Warden; Leland Kegan, Tyler; Craig Conklin, Secretary-Treasurer; Zennie Timchak, Junior Deacon; and Jon Oakland, Senior Deacon. Submitted by DDGM Earl Gunderson

Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12

New 2021 Officers for Southern Lakes Lodge No. 12. Front row from left: Robert Limosani, Senior Deacon; Robert Burton, Counselor; Past Grand Master Rodney Paulsen, Daniel Colburn, Master; Robert Craig, Senior Warden; and Joseph Mech, Junior Warden. Second row: Daniel Johnson, Secretary, Paul Beduze, Treasurer; Zennie Timchak, Junior Deacon; and Andrew Willett, Installing Master. Submitted by Bro. Dan Colburn

Become a DeMolay Dad

Providing adult mentors for enthusiastic youth is a continuing mission of DeMolay. DeMolay is a youth-led, adult advised organization. They are always looking for adults who are willing to give unselfishly of their time helping build tomorrow’s leaders today! Learn more at: https://demolay.org/front-page/be-a-demolay-volunteer/

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You are cordially invited to the 17th Annual Combined Table Lodge of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin, and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masons of Wisconsin

Our event will take place on Wednesday, March 31, 2021
At Trippoli Shrine Center, 3000 W. Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI
Cocktails begin at 5:00 pm, Dinner and the Table Lodge to commence at 6:00 pm

This event is Tiled in the EA degree so all Masons from EA and higher are welcome!

**Attendance attire is a dark suit or tuxedo and apron; dark tuxedo’s, collars and aprons for all Grand Lodge Officers of both Grand Lodges.

Our guest speaker for the evening is W.B. Mark Tabbert, renowned author and Director of the Library and Museum Collections at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. W.B. Tabbert is a PM of Mystic Valley Lodge in Arlington, VA and of the Lodge of the Nine Muses No. 1776 in Washington D.C. He is a 33rd SR Mason, TR Mason and full member of Quatour Coronati Lodge 2076 in London, England. W.B. Tabbert’s topic for the evening will be ‘A Deserving Brother’: George Washington and Freemasonry.

Please use the following EVENTBRITE link to register for this event by March 20, 2021:
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/17th-annual-combine-table-lodge-tickets-136305129311

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT TRIPOLI SHRINE HAS A CITY OF MILWAUKEE APPROVED COVID-19 PLAN IN PLACE, AIR CLEANING EQUIPMENT RUNNING, SANITIZING STATIONS AND FOOD SERVERS, AND HAS THE APPROVAL FROM THE CITY TO RUN AT 100% CAPACITY. MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED EXCEPT WHEN SEATED FOR DINING.

Because of the need for seating restrictions due to COVID, you MUST register through EVENTBRITE so we can plan for an accurate count. WALK UPS WITHOUT A TICKET WILL NOT BE ALLOWED FOR ANY REASON FOR ANY GRAND LODGE, OR FOR ANY GRAND LODGE OFFICER.
Lake Lodge’s Annual Tribute to Bro. Robert Burns

Some of the Brothers attending the virtual Robert Burns Table Lodge.

By Bro. Dave Ritchie

Lake Lodge No. 189, Milwaukee, has held a Bobbie Burns Night supper for many years. This year was no exception with the Brothers meeting by Zoom to honor the great Mason and poet. Bro. Burns, who lived during the 1700s wrote over three hundred poems many about Masonry. Not only was he named the Poet Laureate of Freemasonry he was named Scotland’s Poet Laureate. Burn’s Night suppers are held on or near January 25, Burn’s birthday. Traditionally, it is a night of high spirits, celebrated with toasts, lilt’s, poetry, and the national dish of Scotland, the Haggis. The night is traditionally closed with the singing of one of Burn’s best known works “Auld Lang Syne”.

The Brothers of Lake Lodge, couldn’t supply the traditional supper via Zoom, but did supply a pleasant evening of toasts and poetry. Past Grand Master Donald W. Hensiak recited “The Master’s Apron”, followed by remarks by Grand Master Kenneth C. Gorgen. The evening was closed in traditional form with the singing of “Auld Lang Syne”.

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Did you know:

• Over 14 million people in the United States are Living with Heart Disease
• Cardiovascular Disease is the number one killer of women in the United States
• 82% of Coronary Artery Disease deaths occur in people aged 65 or older and the leading cause of premature and permanent disability from work
• 1.5 million people have a heart attack every year in the United States

While at the same time, the Masonic Medical Research Institute:

• Is one of the top genetic screening centers in the world dedicated to helping patients with cardiac disease
• Discovered numerous mutations responsible for Long QT syndrome, a life-threatening cardiac arrhythmia syndrome that first affects children in their teenage years
• Collaborates with leading pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies such as Gilead Sciences, AstraZeneca and Merck to identify drugs that may pose a danger to society and to facilitate FDA approval of new and effective drugs to treat heart disease.
• Discovered many of the mechanisms responsible for abnormal rhythms of the heart which lead to sudden cardiac deaths

All of this, and more are reasons that the Cardiac Research Center, a part of the Masonic Medical Research Institute needs our support. Federal support for basic science research is diminishing, and the need to continue the groundbreaking efforts of the Center are great.

