

**Schools of Instruction – Fall 2016**

**District 12**

**Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin**

Brethren,

Our Ritual is the thing that separates us from other fraternal organizations. It is important that we treat it with the proper reverence it is due. Our ritual is performance art, akin to a play. It requires practice to perfect it. When delivered properly, it is a truly moving experience. It conveys our lessons, morals, and history. For our degree candidates, it is their introduction to the mysteries of our art. Their impression of our organization and attitudes towards it are formed by the impression we make on them during degree work. We only get one chance to make that first impression. We should all strive to put our best effort forward, every time.

Schools of Instruction should be interactive, educational events that afford the participants an opportunity to learn, practice and perfect their knowledge and execution of our ritual. It is the duty of the Lodge officers, and every Master Mason should be encouraged, to attend Schools of Instruction every year. Participants should come prepared to learn, grow, share their experiences, and make it a positive event for all.

This year we will be using a modified format. Following the opening and housekeeping items, we will divide the participants into three groups and conduct breakout sessions. Participating Lodges will be assigned a task or a breakout session to lead. The District Lecturer, Proficiency Men, and Ritualists will assist and be available to answer questions or provide clarifications on ritual.

An area will be identified for Brothers wishing to be examined for their Ritualist or Proficiency cards. If you are interested, please contact the District Lecturer @ gljareick@gmail.com and provide your name, lodge # and which degree(s) you are prepared to test in. Requests need to be received by October 1, 2016, so the proper arrangements can be made.

Please bring your ciphers.

Fraternally,

Jerry A Reick

Grand Lecturer

**School Locations and Dates:**

**Session 1:**

Location: Henry L Palmer Lodge, 4315 North 92nd St Milwaukee, WI 53222

Host Lodge: Henry L Palmer Lodge #301

Date: Saturday, October 22, 2016

Time: 8:30-11:30, 8:00 show up for coffee and carbs

**Session 2:**

Location: George Washington Lodge 1776, 517 E Beaumont Avenue, Whitefish Bay WI 53217

Host Lodge: George Washington Lodge 1776 #337

Date: Saturday, December 3, 2016

Time: 8:30-11:30, 8:00 show-up for coffee and carbs

Bring your ciphers!

Opening and Closing in the Master Mason degree….Lodge / Brothers demonstrating will be identified prior to the event

Topics to be covered in the fall school sessions:

 **Topic Led By**

Use of the Cipher…………………………………………..District Lecturer/Ritualist

Rod Work ……………………………………………………...District Lecturer /Ritualist

Door Procedures ……………………………………………Ritualist

Attending at the Altar…………………………………….Ritualist

Handling of a Candidate…………………………………Ritualist

**District 12 – Emeritus Proficiency Men**

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| Donald Hensiak, MWGM | Lake Lodge #189 |
| Frank Mayer | Freemasons #363 |
| Eugene Marcus | Milwaukee-Harmony #261 |
| Lowell ScottGary Van DeluysterDennis GriebenowMichael Strampe | Milwaukee-Harmony #261Lake Lodge #189Lake Lodge #189Lake Lodge #189 |
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**District 12 – Proficiency Men**

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| Joe Harker, PGM | Freemasons #363 |
| Edward HoffmanHorace PalmerJack KeyesEugene HessLyle Lance | George Washington 1776 #337George Washington 1776 #337Milwaukee Harmony #261West Allis #291West Allis #291 |
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**District 12 – Ritualist**

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| Pat Cholka – EA, FC | Henry L Palmer #301 |
| Brad Bingheim – EA | Lake Lodge #189 |
| Jasen Groves – EA, FC | Freemasons #363 |
| Gary Barg – EADavid Schreier – EAJerry Reick – EA, FCChuck Carroll - EA, FCHoward Hersch – EARichard Marcus – FCRobert Capen - EAJim Goodman - EA  | Lake Lodge #189Lake Lodge #189Freemasons #363George Washington 1776 #337Milwaukee Harmony #261George Washington 1776 #337Nathan Hale #350South Shore #3 |
| Gregory North – EAJim Christie - MM | West Allis #291West Allis #291 |

**District 12 Leadership Team**

District Deputy Grand Master – Todd Krohn  toddkrohn@gmail.com

Area Administrator Area 1 – Chuck Boelkow  cboelkow@sbcglobal.net

Area Administrator Area 2 – Jeff Thiele mmjst0910@gmail.com

Area Administrator Area 3 – Joe Fahrenkopf fahrenkopf.joseph@gmail.com

District Lecturer – (pro tem) Jerry A Reick gljareick@gmail.com

**Rules of the Road**

Be engaged. What you get out of the experience is relative to what you put in.

Everyone is here to learn and improve.

Critique, but do not be critical.

Be respectful, courteous and polite to each other.

No personal attacks.

Accept comments and feedback in a positive manner, don’t get defensive.

Keep sidebar conversations to a minimum.

Keep comments short and on topic.

**Parking Lot**

Questions that cannot be answered during the School will be recorded in a Parking Lot document. The District Lecturer will follow-up on outstanding issues or questions.

**Agenda**

Open in Master Mason degree – 10 min

Introductions of District Staff, Lodges, Instructors, Emeritus, Proficiency Men, and Ritualists – 5 min

Review agenda, format and conduct of SOI – 10 minutes

Using the Cipher – 5 minutes

**Breakout Group #1** - Rodwork – 35 minutes

* Stationary movements;
	+ Take rod, ground rod, place rod, shift rod, rest rod
	+ facing movements
* Moving with the rod

**Breakout Group #2** - Door procedures performed during lodge opening, answering the door when lodge is open; inner and outdoor, calling down and resuming labor, closing – 20 minutes

* movement to door,
* handling of rod,
* knocking,
* manipulating the door

**Breakout Group #2** - Attending at the Altar during; opening, call down & resume labor, closing – 20 minutes

* Movement to altar
* Sequence of displaying LL and TGL
* Display and extinguish LL
* Display and secure TGL
* SD Saluting
* Return from Altar

**Breakout Group #**3 - Handling of Candidate during degree work – 30 minutes

* JD prep
* Control and handling of Candidate
* Entry into Lodge
* Passing between JD and SD
* Movement with Candidate
* Circumambulation
* Actions at JW, SW and WM stations
* Actions at Altar
* Leaving the Lodge

Questions – 10 minutes

Close in Master Mason degree – 10 minutes

**Breakout Sessions**

The breakout sessions will run concurrently. Locations will be identified at the beginning of the program. Sessions will be timed, participants will rotate to the next session location every 40 minutes.

**Preparation, Handling and Management of Candidate**

**Rodwork**

**Door Etiquette & Attending at the Altar**

**Ritualist Validation**

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