Please consider making a contribution from your Lodge to fund this important research. You could be assisting in saving the life of a family member, friend, stranger or member of the Masonic Family.

Every dollar (up to $5000) will be matched by the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation's Medical Fund, working towards our goal of contributing $10,000 annually. Consider a fund raiser for this event. Promotional materials are available by calling Erika in the Development Office at: 262-965-2200, ext. 831.

Help the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Medical Fund extend its mission to this important program.
Nathan Hale Lodge Provides Financial Contributions to the Community

By Rich Rygh

Master George Joziwcki and Nathan Hale Lodge No. 350, Milwaukee, hosted a dinner on February 18 at the Trippoli Shrine Center to make charitable donations to three groups.

Four AEDs were presented to the Milwaukee Public School System and checks for $1000 each to EmBank Wisconsin and Southern Waukesha County Canine Search and Rescue.

EmBank Wisconsin is based in Madison, Wis. They are a new organization that provides support and resources to survivors of domestic violence sexual assault, child abuse and those with mental health issues and PTSD and their rescue animals. They also provide financial support for adoption of rescue animals. They are growing chapters throughout Wisconsin.

Southern Waukesha County Canine Search and Rescue is a two year old organization that has five dogs. They work with both police and fire departments. The AEDs were presented to Hamilton High School and Riverside University High School of the Milwaukee Public System. Kathleen Nemitz an AED coordinator for the school system stated the AED program has been around the Milwaukee Public School System for 15 years and has saved nine lives.

Junior Warden Kenneth Dooley answered the question as to why he became a Mason. He stated, “Tonight is a good example of why I became a Mason.”

Grand Master Kenneth C. Gorgen stated what a pleasure it was to meet representatives of the three groups receiving the donations. He thanked the Brethren of Nathan Hale Lodge for all they are doing.

The Grand Master spoke on what Masonry is, why men join and what it has to offer.

Promote your Lodge Events

Send information on your upcoming Lodge events to The Wisconsin Masonic Journal.

Email wmjeditor@wimasons.org.

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Wisconsin Masonic Charities
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Make a Donation to Operation Freedom

Operation Freedom, a partnership between Lake Country Freemasons Lodge No. 42, Three Pillars Senior Living Communities and Stars and Stripes Honor Flight, seeks to accomplish a twofold goal: to ensure every eligible veteran who resides at Three Pillars Senior Living Communities will travel on a flight, and that each of their travel companion “guardians” will fly at no cost.

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Check: Make payable to “Wisconsin Masonic Home - Operation Freedom” and mail to:
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c/o Three Pillars Senior Living Communities
375 State Road 67
Dousman, WI 53118

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Additional details contact Gary Parker @ 414-421-0831
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Photos by Rich Rygh

Phil Buchholtz explains what Southern Waukesha County Canine Search and Rescue does for the community. Foreground is Jason Buchholtz and K-9 Hulk. On stage is K-9 Max and Noah Buchholtz At right is Phil Buchholtz and Jared Frederick.

Master George Joziwcki presents a check for $1000 to co-founders of EmBank Wisconsin. From left: Sammy Michaels, Aby Moraves and Holly Muth.

Bro. Shawn Office, at podium, presents the AEDs to Hamilton High School Principal Trinette Green, Riverside University High School Nurse Kathy Johnson, Nurse Kathleen Nemitz and nurse and CPR instructor Xiomara Santiago. At left is Nathan Hale Lodge candidate Walter Matthews. Bro. Office attended Riverside University High School and candidate Matthews attended Hamilton High School.
Eastern Star: Leaving Paw Prints on The Hearts of Others

The General Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star (OES) has adopted Service Dogs as its primary, permanent charity. Over the years, OES has contributed to many charities, with the new Service Dog project being introduced during the current triennium (2018-2020) of the General Grand Chapter. The new endeavor is supported through fund-raising events and individual and chapter donations, which are forwarded to accredited service dog organizations within their own states or jurisdictions. The recipients must be accredited by Assistance Dogs International or the International Guide Dog Federation. This specialized training prepares the dogs to raise, train, and place a service dog. Many dogs are prepared for working with current and former military persons, coping with PTSD and other issues and injuries. Some are assigned to children who suffer from autism or have medical issues. Each dog is matched with its new owner depending on the needs of the client and the skills and “personality” of the dog.

Although the Service Dog program is now the primary charity, OES continues to support a wide variety of charitable programs. Many of which also enjoy Masonic support, including cancer research, ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership), Masonic youth organizations, and, in many jurisdictions, Eastern Star Homes for senior members.

Organized in 1876, the General Grand Chapter is a worldwide organization that includes Eastern Star Grand Chapters and subordinate chapters in 48 states in the U.S., eight Canadian Provinces, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Bolivia, Brazil, and Italy. The Masonic Service Association of North America (MENSA) supports many of OES’s charitable programs, including the new Service Dog project. The first Service Dogs were sent to veterans with PTSD and to children who have special needs. The program has since expanded to include service dogs for veterans’ family members, children with autism, and others. The goal is to provide comfort by your lodge of Square Bears.

Visit the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Square Store at www.wisc-freemasonry.org.

Support Our Youth Groups

They are our future and the leaders of tomorrow!

Masonic Square Bears

Provide an extra fuzzy passenger in patrol cars or other emergency vehicles with a donation by your lodge of Square Bears. The goal is to provide comfort to children suffering from a traumatic event. Police meet children daily who are coping from a recent car accident or the arrest of a loved one. A gift of a stuffed animal can provide them with a level of comfort.

Visit the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Square Store at www.wisc-freemasonry.org.

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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.

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### New Entered Apprentices

Bro. Chad Wells is new EA in Waukesha Lodge


Four new Entered Apprentices initiated


Bro. Paakwesi Mauro initiated in Henry L. Palmer Lodge


Submitted by Bro. Jim McGuigan

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Barneveld
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102 Second Ave.  608-356-1092
Meet 1st & 3rd Wed., 7 p.m.
Meet 1st Wed., 7:30 p.m.

Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

Meet 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.

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All Seven Ringling Brother were Raised in Baraboo Lodge No. 34

The famous Ringling Brothers Circus family was composed of seven Masonic brothers. An observant Mason will readily notice this when viewing pictures of the brothers (individually and as a family) at the Ringling Brothers Circus Museum in Sarasota, Florida, proudly wearing Masonic pins and jewels. The seven sons of German-born harness maker August Ringling (original spellings) founded the circus in 1884. They were all members of Baraboo Lodge No. 34 in Baraboo, Wisconsin. All seven joined the Lodge between January, 1889 and March, 1891. (Only once did two of the brothers join at one meeting.)

Minutes show that on one special meeting of Baraboo Lodge in April, 1891, the regular officers opened Lodge, and then all seven brothers took chairs for the remainder of the meeting.

Their father was raised in August, 1891. The siblings transformed their small touring company of performers into one of America’s largest circuses in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. In 1919, the Ringling Brothers Circus merged with America’s other leading circus troupe, Barnum and Bailey, and became a staple of the entertainment world for some 98 years, until its last circus performance in 1974.

The Masonic Service Association of North America

Volunteers Needed!

From February 19-23, 2022, Milwaukee will serve as the host of the 2022 Conference of Grand Masters of North America (COGMA). This yearly conference rotates locations around the United States, Canada and Mexico -- it’s the largest gathering of Grand Masters in the world and attracts nearly one thousand Masons and guests from all 50 states and around the world. While the conference and most of the dinners will travel to places around Milwaukee for planned events that will help make their experience here more enjoyable.

This presents us, as Wisconsin Masons, with a unique opportunity to showcase our great state to the world. Our theme will be ”Wisconsin Gemlichkeit” - which is a German word used to describe a feeling of warmth, friendliness, and good cheer; in other words, what Wisconsin is all about!

Over the course of the conference, we aim to show all of our distinguished guests that feeling of welcomeness and warmth -- and that’s where we need your help. As the planning committee continues to work on logistics, tours, dinners, and hospitality events, we’re realized we are going to need a lot of volunteers to help convey that warm Wisconsin welcome.

By volunteering, you will essentially have a “free access pass” to this event. This is a tremendous opportunity to meet Grand Masters from all over the world.

We will need volunteers to welcome and greet guests and guide them in the right direction, scan tickets for events, and generally help everyone feel welcomed and be in good cheer. These are volunteer opportunities for Masons and non-Masons alike, so this is also a great opportunity to invite your wife, friends, or someone who may be interested in Masonry to join you! Additionally, for those from outside the greater Milwaukee area: if you are able to volunteer multiple days, we will absolutely work to secure you overnight accommodations in Milwaukee.

If you are interested in helping out or have any questions, please contact Bro. Jeff Schoenfeld at peshrigofire@yahoo.com. Thank you -- danke und proest!